

Willemstad, North Brabant, Netherlands

A near-perfect seven-pointed star fortress on the Hollands Diep — Willemstad rewards a slow stroll along its 16th-century ramparts, past a domed Protestant church, a working windmill, and a snug harbor of sailing yachts, all within a few minutes of the quay.

Docked (riverside quay)

Typical call: a few hours

Euro (EUR); cards widely accepted

Dutch spoken; English widely understood

Temperate maritime climate

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River ships moor alongside the quay on the Hollands Diep / town harbor — docked, no tender

Best For: Star-fortress ramparts, Dutch history, the windmill, harbor strolls, small-town charm

Walk to center: A few minutes on foot; the entire fortified town is compact and walkable

Don't Miss: The seven-bastion star walls, the octagonal Koepelkerk (Dome Church), and d'Orangemolen windmill

Getting around: Taxi ~\$14–20 USD · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Star Fortress Ramparts Walk** — Follow the grass-topped earthen ramparts that ring the town in a seven-pointed star, laid out for William the Silent in the 1580s.
- Koepelkerk (Dome Church)** — Visit the octagonal, domed Protestant church built between 1597 and 1607 — the first church in the Netherlands purpose-built for Protestant worship...
- d'Orangemolen Windmill** — See the town's tower windmill, d'Orangemolen, commissioned under the Prince of Orange in 1734 and a national monument.
- Prinsenhof / Mauritshuis (Gouvernementshuis)** — The 17th-century Mauritshuis of Willemstad — also called the Prinsenhof or Gouvernementshuis, begun in 1623 — was a residence linked to the House of...
- Historic Harbor Stroll** — Wander the snug town harbor lined with sailing yachts and historic façades, then settle on a waterside terrace for coffee, Dutch pancakes, or a local...

BEST WALKS

- Ramparts & Harbor Loop** 2-3 km · 45-60 min · Easy · Flat — Start at the quay, climb onto the earthen ramparts and follow the seven-bastion star around the town, taking in views over the Hollands Diep.
- Old Town Lanes Stroll** 1-2 km · 30 min · Easy · Flat — Wander the cobbled inner lanes past historic Dutch façades, the Mauritshuis (Prinsenhof), and small shops and cafés that make up the compact fortress town.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		57°	42°	11d
Jun		71°	56°	11d
Aug		73°	59°	13d
Sep		68°	54°	11d
Oct		60°	49°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:46AM–8:39PM · Jun 5:23AM–10:02PM · Aug 6:27AM–9:04PM · Sep 7:17AM–7:56PM · Oct 8:07AM–6:48PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (Europe/Amsterdam). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

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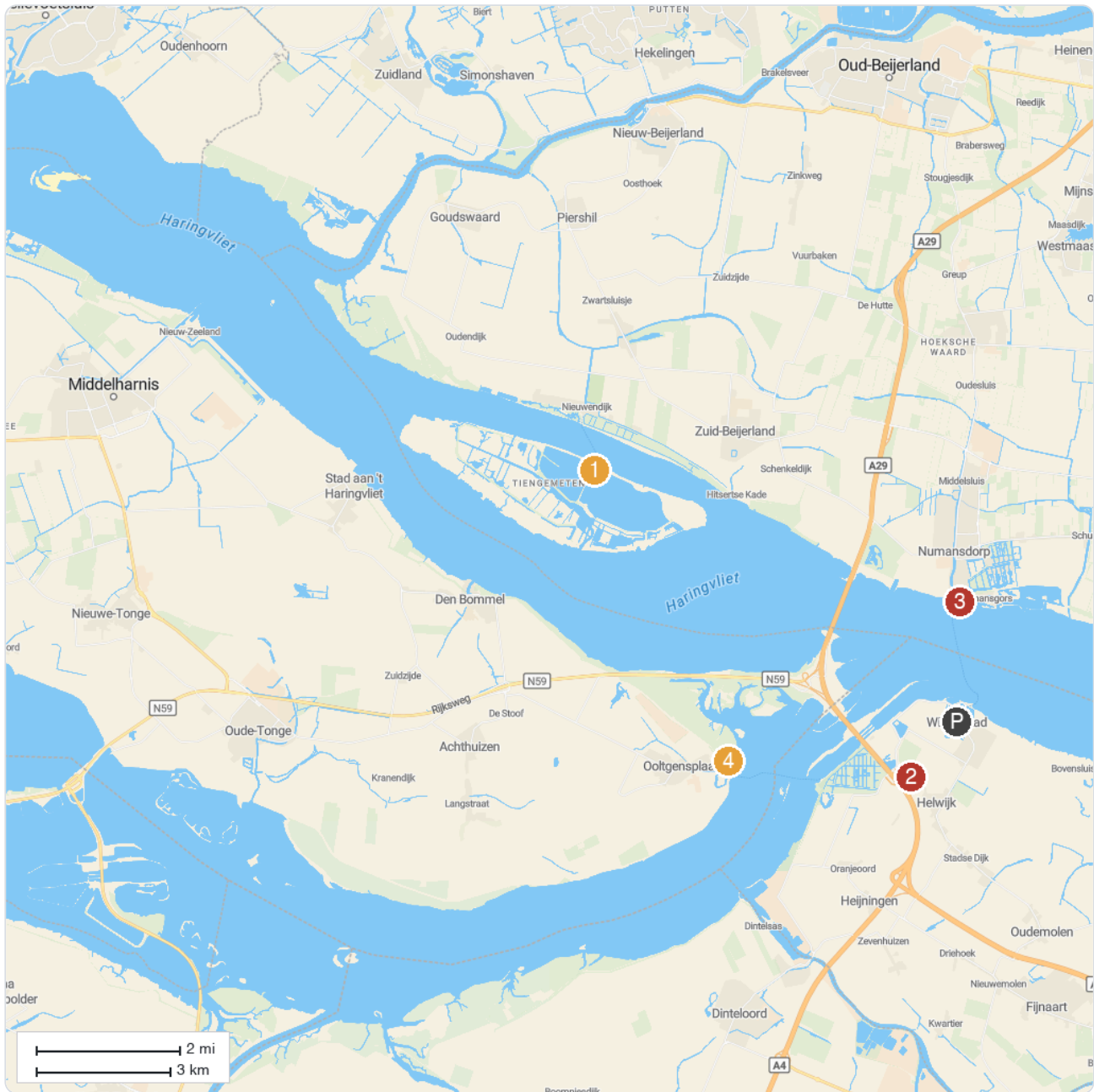
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- All on foot: Willemstad is tiny and flat — leave any plans for taxis or buses behind and simply walk. The whole star fortress is crossable in well under an hour.
- Cash & cards: The Netherlands uses the euro. Cards (including contactless) work nearly everywhere; keep a few euros for small cafés or market stalls.
- Opening hours: The Koepelkerk and d'Orangemolen windmill keep limited or seasonal hours. Check whether they're open the day you call before counting on going inside.
- Pack for changeable weather: This is the maritime Netherlands, not the tropics — bring a light rain jacket and layers; even summer days can be cool and breezy on the ramparts.
- Local bites: Try Dutch classics at a harbor terrace — fresh herring, bitterballen, poffertjes, or a slice of Brabant flan with coffee.
- Best view: The approach by river and the top of the ramparts give the classic shot of the star walls, church dome, and windmill together.

Willemstad, North Brabant, Netherlands — 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** Rien Poortvliet Museum Museum dedicated to Dutch artist Rien Poortvliet.
- 2** Escape Room Fort de Hel Escape room inside a historic fort.
- 3** Fort Buitensluis Historic fort offering views and cultural events.
- 4** Watchtower Ooltgensplaat Hellegatsplatten Observation tower for birdwatching and nature views.
- P** Cruise port / terminal