

Avignon, Provence, France

Where medieval popes built Europe's largest Gothic palace — and where a famous song put a half-finished bridge on every traveller's bucket list. Avignon's walled city is a UNESCO World Heritage site you can walk end-to-end in a morning.

Docked (river quay, Rhône) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Currency: Euro (€) Language: French UNESCO World Heritage city

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River quay on the Rhône, steps from Pont Saint-Bénézet — no tender needed

Best For: History, Provençal food, wine tasting, and scenic walks inside the ramparts

Walk to centre: 5-10 min on foot through the Porte de l'Oulle into the old city

Don't Miss: Palais des Papes interior and the view from Rocher des Doms garden

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ €8–15 · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Hop-on hop-off · from 12

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Palais des Papes & Old City Walking Tour** — Europe's largest Gothic palace dominated Christendom for 70 years when the papacy relocated from Rome in 1309.
- **Pont Saint-Bénézet (Pont d'Avignon)** — The 12th-century bridge that inspired the French nursery rhyme extended 22 arches across the Rhône — floods destroyed most of it in the 17th century.
- **Châteauneuf-du-Pape Wine Tour** — The papal vineyards 15 km north produce some of France's most celebrated reds.
- **Pont du Gard Roman Aqueduct** — A UNESCO-listed Roman engineering marvel built around 50 AD to carry water 50 km to Nîmes — its three tiers soar 49 m above the Gard River.
- **Hilltop Villages — Gordes, Roussillon & Les Baux** — Provence's limestone country east and south of Avignon is studded with impossibly pretty hilltop villages.

BEST WALKS

- **Quay to Palais des Papes Heritage Loop** 2.5 km · 1.5 hrs · Easy — Start at the ship, visit Pont Saint-Bénézet, pass through Porte de l'Oulle, cross Place du Palais to the Palais des Papes, then climb to Rocher des Doms for Rhône views...
- **Ramparts & Market Walk** 3 km · 1.5 hrs · Easy — Follow the inside of the 14th-century fortification walls south from Porte de l'Oulle, passing through the Quartier de la Balance, stop at Les Halles d'Avignon market...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌞 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:57AM–8:24PM · Jun 5:57AM–9:25PM · Aug 6:45AM–8:44PM · Sep 7:20AM–7:50PM · Oct 7:55AM–6:56PM	
Apr	67°	48°	7d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	84°	64°	7d		
Aug	87°	67°	4d		
Sep	79°	61°	6d		
Oct	69°	54°	8d		

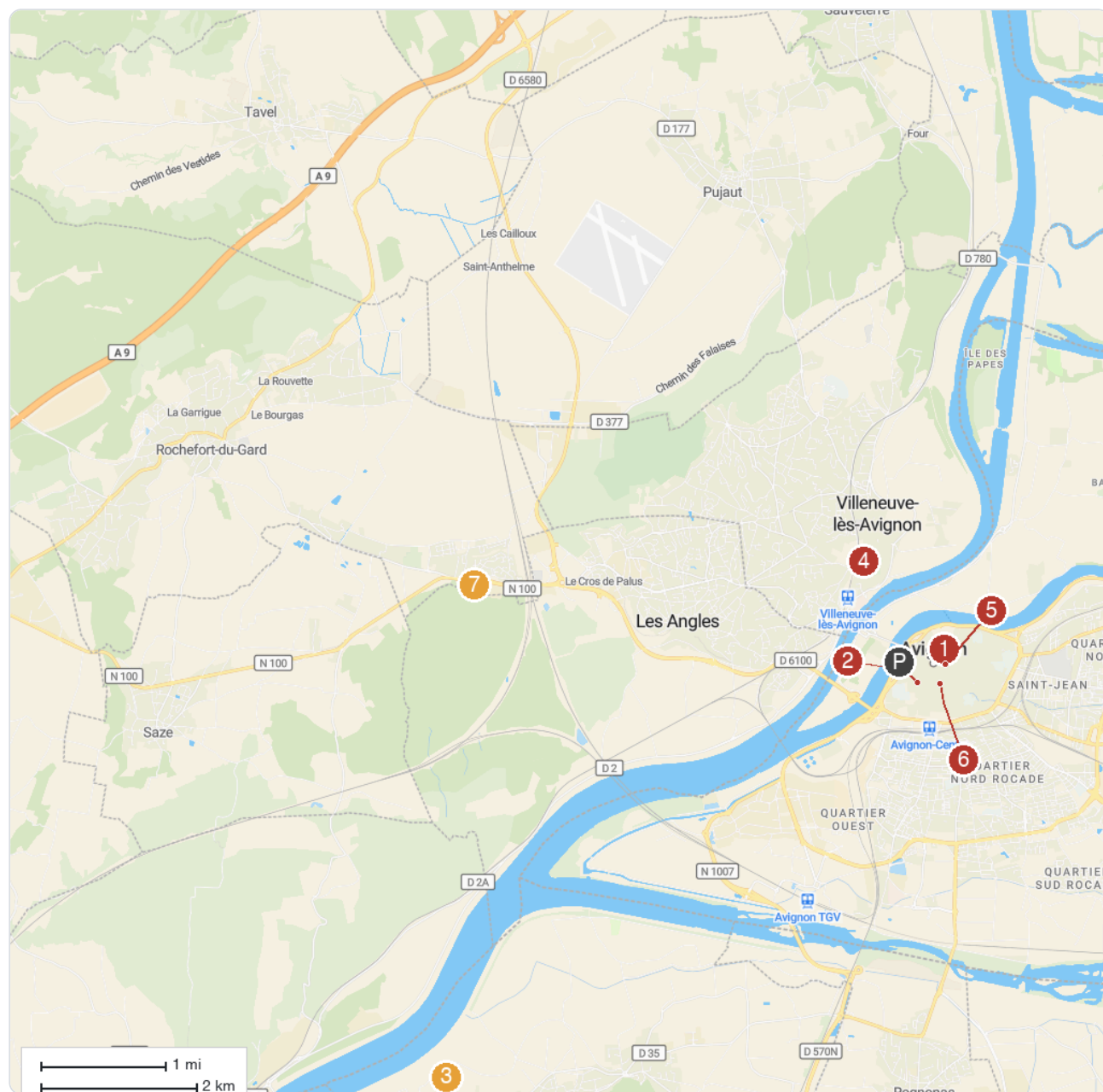
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Palais des Papes in advance. It's the must-do in Avignon — queues at the ticket desk can be 30-45 minutes in peak season. Online booking is straightforward.
- Wine tour pick-up is at the quay. Most Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Luberon excursions pick up directly at the riverside quayside — confirm the exact point with your operator.
- Provence sun is fierce in summer. Bring a hat, sunscreen, and water — the old city has little shade between monuments. The Rocher des Doms garden is a welcome cool escape.
- Festival d'Avignon runs mid-July. If you're docking during the world-famous theatre festival the city is packed and hotel rates soar — but the street performances are free and spectacular.
- Cash for markets. Les Halles and small village vendors often prefer cash. ATMs are plentiful inside the city walls on Rue de la République.
- Pont du Gard and Luberon need wheels. There's no convenient public transport from the quay to these sites — join a ship excursion or pre-book a local driver/rental car if you want to venture out independently.

Avignon, 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.



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| 1 Palais des Papes | Grand medieval palace, former residence of popes. | 2 Musée Calvet | Fine arts and archaeology museum in a grand mansion. |
| 3 Frigolet Abbey | Historic Premonstratensian monastery with beautiful church and gardens. | 4 The Hill of Mourgues | Scenic park offering panoramic views of Villeneuve-lès-Avignon. |
| 5 Basilique Saint-Pierre | Gothic basilica with ornate facade and impressive interior. | 6 Église Saint-Didier | Historic Gothic church housing a famous altarpiece. |
| 7 Piratland | Family-friendly amusement park with pirate-themed rides and attractions. | P Cruise port / terminal | |