

Kelheim, Bavaria, Germany

Kelheim sits where the Altmühl, Danube, and Main-Danube Canal meet, making it a natural hinge point for European river cruises. The best shore day pairs a riverside old-town walk with the Danube Gorge boat ride to Weltenburg Abbey or the hilltop Liberation Hall.

River quay (docked)

Typical call: 4–7 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: German

Abbey brewery country

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River berth in Kelheim; river ships dock rather than tender

Best For: Danube Gorge scenery, Bavarian beer gardens, hilltop views

Walk to center: Usually 5–10 minutes to Ludwigsplatz and the old town

Don't Miss: Weltenburg Abbey by boat through the Danube Gorge

Getting around: Taxi €5–€8

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Danube Gorge Boat Ride** — Board a local excursion boat from Kelheim for the dramatic run through the Donaudurchbruch, where the Danube narrows...
- Weltenburg Abbey** — The Benedictine abbey at Weltenburg sits beside the river at the upstream end of the gorge.
- Liberation Hall** — Befreiungshalle crowns Michelsberg above Kelheim, a monumental 19th-century rotunda commissioned by King Ludwig I.
- Kelheim Old Town** — Stay close to the ship for Ludwigsplatz, pastel Bavarian facades, medieval town gates, small shops, and cafes.
- Bavarian Beer Garden Lunch** — Pair the shore day with pretzels, Obatzda, sausages, pork roast, or local wheat beer.

BEST WALKS

- Old Town and River Gates** 1.5–2 km | 45–75 min | Easy — From the river landing, walk into the old town for Ludwigsplatz and Kelheim's surviving gates, then loop back along the riverside.
- Liberation Hall View Walk** 3–4 km round trip | 1.5–2 hrs | Moderate uphill — Climb from the old town toward Befreiungshalle for the classic panorama over Kelheim and the rivers.
- Weltenburg Abbey Arrival Stroll** Under 1 km | 30–45 min | Easy — After the gorge boat lands at Weltenburg, walk from the landing area to the abbey church, courtyard, and riverside gravel bank.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		58°	40°	9d
Jun		74°	57°	12d
Aug		76°	59°	12d
Sep		68°	52°	10d
Oct		59°	44°	11d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:21AM–8:04PM · Jun 5:08AM–9:17PM · Aug 6:05AM–8:27PM · Sep 6:49AM–7:24PM · Oct 7:33AM–6:22PM

Currency: Euro (€)

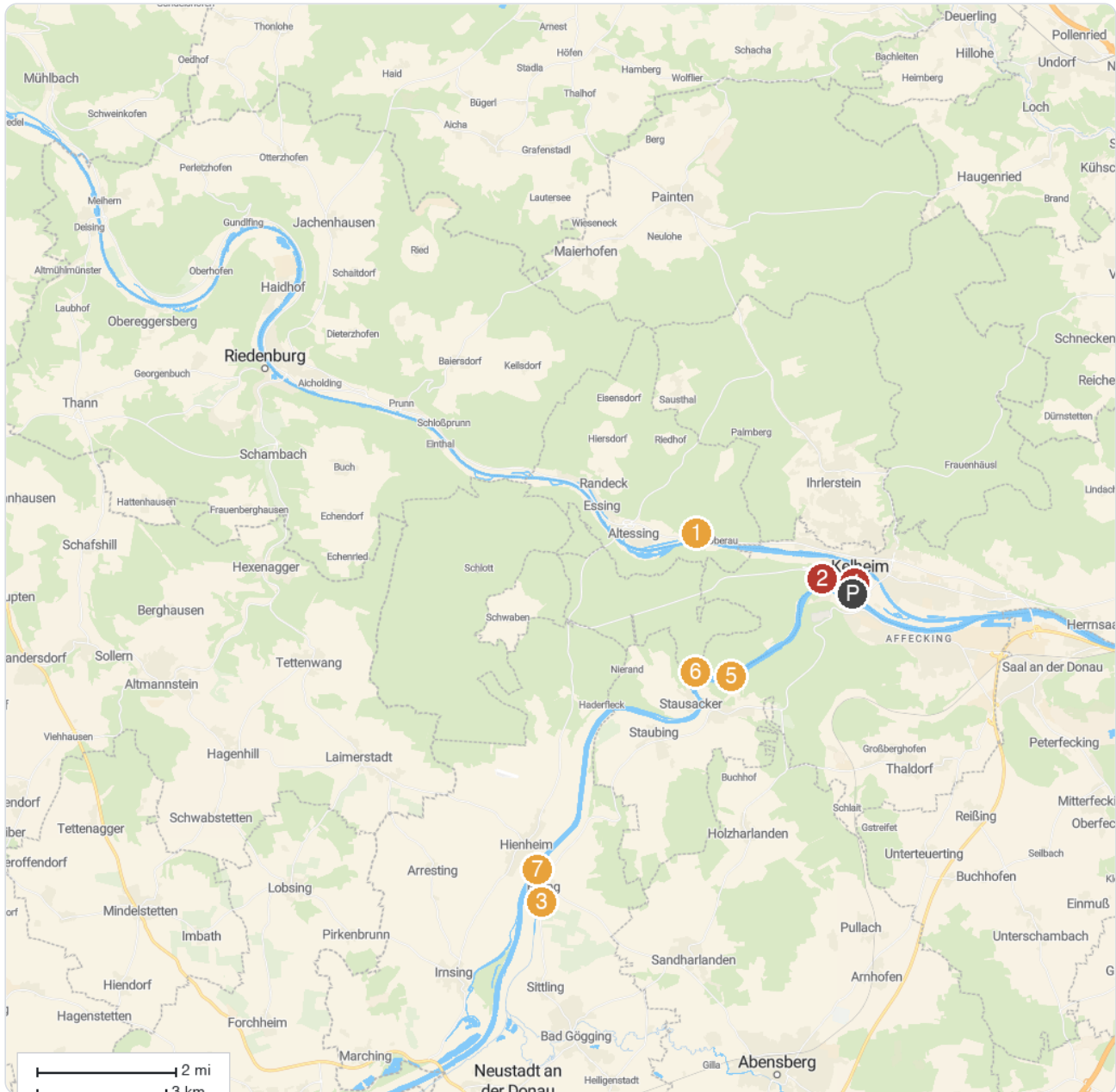
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Mind the gorge boat schedule. Independent trips to Weltenburg are straightforward, but return sailings are seasonal and timed.

Kelheim, Bavaria, 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 Flowstone cave Schulerloch | Explore a natural cave with stunning flowstone formations. | 2 Liberation Hall | Visit a grand monument celebrating German liberation history. |
| 3 Römerkastell Abusina | Discover ancient Roman fort ruins along the Danube. | 4 Archaeological Museum Kelheim | See local archaeological finds and regional history exhibits. |
| 5 Danube Gorge | Experience a dramatic, scenic river gorge on the Danube. | 6 Weltenburg Abbey | Tour a historic Benedictine monastery with Germany's oldest brewery. |
| 7 Fähre Eining-Hienheim | Take a small car ferry across the Danube River. | P Cruise port / terminal | |