

Wilmington, North Carolina, USA

Where the Cape Fear River meets a storied colonial port city — Wilmington rewards cruise visitors with a walkable Riverwalk, a legendary WWII battleship, and one of the South's most intact historic downtowns.

Docked (city docks / Riverwalk)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

US Dollar (USD)

English

Small ships & expedition vessels

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at city docks along the downtown Riverwalk; small/expedition ships only — bridge height limits large vessels

Best For: History lovers, WWII buffs, Southern dining, strolling a beautiful riverside downtown

Walk to center: Steps from the dock — the Riverwalk and Historic Downtown are immediately adjacent

Don't Miss: Battleship North Carolina — the most battle-decorated US battleship of WWII, moored just across the river

Getting around: **Taxi** ✅ ~\$10-15 downtown · **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Battleship North Carolina** — The most decorated US battleship of World War II is permanently moored just across the Cape Fear River.
- **Historic Downtown Walking Tour** — Wilmington's 230-block historic district is one of the largest in the South.
- **Wrightsville Beach Day** — One of the best beaches on the East Coast is just 15 minutes away.
- **Cape Fear River Cruise** — Board a narrated riverboat with Cape Fear Riverboats for an ecological and historical tour of the river, with views of...
- **Cape Fear Museum** — A well-curated regional museum covering the natural and human history of the Cape Fear area — including a surprising...

BEST WALKS

- **Cape Fear Riverwalk Stroll** ~2 miles one-way | Easy | 45-60 min — Walk the full length of the Riverwalk from the northern docks (near the Isabel Holmes Bridge) south to Chandler's Wharf.
- **Historic Downtown Loop** ~1.5 miles | Easy | 45-60 min — From the Riverwalk head east into the historic district.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		71°	56°	10d
Jun		84°	71°	15d
Aug		85°	74°	19d
Sep		81°	70°	13d
Oct		74°	61°	7d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:40AM–7:43PM · Jun 5:59AM–8:25PM · Aug 6:33AM–7:58PM · Sep 6:55AM–7:17PM · Oct 7:17AM–6:36PM

US Dollar (USD)

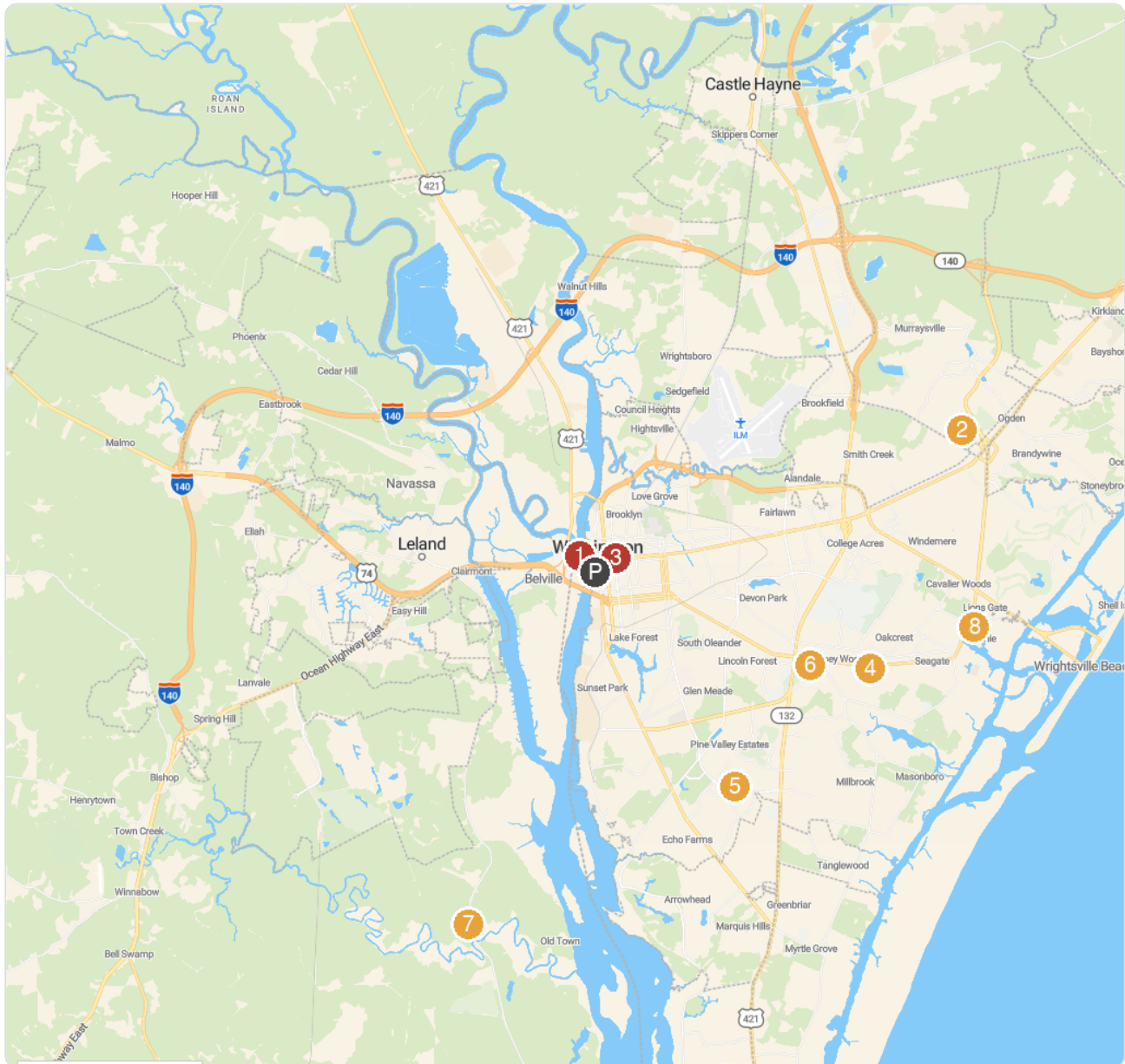
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Small-ship port only. Wilmington's city docks accommodate river cruise vessels and small expedition ships. Large ocean liners cannot call here due to the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge...
- Battleship North Carolina is across the river — a short drive or rideshare over the bridge, or take the water taxi from the Riverwalk when available. Budget at least 2 hours.

Wilmington, North Carolina, 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 Battleship North Carolina

Explore a historic WWII battleship museum.

3 Bellamy Mansion Museum

Tour a grand antebellum mansion and slave quarters.

5 Halyburton Park

Nature preserve with walking trails and a nature center.

7 Brunswick Nature Park

Nature park with hiking trails and river access.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Ogden Park

A community park with sports fields and playground.

4 Jungle Rapids Family Fun Park

Water park and amusement rides for family fun.

6 Long Leaf Park

Large park with dog park, playground, and splash pad.

8 Airlie Gardens

Stroll through beautiful historic gardens and live oaks.