

# Germersheim, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

Most Rhine ports give you a castle on a hill. Germersheim gives you something stranger: a town built entirely inside a massive 19th-century military fortress, where moats are now parks and underground mine tunnels run beneath the streets. Expect brickwork on a grand scale, zero tourist crowds, and excellent Palatinate wine.

-  Pier (river pontoon)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  Currency: Euro (€)
-  Language: German
-  Palatinate wine country

## 🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Ship/Date: _____ | Arrive: _____ | All aboard: _____ |
| Excursion: _____ | Notes: _____  |                   |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Pier — ships dock at riverside pontoon, no tender

**Walk to center:** ~1.2 km / 15-20 min flat walk to Weißenburger Tor

**Best For:** History buffs, cyclists, wine lovers, off-the-beaten-path Rhine

**Don't Miss:** Fortress tunnel (candlelit underground guided tour)

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €5–€10 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Fortress Tunnel Tour (Minengänge)** — The undisputed highlight of Germersheim.
- Festungsweg — Fortress Town Walk** — A self-guided trail through the heart of one of Germany's best-preserved star fortress towns.
- German Road Museum (Deutsches Straßenmuseum)** — Germany's only museum dedicated to road-building history, housed in the former fortress arsenal.
- Palatinate Wine & Saumagen Tasting** — Germersheim sits in the Pfalz, one of Germany's top wine regions.
- Rhine Valley Cycling** — The area around Germersheim is pancake flat and threaded with the Rheintal-Radweg (Rhine Valley Cycle Path).

## BEST WALKS

- Festungsweg Fortress Loop** 3 km | 45-60 min | Easy | Free — The classic loop: from the Weißenburger Tor, follow the trail markers through the Stadtpark Fronte Lamotte (the moat-turned-park)...
- Riverfront Stroll to Ship & Back** 2.4 km return | 30 min | Flat | Scenic — A simple out-and-back along the Rhine riverbank path between the ship and the town gate.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

|  CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      |  DAYLIGHT &  MONEY |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Mon                                                                                                               | High | Low | Rain | Apr 6:35AM–8:18PM · Jun 5:21AM–9:33PM · Aug 6:18AM–8:42PM · Sep 7:03AM–7:39PM · Oct 7:47AM–6:35PM                                                                                         |  |
| Apr                                                                                                               | 61°  | 42° | 10d  | Currency: Euro (€)                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| Jun                                                                                                               | 77°  | 59° | 11d  |                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Aug                                                                                                               | 79°  | 61° | 10d  |                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Sep                                                                                                               | 72°  | 54° | 8d   |                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Oct                                                                                                               | 62°  | 48° | 12d  |                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |

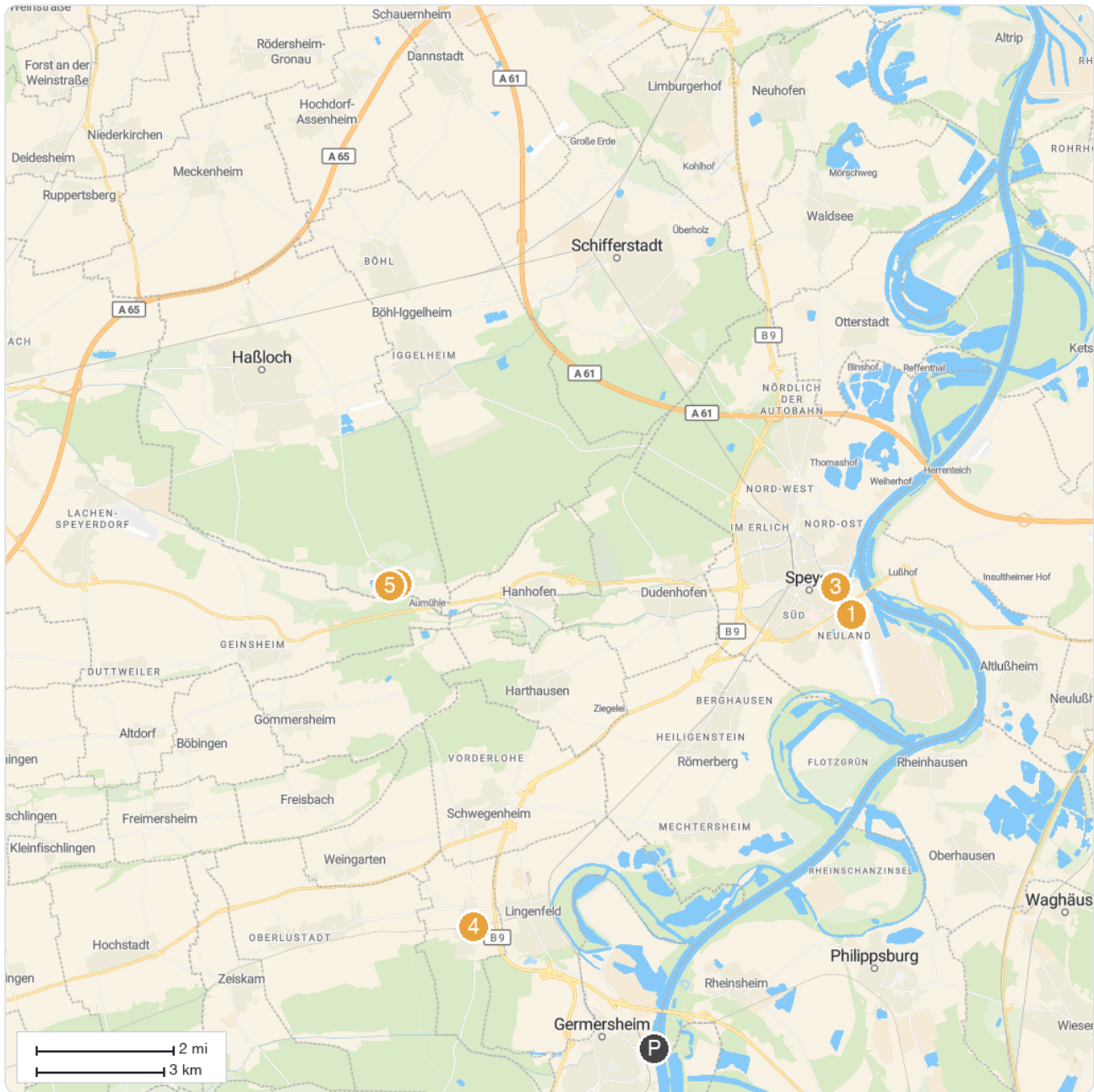
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book the tunnel tour early. The underground fortress mine tour is the must-do — check departure times at the tourist office inside Weißenburger Tor as soon as you arrive. Groups...

# Germersheim, 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.



- 1 Technik Museum Speyer** Discover planes, cars, and space exhibits at this technology museum.
- 3 Speyerer Dom** Visit the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Imperial Cathedral of Speyer.
- 5 bigFM Expedition GeForce** Experience thrilling drops on this famous hypercoaster.

- 2 Plopsaland Germany** Enjoy family-friendly rides and shows at this fun theme park.
- 4 Südpfalz-Draisinenbahn | Bornheim-Westheim** Pedal a rail bike through scenic Südpfalz landscapes.
- P Cruise port / terminal**