

Holland, Michigan, USA

One of America's most Dutch cities sits where Lake Macatawa meets Lake Michigan — small ships glide in past the Big Red lighthouse to a port full of windmills, white-sand beaches, and craft beer.

 Pier (ships dock on Lake Macatawa)

 Typical call: 7–9 hrs

 USD

 English

 Best May–September

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Ships dock on Lake Macatawa (not Lake Michigan); pier berthing, no tendering
- Best For:** Dutch heritage, fresh-water beaches, craft breweries, quiet Midwest charm
- Walk to center:** Shuttle required — dock is ~1.5–2.5 mi from 8th Street downtown
- Don't Miss:** De Zwaan windmill at Windmill Island — the oldest authentic working Dutch windmill in the US

🚗 Getting around:  **Taxi** ✅ \$20–\$30 ·  **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Windmill Island Gardens & De Zwaan** — The undisputed highlight of Holland.
- **Holland State Park & Big Red Lighthouse** — Holland's most photographed spot — the square, bright-red 'Big Red' lighthouse sits at the mouth of the Lake Macatawa...
- **Mt. Pisgah Dune Climb & Lake Michigan Views** — Climb 239 steps up a boardwalk staircase to 157 feet above sea level for panoramic views of Lake Michigan, Lake...
- **Nelis' Dutch Village** — A nostalgic family-friendly park styled after a 19th-century Dutch village.
- **Downtown Craft Beer & Dutch Pastry Walk** — New Holland Brewing (home of the famous Dragon's Milk bourbon-barrel stout) anchors 8th Street's craft scene.

BEST WALKS

- **8th Street Downtown Stroll** 1.2 mi loop • Easy • 30–45 min — Walk 8th Street from River Ave to College Ave and back — 100+ locally owned shops, deBoer Bakkerij for Dutch pastries, New Holland...
- **Kollen Park Waterfront Walk** 0.8 mi • Easy • 20–30 min — Stroll Kollen Park on the south shore of Lake Macatawa — boardwalk, manicured gardens, and a fountain from Holland's Mexican sister...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	56°	41°	11d
Jun	71°	55°	11d
Aug	72°	58°	14d
Sep	67°	53°	11d
Oct	59°	49°	14d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:03AM–8:26PM · Jun 6:05AM–9:24PM · Aug 6:50AM–8:47PM · Sep 7:24AM–7:55PM · Oct 7:57AM–7:02PM

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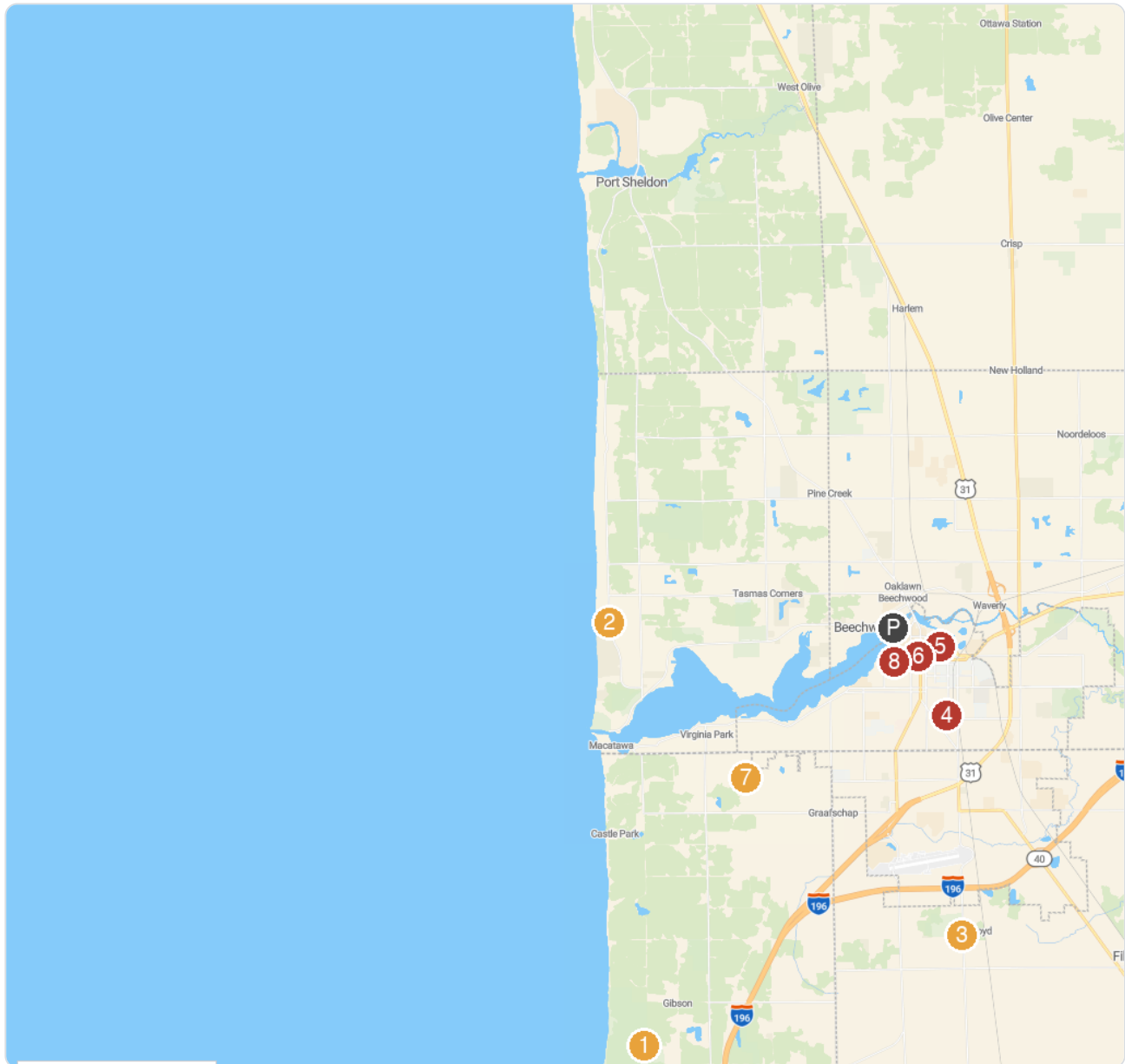
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the ship shuttle. The dock is 1.5–2.5 miles from downtown on an industrial waterfront — not safely walkable. Use the complimentary shuttle; Uber/Lyft are available but...
- Tulip Time Festival (early May) is Holland's peak event — the entire city erupts in tulips. Crowds are large; ships visiting then

Holland, Michigan, 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 Saugatuck Dunes State Park** Explore towering sand dunes and hiking trails at this state park.
- 3 Outdoor Discovery Center** A nature education center with trails, wildlife, and wetlands.
- 5 Window on the Waterfront** A scenic park along the waterfront with boat and lake views.
- 7 Wolters Woods Park** A serene natural park offering hiking trails through wooded areas.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Tunnel Park** Walk through a tunnel in a dune to Lake Michigan beach.
- 4 Prospect Park** A city park with playgrounds, sports fields, and picnic areas.
- 6 Tulip Time Festival Office** The administrative office for Holland's famous annual Tulip Time Festival.
- 8 The Cappon House** Tour this historic 1874 Victorian home of Holland's first mayor.