

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

West Africa's most dynamic metropolis, spread across lagoons and rising towers — Abidjan punches well above its weight for a cruise call, with a UNESCO colonial town and urban rainforest within easy reach.

Docked (Vridi Canal quays)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

West African CFA Franc (XOF)

French (official)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at Port of Abidjan quays in the Vridi Canal, Treichville district. No tendering.

Distance to Centre: Plateau (city centre) ~6 km by road; taxis and shuttles available at the port gate.

Best For: Colonial history, West African market culture, urban nature, and cuisine.

Don't Miss: Grand-Bassam UNESCO historic quarter — 45 min by road, essential for any call here.

Getting around: **Taxi** XOF 3,000–6,600 (~\$5–\$11) · **Rideshare** Yango, Heetch, InDrive

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Grand-Bassam UNESCO Colonial Town** — Côte d'Ivoire's first French colonial capital (1893–1896) is a 45-minute drive east.
 - Banco National Park** — An extraordinary pocket of equatorial primary rainforest entirely within the city limits.
 - Treichville Market & City Tour** — Plunge into the Grand Marché de Treichville — one of West Africa's great urban markets, piled high with
- textiles, spices, crafts, and produce.
- Ivorian Street Food & Maquis Lunch** — Côte d'Ivoire has one of West Africa's most celebrated food cultures.
 - Musée des Civilisations de Côte d'Ivoire** — The national civilisations museum in the Plateau district houses an impressive collection of Ivorian masks, traditional costumes, and artefacts...

BEST WALKS

- Plateau District Highlights Walk** 2 km · Easy · 45–60 min — Start at the Plateau waterfront on the Ébrié Lagoon, walk past the CEDEAO building and the modernist towers, then head to St.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		86°	76°	25d
Jun		82°	74°	29d
Aug		80°	73°	24d
Sep		81°	73°	28d
Oct		83°	74°	31d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:09AM–6:22PM · Jun 6:03AM–6:29PM · Aug 6:11AM–6:28PM · Sep 6:06AM–6:15PM · Oct 6:01AM–6:01PM

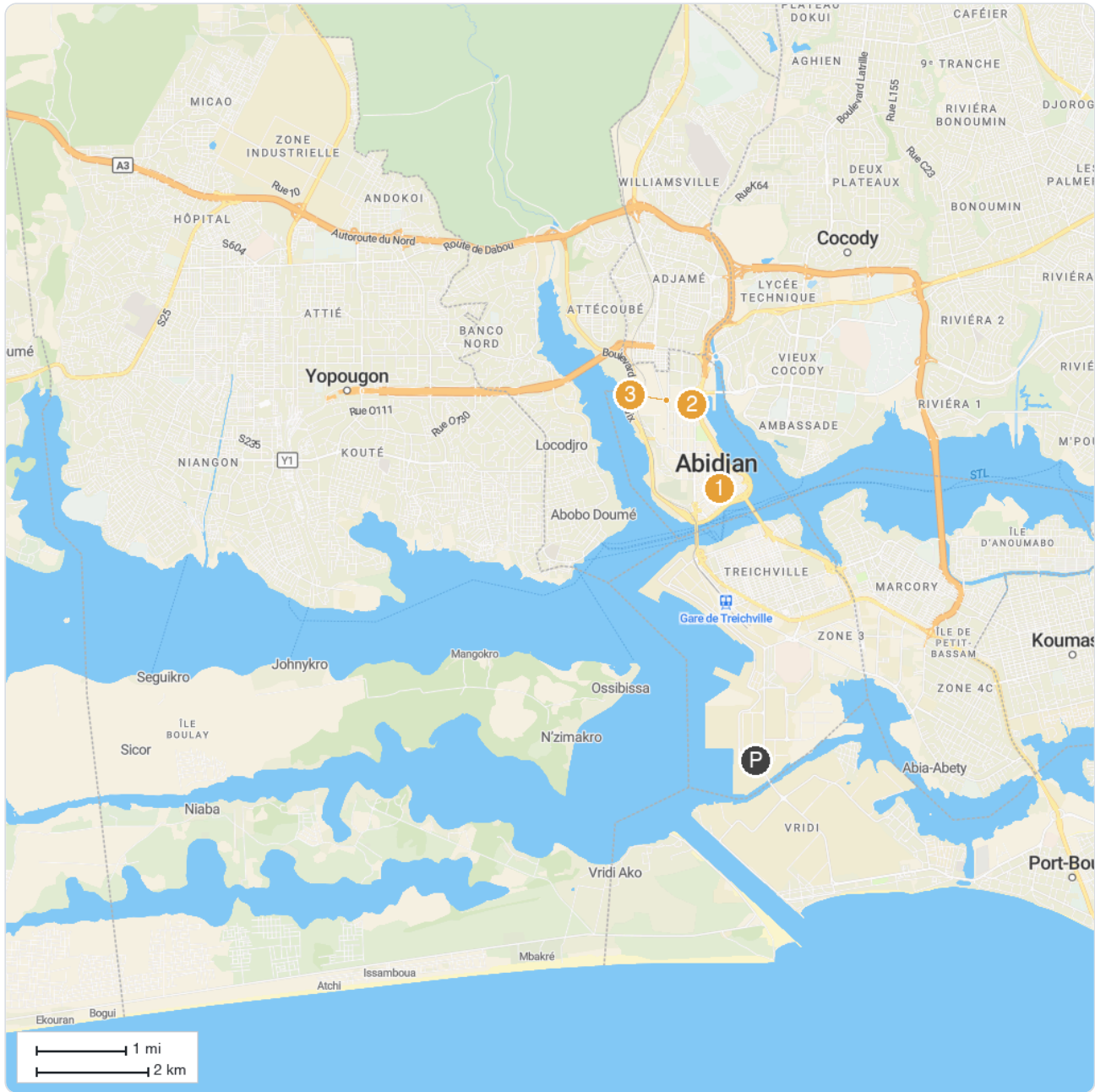
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use XOF cash. Most markets and street vendors are cash-only. Banks and ATMs in Plateau work reliably; airport-style exchange counters near the port gate offer poor rates.
- Agree taxi fares before you get in. There is no universal meter enforcement. Yango app gives fixed pricing and is widely available — download before arrival.
- Heat and humidity are real. Abidjan sits at sea level in the tropics. Light, breathable clothing, sunscreen, and a refillable water bottle are essentials.
- Allow time for Grand-Bassam. The 45-minute road transfer each way means you need at least 4 hours shore time to make this UNESCO excursion worthwhile — confirm ship departure time before booking independently.
- Ask before photographing. People in markets and working areas may object to cameras. A smile and asking permission goes a long way; some will ask for a small tip.
- Try attiéké. This fermented cassava couscous is Côte d'Ivoire's most iconic dish — now UNESCO-listed. Served with grilled fish at any maquis, it's one of the best meals you'll have in West Africa.

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire — 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

Salam Mosque of Plateau

Grand mosque in Plateau district, a place of worship.

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Musée des Civilisations de Côte d'Ivoire

National museum showcasing Ivorian art, history, and ethnography.

2

St. Paul's Cathedral

Modern, striking Catholic cathedral with unique architecture.

P

Cruise port / terminal