

Alken, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

One of the Moselle's oldest settlements, Alken rewards walkers with a medieval double-castle above terraced vineyards, a Romanesque church with rare 14th-century frescoes, and the quiet charm of a village little changed in centuries.

River quay (docked)

Typical call: 4–6 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: German

Moselle Riesling country

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River quay along Moselstraße; gangway direct to shore

Walk to center: Steps from the quay into the historic village core

Best For: Castle hikes, wine tasting, Moselle scenery, medieval history

Don't Miss: Thurant Castle panorama and Old St. Michael's frescoes

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 **Taxi** ✅ €30–€50 to Cochem; €25–€40 to Koblenz

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Thurant Castle Hike** — Burg Thurant is a rare surviving medieval 'double castle', co-owned by the archbishoprics of Cologne and Trier.
 - **Old St. Michael's Church** — First documented in 1015, this Romanesque church holds rare Gothic frescoes from around 1350 in the choir and nave...
- **Moselle Wine Tasting** — Alken sits in the heart of the Moselle Riesling belt.
 - **Day Trip to Cochem** — About 25 km up the Moselle, Cochem is a postcard-perfect river town crowned by the spectacularly restored Reichsburg...
 - **Moselle Promenade & Vineyard Walk** — A level stroll along the embankment offers classic Moselle scenery — river traffic, terraced Riesling vineyards...

BEST WALKS

- **Village to Thurant Castle Loop** 2.5–3 km | 1.5–2 hrs | Moderate (steep ascent) — From the riverside quay, walk through the village centre past the Fallerport (1256 city gate) and Malteserhaus, then follow the marked...
- **Moselle Promenade Stroll** 1–2 km | 30–45 min | Easy — A flat riverside walk along the Moselstraße embankment in both directions from the ship, with views of the river, opposite vineyards...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	58°	41°	10d
Jun	72°	56°	12d
Aug	74°	58°	14d
Sep	68°	53°	10d
Oct	60°	49°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:44AM–8:34PM · Jun 5:24AM–9:54PM · Aug 6:26AM–8:58PM · Sep 7:14AM–7:52PM · Oct 8:02AM–6:45PM

Currency: Euro (€)

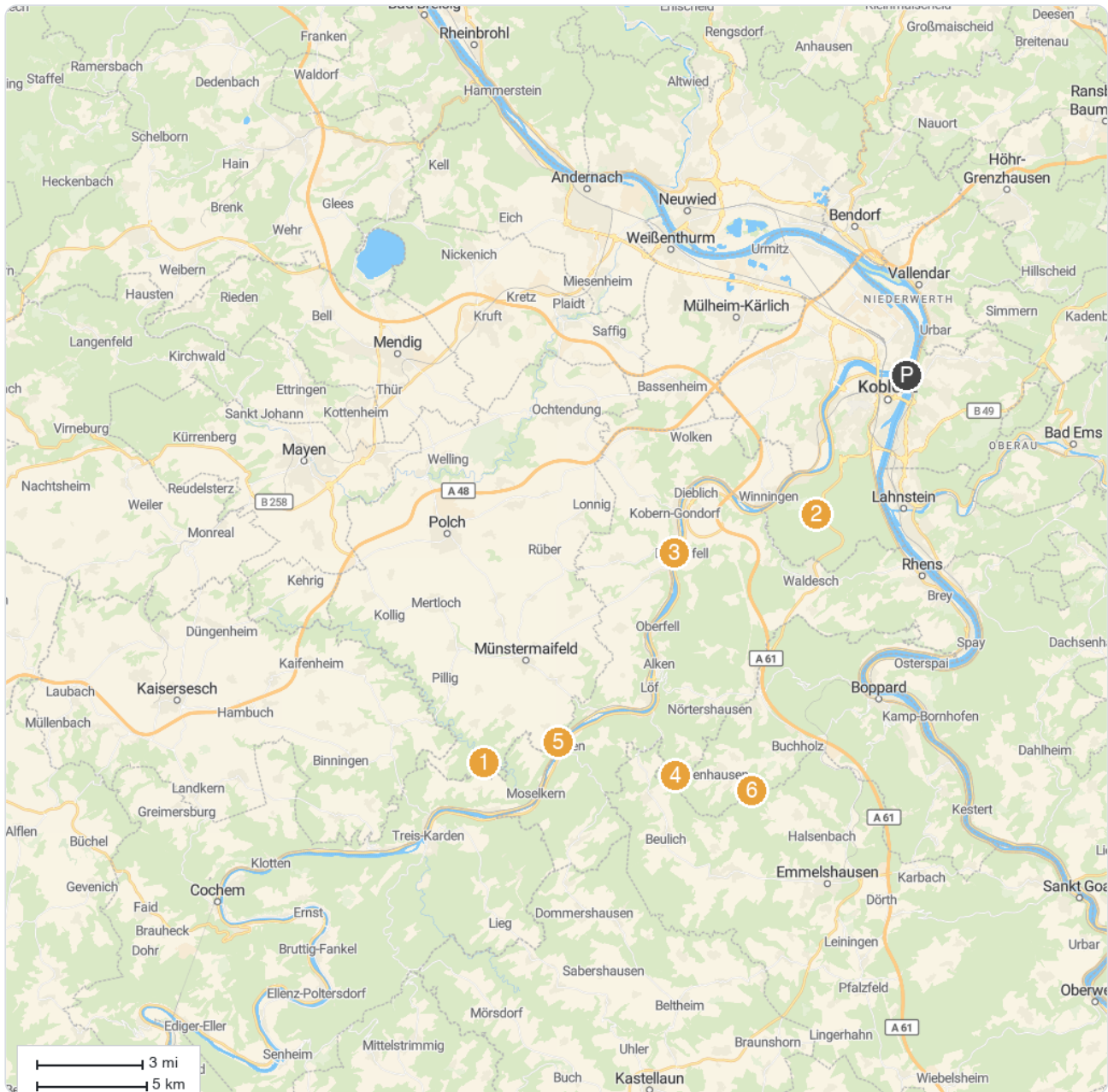
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash. Alken is tiny and card acceptance is limited. The nearest ATM is in Brodenbach or Hatzenport — get euros before you arrive or at your last port.
- Wear walking shoes. The path to Thurant Castle is steep and unpaved in sections. Sandals or city flats will make it miserable.

Alken, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany — 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 Eltz Castle | Eltz Castle is a stunning medieval castle in the Moselle hills. | 2 Remstecken | Remstecken is a wildlife park with deer, wild boar, and nature trails. |
| 3 Schloss von der Leyen | Schloss von der Leyen is a picturesque moated castle in Gondorf. | 4 Brandengrabenmühle | Brandengrabenmühle is a historic watermill, now a restaurant and hiking spot. |
| 5 Burg Bischofstein | Burg Bischofstein is a Moselle castle, now a youth hostel. | 6 Schloss Schöneck | Schloss Schöneck is a scenic castle ruin overlooking the Rhine valley. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |