

Château-Thierry, Aisne, France

A quiet Marne River town punching above its weight — Château-Thierry witnessed some of WWI's fiercest fighting and still carries that weight in its hilltop monuments, while the rolling Champagne vineyards around it offer a very different kind of salute.

 River mooring (alongside quay)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Currency: Euro  Language: French  WWI history & Champagne region

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River moorings on the Marne quayside; no large terminal — town is a short walk from the dock

Walk to centre: 5 min along the Marne embankment to town centre

Best For: WWI history, Champagne tastings, La Fontaine culture

Don't Miss: Belleau Wood battlefield & Aisne-Marne American Cemetery

 Getting around:  Taxi  €8–€15 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Belleau Wood & Aisne-Marne Cemetery** — One of WWI's most storied battlefields, Belleau Wood (Bois Belleau) is 11 km northwest of town.
- Château-Thierry American Monument** — Dedicated in 1937, this double-colonnade monument on Hill 204 west of town honours US and French forces in the 1918 Aisne-Marne offensive.
- Musée Jean de La Fontaine** — The 17th-century poet and fabulist was born in this very house.
- Champagne Cellar Visit & Tasting** — Château-Thierry sits at the western edge of the Champagne appellation.
- Marne River Kayak or Boat Ride** — The Capitainerie in town rents small electric boats and kayaks on the Marne.

BEST WALKS

- Marne Quay to Old Town & La Fontaine Museum** 1.5 km · 30 min · Flat & easy — From the ship, walk west along the Marne embankment into the town centre.
- Up to the Château Ruins & American Monument** 3 km · 1 hr · Moderate (uphill) — From the quay, climb the old town hill to the medieval castle ruins for views over the Marne, then continue west along the ridge to the Château-Thierry American Monument...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:55AM–8:38PM · Jun 5:41AM–9:52PM · Aug 6:39AM–9:01PM · Sep 7:23AM–7:58PM · Oct 8:07AM–6:55PM Currency: Euro	
Apr	59°	42°	9d		
Jun	73°	56°	11d		
Aug	76°	59°	10d		
Sep	70°	54°	8d		
Oct	61°	49°	13d		

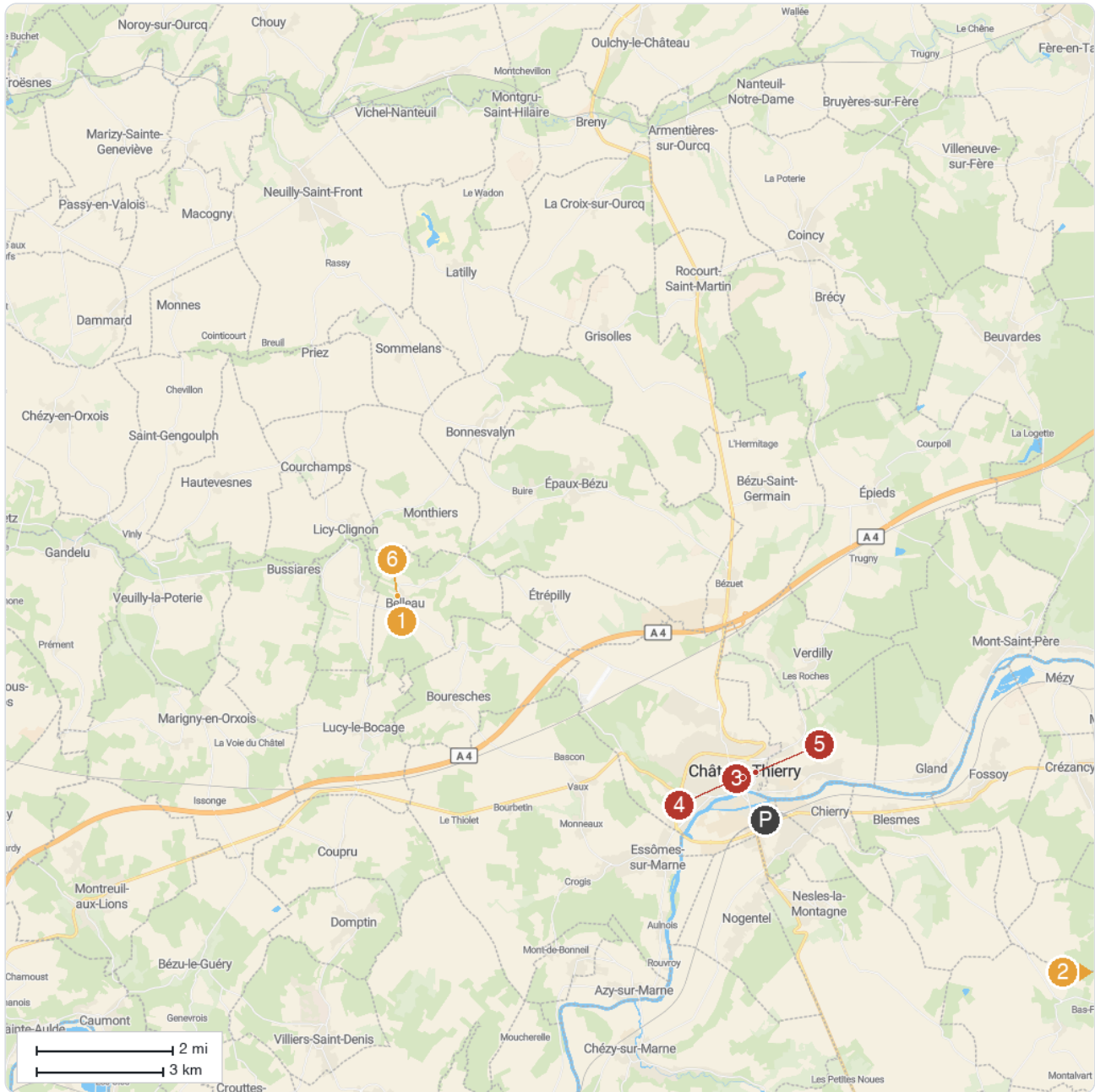
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Belleau Wood early. Taxis are scarce in Château-Thierry — if you want to visit Belleau Wood independently (11 km), arrange your taxi or car hire before leaving the ship.
- Champagne Pannier is walkable. One of the most accessible champagne houses in the region is just a short walk from the quay — but book ahead, especially in high season (May–Oct), to confirm an English-language tour and hours on cruise days.
- Cash handy. Small cafés and the castle ruins car park may not accept cards. A few euros in cash smooths the day.
- Northern France weather. Even in summer, pack a light layer — it can be cooler along the Marne valley than you'd expect for June/July.
- Compact town, easy timing. The town itself — museum, château, quay walk — fits comfortably in 2-3 hrs. Budget more time if heading to Belleau Wood or champagne country.

Château-Thierry, Aisne, 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 Aisne-Marne American Cemetery | American WWI cemetery and memorial near Belleau Wood. | 2 Château des Princes de Condé | Historic castle ruins, once home to Princes of Condé. |
| 3 Jean de La Fontaine Museum | Museum in the birthplace of fabulist Jean de La Fontaine. | 4 Chateau-Thierry Stephen castle | Medieval castle ruins overlooking the Marne River valley. |
| 5 Porte Saint-Pierre | Historic medieval city gate, part of old town defenses. | 6 Musée de la Mémoire de Belleau 1914-1918 | Museum dedicated to WWI battles, especially Belleau Wood. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |