

Decatur, Alabama, USA

Known as The River City, Decatur sits on the Tennessee River with Victorian neighborhoods, world-famous Alabama White BBQ sauce, and a surprisingly world-class natural science museum.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

US Dollar

English

Shuttle to downtown recommended

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier-docked at Rhodes Ferry Park or Ingalls Harbor — no tendering

Best For: Southern BBQ, Civil War history, Victorian architecture, birdwatching

Walk to center: 1.5–2 miles from dock; cruise shuttles provided to Bank Street

Don't Miss: Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q — birthplace of Alabama White Sauce since 1925

Getting around: **Taxi** \$5–\$15 · **Rideshare** Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cook Museum of Natural Science** — A world-class interactive museum featuring a 15,000-gallon saltwater aquarium, live bee colony, terrariums, and...
 - **Old Decatur & Albany Historic Districts** — Stroll two of Alabama's best-preserved Victorian neighborhoods — Old Decatur dates to the 1830s railroad era, while...
 - **Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q Pilgrimage** — This legendary pit was the birthplace of Alabama White Sauce — a tangy mayo-
- and-vinegar creation from 1925 that's won...

 - **Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge** — One of the Southeast's most important refuges, with wetlands, forests, and open fields.
 - **Civil War Decatur Walking Tour** — Decatur changed hands multiple times during the Civil War, with only four brick buildings surviving near-total...

BEST WALKS

- **Bank Street & Old Decatur Historic Loop** ~1.5 miles · 30-45 min · Easy — From the shuttle drop at Bank Street, walk through the commercial historic district, past the Princess Theatre's Art Deco marquee...
- **Rhodes Ferry Park Riverfront Walk** ~0.75 miles · 20 min · Easy — A short stroll along the Tennessee River waterfront from the dock area through Rhodes Ferry Park, with river views, historical markers...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	62°	43°	12d
Jun	83°	65°	12d
Aug	82°	67°	12d
Sep	78°	62°	7d
Oct	65°	49°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:17AM–7:34PM · Jun 5:27AM–8:25PM · Aug 6:08AM–7:51PM · Sep 6:37AM–7:03PM · Oct 7:06AM–6:15PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the ship's shuttle. The pier is 1.5–2 miles from downtown. Nearly all river cruise lines offer complimentary hop-on/hop-off service to Bank Street — use it.

Decatur, Alabama, USA — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1** **Old State Bank** Alabama's oldest bank, now a historic museum.
- 3** **Cook Museum of Natural Science** Modern museum showcasing natural science exhibits and live animals.
- 5** **Rhodes Ferry Park** Riverfront park with playgrounds, walking paths, and ferry history.
- P** **Cruise port / terminal**

- 2** **Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center** Explore Alabama's first national wildlife refuge.
- 4** **Wilson Morgan Park** Large park with sports fields, walking trails, and playgrounds.
- 6** **Delano Park** Historic park featuring a beautiful rose garden and walking paths.