

Bougival, Île-de-France, France

Monet and Renoir painted these very riverbanks. Bougival's sleepy Seine-side quays and Impressionist trail make for a peaceful half-day off the barge — with Versailles just 20 minutes away.

🚢 River barge — docked along Seine quay ⌚ Typical call: 4–6 hrs 💶 Euro (EUR) 🗣️ French

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River barge ties up along the Seine embankment; you step straight off onto the quay

Best For: Art history lovers, cyclists, day-trippers to Versailles or Malmaison

Walk to center: Town center is immediately ashore; Impressionist trail starts within a few steps

Don't Miss: The 2 km Chemin des Impressionnistes on Île de la Chaussée with enamel painting reproductions at their exact original locations

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 Taxi ✅ €28–€40 · 🚲 Rideshare ✅ Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Chemin des Impressionnistes** — Walk the 2 km trail along the Île de la Chaussée where enamel plaques reproduce Impressionist paintings — Monet, Renoir, Sisley, Morisot — at the...
- **Château de Malmaison** — About 4 km east in Rueil-Malmaison, this elegant château was Empress Joséphine's beloved home and now a museum preserving Napoleonic-era rooms...
- **Palace of Versailles** — The Sun King's palace is only about 8 km away — a 15-minute drive.
- **Ivan Turgenev Museum** — The Russian novelist Ivan Turgenev spent his final years in this chalet-dacha in Bougival.
- **Parc de la Jonchère** — A hillside park frequented by Impressionist painters for its views over the Seine valley.

BEST WALKS

- **Chemin des Impressionnistes — Île de la Chaussée** 2 km · Flat · 45–60 min — Cross the footbridge from the quay onto the Île de la Chaussée and follow the enamel plaques reproducing Impressionist paintings at their original locations.
- **Quayside Stroll & Town Center** 1 km · Flat · 20–30 min — Walk the Seine embankment from the dock into Bougival's town center.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇫🇷 DAYLIGHT & 💶 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:00AM–8:43PM · Jun 5:47AM–9:56PM · Aug 6:44AM–9:06PM · Sep 7:28AM–8:03PM · Oct 8:12AM–7:01PM	
Apr	60°	42°	9d	Euro (EUR)	
Jun	73°	56°	11d		
Aug	76°	59°	10d		
Sep	71°	55°	8d		
Oct	62°	49°	12d		

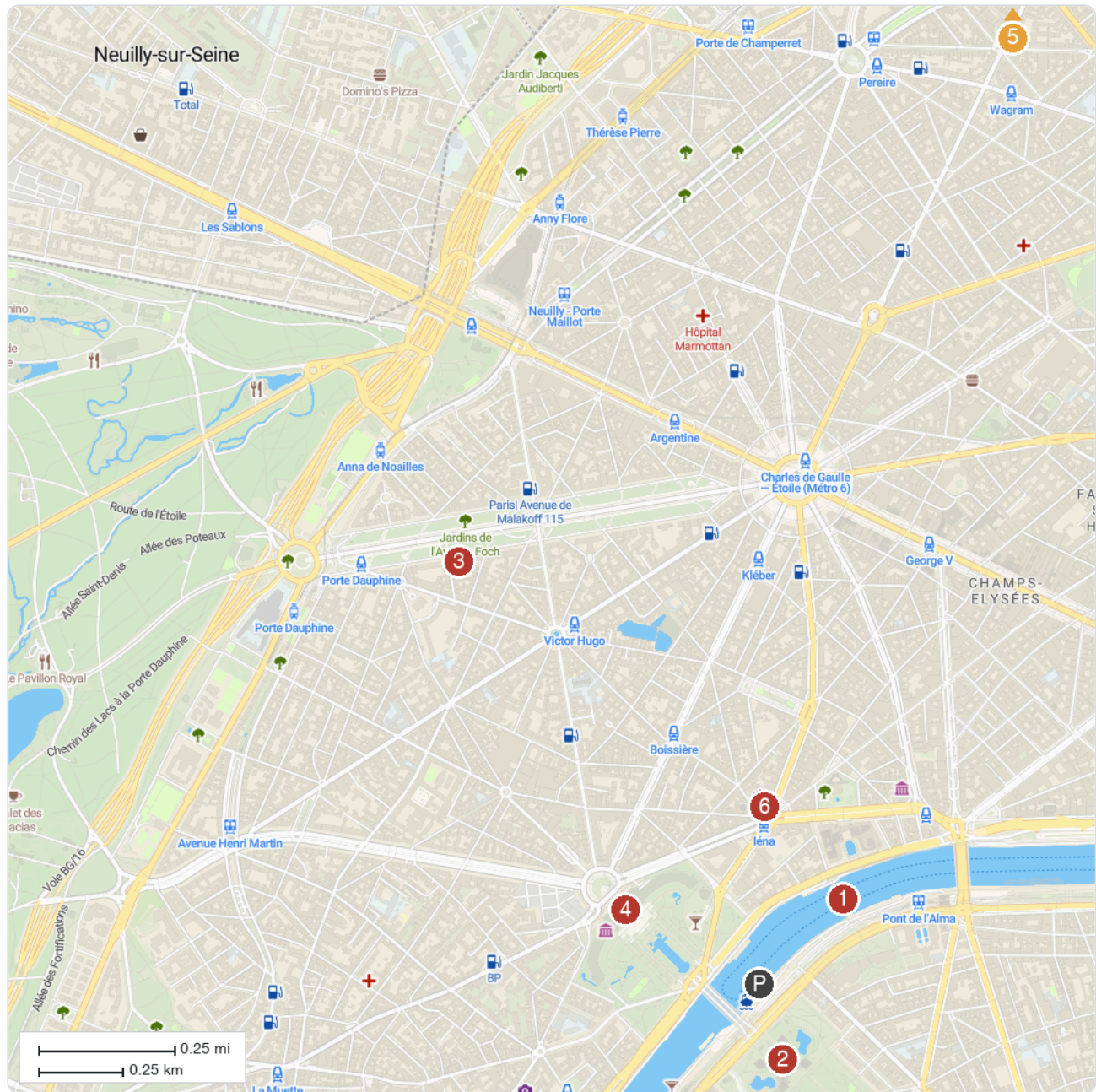
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Download the Impressionist trail app before arriving — the Office de Tourisme de Bougival's free guide maps all plaque locations on Île de la Chaussée.
- Book Versailles tickets online well in advance. Same-day entry is often unavailable and queues are brutal without a timed slot.
- Uber works well here — signal is good and drivers can reach Malmaison or Versailles easily. Pre-book for the return if your ship departs at a fixed time.
- Bring euros in small bills. Bougival is a quiet residential town; ATMs exist but are not on every corner. Card acceptance is good at museums.
- The Impressionist light is best in morning or late afternoon. Overcast days are actually ideal for photography — harsh midday sun flattens the river views the painters loved.
- Pick up supplies quayside — the boulangeries and small épiceries near the dock are excellent and cheaper than museum cafés. Pack a picnic for the island trail.

Bougival, Île-de-France, France — Port Map

cruiseports.org

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



- | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1 Passerelle Debilly | Elegant steel pedestrian bridge crossing the Seine River. | 2 Eiffel Tower | Iconic wrought-iron lattice tower, a global symbol of France. |
| 3 Ennery Museum | Museum showcasing exquisite Chinese and Japanese decorative arts. | 4 Palais de Chaillot | Art Deco palace housing museums with stunning Eiffel views. |
| 5 Pavillon Vendôme | 17th-century mansion housing art and period furniture. | 6 Musée national des arts asiatiques - Guimet | France's largest museum dedicated to Asian art. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |