

Yantai, Shandong, China

China's wine capital meets the Yellow Sea — a working port city with colonial hilltop parks, legendary cliff pavilions, and golden beaches stretching along the Bohai coast.

 Pier (cruise terminal)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Chinese Yuan (RMB) / Alipay/WeChat Pay essential  Mandarin (very little English)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock at Yantai International Cruise Terminal

Walk to center: ~2 km from cruise pier to Yantaishan Park / city core

Best For: Wine tourism, Chinese history, coastal scenery, seafood

Don't Miss: Penglai Pavilion cliff fortress (~80 km away) or Changyu Wine Museum

 Getting around:  Taxi  CNY 11–15 (~\$1.50–2.00 USD) ·  Rideshare  DiDi

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Changyu Wine Culture Museum** — China's oldest winery (founded 1892) opens its underground cellars and a museum tracing Yantai's designation as Asia's only 'International Vine and...
- **Penglai Pavilion** — One of China's Four Famous Towers, this Song Dynasty fortress sits dramatically on a cliff where the Yellow Sea meets the Bohai Sea.
- **Yantaishan Park & Colonial Consulates** — Yantai Hill is surrounded on three sides by sea and topped with a lighthouse.
- **Golden Beach (Jinshatan)** — Over 10 km of fine golden sand in the Development Zone, consistently rated one of China's top natural bathing beaches.
- **Yantai Seafood Market & Lunch** — Point to live seafood in tanks at a waterfront restaurant and watch it cooked to order.

BEST WALKS

- **Yantaishan Park Coastal Loop** 1.5 km | Easy | 45-60 min — Walk up through the park to the lighthouse for panoramic sea views, then loop past the former Danish Consulate and Stone Boat back to the park entrance.
- **Binhai Road Scenic Promenade** 2-4 km | Easy | 1-2 hrs — Stroll or catch the double-decker Route 17 bus along the coastal road past Moon Bay, Fisherman's Wharf, and the No.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	64°	47°	5d
Jun	81°	66°	7d
Aug	84°	73°	12d
Sep	78°	65°	6d
Oct	67°	54°	5d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 5:20AM–6:29PM · Jun 4:32AM–7:16PM · Aug 5:10AM–6:46PM · Sep 5:36AM–6:02PM · Oct 6:02AM–5:17PM	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Alipay or WeChat Pay is essential. Credit cards and cash are rarely accepted in Yantai shops, taxis, and restaurants. Set up one of these apps with your international credit card before you arrive.
- Install a VPN before entering China. Google, WhatsApp, Instagram, and most Western apps are blocked. Download offline maps (Apple Maps or Maps.me) and a VPN before your cruise departs.
- Visa rules matter here. Independent shore leave in China requires a valid visa or 144-hour transit exemption. Cruise-line-organized group tours may operate under a group visa-free policy — confirm with your ship before you go ashore on your own.
- Changyu winery is worth it. Yantai is legitimately China's wine capital — the Changyu museum and cellar tour is a genuinely unique and enjoyable half-day stop.
- Save a return photo. Photograph your ship and the cruise terminal gate before heading out. Very little English is spoken — showing the photo to a DiDi driver or taxi is far more reliable than trying to explain in words.
- Penglai takes most of the day. It's ~80 km from the pier — budget 5-6 hours round trip including the site. Only worth attempting on longer port calls (8+ hrs). Book a private car or tour in advance.

Yantai, Shandong, China — 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 Yantai Hill Park A coastal hill park with late-19th-century foreign consulate buildings and lighthouse views over the harbor.

3 Yantai Museum Housed in a former Fujian guild hall, displaying regional history and folk art collections.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Zhang Yu Wine Museum A museum inside China's oldest winery, founded in 1892, tracing the history of Chinese wine production.

4 Yeon Rock A coastal scenic area with distinctive granite rock formations and seaside walking paths west of the city center.