

Caen-Ouistreham, Normandy, France

Where the English Channel meets living history — Ouistreham is the front door to Normandy's D-Day beaches, the solemn American Cemetery at Omaha, medieval Caen, and the Bayeux Tapestry, all within a single shore day.

Docked (dedicated quay) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Euro (EUR) French

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Dedicated ISPS quay at Ouistreham; larger ships dock here, smaller vessels may dock in Caen city basin

Best For: WWII history, D-Day beach tours, medieval castles, Bayeux Tapestry

Walk to Centre: Ouistreham town 10-15 min walk; Caen city 15 km (free shuttle or Twisto bus line 12, ~25 min)

Don't Miss: Sword Beach (steps from the pier), Pegasus Bridge, Mémorial de Caen, Omaha Beach

Getting around: Taxi €30–€50 · Rideshare Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **D-Day Beaches Full Tour** — Cover the Allied landing sectors in one long day: Sword Beach (right at your pier), Juno Beach Centre, Arromanches Mulberry Harbour (Gold sector)...
- **Pegasus Bridge & Airborne Museum** — About 8 km from the pier, Pegasus Bridge was seized in a glider assault minutes after midnight on June 6, 1944 — the first Allied objective of D-Day.
- **Mémorial de Caen** — Europe's premier WWII memorial museum sits in Caen, covering D-Day, the Normandy campaign, and the Cold War with impressive depth.
- **Bayeux & the Tapestry** — Bayeux survived WWII largely intact and rewards a visit doubly — first for the UNESCO-listed Bayeux Tapestry, a 70-metre embroidered cloth depicting...
- **Ouistreham Riva-Bella Beach Walk** — Sword Beach begins steps from the cruise pier.

BEST WALKS

- **Sword Beach & Riva-Bella Promenade** 1.5 km • 30-45 min • Flat seafront — Walk south from the cruise quay along the seafront to the Riva-Bella beach area.
- **Caen City Highlights** 2-3 km in centre • 2-3 hrs • Mostly flat — Take the bus or shuttle to Caen, then walk from the Mémorial de Caen (allow 2 hrs inside) past the Château de Caen — a well-preserved Norman fortress — down to the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:09AM–8:53PM · Jun 5:55AM–10:08PM · Aug 6:53AM–9:16PM · Sep 7:37AM–8:13PM · Oct 8:22AM–7:10PM Euro (EUR)	
Apr	57°	43°	10d		
Jun	69°	55°	10d		
Aug	72°	59°	12d		
Sep	69°	56°	10d		
Oct	62°	51°	13d		

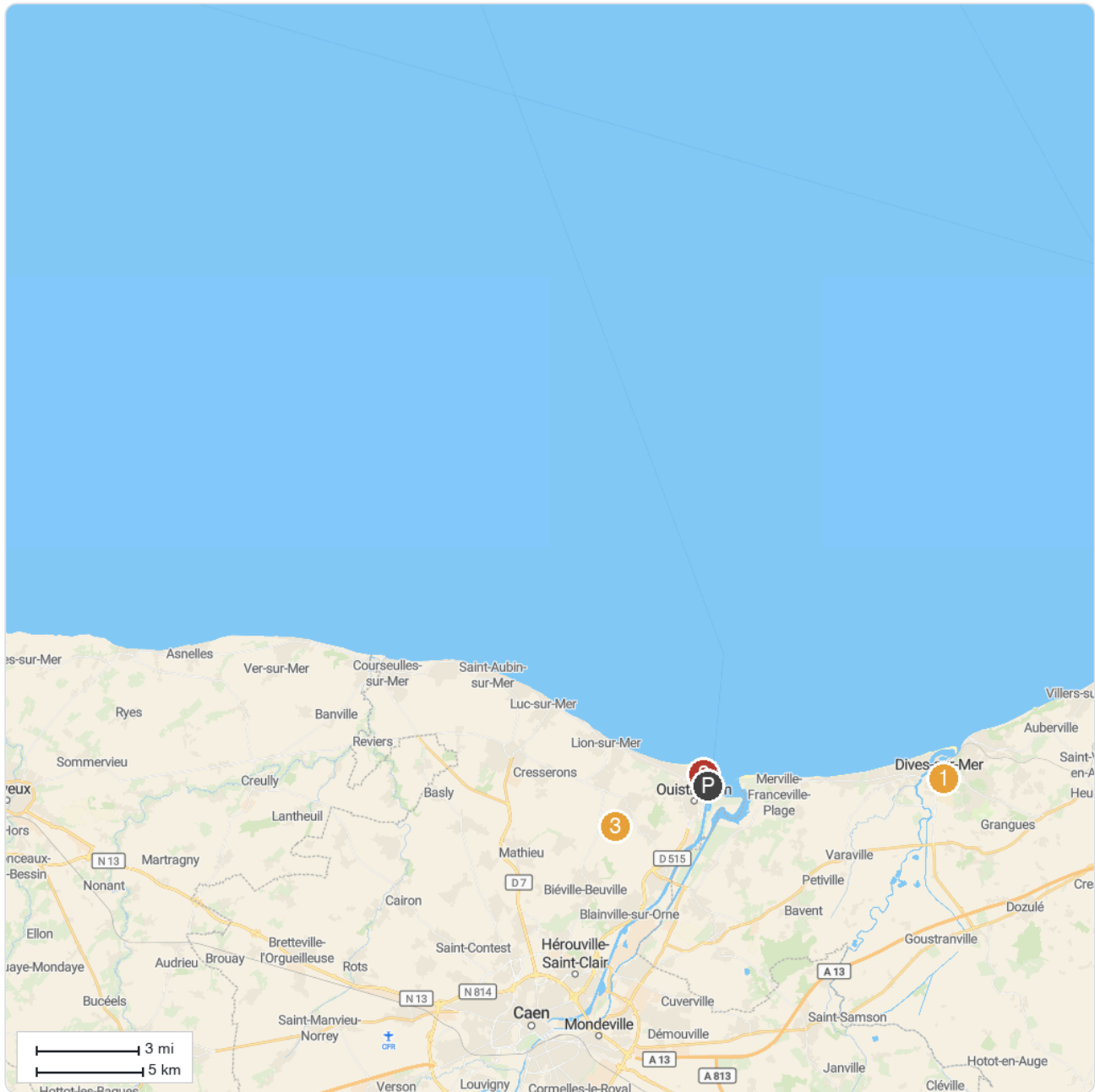
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book D-Day tours early. Guided Normandy beach tours sell out months ahead — especially in peak season (May-September). Independent travellers can rent a car in Caen or Ouistreham.
- Free shuttle to town is on cruise days only. The port's complimentary shuttle runs only when ships are in. Twisto bus line 12 (Ouistreham ↔ Caen) is a reliable backup at ~€2 per ride.
- Normandy weather is variable. Even in summer, pack a light waterproof layer — the Channel coast gets sea mist and sudden showers.
- Cards widely accepted in Caen and Bayeux, but carry some cash for smaller town cafés, parking meters, and rural museum entries.
- Try the local seafood. Normandy oysters, crevettes, and moules-frites are outstanding and cheap at harbour-side restaurants in Ouistreham. Skip the ships dining room tonight.
- Time your return carefully. Omaha Beach is ~60 km from the pier — a long day. Agree a departure time with your driver and build in 30 min buffer before all-aboard.

Caen-Ouistreham, Normandy, 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.



1 Notre Dame Catholic Church

Historic Catholic church, a beautiful example of religious architecture.

3 Site fortifié Hillman

WWII German fortified command post, part of the Atlantic Wall.

2 Le Grand Bunker - Museum of the Atlantic Wall

Original WWII bunker, now a museum about the Atlantic Wall.

P Cruise port / terminal