

# Torgau, Saxony, Germany

Where the Reformation met the Renaissance, live bears roam a castle moat, and Allied soldiers shook hands to end World War II — Torgau packs extraordinary history into a compact, walkable Elbe river town.

Docked (riverside quay)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: German

## 🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_

All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Direct alongside Elbe riverbank quay — no tender

**Best For:** Reformation history, WWII Elbe Day, Renaissance architecture

**Walk to center:** Castle: 3–5 min (200 m); Marktplatz: 10 min (800 m)

**Don't Miss:** The live bears in Schloss Hartenfels moat (since 1425)

Getting around: **Taxi** €5–€10 · **Rideshare** not available

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Schloss Hartenfels & the Castle Bears** — Explore the magnificent Renaissance courtyard, marvel at the Großer Wendelstein — a freestanding spiral staircase from...
- **Elbe Day Monument & WWII Walk** — On April 25, 1945, US and Soviet troops met here at the destroyed Elbe bridge — one of history's most symbolic...
- **Luther & Katharina von Bora** — Visit the Schlosskirche — the first newly built Protestant church in the world, dedicated by Martin Luther in 1544...
- **Stadtkirche St. Marien** — A Late Gothic hall church where Luther himself preached.
- **Elbe Cycle Route (Elberadweg)** — One of Europe's most celebrated long-distance bike paths passes directly through Torgau.

## BEST WALKS

- **Castle to Marktplatz Loop** ~2 km | 45–60 min | Easy — From the quay, walk up to Schloss Hartenfels, cross into the courtyard, visit the bears and Schlosskirche, then head along...
- **Elbe Day Riverbank Walk** ~1 km | 20 min | Easy — Follow the Elbe embankment north from the dock toward the Elbe Day Monument (Denkmal der Begegnung).

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

| Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr | 59°  | 37° | 0d   |
| Jun | 78°  | 53° | 0d   |
| Aug | 79°  | 56° | 1d   |
| Sep | 71°  | 49° | 0d   |
| Oct | 60°  | 44° | 1d   |

**DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 6:12AM–8:04PM · Jun 4:50AM–9:27PM · Aug 5:53AM–8:29PM · Sep 6:43AM–7:21PM · Oct 7:32AM–6:14PM

Currency: Euro (€)

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash. Germany — especially smaller towns like Torgau — is still heavily cash-based. Smaller cafes, bakeries, and museum kiosks often don't accept cards.
- **Bears first thing.** The castle bears in the Hartenfels moat are free to view and awfully unusual — live brown bears in a castle moat.

# Torgau, Saxony, Germany — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



**1** **Bärengaben** Historic bear pit at Hartenfels Castle.

**2** **NABU-Biberhof Torgau**

Beaver conservation center with live beavers and exhibits.

**P** Cruise port / terminal