

Calais, Hauts-de-France, France

Gateway to France across the Channel, Calais pairs a dramatic WWII history with Rodin's most famous bronze and a quirky mechanical dragon prowling the seafront. The White Cliffs of Dover are visible on a clear day.

 Docked (Terminal Croisières)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Euro (€)  French

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at Terminal Croisières, Ferry Terminal area — large ships may anchor and tender

Walk to centre: ~20-30 min on foot; taxis and shuttle buses available

Best For: History, art, coastal scenery, day trips to Cap Blanc-Nez or Boulogne

Don't Miss: Rodin's Burghers of Calais at the Town Hall & the Dragon of Calais on the beach promenade

 Getting around:  Taxi  €20–€30 ·  Rideshare  Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Burghers of Calais & Town Hall** — Rodin's monumental bronze stands outside the Flemish Renaissance Town Hall — one of the most famous sculptures in France.
- **Cité Internationale de la Dentelle et de la Mode** — Calais lace has dressed royalty and haute couture for two centuries.
- **Musée Mémoire 39-45 (WWII Bunker)** — Walk through one of Europe's longest accessible German Atlantic Wall bunkers, packed with original artefacts and maps covering the German occupation...
- **Cap Blanc-Nez & Opal Coast Drive** — The dramatic white chalk cliffs of Cap Blanc-Nez rise 134 m above the Channel — on a clear day you can see the cliffs of Dover.
- **Dragon of Calais Beach Promenade** — The 10-metre mechanical Dragon of Calais breathes smoke and carries passengers along the seafront — half art installation, half amusement ride.

BEST WALKS

- **Port to Place d'Armes & Town Hall** 2.5 km · ~30 min · Easy — Walk from the Terminal Croisières along Boulevard de la Résistance into the city centre, reaching the grand Place d'Armes and the Flemish Town Hall where Rodin's...
- **Town Hall to Lace Museum & Beach Dragon** 2 km · ~25 min · Easy — From the Town Hall head north-west via Rue Dupont to the Cité de la Dentelle, then continue to the seafront promenade to find the Dragon of Calais and the wide sandy...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:57AM–8:48PM · Jun 5:38AM–10:08PM · Aug 6:40AM–9:12PM · Sep 7:28AM–8:06PM · Oct 8:16AM–6:59PM	
Apr	55°	43°	10d	Euro (€)	
Jun	67°	55°	9d		
Aug	70°	59°	13d		
Sep	67°	56°	10d		
Oct	60°	52°	15d		

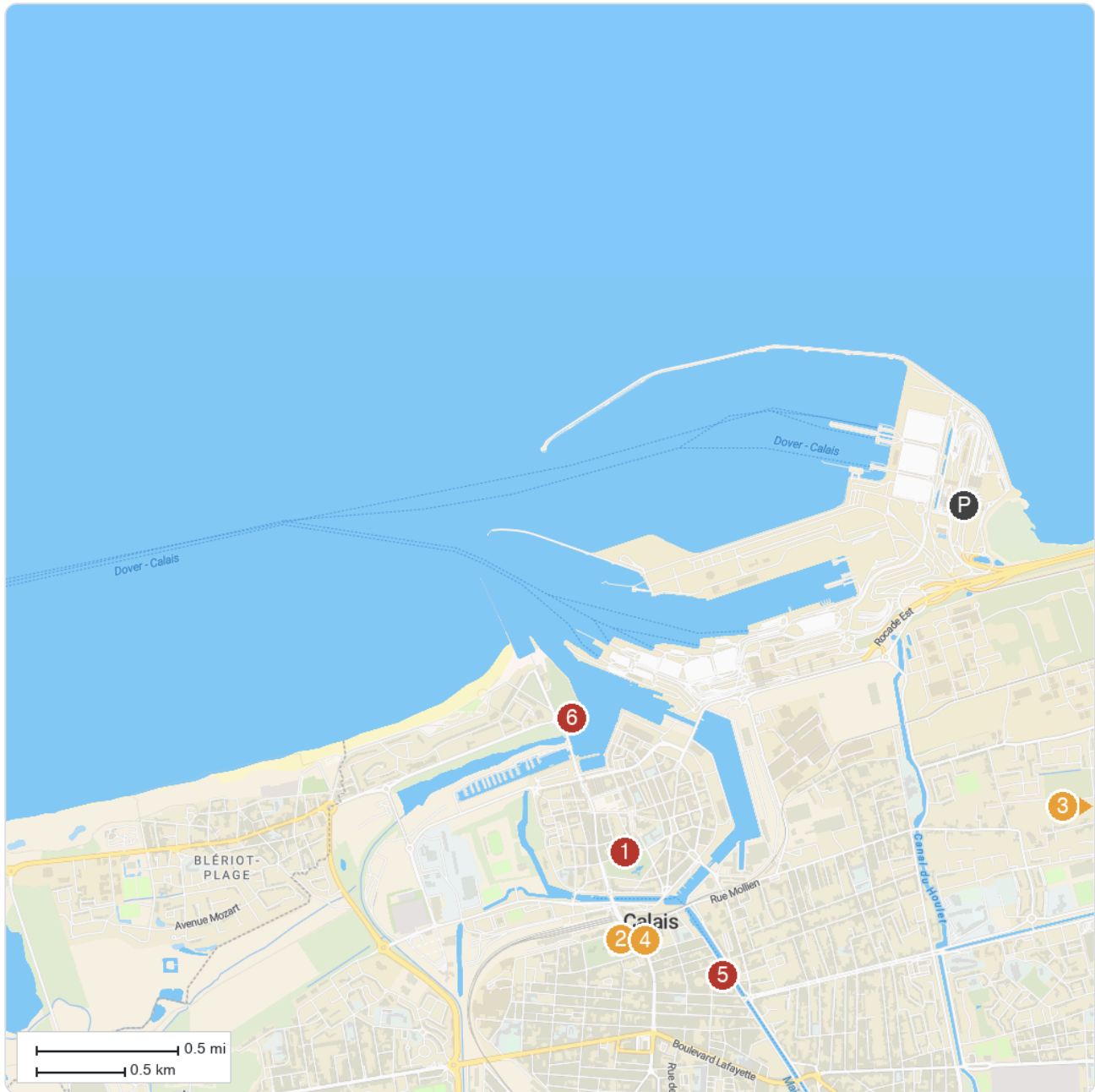
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Taxi from pier to centre costs €10-12 and saves 30 minutes. Agree the fare before getting in — meters aren't always used for short port runs.
- Book the Dragon ride in advance if you want to ride on top — day-of tickets sell out in summer. Walking alongside to watch is free.
- Euros only — sterling is not widely accepted despite proximity to the UK. ATMs are available on Rue Royale near Place d'Armes.
- Channel weather changes fast. Even in summer, bring a layer — the seafront and Cap Blanc-Nez get wind. Rain is possible any month.
- Eat frites, not just crepes. Calais is in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais tradition — proper Belgian-style frites with mussels (moules-frites) are the local speciality.
- Allow 30 min each way for the walk between pier and centre, or budget taxi time. The port precinct is busy with ferries and freight traffic.

Calais, Hauts-de-France, 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 Museum of Fine Arts in Calais | Explore fine arts and local history in this museum. | 2 Parc Saint-Pierre | Relax in this large, green urban park. |
| 3 Jardin Botanique du Beau Pays | Discover diverse plant collections in this beautiful botanical garden. | 4 Les Bourgeois de Calais | See Rodin's iconic sculpture commemorating Calais's heroes. |
| 5 City of Lace and Fashion | Discover Calais's rich lace-making history and fashion. | 6 Fort Risban | Visit the historic remains of Calais's ancient coastal fort. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |