

Borkum Island, Lower Saxony, Germany

Germany's westernmost East Frisian island greets cruise visitors with windswept North Sea beaches, a UNESCO Wadden Sea, and a charming narrow-gauge railway trundling from the ferry harbor straight to town.

 Docked at Borkum Reede pier  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Euro (EUR)  German

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at Borkum Reede harbor — same pier used by the Emden/Eemshaven ferries

Best For: Beach walks, Wadden Sea mudflat hikes, lighthouse views, seal watching

Walk to center: ~15 min by Borkumer Kleinbahn narrow-gauge railway (7.5 km line); tickets sold at the pier

Don't Miss: New Lighthouse (1879, 60 m, 308 steps) and a guided Wadden Sea mudflat walk

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €6 base + €2.30/km (day rate) ·  **Rideshare**  not available ·  **Hop-on hop-off** 
Borkumer Kleinbahn (Inselbusrundfahrt)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Guided Wadden Sea Mudflat Walk** — Step out onto the exposed seabed at low tide with a licensed Wadden Sea guide.
- **New Lighthouse Climb** — Borkum's working New Lighthouse (Neuer Leuchtturm, 1879) rises 60 metres above the island.
- **Seal Watching at Borkumriff** — Harbour seals and grey seals haul out on the Borkumriff sandbank off the island's north coast.
- **Heimatmuseum Dykhus** — Borkum's local history museum east of the Old Lighthouse covers five centuries of whaling, seafaring, and island life.
- **Nordbad Beach & Strandkorb** — Borkum's main North Beach boulevard (Nordbad) is lined with Strandkörbe — the iconic hooded wicker beach chairs of the...

BEST WALKS

- **Harbor to New Lighthouse & North Beach** 4 km one-way | Easy | ~1 hr — Ride or walk from Borkum Bahnhof west along Bismarckstraße to the New Lighthouse, then continue north to Nordbad beach boulevard for a...
- **Town & Old Lighthouse Loop** 2 km loop | Easy | ~45 mins — A compact stroll through Borkum town, past the Kurpark bandstand, east to the Old Lighthouse (Alter Leuchtturm, 1576), and back...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	49°	44°	11d
Jun	62°	58°	11d
Aug	67°	62°	15d
Sep	64°	59°	12d
Oct	57°	53°	15d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:33AM–8:34PM · Jun 5:03AM–10:04PM · Aug 6:13AM–9:01PM ·
Sep 7:07AM–7:48PM · Oct 8:00AM–6:36PM
Euro (EUR)

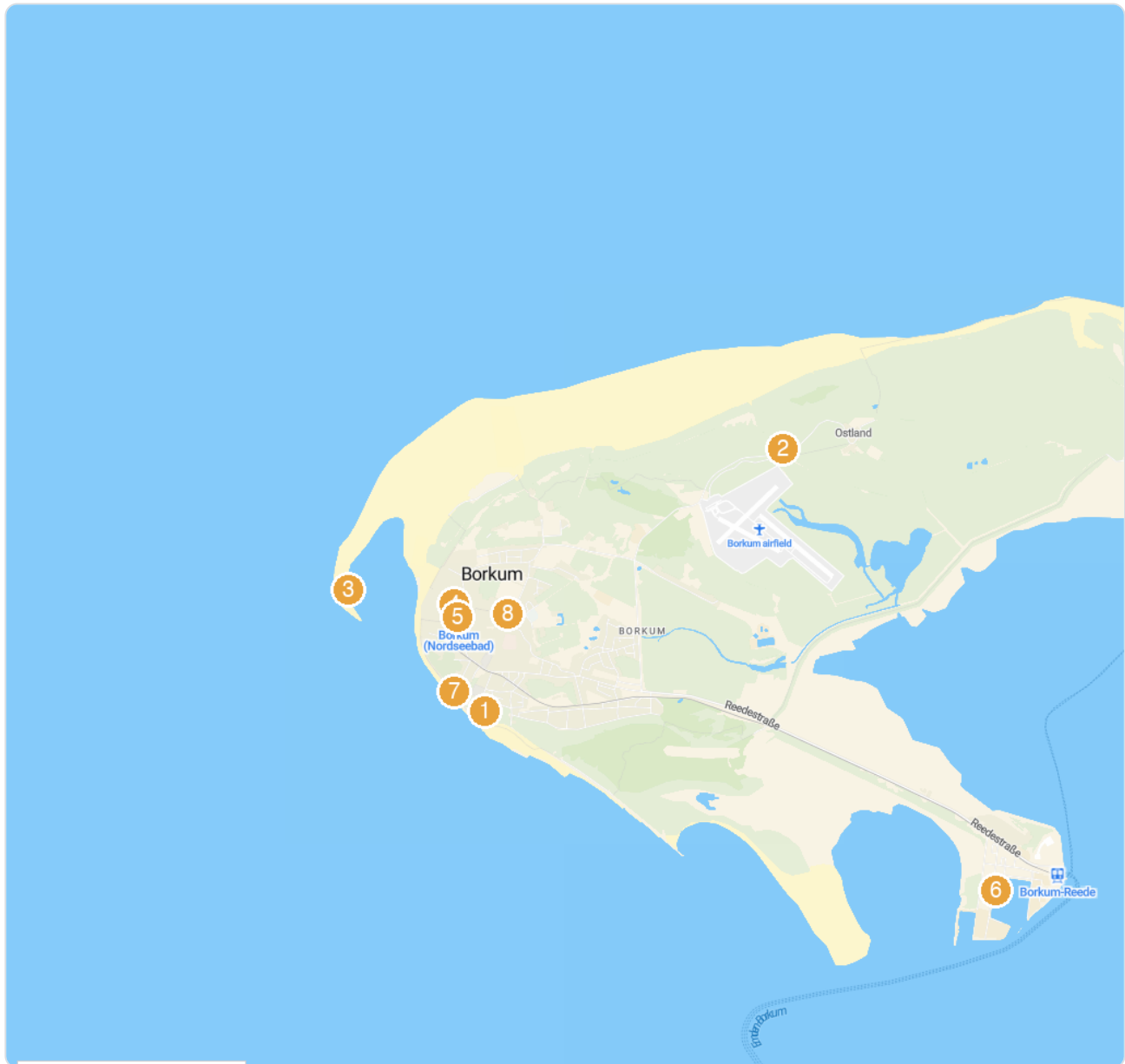
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the Kleinbahn: The narrow-gauge railway from the pier to town costs just a few euros and is essential — the harbor sits about 7 km from the town center, far too long to walk.

Borkum Island, Lower Saxony, 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 Elektrischer Leuchtturm Borkum | Borkum's electric lighthouse, a prominent island landmark. | 2 Emmich-Denkmal | A monument honoring General Otto von Emmich. |
| 3 Seehundbank Borkum | A sandbank where wild seals gather and rest. | 4 New Lighthouse Borkum | Borkum's active lighthouse, climb for stunning island views. |
| 5 Borkumer Kleinbahn | Historic narrow-gauge railway connecting Borkum's town and harbor. | 6 Nationalpark-Schiff Feuerschiff Borkumriff | A historic lightship now a National Park information center. |
| 7 Nordsee Aquarium Borkum | An aquarium showcasing North Sea marine life. | 8 Alter Leuchtturm Borkum | Borkum's oldest lighthouse, offering historical exhibits and views. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |