

Burnside, Louisiana, USA

A sleepy Mississippi River bend hiding one of the South's grandest antebellum showpieces — Houmas House — and the live-oak-lined River Road plantation corridor that put Louisiana sugar on the map.

- Docked (river dock/wharf)
- Typical call: 6–8 hrs
- US Dollar (USD)
- English / Louisiana French
- River Road plantation country

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at private river wharf; ships moor directly on the Mississippi bank

Best For: Plantation history, Southern gardens, Creole food, Mississippi River scenery

Walk to center: Burnside has no town center — Houmas House is ~0.5 mi from the dock; a car or shuttle is needed for anything else

Don't Miss: Houmas House guided mansion tour and gardens — the "Crown Jewel of the River Road"

Getting around: **Taxi** Meter / negotiated

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Houmas House Guided Mansion Tour** — The "Sugar Palace" of the River Road.
- Great River Road Museum** — On the Houmas House grounds, this newer museum tells the story of life along the Mississippi — commerce, culture, folklore, and the people who shaped...
- Lunch at Latil's Landing or The Carriage House** — Houmas House's award-winning restaurants serve upscale Creole and Louisiana fare.
- River Road Plantation Drive** — For independent travelers with a rental car, the River Road stretches in both directions from Burnside, connecting Laura Plantation, Oak Alley, and...
- Mississippi River Levee Walk** — A short, flat walk along the river levee adjacent to the dock offers expansive views of one of the world's great rivers — barge traffic, a wide muddy...

BEST WALKS

- Houmas House Gardens & Grounds Loop** 1–1.5 mi · Easy · ~45 min — From the shuttle drop-off at Houmas House, walk the formal garden paths, past ponds and live oaks, around to the rear gardens and garçonnieres (flanking guest cottages).
- Riverside Levee Stroll** 0.5 mi · Flat · 20 min — From the ship dock, walk the top of the Mississippi River levee north toward the plantation.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:03AM–8:13PM · Jun 6:18AM–8:59PM · Aug 6:55AM–8:29PM · Sep 7:21AM–7:45PM · Oct 7:46AM–7:00PM	
Apr	67°	47°	12d	US Dollar (USD)	
Jun	84°	65°	13d		
Aug	85°	68°	13d		
Sep	81°	63°	8d		
Oct	70°	53°	10d		

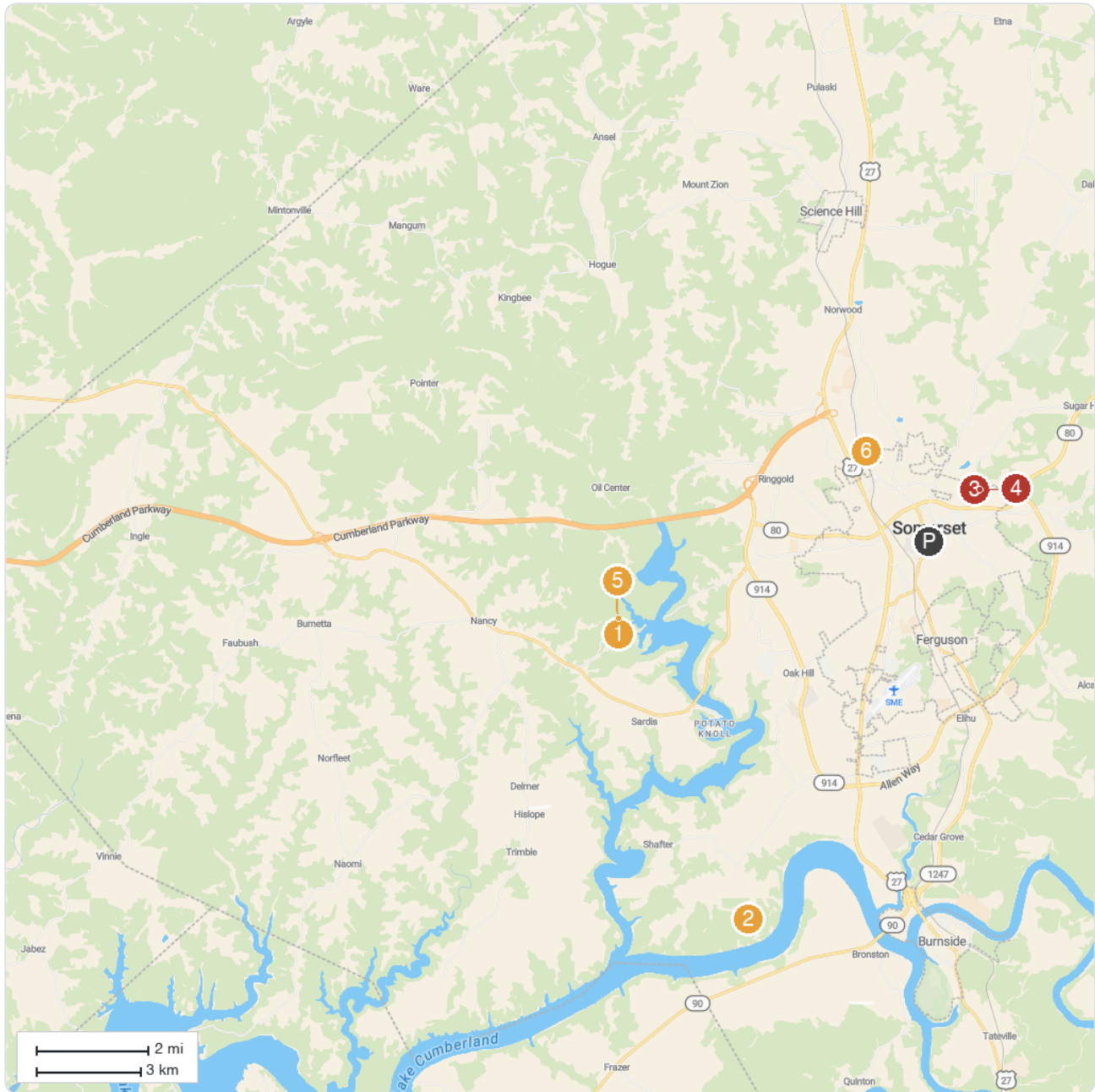
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- No Uber here. Burnside is rural — if you want to visit other River Road plantations beyond Houmas House, arrange a car rental from Baton Rouge or New Orleans before your cruise day. Taxis are not reliably available.
- Book Houmas House dining in advance. Latil's Landing and The Carriage House fill up quickly on ship days. Reserve online before departure.
- Louisiana heat is serious. Spring and fall calls are pleasant; summer calls can be 90°F+ with high humidity. Wear loose clothing, bring water, and take shade breaks in the gardens.
- Houmas House admission ~\$35 adults. Budget an extra \$20–30 per person for dining. Bring US dollars or a card — cash is accepted everywhere on site.
- Best photo op: the front live-oak allée at Houmas House, late morning before the tour groups arrive. The canopy frames the mansion perfectly.
- Mississippi River levels vary. In high-water periods (spring), levee access may be restricted. Check with ship staff on arrival.

Burnside, Louisiana, USA — 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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| <p>1 Pulaski County Park</p> <p>3 Somerset Parks & Recreation</p> <p>5 Eagle Scout Trail Head</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>A large park offering trails, playgrounds, and sports fields.</p> <p>Manages community parks, sports facilities, and recreational activities.</p> <p>Marks the beginning of a scenic hiking trail.</p> | <p>2 Liberty Nature Center</p> <p>4 SomerSport Park</p> <p>6 SomerSplash Waterpark</p> | <p>An educational center focused on wildlife rehabilitation and nature.</p> <p>A large sports complex with multiple fields and courts.</p> <p>A fun waterpark with slides, pools, and splash areas.</p> |
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