

Briare, Loiret, France

Where Gustave Eiffel's 662-metre aqueduct carries canal boats across the Loire, Briare offers a quiet slice of old France — enamel mosaics, lock-side walks, and wine country within easy reach.

🚢 River port (docked at quay) ⌚ Typical call: 6–8 hrs 💰 Currency: Euro 🗣️ Language: French

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River barges tie up at the Port de Plaisance quay in town; short walk to the aqueduct

Best For: Engineering history, canal walks, enamel art, wine-country day trips

Walk to center: Town center is 5 min on foot from the quay; aqueduct is 10 min

Don't Miss: Walking across the Pont-canal de Briare — once the world's longest navigable aqueduct

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 Taxi ✓ €5–€15 · 🚗 Rideshare ✓ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Walk the Pont-canal de Briare** — Stroll across the 662-metre iron aqueduct designed with input from Gustave Eiffel's workshop, opened in 1896.
- **Musée des Deux Marines et du Pont-Canal** — Compact museum dedicated to the history of river navigation on the Loire and Canal de Briare, with exhibits on the construction of the aqueduct and...
- **Enamel & Mosaic Museum (Musée des Émaux et de la Mosaïque)** — Briare was France's leading enamel manufacturer for over 160 years.
- **Gien — Castle & Faïencerie** — The handsome red-brick Château de Gien, about 10 km downstream along the Loire, houses a museum dedicated to French hunting traditions.
- **Sancerre Wine & Village** — Perched on a hilltop 40 km south, Sancerre is one of the Loire Valley's most celebrated wine villages.

BEST WALKS

- **Canal Towpath to the Pont-canal** 1.5 km one-way · 20 min · Easy · Flat towpath — From the Port de Plaisance, follow the Canal Latéral à la Loire towpath north-east to the entrance of the Pont-canal de Briare.
- **Town Centre Loop — Enamels & Église Saint-Étienne** 2 km loop · 45 min · Easy · Pavements — A short loop from the quay through the town centre, taking in the Friday market square, the Église Saint-Étienne (notable for its enamel-decorated interior and Byzantine...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇺🇸 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:00AM–8:38PM · Jun 5:50AM–9:48PM · Aug 6:45AM–9:00PM · Sep 7:26AM–8:00PM · Oct 8:08AM–7:00PM Currency: Euro	
Apr	60°	43°	10d		
Jun	74°	57°	10d		
Aug	77°	60°	9d		
Sep	72°	55°	8d		
Oct	63°	50°	11d		

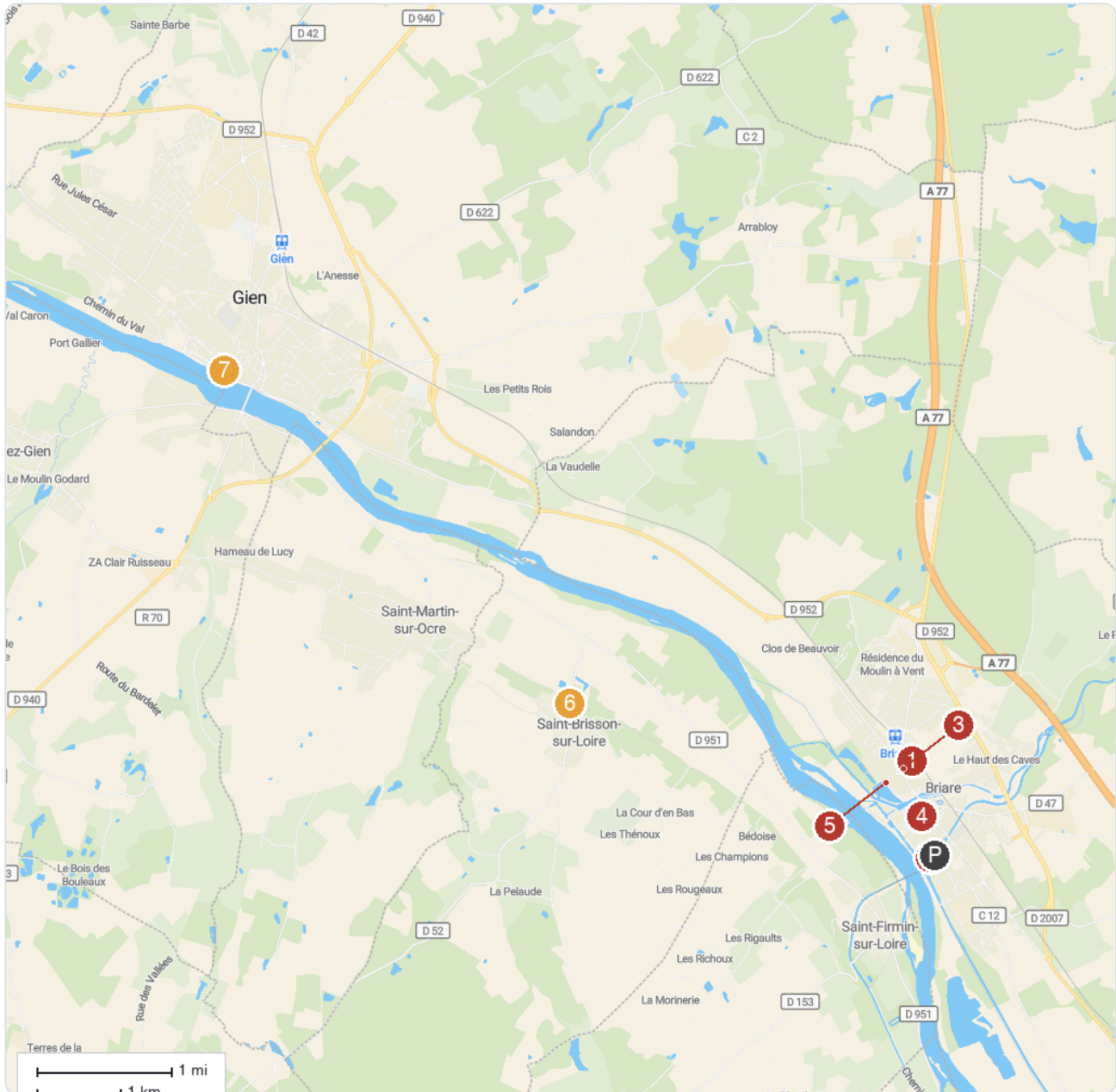
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Walk the aqueduct early. Tour groups arrive mid-morning; heading there first thing from the quay means near-empty lamplit walkways and the best light for photos.
- Bring euros in cash. Small shops and the tourist train prefer cash; ATMs are available on Rue du Commerce near the church.
- Sancerre is worth the taxi. At ~45 minutes each way, it's tight for a 6-hour call but doable with a pre-arranged taxi — a highlight for wine lovers.
- Look for enamel mosaics. Briare's Émaux de Briare factory has produced decorative enamel mosaic tiles since the 19th century — check the museum shop for affordable souvenirs.
- Loire à Vélo bike path passes through. Rental bikes are available near the port; the flat cycle path along the Loire and canal offers an easy way to reach the aqueduct and countryside.
- Weather is changeable. The Loire Valley can be cool and overcast even in summer — bring a light layer and don't rely solely on outdoor sights.

Briare, Loiret, 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 de Trousse-Barrière | Historic château with beautiful architecture and gardens. | 2 Le Petit Train de Briare | A charming tourist train offering scenic town tours. |
| 3 Musée des 2 Marines et du Pont-Canal | Museum detailing local navigation history and the canal bridge. | 4 Église Saint-Étienne de Briare | Historic church showcasing local religious architecture. |
| 5 Station Location Loisirs briare | Rental station for boats, bikes, and leisure activities. | 6 Castle of Saint Brisson sur Loire | Medieval castle offering panoramic views of the Loire. |
| 7 Aerial Pole Fitness | A fitness studio specializing in aerial and pole arts. | P Cruise port / terminal | |