

Bourg-sur-Gironde, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France

Perched on the Dordogne just above its confluence with the Garonne, Bourg-sur-Gironde packs two millennia of history into a single limestone hillside — citadel ruins, troglodyte caves, and Côtes de Bourg vineyards all within a short walk of the pontoon.

Docked (river pontoon) Typical call: 6–8 hrs Euro (€) French

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Quai Jean Bart pontoon, ~300 m from town center

Walk to centre: 5 min on foot from pontoon to ville basse

Best For: Medieval history, Bordeaux wine, estuary scenery

Don't Miss: Citadel panorama and Musée des Calèches

Getting around: **Taxi** €30–€70 to Saint-André-de-Cubzac (~13 km) · **Rideshare** Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Citadel & Musée des Calèches** — Explore the ruined citadel on its rocky promontory above the estuary.
- **Estuary Cruise — Carrelets & Cliffs** — Board a small local boat (e.g., Clapotine) for a guided trip onto the Dordogne and Gironde estuary.
- **Côtes de Bourg Wine Tasting** — Bourg is the capital of the Côtes de Bourg appellation.
- **Blaye Citadel Day Trip** — A 20-minute drive across the estuary (ferry from Blaye or road via Bordeaux), the Blaye Citadel is a UNESCO World Heritage Vauban fortress with free...
- **Route de la Corniche Fleurie** — The scenic cliff road between Bourg and Villeneuve winds past troglodyte dwellings, traditional carrelets, and limestone outcrops with estuary...

BEST WALKS

- **Ville Basse to Citadel Loop** 2 km · 45–60 min · Easy/Moderate — From the pontoon, walk through the lower town past the covered washhouse, through Porte Batailleire, then climb the Escalier du Roy to the citadel gardens.
- **Corniche Fleurie Walk** 3 km one-way · 1 hr · Easy — Head south-west out of town along the cliff road toward Villeneuve for views of carrelets and limestone caves.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

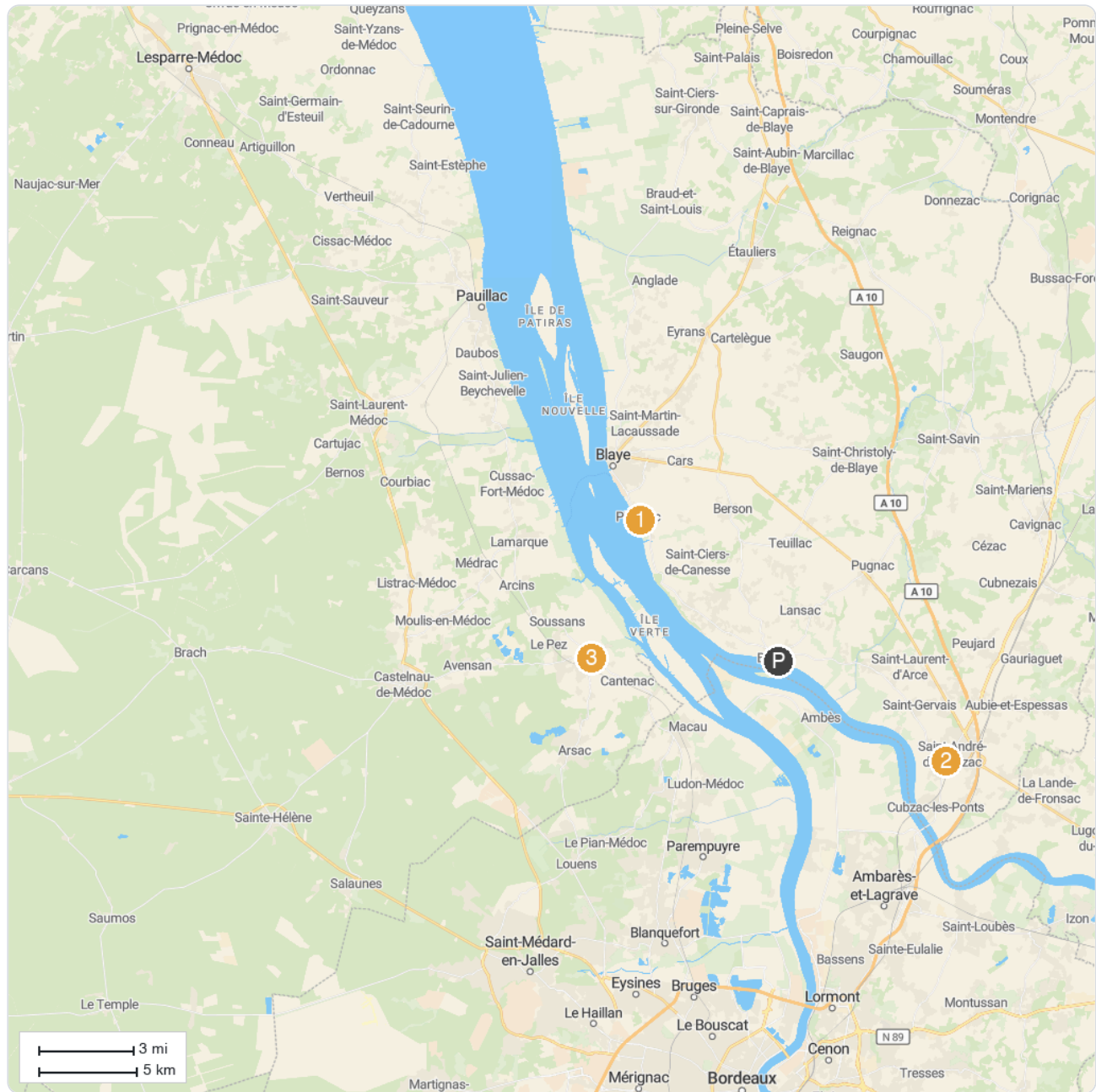
CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:17AM–8:47PM · Jun 6:15AM–9:50PM · Aug 7:04AM–9:08PM · Sep 7:41AM–8:12PM · Oct 8:18AM–7:16PM	
Apr	64°	47°	12d	Euro (€)	
Jun	76°	60°	11d		
Aug	80°	63°	8d		
Sep	76°	59°	8d		
Oct	68°	53°	11d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- River ships only. Bourg is a river cruise stop — ships are small (max 135 m) and dock directly on the quay. No tendering, no big-ship crowds.
- Buy wine here. The Maison des Vins des Côtes de Bourg lets you taste before you buy. Prices are noticeably lower than in Saint-Émilion across the estuary.
- Bring walking shoes. The upper town involves a steep climb up the historic Escalier du Roy. Worth it for the panoramic views.
- Everything is close. The citadel, Maison des Vins, and port are all within a 10-minute walk of each other. A full morning on foot covers the highlights easily.
- Tide matters. The Gironde has a strong tidal range. Departure times may shift; check with your ship's crew if you plan an off-ship excursion.
- Local produce. Look out for Bourg fig preserves and Estuary goat cheese at the market stalls and épiceries near the port.

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



1 Villa Gallo Romaine de Plassac

Ancient Roman villa ruins near Bourg-sur-Gironde.

3 Château Marquis de Terme Tourisme

Historic Bordeaux wine estate offering tours and tastings.

2 Église catholique Saint-André-Nom-de-Dieu à Saint-André-de-Cubzac

Historic Catholic church in Saint-André-de-Cubzac.

P Cruise port / terminal