

Angers, Loire Valley, France

A compact medieval city punching well above its weight: an enormous 13th-century fortress, the largest surviving medieval tapestry on earth, and the birthplace of Cointreau — all within easy walking distance of the quay.

River docked (Maine River quayside)

Typical call: 7-10 hrs

Currency: Euro

Language: French

Historic city center

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River cruise ships dock along the Maine River quayside, a short walk from the city center

Best For: Medieval history, the Apocalypse Tapestry, Loire wines, and an unhurried French city vibe

Walk to center: 5-10 min on foot to Château d'Angers and the old town

Don't Miss: The Apocalypse Tapestry inside Château d'Angers — 14th-century, around 100 metres of it surviving (originally ~140 m), utterly extraordinary

Getting around: Taxi €5–€15 · Rideshare Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Château d'Angers & the Apocalypse Tapestry** — This 13th-century fortress with 17 drum towers houses the Tapisserie de l'Apocalypse — a 14th-century masterpiece woven 1377–1382, the largest...
 - Old Town & Maison d'Adam** — Wander the historic Quartier de la Doutre and the old town around Place Sainte-Croix.
 - David d'Angers Gallery & Musée des Beaux-Arts** — The David d'Angers Gallery (in restored Toussaint Abbey) showcases
- monumental plaster casts by Angers' most famous sculptor.

 - Cointreau Distillery Tour** — Angers is the birthplace of Cointreau, the orange liqueur invented here in 1875.
 - Loire Valley Vineyard & Château Day** — The Anjou appellation produces some of France's finest whites (Savennières, Chenin Blanc) and rosés.

BEST WALKS

- Quay to Château & Cathedral Circuit** 2.5 km · ~45-60 min walking · mostly flat — From the Maine River quay, walk uphill to the Château d'Angers entrance on Boulevard du Roi René, then continue east along Rue Toussaint to the David d'Angers Gallery...
- Old Town & Maison d'Adam Stroll** 1.5 km · ~30 min · flat — Cross into the heart of the old town via Rue Saint-Laud, find the Maison d'Adam on Place Sainte-Croix near the cathedral, then loop through the market streets to the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		61°	44°	9d
Jun		75°	58°	10d
Aug		77°	60°	8d
Sep		73°	56°	8d
Oct		64°	50°	11d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:13AM–8:51PM · Jun 6:04AM–10:00PM · Aug 6:58AM–9:13PM · Sep 7:40AM–8:13PM · Oct 8:21AM–7:13PM

Currency: Euro

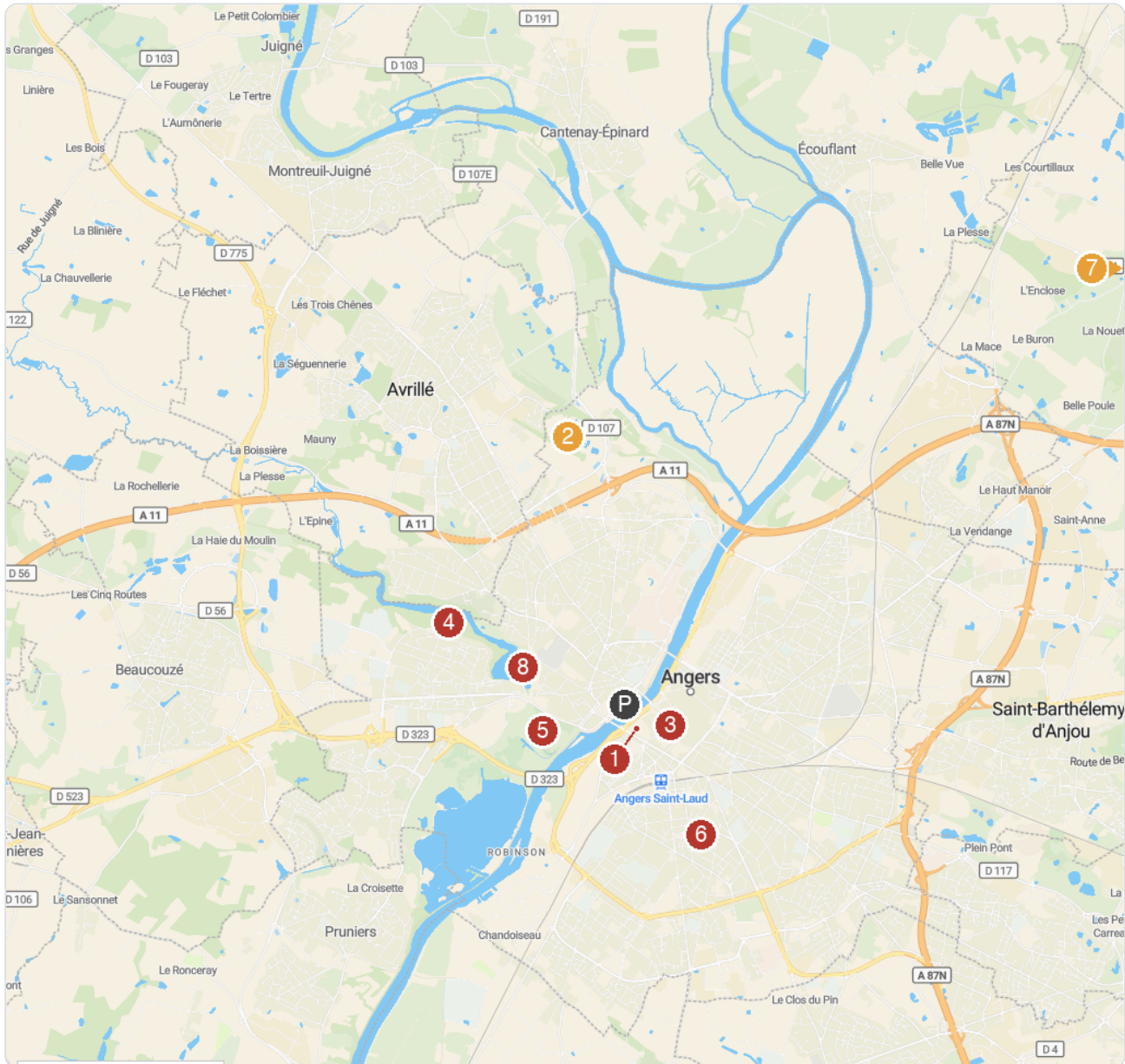
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book the château in advance. Château d'Angers and the Apocalypse Tapestry are the reason most passengers are here — entry queues can be long in summer. Pre-booking online saves time.
- Buy Anjou wine at a cave. The Anjou appellation makes world-class Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc. Pick up a bottle from a local wine shop — supermarkets stock good regional labels too.
- Use the tram for outer attractions. Terra Botanica and the Cointreau distillery are outside the walkable core — Angers' tram system is cheap, modern, and easy to navigate with a tap-to-pay card.
- Card payments widely accepted. Angers is a modern French city — contactless cards work almost everywhere. Keep a few euros for smaller market stalls or rural cave tastings.
- Monday closures apply. The Musée des Beaux-Arts and some other city museums close on Mondays. Check schedules if your visit falls on a Monday.
- Lunch in the old town. The streets around Place du Ralliement and Rue des Lices have good brasseries and crêperies. The market near Halles de la Visitation is worth a look for local produce.

Angers, Loire Valley, 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.



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| 1 Château d'Angers | Medieval fortress housing the Apocalypse Tapestry, with a moat. | 2 Terra Botanica | Unique plant-themed amusement park and botanical garden. |
| 3 Cathédrale Saint-Maurice d'Angers | Historic Gothic cathedral with impressive stained glass windows. | 4 Saint Nicolas park | Relaxing urban park with green spaces and walking paths. |
| 5 Balzac Park | Riverside park offering scenic views and walking trails. | 6 Parc du Pin (Rue du Pin) | Quiet neighborhood park, perfect for a peaceful stroll. |
| 7 Château à Motte de Verrières en Anjou | Historic earthwork remains of a medieval motte-and-bailey castle. | 8 Parc de la Garenne | Large urban park with playgrounds, sports, and green spaces. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |