

Biarritz, Basque Country, France

The glamour capital of France's Atlantic coast — where Belle Époque grandeur meets world-class surf breaks and vibrant Basque character. Most cruise ships anchor offshore and tender into this dramatic clifftop resort.

 Tender port (no cruise pier)

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Euro (€)

 French / Basque

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor offshore; tender to Port des Pêcheurs or Grande Plage area

Walk to centre: 5 min from tender landing to Grande Plage and town core

Best For: Beach walks, surf culture, Belle Époque architecture, Basque food

Don't Miss: Rocher de la Vierge — the rock bridge with sweeping Atlantic views

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €20–€25 to city center · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Rocher de la Vierge & Grande Plage Walk** — The signature Biarritz experience: cross Gustave Eiffel's metal bridge to the Virgin's Rock for dramatic Atlantic views, then stroll the golden sweep...
 - **Surf Lesson on Côte des Basques** — Biarritz is the birthplace of European surfing.
 - **Biarritz Town History Tour** — A guided walk covering the Belle Époque heyday — Hôtel du Palais (the former Villa Eugénie, built by
- Napoleon III for Empress Eugénie), the Phare de...

 - **Basque Country Day Trip: Saint-Jean-de-Luz & Bayonne** — Visit the elegant fishing port of Saint-Jean-de-Luz (where Louis XIV was married) and the medieval city of Bayonne, famous for its chocolate...
 - **San Sebastián Pintxos & Bay of La Concha** — A longer full-day excursion across the Spanish border to San Sebastián — arguably Europe's greatest food city — for a pintxos crawl through the old...

BEST WALKS

- **Coastal Icons Loop** 3.5 km · 60–90 min · Moderate (some steps and inclines) — From the fishing port, follow the clifftop path south past Villa Belza to Côte des Basques beach, double back north along the Esplanade to Grande Plage, cross to Rocher...
- **Lighthouse Panorama Walk** 2 km · 45 min · Easy to moderate — Head north from Grande Plage along the Avenue de l'Impératrice to the Phare de Biarritz on Pointe Saint-Martin.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		62°	49°	12d
Jun		72°	60°	13d
Aug		76°	64°	10d
Sep		74°	61°	11d
Oct		69°	56°	11d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:23AM–8:49PM · Jun 6:25AM–9:48PM · Aug 7:11AM–9:09PM · Sep 7:46AM–8:15PM · Oct 8:20AM–7:22PM

Euro (€)

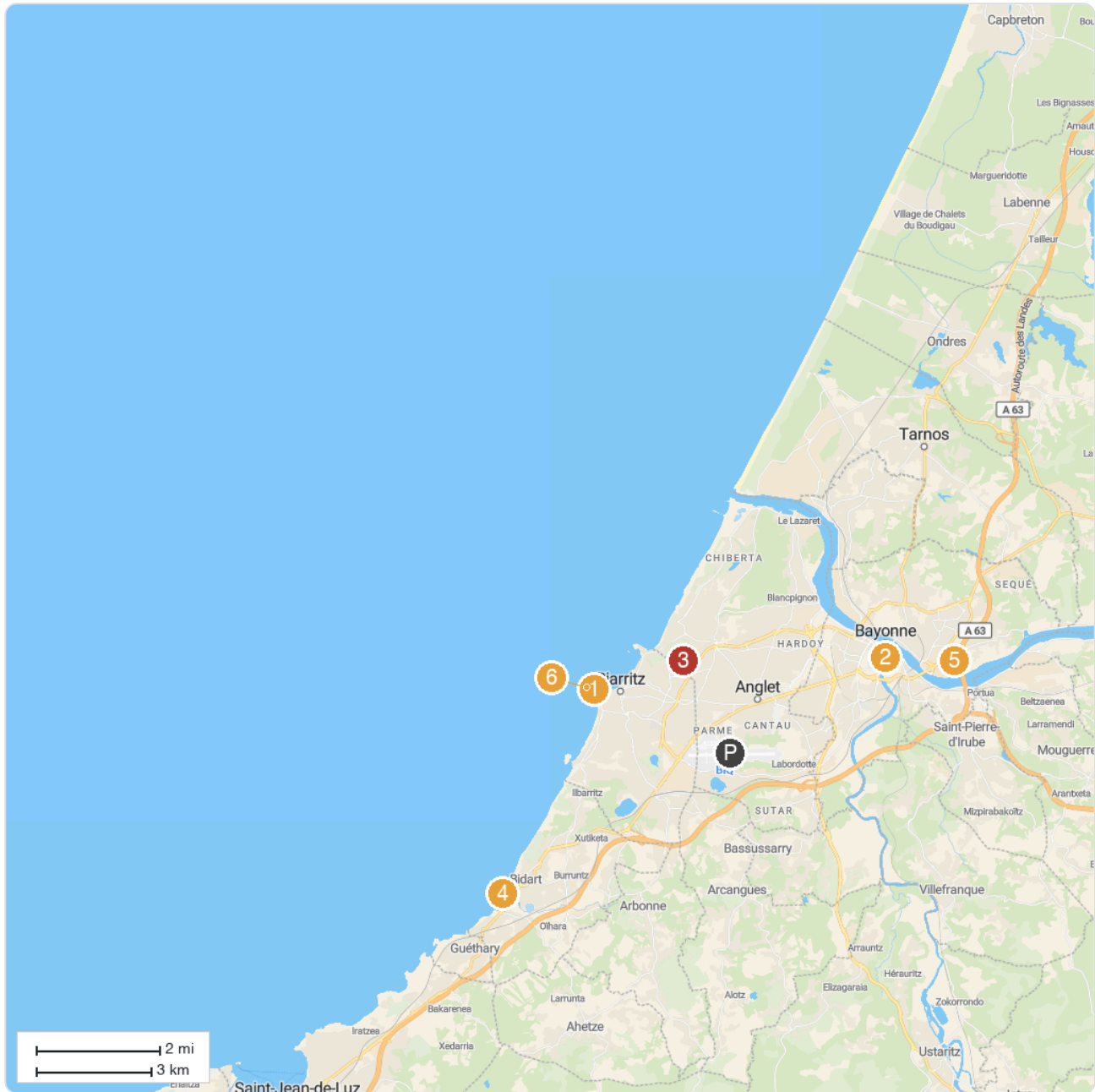
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender tickets fill fast: Collect yours early; book a ship's excursion for priority boarding. Swell can occasionally cancel tendering altogether — check ship announcements.
- Wear comfortable shoes: Biarritz is built on Atlantic cliffs. The town is walkable but hilly — sandals will make you miserable on the cobbled streets.
- Swimming caution: Atlantic currents on Côte des Basques can be strong. Swim only on patrolled sections of Grande Plage and respect flag warnings.
- Eat Basque: Try pintxos (tapas on bread), fresh fish at Port des Pêcheurs restaurants, and Bayonne-style cured ham. Avoid over-priced tourist traps on Grande Plage — one street back is better value.
- Surfing birthplace: Biarritz hosted Europe's first surf club in 1959. Even non-surfers enjoy watching the breaks from the Côte des Basques clifftop promenade.
- Cash & cards: Euros only. Most shops and restaurants accept credit cards, but carry some cash for the fishing port cafés and market stalls.

Biarritz, Basque Country, 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 Biarritz Aquarium | Biarritz Aquarium showcases marine life from the Bay of Biscay. | 2 Musée Basque | Explore Basque culture, history, and traditions at this museum. |
| 3 Fabrique de Chistera | See chistera, Basque pelota gloves, made in this workshop. | 4 Plage de Bidart | Bidart Beach offers sandy shores for swimming and surfing. |
| 5 TOO LATE Escape Game Bayonne - Pays basque | Solve puzzles and escape rooms at this immersive game. | 6 Rocher de la Vierge | Iconic rock with a Virgin Mary statue overlooking the ocean. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |