

Ancenis, Loire-Atlantique, France

A quiet Loire riverbank town where a medieval château overlooks vine-covered hills — and the Muscadet flows as freely as the river below.

River dock (quay) Typical call: 6-8 hrs Euro (EUR) French

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River quay dock; ships tie up along the Loire embankment within easy walk of the château

Best For: Wine lovers, cyclists, and château enthusiasts wanting an unhurried Loire village

Walk to centre: 5-10 min from the quay to the old town and Château d'Ancenis

Don't Miss: Muscadet wine tasting at a Coteaux d'Ancenis vineyard and the panoramic view from the château ramparts

Getting around: Taxi €8–€15 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Château d'Ancenis** — The town's dominant landmark, this fortress traces its origins to around 990 AD and gained an early-Renaissance dwelling in the 16th century.
- **Muscadet & Coteaux d'Ancenis Wine Tasting** — Ancenis sits at the heart of the Coteaux d'Ancenis AOC — a lesser-known appellation producing crisp whites and fruity reds.
- **Loire à Vélo Cycling** — Rent a bike and roll along the Loire à Vélo trail (EuroVelo 6) that passes through town.
- **Château Médiéval d'Oudon** — A short drive or bike ride west toward Nantes, this 14th-century octagonal keep perches dramatically above the Loire near the Hâvre confluence.
- **Île Mouchet & Loire Riverside Walk** — Île Mouchet, a 40-hectare Natura 2000 green space on the Loire's north bank, has a marked riverside circuit.

BEST WALKS

- **Quay to Château & Old Town** 1.5 km loop · Easy · 30-45 min — Walk from the river quay up through the old town to the Château d'Ancenis for Loire views, then loop back past the market square and Église Saint-Pierre.
- **Loire Riverside Promenade** 2-3 km · Easy · 45-60 min — Stroll the Loire embankment toward the Pont d'Ancenis bridge.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇪🇺 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:16AM–8:53PM · Jun 6:07AM–10:02PM · Aug 7:01AM–9:15PM · Sep 7:42AM–8:16PM · Oct 8:23AM–7:16PM Euro (EUR)	
Apr	61°	45°	9d		
Jun	74°	57°	10d		
Aug	77°	60°	8d		
Sep	73°	56°	8d		
Oct	64°	51°	12d		

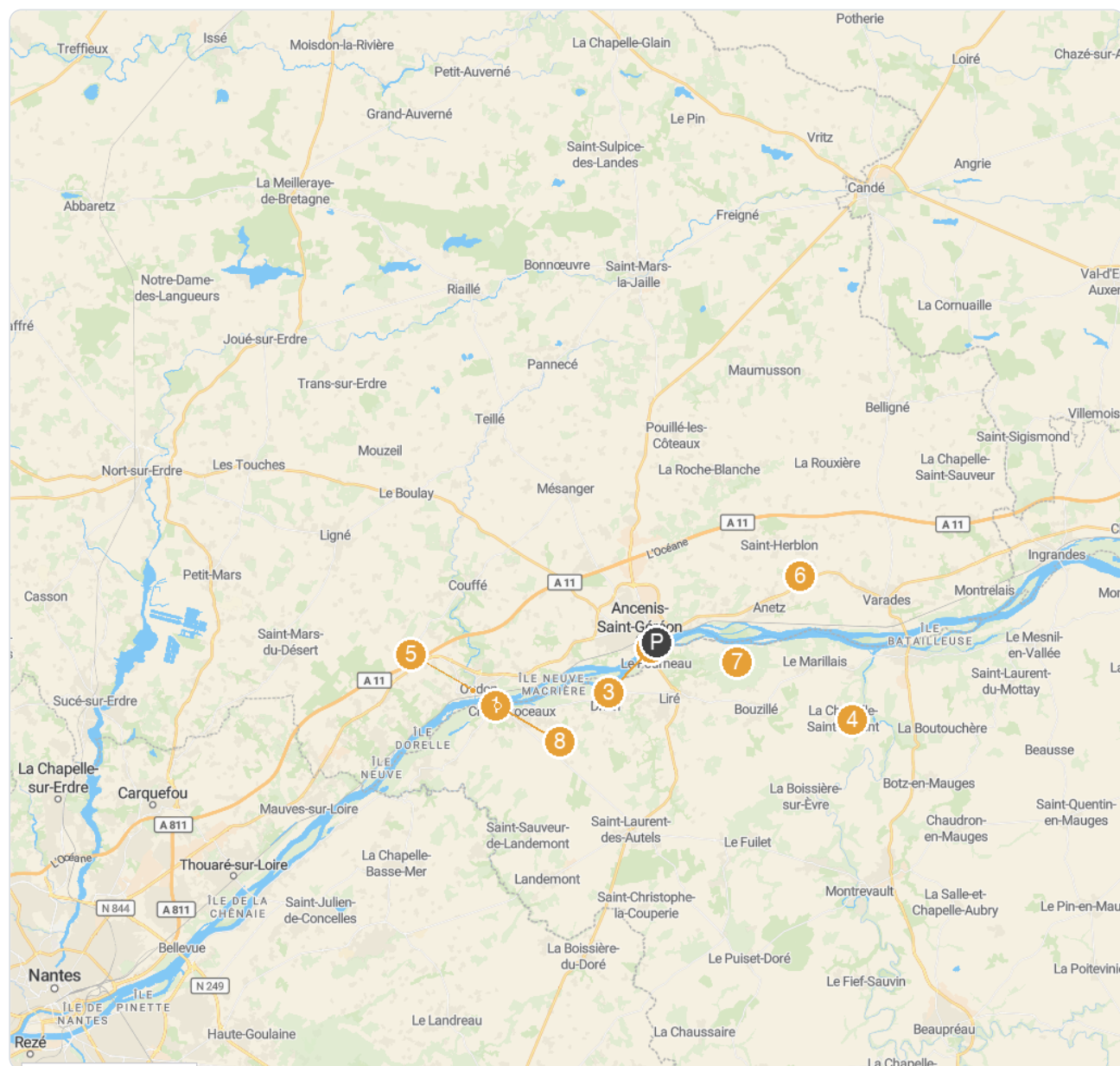
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy local wine. Coteaux d'Ancenis wines are rarely exported — pick up a bottle of Malvoisie (Pinot Gris) or Gamay direct from a domaine near the quay.
- Market days are Thursday and Saturday mornings. The market square fills with local produce, cheese, and charcuterie — worth timing your stroll around.
- Bike rental is the best investment. The Loire à Vélo trail is flat, well-marked, and connects villages and vineyards within easy reach of the quay.
- Card payments widely accepted in town, but bring a small amount of euros for market stalls and rural vineyard tastings.
- Loire River cruises run spring through autumn. Bring a light layer — river breezes can be cool even in summer.

Ancenis, Loire-Atlantique, France — 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 Boat Luce - Cruises in** Boat Luce offers scenic cruises on the Loire River.
- 3 Jardin De L'Eperon** Jardin De L'Eperon is a beautiful public garden.
- 5 Château d'Oudon** Château d'Oudon is a medieval castle ruin with a tower.
- 7 Boire Sainte-Catherine** Boire Sainte-Catherine is a tranquil natural wetland area.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Château d'Ancenis** Ancenis Castle is a historic fortress overlooking the Loire.
- 4 Moulin de L'Epinay** Moulin de L'Epinay is a historic working windmill.
- 6 Chateau de Vair** Chateau de Vair is a grand Renaissance-style private château.
- 8 hanging mill in Champtoceaux** Champtoceaux's hanging mill is a unique historic watermill.