

Bouchemaine, Loire Valley, France

Where the Maine meets the Loire, this quiet Anjou village is a gateway to medieval fortresses, world-class tapestries, and the famed Loire à Vélo cycling route — all within easy reach of your ship.

 River pontoon (moored)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Euro  French

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River pontoon / halte fluviale on the Loire

Walk to center: La Pointe village ~5 min; Angers by shuttle/taxi ~20 min

Best For: Château d'Angers, Loire cycling, river boat trips

Don't Miss: The 14th-century Apocalypse Tapestry at Château d'Angers

 Getting around:  Taxi  €20–€33 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Château d'Angers & the Apocalypse Tapestry** — The massive 13th-century fortress about 9 km away houses the world's largest surviving medieval tapestry — roughly 100 metres of vivid apocalyptic...
- **Loire à Vélo Riverside Ride** — Hop on the famous Loire à Vélo trail directly from the port.
- **La Pointe — the Boatmen's Quarter** — Walk the narrow lanes of this artisan neighbourhood at the confluence of the Maine and Loire.
- **Anjou Wine & Château de Brissac** — The Brissac area, 11 km south-east, is the gateway to Anjou's rosé and Coteaux du Layon appellations.
- **Traditional Loire Boat Trip** — Operators La Batellerie de la Loire and Instants de Loire offer guided trips on flat-bottomed traditional boats (toutes cabanées) from Bouchemaine's...

BEST WALKS

- **La Pointe Confluence Trail** 2 km · 30–45 min · Easy — Follow the interpretive nature trail from the halte fluviale pontoon through La Pointe to the exact spot where the Maine meets the Loire.
- **Belvédère de la Piverdière Panorama Walk** 4 km round trip · 1–1.5 hrs · Easy — A gentle uphill path leads to a 7-hectare park with a viewpoint over the Maine, the Basses Vallées Angevines wetlands, and the Angers skyline.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:14AM–8:51PM · Jun 6:05AM–10:00PM · Aug 6:59AM–9:13PM · Sep 7:40AM–8:14PM · Oct 8:21AM–7:14PM Euro	
Apr	61°	45°	9d		
Jun	75°	58°	10d		
Aug	78°	60°	8d		
Sep	73°	56°	8d		
Oct	64°	51°	11d		

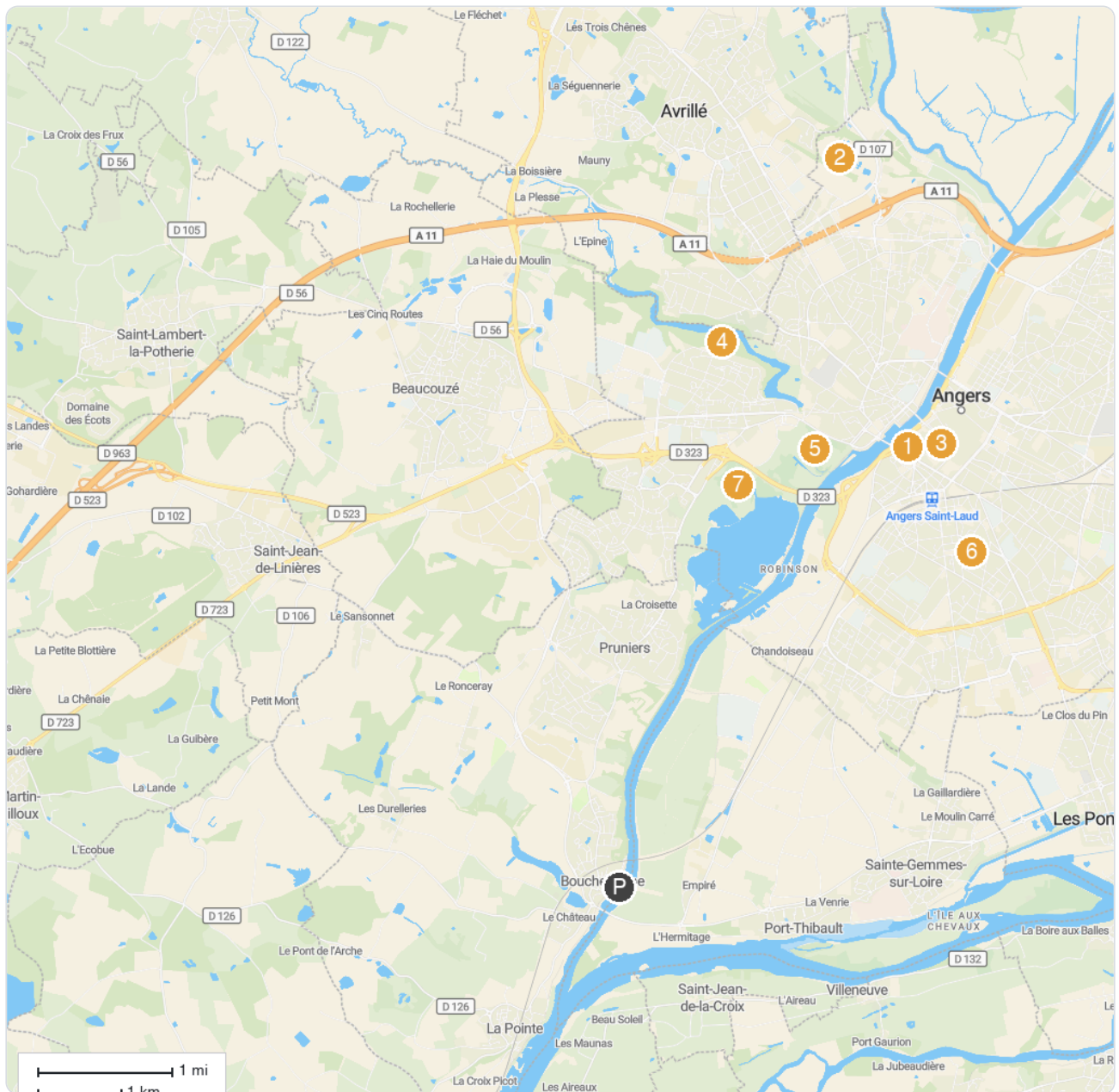
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Angers is the real draw. Bouchemaine village is lovely but small — most cruisers should plan to get to Angers. Your ship will likely offer a coach transfer; taxis take 20 minutes and cost roughly €15–20 each way.
- Bring euros. Card acceptance is widespread in Angers but the small artisan shops in La Pointe often prefer cash.
- The cycling is genuinely flat. The Loire à Vélo trail from Bouchemaine to Béhuard island and back is 20 km with almost no elevation — very manageable even for occasional cyclists.
- Book Château d'Angers tickets in advance. The Apocalypse Tapestry gallery is the highlight, but timed entries sell out on busy days. Reserve online before your cruise.
- Loire Valley weather is variable. Even in summer, bring a light rain layer — westerly Atlantic fronts move through quickly.

Bouchemaine, Loire Valley, 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 Château d'Angers | Medieval fortress housing the famous Apocalypse Tapestry. | 2 Terra Botanica | Unique plant-themed park with rides and botanical gardens. |
| 3 Cathédrale Saint-Maurice d'Angers | Historic Gothic cathedral with stunning stained glass windows. | 4 Saint Nicolas park | Relaxing public park with green spaces and walking paths. |
| 5 Balzac Park | Scenic riverside park perfect for a leisurely stroll. | 6 Parc du Pin (Rue du Pin) | Quiet local park with playgrounds and green areas. |
| 7 Jardin biologique | Organic garden showcasing sustainable plants and biodiversity. | P Cruise port / terminal | |