

Arromanches-les-Bains, Normandy, France

The concrete caissons of Port Winston still sit in the sea off Gold Beach, a silent testament to the greatest amphibious operation in history. Arromanches-les-Bains is hallowed ground — small, walkable, and profoundly moving.

 Tender port (expedition ships only)

 Typical call: 5–7 hrs

 Currency: Euro (EUR)

 Language: French

 D-Day / WWII history

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — expedition ships anchor offshore; large cruise ships visit via shore excursion from Le Havre or Cherbourg

Best For: WWII history, D-Day beaches, sombre reflection, coastal walks

Walk to centre: Tender lands at the seafront, beach and museum within 5 min walk

Don't Miss: Mulberry Harbour remains at low tide and Arromanches 360 Circular Cinema

Getting around:  Taxi  €21–€50 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Musée du Débarquement (D-Day Landing Museum)** — The museum sits right on the seafront and tells the story of the Mulberry B harbour through scale models, original equipment, and archive film.
 - Mulberry Harbour Remains (Port Winston)** — The concrete caissons (Phoenix units) of the Allied artificial harbour are still visible in the bay and on the beach.
 - Arromanches 360 Circular Cinema** — A 360° panoramic cinema screens 'The 100 Days of Normandy', blending archival D-Day footage
- with modern shots of the same landscapes.

 - Omaha Beach & Normandy American Cemetery** — A 20-minute drive west brings you to Omaha Beach and the Colleville-sur-Mer cemetery, where nearly 10,000 American servicemen are buried above the...
 - Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial** — The cliff-top promontory where U.S.

BEST WALKS

- Seafront to Mulberry Harbour Walk** 1.5 km • Easy • 30–45 min — From the tender pier, walk east along the promenade past the Musée du Débarquement, then continue along the beach to view the Mulberry Harbour caissons up close.
- Seafront to Arromanches 360** 0.5 km • Short uphill • 10 min — From the seafront, follow Rue du Lieutenant Colonel Hewitt uphill to the Arromanches 360 Circular Cinema on the clifftop.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		56°	44°	10d
Jun		67°	55°	10d
Aug		71°	59°	12d
Sep		68°	56°	10d
Oct		62°	52°	13d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY

Apr 7:10AM–8:55PM · Jun 5:56AM–10:09PM · Aug 6:54AM–9:18PM · Sep 7:39AM–8:15PM · Oct 8:23AM–7:11PM

Currency: Euro (EUR)

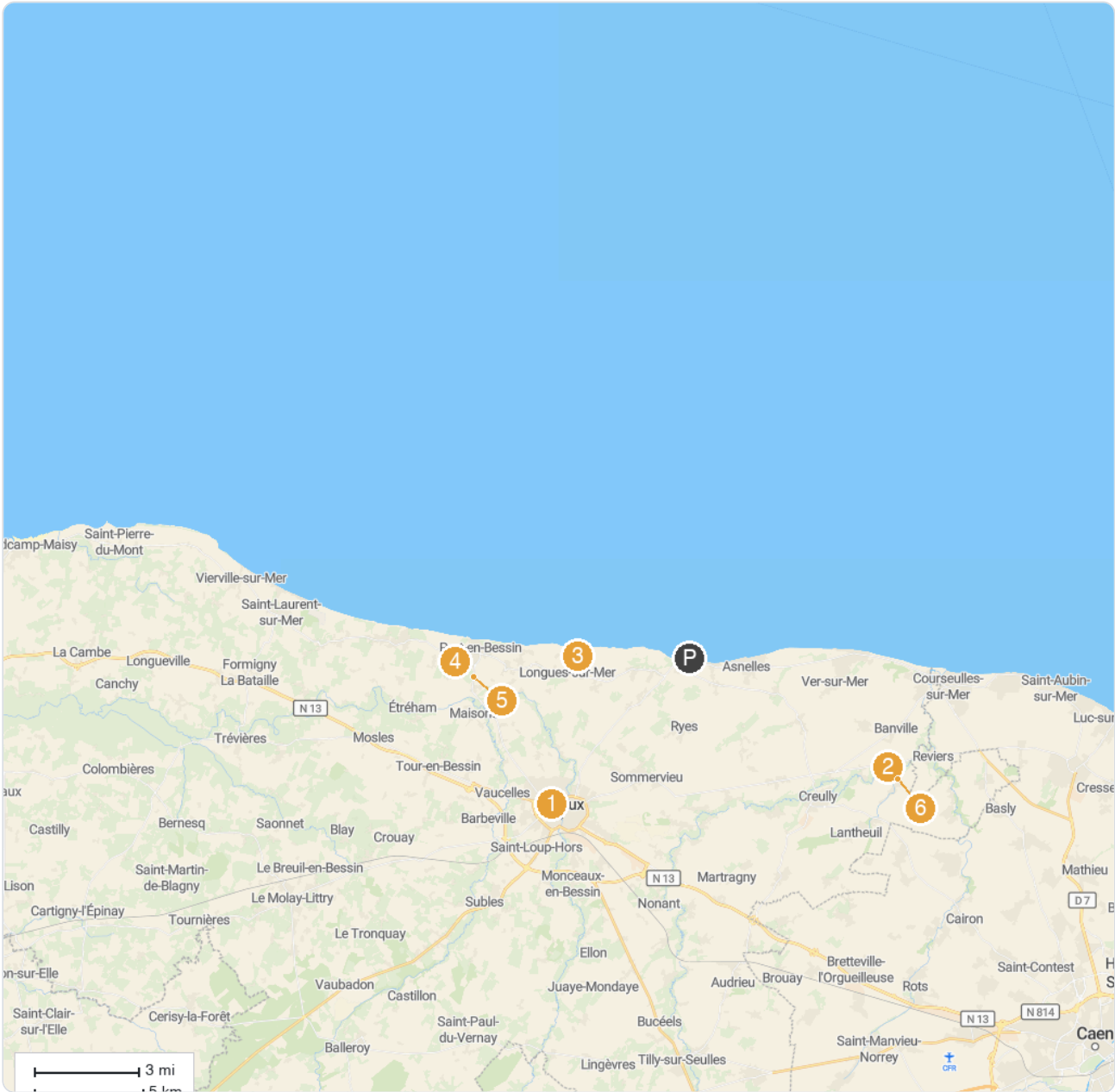
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the tide before you go. The Mulberry Harbour caissons are the star of the show — they're far more visible and impressive at low tide. Many online tide tables cover Arromanches specifically.
- Large ship? Book your excursion early. D-Day beach tours from Le Havre fill fast — they're among the most popular shore excursions in all of Northern Europe.
- Don't miss the last tender. Sea conditions in the Bay of the Seine can deteriorate quickly. Tender schedules tighten in poor weather — leave a 30-minute buffer before the final return time.
- Wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Walking on beach sand, uneven cobblestones, and grassy battle sites is the norm. Avoid sandals or heels.
- Dress and behave respectfully at cemeteries and memorials. This is a place of genuine grief for many families. Keep voices low and put phones away for photos only.
- Local Normandy food is excellent. If time allows, try the local cider, camembert, and crêpes in town — Normandy is one of France's great food regions.

Arromanches-les-Bains, Normandy, 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 | Saint-Patrice Church of Bayeux | Historic church in Bayeux, known for its architecture. | 2 | Tumulus de Colombiers-sur-Seulles | Ancient burial mound from the Neolithic period. |
| 3 | Longues-sur-Mer battery | Preserved WWII German coastal artillery battery. | 4 | Omaha Beach Golf | Scenic golf course overlooking Omaha Beach. |
| 5 | Musée des épaves sous-marines du débarquement. DD Wrecks | Museum displaying D-Day underwater wrecks and artifacts. | 6 | Jardin Des Marettes | Beautiful garden offering peaceful strolls and views. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |