

Bordeaux, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France

France's wine capital sits right on the Garonne River — one of the few major cities where cruise ships dock steps from a UNESCO-listed historic center. Cobblestone quays, grand neoclassical facades, and the world's largest wine museum all within easy walking distance.

Docked (river quay) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Euro (€) French

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at Quai des Chartrons or Bassens; the old city is a short walk or free shuttle from the quay

Best For: Wine lovers, architecture fans, and foodies — Bordeaux's UNESCO old town rivals any European city center

Walk to center: 5-15 min on foot from Quai des Chartrons to Place de la Bourse and the Miroir d'Eau

Don't Miss: Miroir d'Eau (world's largest reflecting pool), Cité du Vin wine museum, and a glass of Bordeaux at a riverside café

Getting around: **Taxi** €30–€50 (Bassens to city) · **Rideshare** Uber, Bolt · **Hop-on hop-off** Bordeaux City Tours (Visiotour) · from 22

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **UNESCO Old City Walking Tour** — Bordeaux's entire historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- **Cité du Vin — World-Class Wine Museum** — The Cité du Vin is a stunning building by XTU Architects — its swirling, golden form evokes wine in motion and the eddies of the Garonne.
- **Saint-Émilion Wine Village Day Trip** — Just 40 km east, Saint-Émilion is a medieval village carved into limestone cliffs, surrounded by some of the world's most prestigious vineyards.
- **Garonne Riverfront Cycle Ride** — Rent a bike (multiple hire spots near Quai des Chartrons) and cruise the flat, car-free promenade along both banks of the Garonne.
- **Médoc Wine Route Drive** — Head north through the famous Médoc wine route — home to Château Margaux, Château Latour, and Pauillac's legendary estates.

BEST WALKS

- **Quai des Chartrons to Miroir d'Eau** 1.5 km · 20 min · Flat — Walk south from the ship along the Garonne promenade.
- **Old City Loop — Cathedrals, Markets & Grand Théâtre** 3.5 km · 1 hr · Flat cobblestones — From the Miroir d'Eau, head inland through the Rue Sainte-Catherine pedestrian shopping street (one of Europe's longest), to the magnificent Grand Théâtre, the Grosse...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇫🇷 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:17AM–8:47PM · Jun 6:15AM–9:50PM · Aug 7:04AM–9:07PM · Sep 7:41AM–8:12PM · Oct 8:18AM–7:17PM	
Apr	64°	47°	11d	Euro (€)	
Jun	77°	60°	11d		
Aug	81°	62°	9d		
Sep	77°	58°	9d		
Oct	69°	53°	11d		

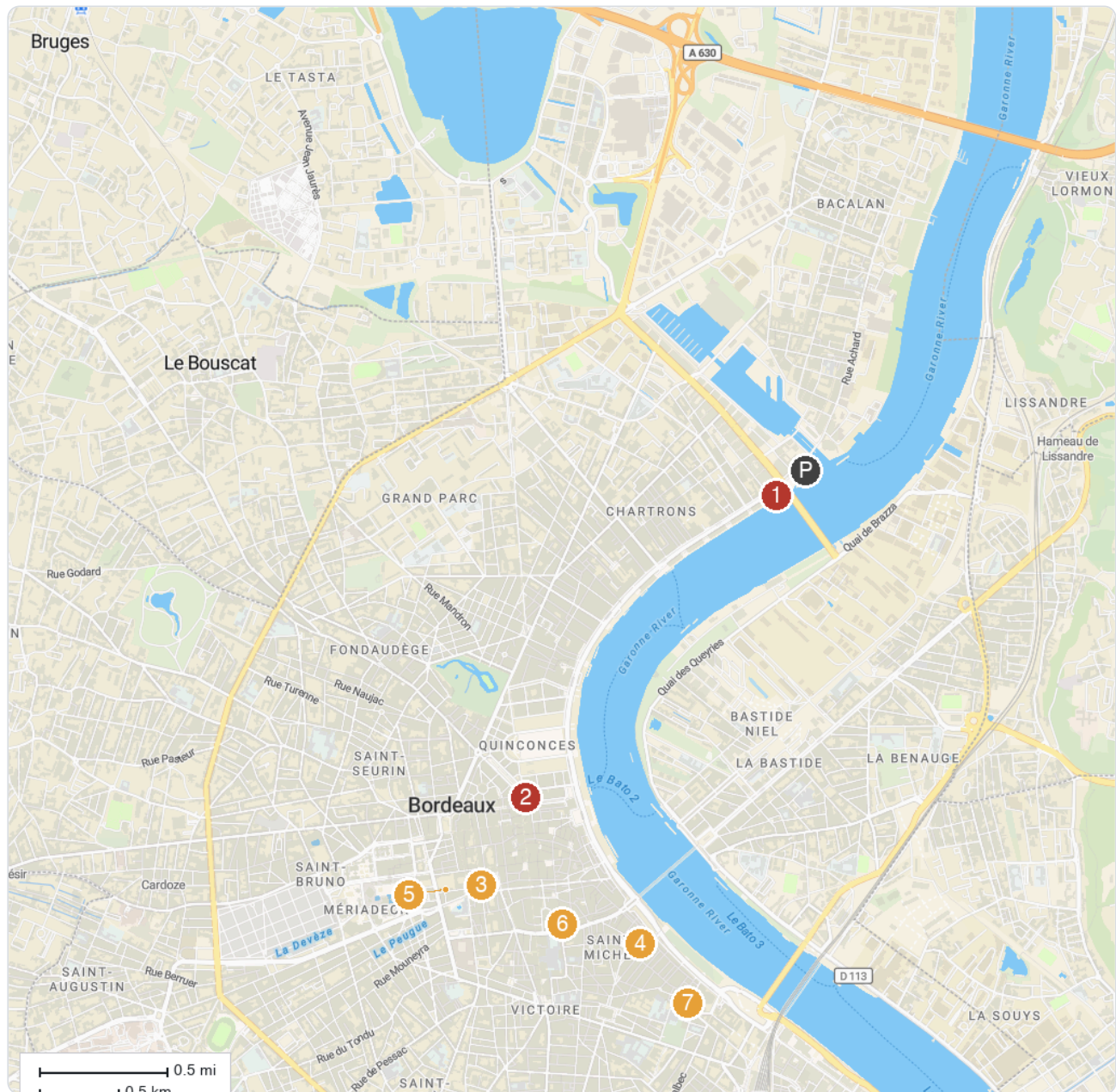
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Cité du Vin online — entry queues can be long in summer; pre-purchased tickets include a tasting flight at the belvedere and save time.
- Confirm your berth the night before: if you're at Bassens terminal, the ship shuttle fills up fast — be at the gangway early. Walk-off at Quai des Chartrons is immediate.
- ATMs and card payments: Bordeaux is very card-friendly; Visa/Mastercard accepted almost everywhere. Keep a few euros for market stalls and small cafés.
- Weather: Bordeaux is warm and sunny May–September. Summer (Jul-Aug) highs reach 30°C+. Pack sunscreen; the riverside promenade has little shade.
- Oysters are a must: Bordeaux is the gateway to Arcachon Bay, France's top oyster-farming region. Order a dozen with a glass of Entre-Deux-Mers white wine at any brasserie near the quay.
- Take the tram: The Bordeaux tram runs on a ground-level power rail (no overhead cables) — beautiful in the old city. It's a paid TBM service: buy a 24-hr day pass (~€5) at any tram stop for unlimited travel, including Line B to the Cité du Vin (stop 'La Cité du Vin').

Bordeaux, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, 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.



1 Cap Sciences Interactive science museum for all ages.

3 Cathédrale Saint-André de Bordeaux Grand Gothic cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

5 Bordeaux Museum of Fine Arts Museum showcasing European paintings and sculptures.

7 Église Sainte-Croix de Bordeaux Former abbey church with stunning Romanesque architecture.

2 Opéra National de Bordeaux - Grand-Théâtre Historic 18th-century opera house and theatre.

4 Basilique Saint-Michel Gothic basilica with a soaring separate bell tower.

6 Saint Eligius Church Historic church with a beautiful Romanesque facade.

P Cruise port / terminal