

Umeå, Västerbotten, Sweden

Sweden's "City of Birches" surprises cruisers with free world-class museums, a thriving arts scene, and a very un-touristy northern Swedish university city that actually lives its culture.

 Pier port (Holmsund)

 Shuttle required — 18 km to city

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Cashless — cards only

 Swedish (English universal)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Holmsund port, ~18 km south of city center

Walk to center: Not walkable — shuttle or taxi required (~20 min drive)

Best For: Free museums, contemporary art, birch-lined walks, local cuisine

Don't Miss: Bildmuseet (free contemporary art), Västerbottens Museum & Gammlia

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~700–800 SEK (~75 USD) one way ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Västerbottens Museum & Gammlia Open-Air Museum** — One of Sweden's best regional museums — free indoor exhibits on Sámi culture and the Kalvträsk ski — among the world's...
- **Bildmuseet — Contemporary Art by the River** — A striking geometric museum on the Umeå Arts Campus showcasing international contemporary art.
- **Guitars — The Museum** — One of the world's great private guitar collections — rare Gibsons and Fenders from the 1950s and 60s, amplifiers, and...
- **Kvarken Archipelago (UNESCO World Heritage)** — The only UNESCO World Heritage site shared between Sweden and Finland, where the land rises 9 mm per year due to...
- **Umedalen Sculpture Park** — More than 40 works by international sculptors scattered through a pine forest on the outskirts of the city — free to...

BEST WALKS

- **Birch Avenues & Riverfront Walk** 2-3 km | Easy | 45-60 min — Stroll the famous birch-lined streets planted after the 1888 fire, down to the Ume River waterfront and along the Strandpromenaden.
- **City Center Culture Loop** 2 km | Easy | 1-2 hrs — Walk from the town hall square to the Väven Cultural Centre, then to the Guitars Museum and on to the Västerbottens Museum at Gammlia.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	45°	28°	0d
Jun	64°	46°	0d
Aug	66°	49°	1d
Sep	58°	41°	1d
Oct	45°	33°	1d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

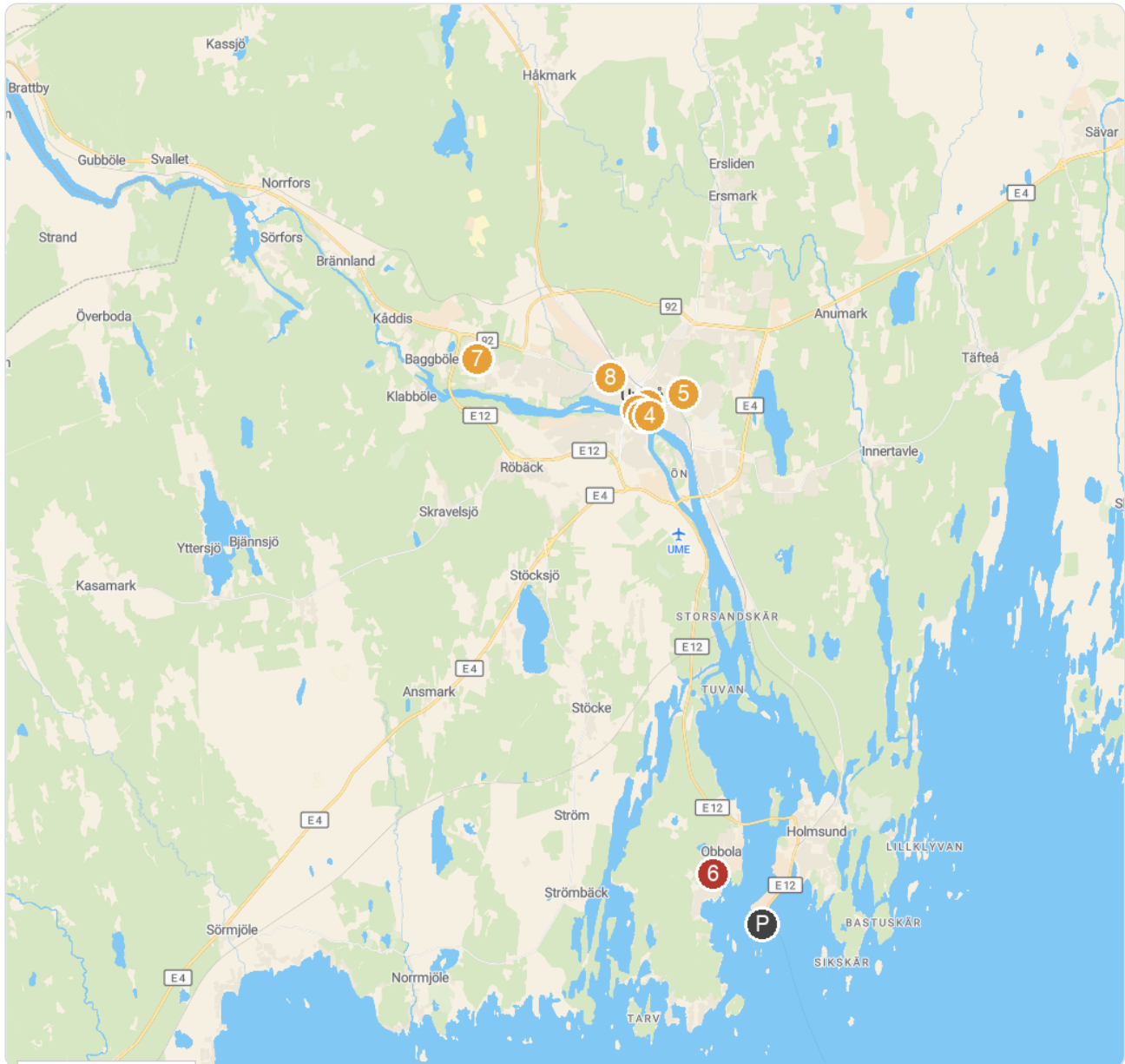
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Umeå, Västerbotten, Sweden — Port Map

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



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| 1 Guitars the Museum | A museum showcasing a private collection of vintage guitars. | 2 Kulturväven | A modern cultural center with library, museum, and cinema. |
| 3 Årstidernas park | A beautiful park designed to celebrate all four seasons. | 4 Umeå City Church | Umeå's main church, rebuilt after the 1888 city fire. |
| 5 Västerbotten museum | Regional museum showcasing Västerbotten's cultural and natural history. | 6 Obbolabadet | An outdoor swimming area and beach in Obbola. |
| 7 Umedalen skulpturpark | An outdoor sculpture park featuring international contemporary art. | 8 Nolia huoltohalli | A large exhibition and event venue in Umeå. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |