

Vancouver, Washington, USA

Perched on the north bank of the Columbia River, Vancouver, Washington rewards river cruisers with a living piece of American frontier history at Fort Vancouver, a revitalized waterfront, and the energy of Portland just across the bridge.

Docked (Columbia River waterfront)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

USD

English

Pacific Northwest

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at Port of Vancouver Terminal 1 on the Columbia River waterfront

Best For: American frontier history, Columbia River scenery, and Portland day-tripping

Walk to center: Downtown Vancouver is about 10–15 min on foot from the pier

Don't Miss: Fort Vancouver National Historic Site and the Columbia River Renaissance Trail

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$12–\$15 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Fort Vancouver National Historic Site** — The reconstructed Hudson's Bay Company fur-trade fort is one of the most significant historic sites in the Pacific Northwest.
- Columbia River Renaissance Trail** — This paved waterfront trail stretches several miles along the Columbia River offering views of the river, the Interstate Bridge, and Mount Hood on...
- Portland Day Trip** — Portland's Pearl District, Powell's Books, the Portland Saturday Market (weekends), and a thriving food scene are all within 15 minutes by rideshare...
- Officers' Row & Pearson Field** — Adjacent to Fort Vancouver, Officers' Row features 21 beautifully preserved historic homes from the army-post era.
- Vancouver Waterfront Dining** — The redeveloped Columbia River Waterfront district offers restaurants, tap houses, and cafes within a short walk of the docks.

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront to Downtown Loop** 2 miles | 45–60 min | Easy | Flat paved trail — Follow the Waterfront Renaissance Trail east toward Vancouver Waterfront Park, then cut north to Downtown Vancouver and Esther Short Park for coffee or lunch before...
- Fort Vancouver Walk** 3 miles round-trip | 1.5 hrs | Easy | Mostly flat — Follow the Renaissance Trail east and cross the pedestrian Land Bridge inland to Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		53°	42°	15d
Jun		66°	54°	10d
Aug		73°	60°	6d
Sep		65°	54°	12d
Oct		56°	47°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:20AM–8:05PM · Jun 5:06AM–9:19PM · Aug 6:05AM–8:27PM · Sep 6:49AM–7:24PM · Oct 7:34AM–6:21PM

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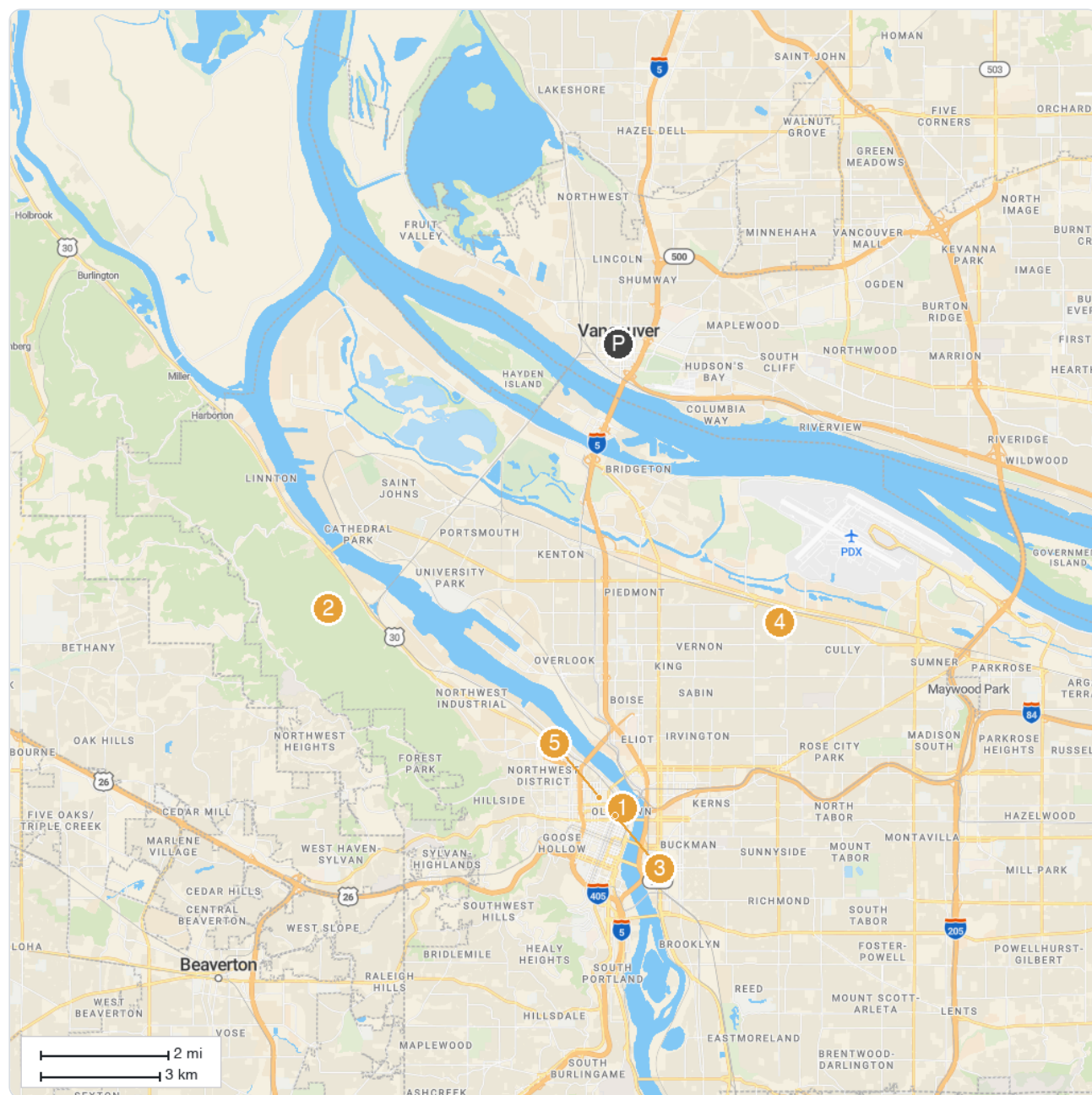
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Best in summer. Columbia River cruise season runs May–October; summers are warm and dry (mid-70s°F), perfect for outdoor walking and cycling.
- Portland is easy. Don't skip crossing the river — Portland's food, bookstores, and neighborhoods are a genuine upgrade to the day, and the ride is under 15 minutes.
- Rent a bike. The Columbia River Renaissance Trail is flat and wide; bike rentals available at the waterfront make exploring even easier.
- Cash optional. Cards accepted everywhere in Vancouver and Portland. No need to carry more than a small amount of USD.
- Book Fort Vancouver early. Ranger-led tours and living history programs can fill up on busy summer days. Check nps.gov/fova for the schedule.
- Layer up in spring and fall. Pacific Northwest shoulder seasons bring cool mornings and occasional rain — a light jacket and small umbrella are worth having.

Vancouver, Washington, USA — 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 Lan Su Chinese Garden** Experience an authentic Ming Dynasty-style walled Chinese garden.
- 3 Ground Control Classic Arcade and Bar** Play classic arcade games and pinball; enjoy a full bar.
- 5 Ecotrust Building** Visit a historic building for environmental and social organizations.

- 2 Forest Park** Explore one of the largest urban forests, great for hiking.
- 4 Off-Leash Area of Fernhill Park** Dogs can play freely in this designated park area.
- P Cruise port / terminal**