

Bonifacio, Corsica, France

Perched on soaring white cliffs above a fjord-like harbor, Bonifacio's ancient citadel and crystalline southern waters make it one of the Mediterranean's most arresting stops. The town is compact and walkable — but those cliffs demand good shoes.

Mostly tender (small ships may dock in marina)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: French / Corsican

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Large ships anchor and tender to Quai Sotta Portigliola in the marina; smaller yachts/expedition ships can berth in the marina directly

Best For: Clifftop history, boat tours, sea caves, Lavezzi Islands snorkeling

Walk to citadel: 15–25 min steep climb from tender dock to the Old Town gate; tourist train available

Don't Miss: King of Aragon's Staircase (187 cliff-cut steps) and a boat tour of the sea caves

Getting around: Taxi Short hops · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Cliffs & Sea Caves Boat Tour** — The essential Bonifacio experience: circle the limestone cliffs by boat, drift through the Sdragonato sea cave (whose ceiling hole is shaped like…
 - Lavezzi Islands Snorkeling** — A 30–40 minute boat ride brings you to the Lavezzi Islands nature reserve — granite islets, turquoise lagoons, and some of the clearest water in the…
- Bonifacio Citadel Walking Tour** — Guided stroll through the medieval Haute Ville: Porte de Gênes, Sainte-Marie-Majeure church, Bastion de l'Etendard viewpoint, and the Marine Cemetery…
 - King of Aragon's Staircase** — 187 steps carved directly into the cliff face descend from the Old Town to a rocky ledge above the sea.
 - Day Trip to Sardinia** — Ferries cross the Strait of Bonifacio to Santa Teresa Gallura in Sardinia in about 50 minutes.

BEST WALKS

- Marina to Citadel & Bastions Path** 1.5 km | 30–40 min | Moderate (steep climb) — From the tender dock at the marina, follow the road up to Porte de Gênes, the Old Town's main gate.
- Capo Pertusato Coastal Path** 3 km each way | 1.5–2 hrs | Easy–moderate — From Col Saint-Roch at the top of the old town, a well-marked coastal path follows the limestone cliffs to Capo Pertusato — the southernmost tip of Corsica — with…

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		62°	53°	7d
Jun		78°	67°	4d
Aug		84°	73°	2d
Sep		78°	68°	5d
Oct		71°	62°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:43AM–8:03PM · Jun 5:49AM–8:58PM · Aug 6:32AM–8:22PM · Sep 7:04AM–7:32PM · Oct 7:35AM–6:42PM

Currency: Euro (€)

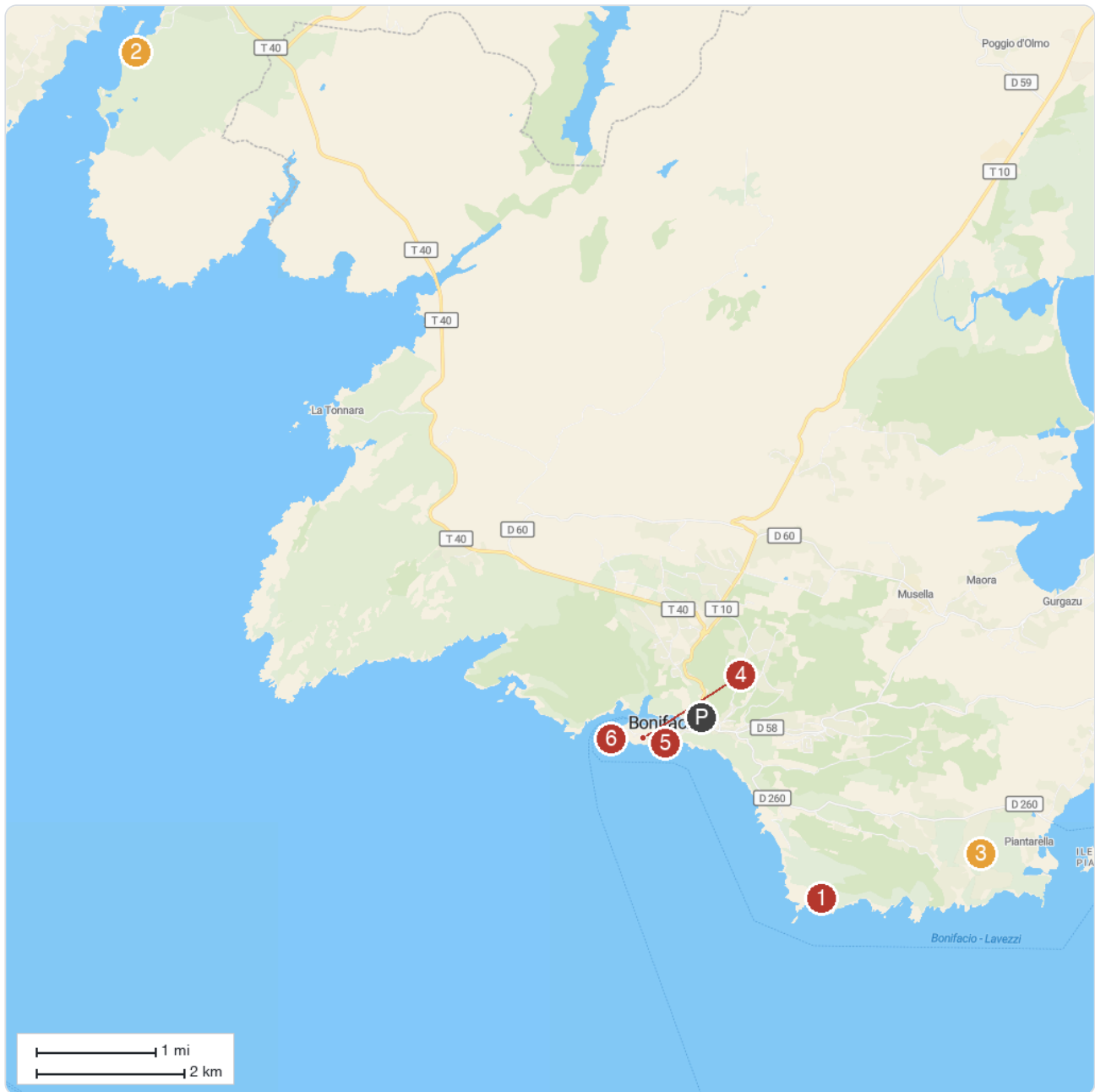
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear proper shoes. The citadel streets are steep, cobblestoned, and often slippery. Sandals or flip-flops will make you miserable.
- Book boat tours early. Cliff and Lavezzi Islands tours fill up fast in summer. Head to the marina kiosks as soon as you tender, or book in advance online.
- Wind can cancel tenders. The Strait of Bonifacio is notoriously windy — the Mistral and Tramontane can kick up quickly. Check your ship's announcements for tender status.
- Petit Train is worth it. If the climb looks daunting, Le Petit Train makes the citadel accessible to everyone for a few euros — it departs from near the marina.
- Eat in the Haute Ville. The marina restaurants are convenient but pricier and more touristy. Climb up and find a table in the citadel streets for better food at fairer prices.
- Sardinia day-trippers: watch the clock. The Moby Lines ferry to Santa Teresa Gallura takes ~50 min but crossings are weather-dependent. Budget plenty of time to get back before your ship departs.

Bonifacio, Corsica, 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 Fanale di Pertusatu | Pertusato Lighthouse offers stunning views of the sea. | 2 Plage de Figari | Figari Beach is a beautiful, secluded sandy cove. |
| 3 Golf de Spérone | Spérone Golf Course is a scenic clifftop 18-hole golf course. | 4 Ghjesgia San Dumenicu | Saint Dominic's Church is Bonifacio's historic Gothic church. |
| 5 Falaises de Bonifacio | Bonifacio Cliffs are dramatic white limestone cliffs overlooking the sea. | 6 Cimiteriu Marinu di Bunifaziu | Bonifacio Marine Cemetery is a picturesque cemetery by the sea. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |