

Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, French Caribbean

The administrative capital of Guadeloupe is dominated by an active volcano and draped in rainforest — a rare Caribbean port where serious nature adventures sit minutes from the pier.

Docked (pier) Typical call: 7-9 hrs Currency: Euro Language: French / Creole

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier-docked on the northern waterfront; ~10-min walk to city center

Don't Miss: La Soufrière summit hike or Les Chutes du Carbet waterfall trail

Best For: Volcano hikes, waterfalls, rainforest, snorkeling (Cousteau Reserve)

Currency Tip: Euros only; ATMs in town. Cards accepted at larger businesses.

Getting around: Taxi ~€5–€15 minimum fare · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **La Soufrière Volcano Hike** — Hike to the 1,467 m summit of Guadeloupe's active volcano through mossy rainforest and sulfurous fumarole fields.
- **Les Chutes du Carbet (Carbet Falls)** — Three spectacular waterfalls inside Guadeloupe National Park.
- **Cousteau Marine Reserve Snorkel & Dive** — Jacques Cousteau called the Ilets Pigeon off Malendure Beach one of the world's best diving sites.
- **Fort Delgrès & Basse-Terre City Walk** — Explore the 17th-century Fort Delgrès, a significant landmark in Caribbean resistance history, then stroll Basse-Terre's colonial streets, the...
- **Deshaies Botanical Garden** — A lush 7-hectare tropical garden in Deshaies showcasing over 1,000 species of exotic flowers, trees, and wildlife — including free-roaming flamingos.

BEST WALKS

- **Basse-Terre Colonial City Loop** 1.5 km · ~45 min · Easy — From the cruise pier, walk south along the waterfront to Fort Delgrès, then loop through the historic center via the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Guadeloupe and Place du...
- **Cascade aux Écrevisses Forest Walk** 1 km · ~30 min · Easy — A short, well-marked jungle path off the Route de la Traversée leads to this lovely waterfall with a swimming hole — an easy reward for non-hikers.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain		
Apr	82°	75°	17d		
Jun	84°	78°	19d		
Aug	85°	78°	23d		
Sep	85°	79°	21d		
Oct	84°	78°	23d		
				Currency: Euro	

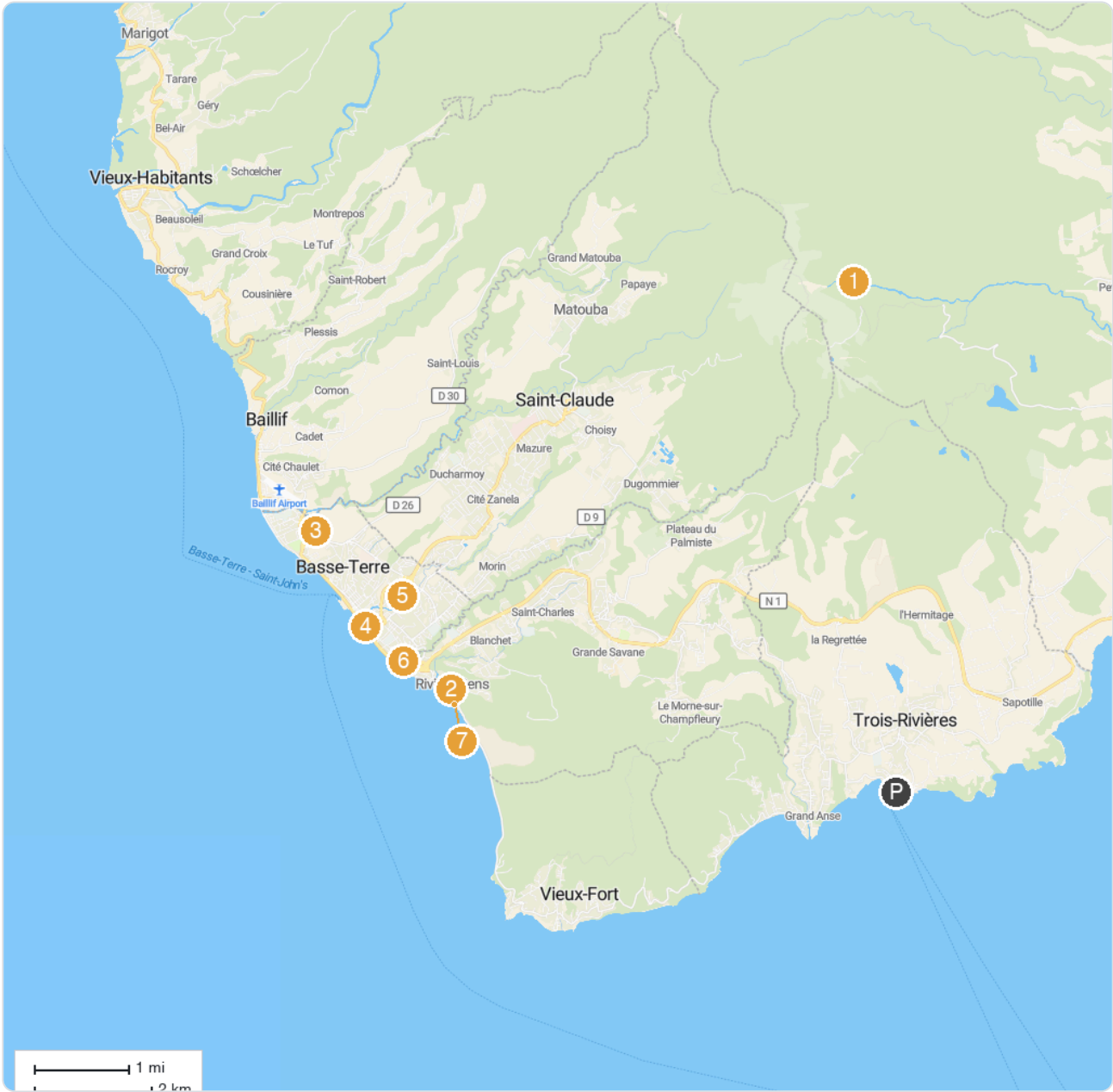
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Weather is unpredictable on the volcano. La Soufrière summit is often shrouded in cloud by midday — start hikes early and book a guide.
- Euros only — no XCD here. ATMs are available in Basse-Terre city. Cards accepted at restaurants and larger shops but carry some cash for markets and taxis.
- Negotiate taxi fares before you go. There are no meters — agree on the price upfront. Half-day island tours with a taxi-guide run around €80–€120 per car.
- Shops close midday and on Sundays. Most stores shut 12:00–14:00 and all day Sunday. Rum distilleries (including Bologne) are also typically closed Sundays.
- Cousteau Reserve is best reached from Malendure Beach (Bouillante), about 30 min north of the pier. Many operators offer snorkel/dive day trips directly from the pier.
- Basse-Terre city is very walkable from the pier — Fort Delgrès, the cathedral, and the main square are all within 15 minutes on foot. But for volcano hikes or beaches, you'll need a car or taxi.

Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, French Caribbean — 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 | 1ère chute du Carbet | First Carbet Waterfall: a powerful, scenic cascade. | 2 | Rêve de Nav' Croisière | Boat tours offering scenic coastal cruises. |
| 3 | Rum Distillery Bologne | Bologne Rum Distillery: producing fine Guadeloupean rum. | 4 | Marché de Basse-Terre | Basse-Terre Market: vibrant local market for produce and crafts. |
| 5 | de Basse Terre Botanical Garden | Basse-Terre Botanical Garden: lush tropical plant collection. | 6 | Fort Delgrès | historic 17th-century fortress with ocean views. |
| 7 | Plage de Rivière-Sens | Rivière-Sens Beach: a dark sand beach for swimming. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |