

Arles, Provence, France

Where Roman legions left behind an amphitheatre still roaring with life, and Van Gogh chased starlight along the Rhône — Arles packs 2,000 years into a walkable old town.

River port — docked at quay Typical call: 8–10 hrs Euro (€) French

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Quai Segonnaux (east bank Rhône), ~10-min walk to old town

Walk to centre: 10 min on foot; amphitheatre in 15 min

Best For: Roman history, Van Gogh art trail, Camargue day trips

Don't Miss: Les Arènes Roman amphitheatre (still hosts bullfights)

Getting around: Taxi €10–20 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Les Arènes Roman Amphitheatre** — Built in 90 AD for 20,000 spectators, this UNESCO-listed colosseum is one of the best-preserved in the world.
- **Van Gogh Art Trail** — Self-guided walk linking the spots that inspired Van Gogh's most famous works — Espace Van Gogh (the hospital courtyard), Place du Forum, the Starry...
- **Camargue Safari** — The Camargue wetlands begin just south of Arles — a vast delta famous for wild white horses, black bulls, and greater flamingos.
- **Les Baux-de-Provence & Carrieres de Lumières** — Ruined medieval fortress perched on a dramatic limestone ridge, plus the stunning Carrieres de Lumières immersive art projections inside an old...
- **Alyscamps Necropolis & Arles Antique Museum** — Stroll the atmospheric avenue of Roman sarcophagi at Alyscamps (painted by Van Gogh and Gauguin), then visit the striking blue Musée Départemental...

BEST WALKS

- **Roman & Van Gogh Old Town Loop** 3.5 km · ~1.5 hrs · easy, mostly flat — A circuit linking the big Roman monuments with Van Gogh's painting locations through the medieval lanes of central Arles.
- **Alyscamps Afternoon Stroll** 1.5 km one-way · ~45 min · very easy — A peaceful detour to the ancient Roman necropolis painted by Van Gogh and Gauguin — tree-lined and quiet, best in the afternoon when crowds thin.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:58AM–8:24PM · Jun 5:59AM–9:24PM · Aug 6:46AM–8:44PM · Sep 7:21AM–7:51PM · Oct 7:56AM–6:57PM	
Apr	67°	49°	8d	Euro (€)	
Jun	84°	65°	6d		
Aug	88°	68°	4d		
Sep	80°	62°	6d		
Oct	70°	55°	8d		

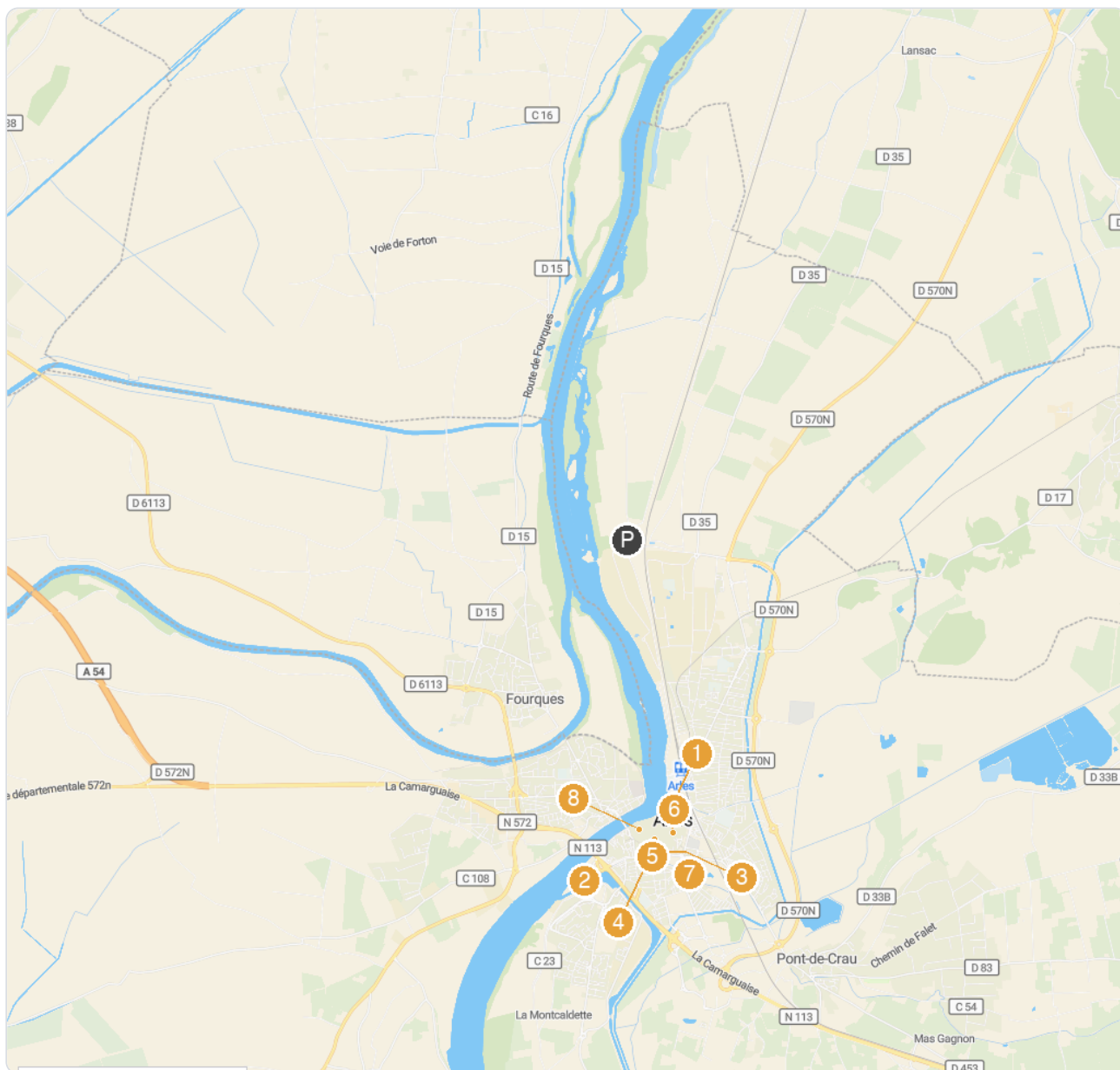
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear comfortable shoes. Cobblestones and Roman site surfaces are uneven — sandals will wear you down quickly.
- Provence sun is fierce. Even in spring and autumn, midday can hit 28 °C+ with little shade inside the amphitheatre. Hat, SPF, and water are non-negotiable.
- Wednesday & Saturday markets fill the boulevards near Place Lamartine — a great reason to plan a morning arrival.
- Buy a combo pass. The Arles Pass covers the amphitheatre, Roman theatre, Alyscamps, Constantine baths, and the antiquity museum — much better value than individual tickets.
- Summer bullfight schedule: If your call date falls on a fight day at Les Arènes, tickets sell out fast — book before you board in Arles.
- Tarascon diversion: If the river is running high, your ship may dock at Tarascon. The free shuttle runs frequently — allow 20 extra minutes each way.

Arles, Provence, 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 Arles Amphitheatre Ancient Roman arena, still hosts events.

3 Jardin d'été Public garden, a tranquil green space.

5 The Arles market Lively outdoor market for local produce and goods.

7 Alyscamps Ancient Roman necropolis with sarcophagi, painted by Van Gogh.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Musée départemental Arles antique

Museum showcasing Arles' Roman and early Christian past.

4 Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation

Contemporary photography gallery and cultural center.

6 Amédée Pichot fountain

Historic city fountain, a local landmark.

8 Fondation Vincent van Gogh Arles

Art foundation celebrating Van Gogh's Arles period.