

Traverse City, Michigan, USA

The cherry capital of the world, Traverse City blends crystal-clear bay waters with rolling vineyards, sandy beaches, and a walkable downtown packed with farm-to-table dining. Expect a relaxed, genuinely beautiful Great Lakes day.

Tender (no dedicated cruise pier)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

USD

English

Cherry & wine country

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to shore via small boat; ships anchor in Grand Traverse Bay

Best For: Scenic drives, wineries, beaches, local food

Walk to center: ~10 min from tender dock to downtown Front Street

Don't Miss: Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (45 min drive)

Getting around: Taxi \$10–20 · Rideshare Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore** — One of the most dramatic landscapes in the Midwest — massive sand dunes rising 450 feet above Lake Michigan.
 - Leelanau Peninsula Wine Trail** — Michigan's premier wine region wraps around the Leelanau Peninsula northwest of the city.
- Traverse City Beaches** — The eastern arm of Grand Traverse Bay has clear, sandy beaches.
 - Downtown Front Street & Local Food** — Traverse City's walkable main street is lined with independent shops, galleries, craft breweries, and farm-to-table...
 - TART Trail Bike Ride** — The TART (Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation) Trail is a paved multi-use path connecting the waterfront to...

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront to Downtown Loop** 1.5 miles · ~30 min · Easy · Flat — From the tender landing at the Open Space park, walk along the waterfront promenade south to Front Street.
- Clinch Park & West End Beach** 1 mile · ~20 min · Easy — Head west from the tender dock along the shoreline to Clinch Park and the West End Beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		52°	34°	d
Jun		77°	56°	d
Aug		79°	61°	d
Sep		73°	55°	d
Oct		59°	44°	d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:57AM–8:27PM · Jun 5:56AM–9:29PM · Aug 6:45AM–8:47PM · Sep 7:21AM–7:52PM · Oct 7:58AM–6:56PM

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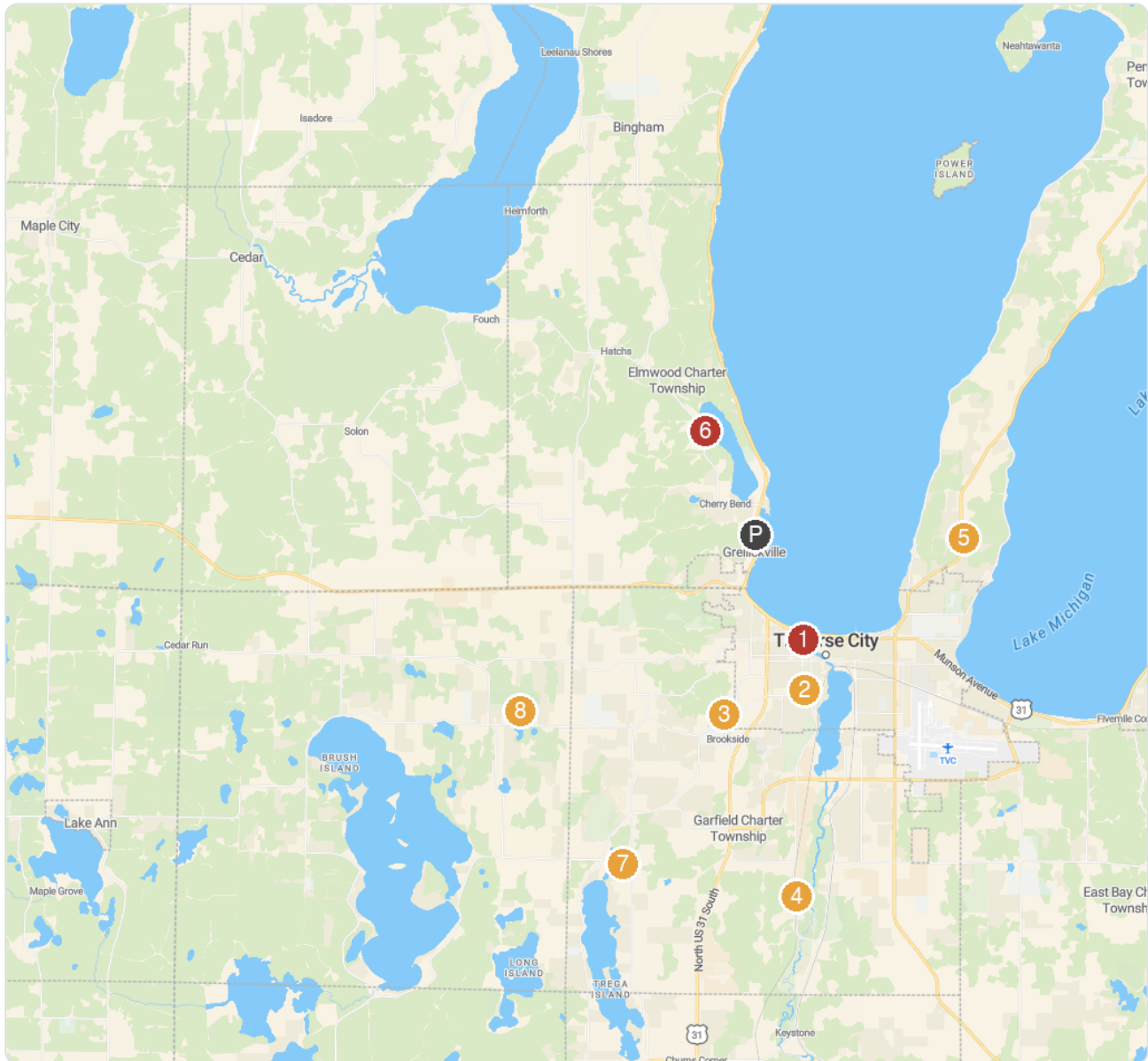
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender port: No cruise pier exists. Tenders run from the ship to the Open Space waterfront. Allow extra time in the morning rush and watch your last-tender deadline carefully.
- Cherry season: Traverse City is the National Cherry Festival host (early July) — if your cruise coincides, expect huge crowds.

Traverse City, Michigan, USA — Port Map

cruiseports.org

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



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| <p>1 City Opera House</p> <p>3 The Cathedral Barn at Historic Barns Park</p> <p>5 Pelizzari Natural Area</p> <p>7 Silver Lake Recreation Area</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Historic venue for live performances, concerts, and community events.</p> <p>Renovated historic barn venue for weddings, events, and gatherings.</p> <p>Wooded natural area with hiking trails and scenic views.</p> <p>Park with beach, boat launch, playground, and picnic areas.</p> | <p>2 St. Francis Catholic Church</p> <p>4 Grand Traverse Natural Education Reserve</p> <p>6 DeYoung Natural Area</p> <p>8 Twin Lakes Park</p> | <p>Active Catholic church with beautiful architecture and stained glass.</p> <p>Nature preserve offering trails, wildlife viewing, and environmental education.</p> <p>Historic farmstead turned natural area with trails and bay views.</p> <p>Park featuring two lakes for swimming, fishing, and picnicking.</p> |
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