

Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Bavaria, Germany

Step through a stone gate into a perfectly frozen medieval fairy tale. Rothenburg ob der Tauber is Germany's most spectacularly preserved walled town — cobblestone lanes, half-timbered houses, and rooftop panoramas that look unchanged since the 14th century.

 Shore excursion (bus from river port)

 No direct ship docking — landlocked

 Typical excursion: 4–6 hrs

 Currency: Euro (cash useful)

 Language: German

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Access: Bus transfer from Würzburg (~50 min) or Nuremberg (~75 min)

Best For: Medieval history, photography, Christmas shopping year-round

Walk to center: 5–10 min from bus parking to Marktplatz

Don't Miss: Plönlein photo stop, St. Jakob's Riemenschneider altarpiece, city wall walk

 Getting around:  Taxi  €8–€15

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Plönlein & City Wall Walk** — Start at the famous Plönlein — a crooked yellow half-timbered house at a cobblestone fork framed by two medieval towers.
- **St. Jakob's Church & Holy Blood Altarpiece** — This soaring Gothic church houses Tilman Riemenschneider's masterpiece — the 15th-century Altar of the Holy Blood...
- **Medieval Crime & Justice Museum** — Europe's leading museum of legal history occupies a sprawling complex near the walls.
- **Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Village** — Year-round Christmas in a massive, beautifully decorated shop stocked floor-to-ceiling with traditional German...
- **Town Hall Tower Climb** — Climb 220 steps up the Rathausturm for the best 360-degree aerial view of Rothenburg's red-tiled rooftops and the...

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town Highlights Loop** 2–3 km · 1.5–2 hrs · Easy–Moderate · Free — The essential Rothenburg circuit from the bus parking to all major sights and back.
- **Tauber Valley Descent** 1.5 km one way · 45–60 min · Moderate · Free — From the Castle Garden, a wooded path zigzags steeply down to the valley floor.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	56°	40°	10d
Jun	72°	56°	10d
Aug	75°	58°	12d
Sep	67°	52°	10d
Oct	58°	45°	11d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:27AM–8:11PM · Jun 5:12AM–9:26PM · Aug 6:11AM–8:35PM · Sep 6:55AM–7:31PM · Oct 7:40AM–6:28PM

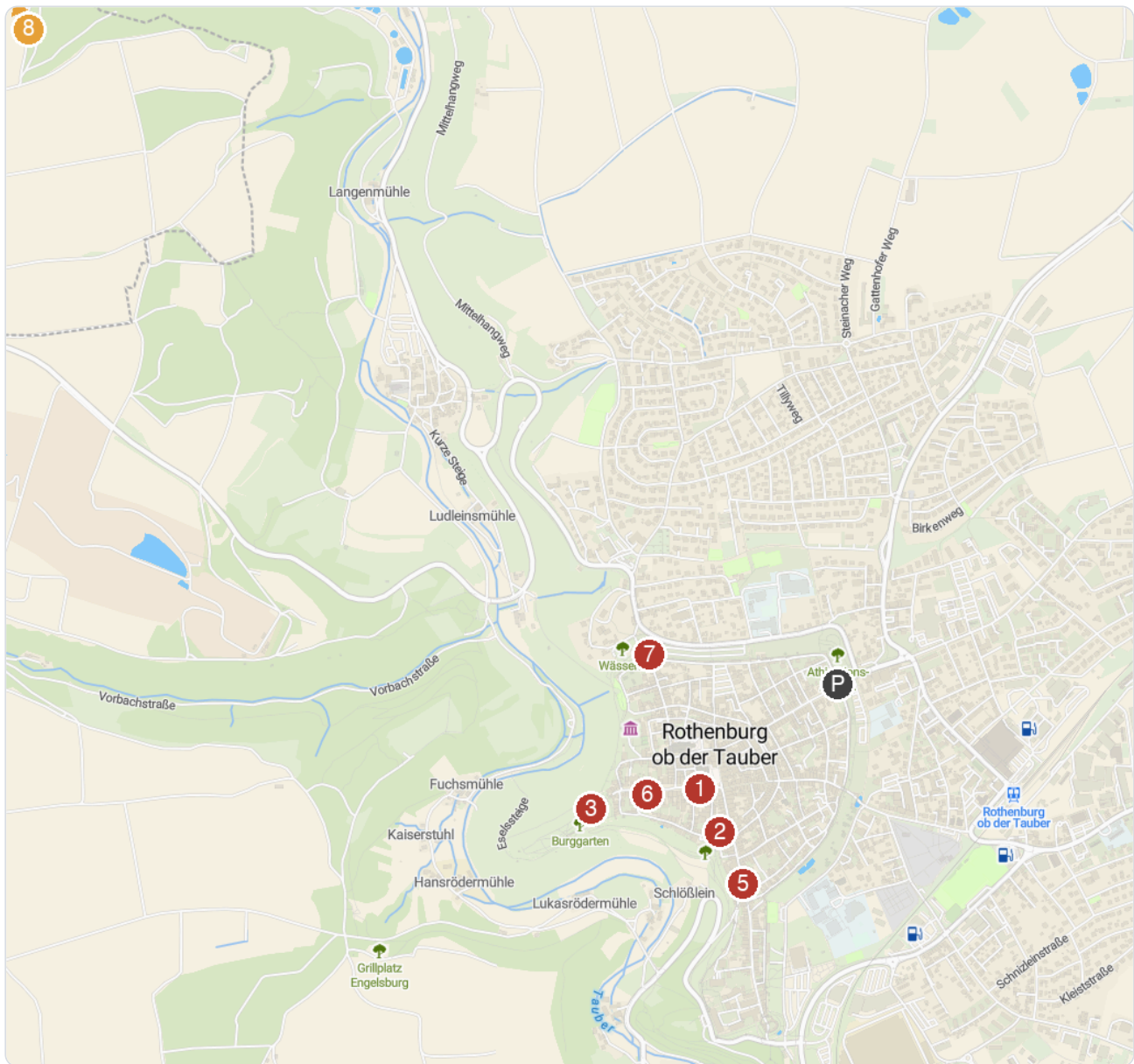
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Rothenburg ob der Tauber, 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 German Christmas Museum | Museum showcasing traditional German Christmas decorations and history. | 2 Medieval Crime Museum | Museum of medieval justice, torture, and punishment. |
| 3 Castle Garden | Scenic garden on the former imperial castle grounds. | 4 Gallows Gate | Historic city gate, once leading to the gallows. |
| 5 Plönlein | Iconic picturesque square with fountain and half-timbered houses. | 6 Franziskanerkirche | Historic Franciscan church with beautiful altars. |
| 7 Blade Gate | Historic city gate, part of the old town wall. | 8 Keltenwall | Ancient Celtic defensive wall remains, predating the city. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |