

Ventspils, Kurzeme, Latvia

Don't let the industrial port fool you — Ventspils is one of the Baltic's most charming surprises: immaculate streets, a living medieval castle, award-winning beaches, and a city that decorates itself with giant flower sculptures and fiberglass cows.

Docked (deep-water pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Euro (€)

Latvian / English widely spoken

Blue Flag beach

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep-water pier — no tender. Smaller ships berth at the riverside promenade; larger ships at the northern cargo quay with a shuttle to town.

Best For: Easy walkers, culture lovers, families — flat, clean, pedestrian-friendly

Walk to center: Promenade dock: 5 min. Northern quay: shuttle (~10 min). Old Town and castle within 10 min of either.

Don't Miss: Livonian Order Castle + the Cow Sculpture Trail + the Southern Breakwater lighthouse walk

Getting around: **Taxi** €5–€8 · **Rideshare** Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Livonian Order Castle & Museum** — Latvia's best-preserved medieval castle (c.
- Cow Sculpture Trail** — Over 25 giant, whimsically painted fiberglass cows are scattered across the city — a legacy of the international...
- Blue Flag Beach & Seaside Park** — Wide, powdery white sand backed by 9-meter dunes — one of the finest beaches
- Seaside Open-Air Museum** — Authentic historic fishermen's huts, wooden windmills, and traditional boats set in the Seaside Park.
- Southern Breakwater Walk** — Stroll out along the Dienvidu Mols breakwater where the Venta River meets the Baltic Sea.

BEST WALKS

- Old Town & Riverside Promenade Loop** 2–3 km · 45–60 min · Easy — From the pier, walk the Ostas iela riverfront promenade past historic pilot boats and public art, then cut into the Old Town to the...
- Southern Breakwater to the Lighthouse** 2.5 km one-way · 45 min · Easy — Follow the riverbank south and out along the breakwater (Dienvidu Mols) to the lighthouse where the Venta meets the Baltic.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	48°	37°	9d
Jun	66°	54°	10d
Aug	69°	60°	14d
Sep	62°	53°	11d
Oct	52°	45°	14d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:24AM–8:44PM · Jun 4:36AM–10:32PM · Aug 5:59AM–9:15PM · Sep 7:04AM–7:51PM · Oct 8:08AM–6:29PM

Euro (€)

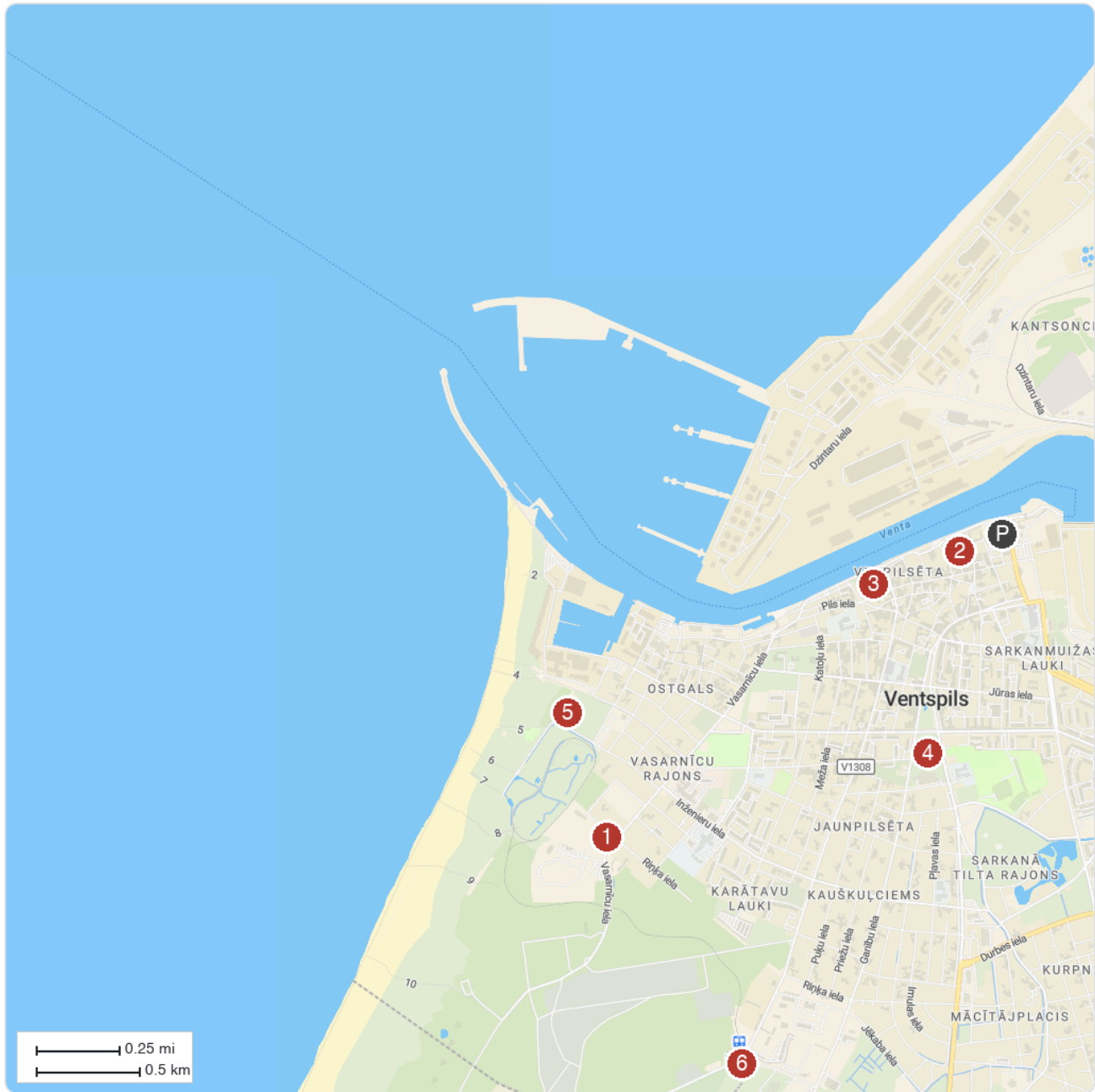
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Euro only. Latvia uses the Euro. Cards are accepted almost everywhere, but bring a little cash for market stalls and museum entry. ATMs are easy to find in town.

Ventspils, Kurzeme, Latvia — 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 Seaside Open-Air Museum | Outdoor museum of traditional Latvian fishing village life. | 2 Crafts house | See and buy local crafts, workshops available. |
| 3 Ventspils muzejs / Ventspils Museum | City museum detailing Ventspils history, culture, and art. | 4 Fregate whale fountain | Unique fountain featuring a frigate ship and whales. |
| 5 Ventspils Water Park | Indoor and outdoor pools, slides, and water attractions. | 6 Ventspils Piedzīvojumu parks | Adventure park with rope courses, trampolines, and activities. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |