

Belleville-sur-Saône, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France

The Saône's gateway to Beaujolais — where rolling vine-covered hills meet a quiet riverside town with a Romanesque abbey, weekly markets, and some of France's best-value wine country on your doorstep.

 Docked (river quay)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Euro (EUR)  French

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River quay (Halte fluviale de Belleville); ships dock alongside, gangway to path

Walk to center: ~10 min (0.6 km) from quay to Place de l'Hôtel-de-Ville

Best For: Wine lovers, cycling, relaxed sightseeing, French village atmosphere

Don't Miss: Hameau Duboeuf wine experience in Romanèche-Thorins

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~8-15 EUR in-town, ~40-60 EUR to Lyon ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Hameau Duboeuf Wine Experience** — The landmark wine theme park in Romanèche-Thorins (12 km north) covers the full arc of Beaujolais winemaking through immersive exhibits, puppet...
- **Château de Corcelles-en-Beaujolais** — A 15th-century château with drawbridge, Renaissance galleries, a donjon, and French gardens surrounded by producing vineyards.
- **Oingt — Village Perché** — One of France's most beautiful villages, this fortified hilltop settlement in the Beaujolais Pierres Dorées area offers golden-stone lanes, a...
- **Vineyard Cycling** — Rent bikes at or near the quay and pedal signed routes through the Beaujolais Villages appellation — gently rolling terrain, roadside domaines open...
- **Roche de Solutré** — A dramatic limestone escarpment (Grand Site de France) rising above Mâcon's vineyards.

BEST WALKS

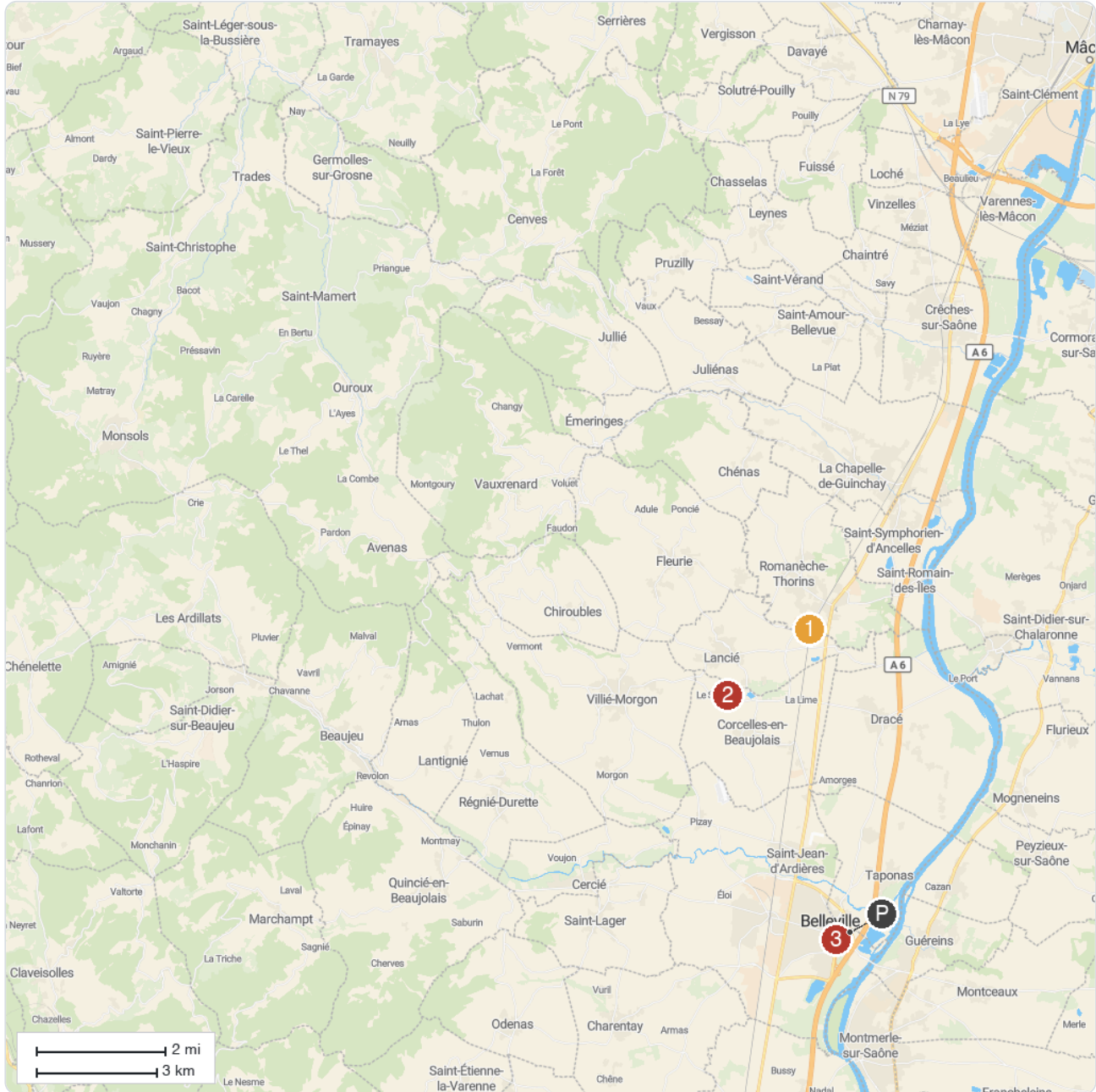
- **Town Centre Circuit** 1.5 km · 25 min · Flat — From the quay head to Place de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, then visit the Abbaye Notre-Dame de Belleville with its striking blue-painted ceiling and Romanesque bell tower.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wine is the main event. Even if you skip a shore excursion, pick up a bottle of Beaujolais Villages or Morgon at the weekly market (Tuesday) or a local cave — prices are far below Lyon or Paris.
- Bikes beat taxis. The vineyard back-roads are flat and scenic. Several hire outfits operate seasonally near the quay; your ship may offer bike tours too.
- Bring cash. Small wine domaines and market vendors often prefer euros in hand. The town has ATMs near the Place de l'Hôtel-de-Ville.
- Ship excursions fill fast. Hameau Duboeuf and château tours are popular — book through your cruise line before departure if interested.
- Pack a layer. The Saône valley is mild but can be overcast in spring and autumn, when most river cruises run.

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



- 1 Wine Museum** An immersive wine theme park in Romanèche-Thorins covering the full history of Beaujolais winemaking through exhibits, films, and a tasting.
- 2 Historic Site** A 15th-century château with a drawbridge, Renaissance galleries, and working vineyards, offering cellar tours and tastings.
- 3 Landmark** A Romanesque abbey church in the town center notable for its distinctive blue-painted vaulted ceiling and historic bell tower.
- P Cruise port / terminal**