

Wachau Valley, Lower Austria, Austria

A 36-kilometre ribbon of terraced vineyards, castle ruins, and Baroque spires carved into the Danube — the Wachau Valley is one of Europe's most scenic river cruise passages and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

-  River docking (no tender)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  Euro (€)
-  German
-  Flat bike path along river

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River mooring at Melk, Dürnstein, or Krems — ships tie to floating pontoons on the bank

Best For: Cycling, wine tasting, Melk Abbey, castle ruins, apricot products

Walk to Center: Melk: 5 min to village; Dürnstein: immediate; Krems: 10 min from dock

Don't Miss: Cycling the flat Danube Cycle Path between Melk and Dürnstein (~30 km)

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €11–€20 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Melk Abbey** — One of Europe's finest Baroque monasteries, perched dramatically above the Danube.
- Dürnstein Castle Ruins** — The ruined castle above Dürnstein held Richard the Lionheart captive in 1192-93.
- Danube Cycle Path Ride** — Pedal the flat, paved Donauradweg between Melk and Dürnstein (~30 km).
- Heuriger Wine Tavern Experience** — A Heuriger (traditional Austrian wine tavern) is where local winemakers serve their new Grüner Veltliner and Riesling...
- Krems Altstadt Walk** — Krems is the wine capital of the Wachau.

BEST WALKS

- Dürnstein Village & Blue Church** 30 min · Flat · Free — A complete loop of Dürnstein's main street takes under 30 minutes.
- Melk Abbey & Old Town** 1.5 hrs · Moderate uphill · ~€14 abbey entry — From the Melk dock follow signs uphill through the old town market square to the abbey entrance.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

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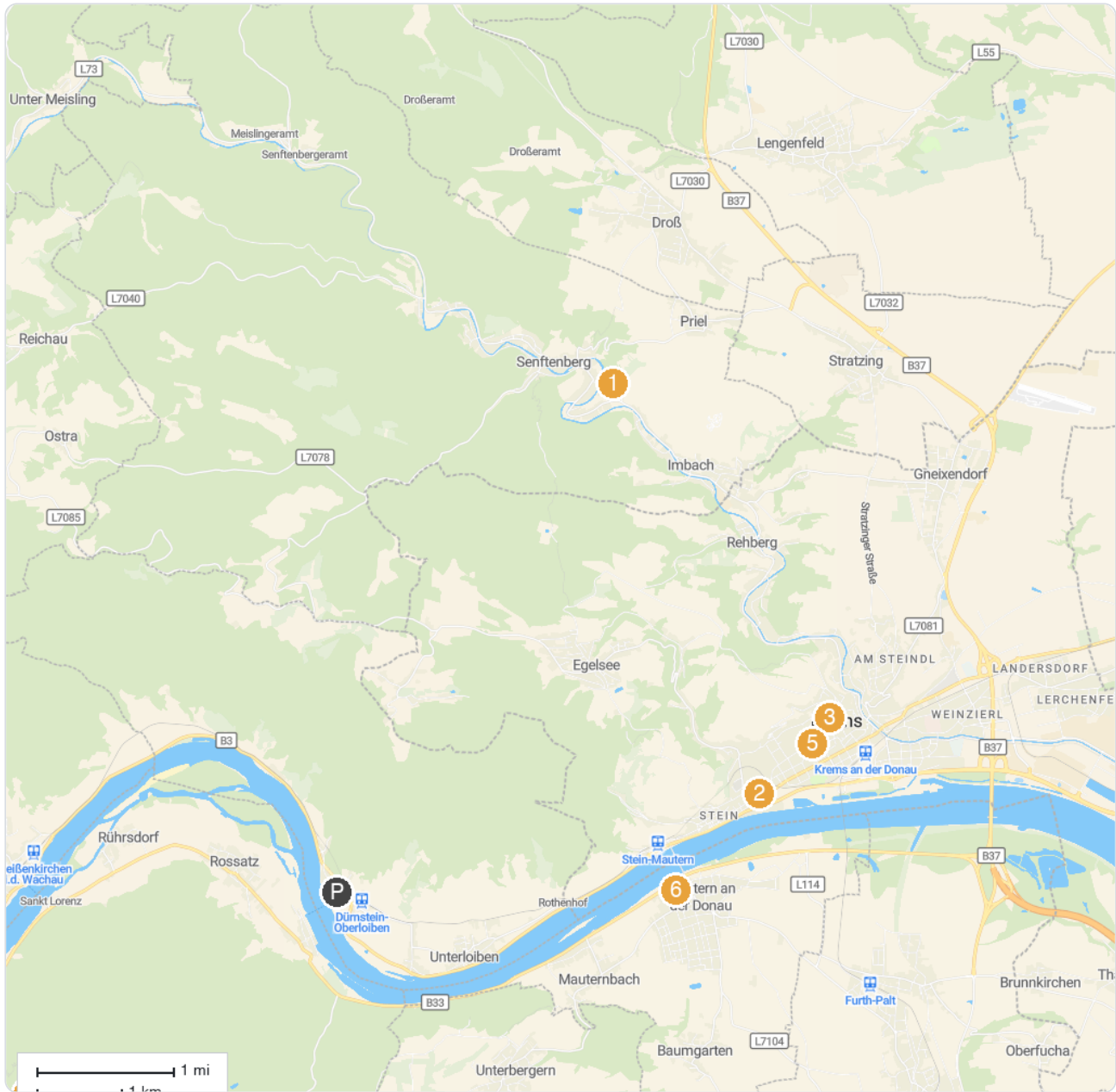
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bike the valley if your ship offers it. The Danube Cycle Path between Melk and Dürnstein is flat, paved, and widely considered the highlight of any Danube cruise — don't skip it.
- Carry cash (euros). Heurigen wine taverns and small cafes often don't accept cards. Public toilets also require a small coin payment.
- Buy apricot everything. The Wachau's Wachauer Marille (local apricot) is famous across Austria. Look for jams, schnapps,

Wachau Valley, Lower Austria, Austria — 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 Burgruine Senftenberg | Senftenberg Castle Ruin: a medieval fortress overlooking the Krems Valley. | 2 Karikaturmuseum Krems | Krems Caricature Museum: Austria's only museum dedicated to satirical art. |
| 3 Piarist Church of Our Lady | Piarist Church: a beautiful Baroque church with stunning frescoes. | 4 Pfarr- und Wallfahrtskirche Mariae Geburt | Maria Taferl Church: a grand Baroque pilgrimage church dedicated to Mary. |
| 5 Steinertor | Krems' iconic medieval city gate, a historic landmark. | 6 Römermuseum Mautern/Favianis | Mautern Roman Museum: explore ancient Roman history at a former fort. |
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