

# Châteauneuf-du-Rhône, Drôme, France

A quiet medieval village on the Rhône riverbank, Châteauneuf-du-Rhône punches above its size — 13th-century ramparts, lavender-scented Provençal countryside, and the best nougat in France just nine kilometres away.

Docked (river quay)

Typical call: 5–7 hrs

Euro (€)

French

## MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Ships tie up alongside the Rhône riverbank quay; no tender required.

**Walk to centre:** 5–10 min on foot from the quay into the old village.

**Best For:** Cycling the ViaRhôna, Rhône wine tasting, and easy Provence day trips.

**Don't Miss:** The 13th-century ramparts and the nougat shops of Montélimar (9 km).

Getting around: Taxi €8–€20 · Rideshare Uber

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Grignan Castle & Village** — About twenty-three kilometres east, Grignan hosts the largest Renaissance castle in south-east France — the château of the celebrated letter-writer...
- **Montélimar Nougat Tour** — The nougat capital of France is just 9 km south.
- **ViaRhôna Cycling** — Jump on a bike and join the ViaRhôna, an 815 km motor-free trail from Lake Geneva to the Mediterranean.
- **Gorges de l'Ardèche Day Trip** — About 30 km west, the Ardèche Gorges carve through 300-metre limestone cliffs.
- **Orange Roman Theatre** — One of the world's best-preserved Roman theatres — a UNESCO World Heritage site — stands in Orange, roughly 40 km south.

## BEST WALKS

- **Old Village & Ramparts Loop** 1.5 km · 30–45 min · Easy — From the quay, walk up to the old village entrance and follow the medieval lanes past the Church of Saint-Nicolas.
- **ViaRhôna Riverside Walk** 2–5 km · 45 min–1.5 hrs · Easy, flat — Head south along the ViaRhôna path hugging the Rhône riverbank.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 65°  | 48° | 8d   |
| Jun |     | 82°  | 63° | 8d   |
| Aug |     | 86°  | 66° | 5d   |
| Sep |     | 78°  | 61° | 7d   |
| Oct |     | 68°  | 53° | 9d   |

**DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 6:57AM–8:25PM · Jun 5:56AM–9:27PM · Aug 6:44AM–8:46PM · Sep 7:20AM–7:51PM · Oct 7:56AM–6:56PM

Euro (€)

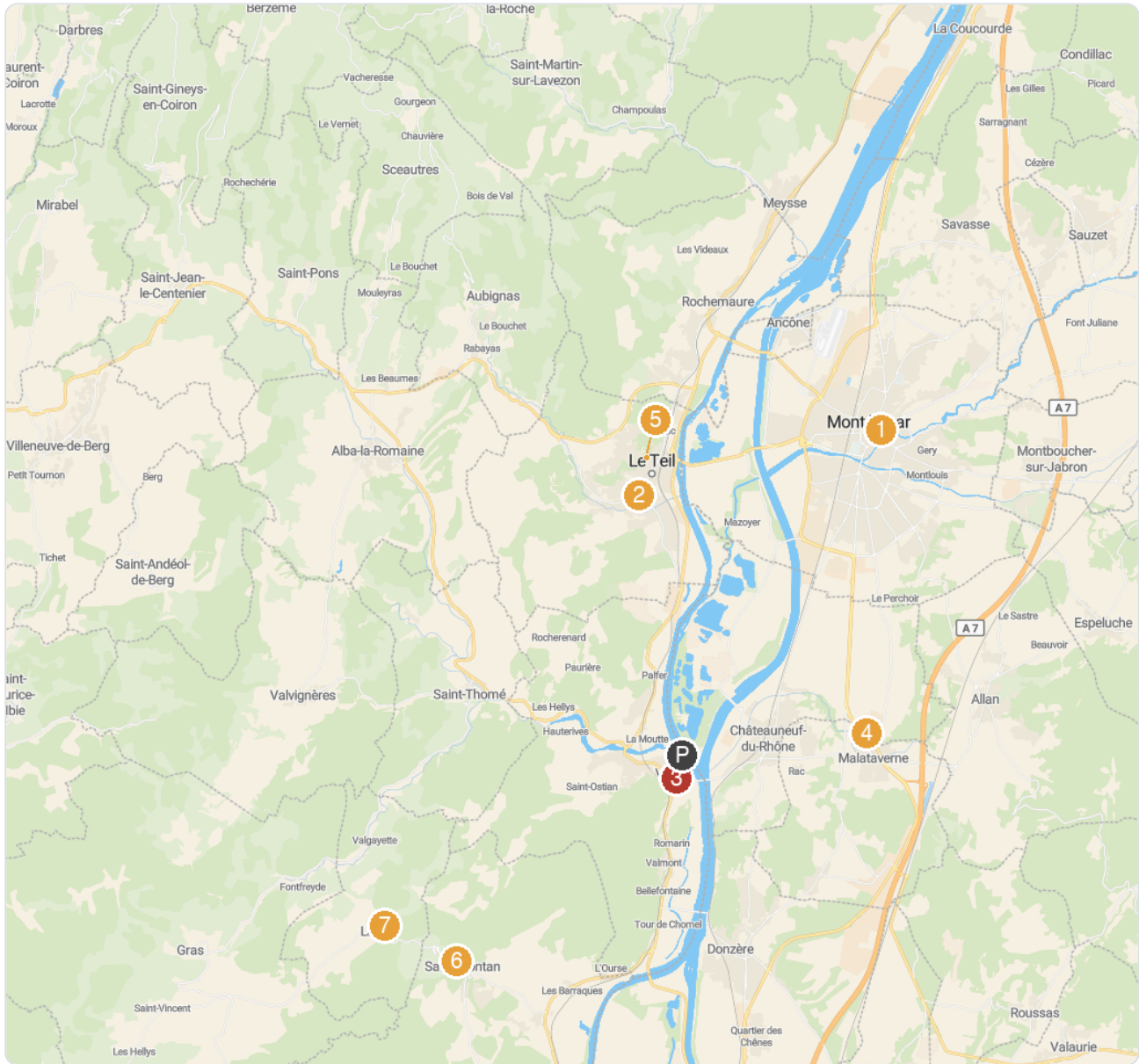
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash. The village has few card terminals. Withdraw euros before leaving the ship or in Montélimar if your line runs that excursion.
- Rent a bike for the ViaRhôna. The flat riverside trail is the highlight of the stop — far better by bike than on foot.
- Montélimar nougat is worth the trip. The town is only 9 km away; a taxi or cruise excursion gets you there easily within the port call.
- Short call — plan ahead. With 5–7 hrs in port, choose one excursion or the village walk; trying to do both Grignan and Ardèche is rushed.
- Hot summers. July and August temperatures often exceed 35 °C. Start any walking excursion early and carry water.

# Châteauneuf-du-Rhône, Drôme, France — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Montelmar Castle              | Medieval fortress, now a museum of art and history.             | <b>2</b> Musée de la Résistance et de la Déportation en Ardèche | Museum detailing French Resistance and Deportation history.       |
| <b>3</b> Viviers Cathedral             | Historic Roman Catholic cathedral with impressive architecture. | <b>4</b> Recrea 9 Aire de jeux                                  | Large indoor playground for children's entertainment.             |
| <b>5</b> Joncas Aventure               | Outdoor adventure park with tree-top courses and activities.    | <b>6</b> Medieval Castle of Saint Montan                        | Restored medieval castle offering historical tours and views.     |
| <b>7</b> Église Saint-Pierre de Larnas | Historic Romanesque church with ancient architecture.           | <b>8</b> Jardin des Herbes                                      | Botanical garden showcasing various medicinal and aromatic herbs. |
| <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal        |                                                                 |                                                                 |                                                                   |