

Collonges-la-Rouge, Corrèze, France

Built entirely from glowing red iron-rich sandstone, Collonges-la-Rouge looks like a fairy-tale village carved in rust and slate. It founded the famous Les Plus Beaux Villages de France association and remains one of the most visited sites in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region.

 Coach transfer (no pier)  Typical call: 3-5 hrs  Euro (€)  French

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: No cruise pier — Collonges-la-Rouge is an inland village reached by coach excursion from an ocean cruise port (most often Bordeaux).

Best For: Medieval architecture, photography, easy walking, and authentic French village atmosphere.

Walk to center: The historic village is compact and entirely pedestrian — all sights within a 10-min walk of the main street.

Don't Miss: Saint-Pierre Church (11th–15th c.) and Maison de la Sirène with its carved vaulted porch.

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~€50–60 one way

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Village Walking Tour** — Stroll the cobbled lanes past 15th- and 16th-century mansions, fortified towers, and the famous Maison de la Sirène with its carved mermaid porch.
- **Saint-Pierre Church** — Dating from the 11th, 12th, and 15th centuries, this Romanesque church was fortified during the French Wars of Religion and uniquely served both...
- **Sentier des Sources Hike** — A marked countryside trail looping through meadows, walnut groves, and farmland with views back to the red rooftops of the village.
- **Nearby Village Combo: Turenne** — About 10 km away, Turenne is another Les Plus Beaux Villages de France member, dominated by the ruins of a medieval château with panoramic views over...

BEST WALKS

- **Red Village Loop** 1.5 km · Easy · ~1.5 hrs — Start at the Covered Market (Halle) in the centre of the village, walk past Maison de la Sirène and its carved porch, continue to Château de Vassinhac with its...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇫🇷 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:08AM–8:38PM · Jun 6:06AM–9:41PM · Aug 6:55AM–8:59PM · Sep 7:32AM–8:03PM · Oct 8:09AM–7:07PM	
Apr	62°	44°	11d	Euro (€)	
Jun	75°	58°	12d		
Aug	79°	60°	8d		
Sep	73°	55°	10d		
Oct	65°	50°	12d		

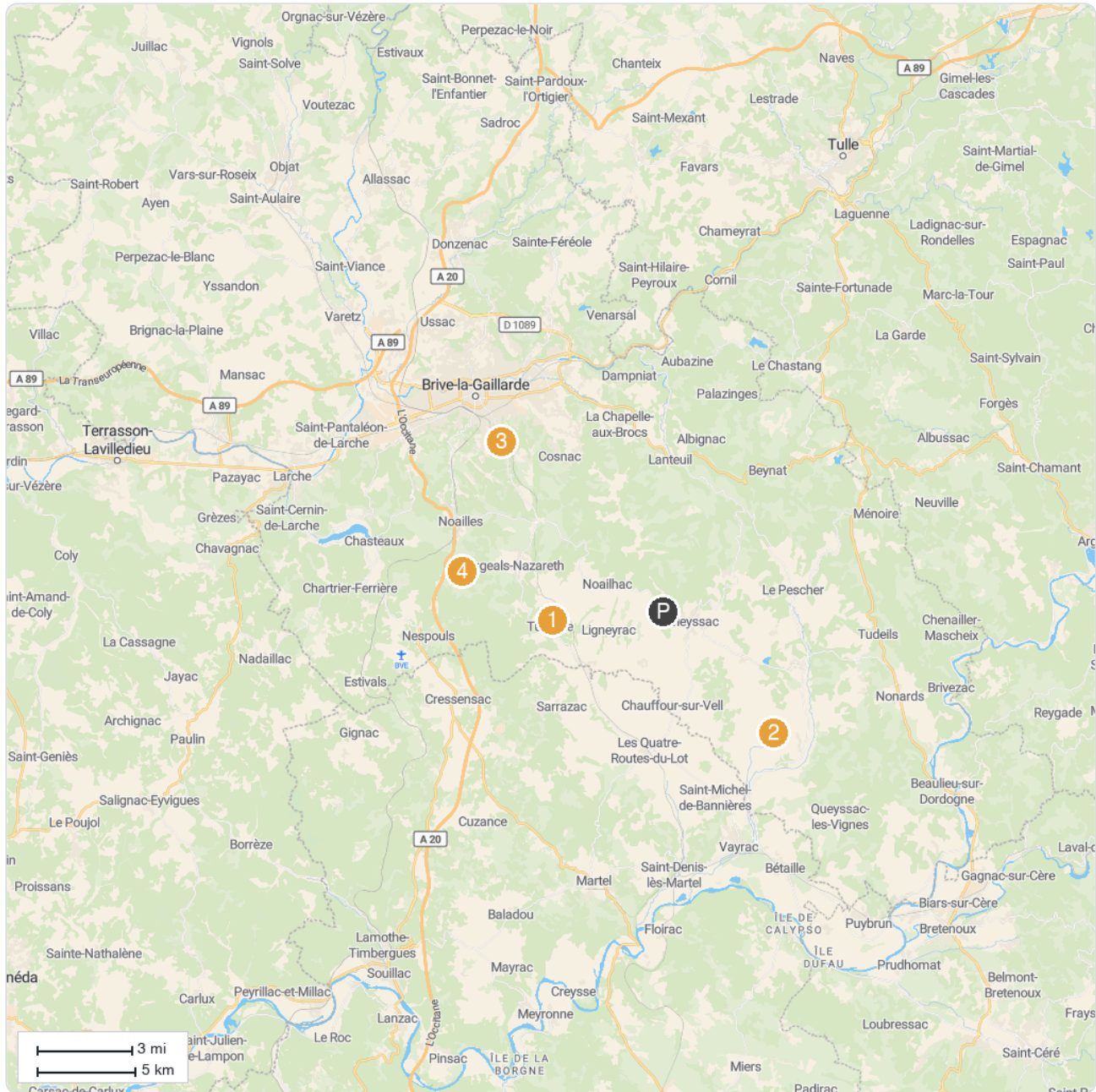
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Two hours is enough. The village is very compact — a leisurely loop covers everything. Budget extra time if you want to sit at a café or browse the few craft shops.
- Visit early or late in the day. Collonges-la-Rouge is one of France's most photographed villages — summer middays are very busy. The red stone glows best in morning or evening light.
- Wear comfortable shoes. The streets are cobblestone throughout. The village is entirely pedestrian, so no traffic, but uneven surfaces are everywhere.
- Bring cash. Some small stalls and artisan shops in the village are cash-only. There is no ATM in the village itself — use one in Brive-la-Gaillarde before arriving.
- Walnut and Corrèze specialties. Look for walnut oil, walnut cake (gâteau aux noix), and local charcuterie in the village's small shops and café-restaurants.
- Weather can be variable. The Corrèze hills receive more rain than the Mediterranean. Bring a light layer even in summer — afternoon thunderstorms are possible.

Collonges-la-Rouge, Corrèze, 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 Château de Turenne | Explore the impressive ruins of a medieval castle. | 2 Eglise de la Combe | Visit a beautiful Romanesque church with ancient frescoes. |
| 3 Ti Goui Goui | Enjoy a fun children's amusement park and play area. | 4 Abyss of Fage | Explore a prehistoric cave filled with ancient animal bones. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |