

Belleville-en-Beaujolais, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France

Tucked along the Saône river at the heart of Beaujolais country, Belleville-en-Beaujolais is a compact market town that punches well above its weight — vineyards spill down the hills in every direction, and Europe's most celebrated Beaujolais Nouveau is pressed just minutes away.

Docked (river quay) Typical call: 6–8 hrs Euro (€) French

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River cruise ships tie up at the Halte fluviale de Belleville on the Saône; no tendering required.

Best For: Wine lovers, foodies, and cyclists exploring the Beaujolais route.

Walk to centre: Town centre is a 5–10 min walk from the river quay.

Don't Miss: The Hameau Duboeuf wine park (a short drive away) and the 12th-century Église Notre-Dame de Belleville with its early rose window.

Getting around: Taxi €10–€20 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Hameau Duboeuf — Wine Theme Park** — Europe's first vine-and-wine theme park, created by Beaujolais legend Georges Duboeuf.
- **Beaujolais Wine Estate Tastings** — Visit domaines such as Château de Pizay or Maison P.
- **Château de Montmelas** — A working Beaujolais wine estate inside a dramatic neo-Gothic château with 10th-century origins (first recorded in 977).
- **Beaujolais Greenway Cycling** — A shaded cycling and walking trail built on a disused railway line winds through vineyards and villages.
- **Beaujolais Wine Route Villages** — Drive or tour the 140 km Route du Beaujolais through postcard-perfect hilltop villages — Oingt (one of France's most beautiful), Vaux-en-Beaujolais...

BEST WALKS

- **Quay to Town Centre Stroll** 1.5 km · 20 min · Easy — Walk from the river quay along the Saône promenade, turning into the town to reach the 12th-century Église Notre-Dame de Belleville — a former abbey church notable for...
- **Vineyard Edge Walk** 3 km · 45 min · Easy — Head south from town on the D37 footpaths that border the first rows of Beaujolais vineyards.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:54AM–8:28PM · Jun 5:49AM–9:33PM · Aug 6:40AM–8:49PM · Sep 7:19AM–7:51PM · Oct 7:58AM–6:54PM	
Apr	57°	41°	11d	Euro (€)	
Jun	71°	55°	13d		
Aug	75°	58°	10d		
Sep	69°	53°	10d		
Oct	61°	48°	12d		

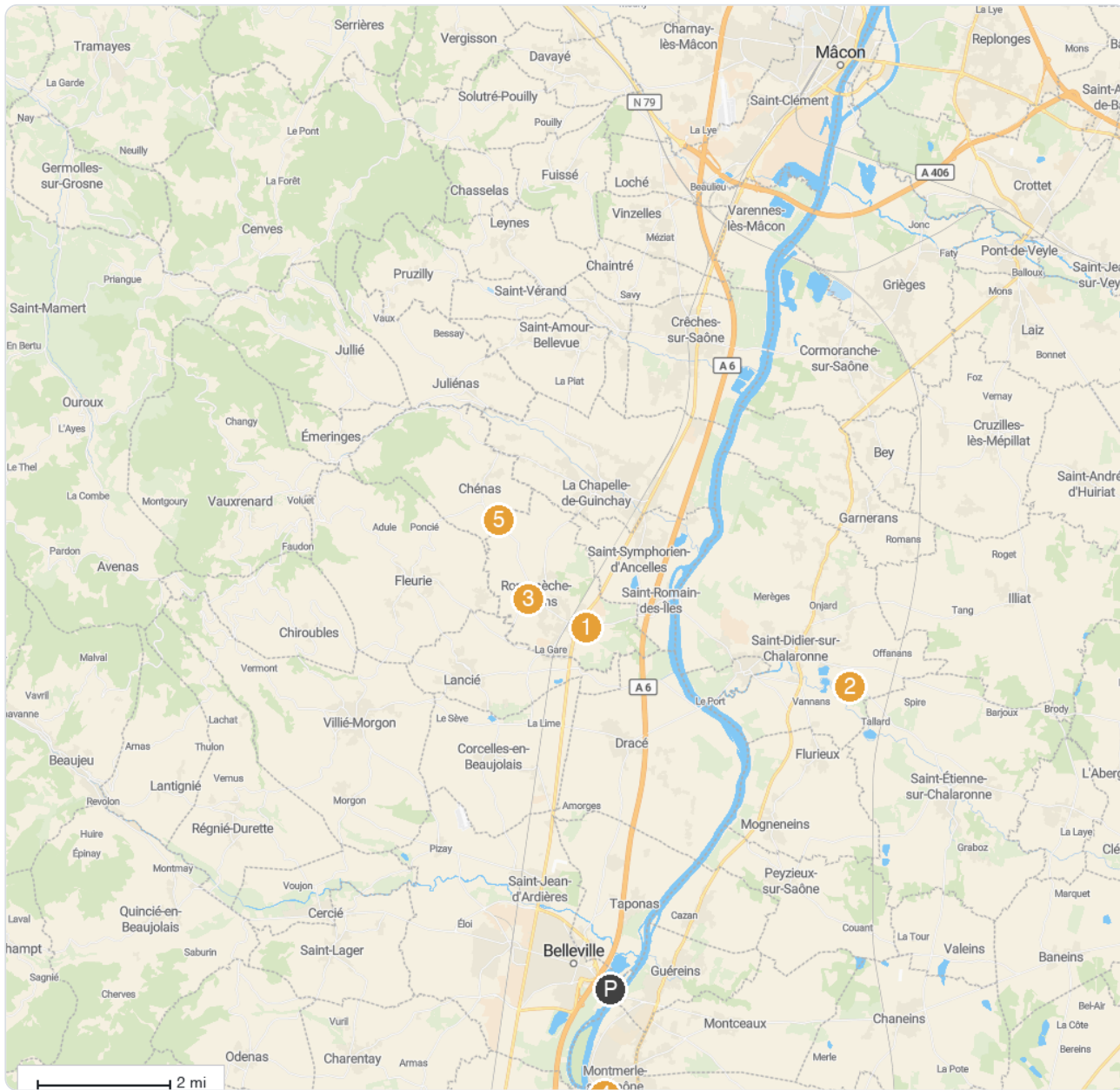
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tuesday is market day. If your ship calls on a Tuesday, the town market fills the central square with local wine, cheese, charcuterie, and honey — one of the best in the region.
- Hire a bike. The Beaujolais Greenway is flat, shaded, and starts near the town — a great way to reach the first vineyards without a taxi or tour bus.
- Cash is useful. Small wine domaines and market stalls often prefer cash. ATMs are available in the town centre.
- Book wine estate visits in advance. Popular estates like Château de Pizay and Hameau Duboeuf can sell out on cruise call days, especially during Beaujolais Nouveau season (late November).
- Short port call? Pair a quick taxi to the Hameau Duboeuf (about 10 km / 15 min away) with the in-town Église Notre-Dame — both can be done in under 3 hours.
- Best season: May–October for warm weather and vineyard colour; late November for the famous Beaujolais Nouveau release celebrations.

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Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Touparc Zoo | A wildlife park with diverse animals and attractions. | 2 The Water Gardens | Beautiful gardens featuring ponds, fountains, and plants. |
| 3 Musée Départemental du Compagnonnage | Musée du Compagnonnage: Museum dedicated to French craft guilds and their history. | 4 Château de Fléchères | Grand 17th-century château with impressive architecture and gardens. |
| 5 Château du Moulin-à-Vent | Historic wine estate producing famous Beaujolais cru wines. | P Cruise port / terminal | |