

Compiègne, Hauts-de-France, France

A town that shaped history twice over — where Napoleon held court and the Great War came to its close. Step ashore on the Oise River into a city that punches well above its size.

 Docked — river berth (Port de Plaisance)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: French

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River barge/small ship docks at Port de Plaisance, central Compiègne

Best For: History buffs, palace fans, forest walks, day-trippers to Pierrefonds

Walk to centre: ~5 min to Hôtel de Ville; ~10 min to Château de Compiègne

Don't Miss: Clairière de l'Armistice — the forest clearing where WWI ended

 Getting around:  Taxi  €5–€15 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Château de Compiègne** — One of France's three great royal palaces (with Versailles and Fontainebleau), Compiègne was the country retreat of Louis XV, Louis XVI, and Napoleon...
- **Clairière de l'Armistice** — Deep in the Compiègne Forest, this clearing is where Marshal Foch signed the armistice ending World War I on 11 November 1918 — and where Hitler...
- **Château de Pierrefonds** — A medieval fortress spectacularly restored by Viollet-le-Duc for Napoleon III, Pierrefonds looks lifted from a storybook.
- **Historic Town Centre Walk** — Compiègne's pedestrian core rewards wandering.
- **Forêt de Compiègne** — The 14,400-hectare royal hunting forest surrounds the town and offers well-marked trails for walking and cycling.

BEST WALKS

- **Marina to Château de Compiègne** 1.2 km · ~15 min · Flat — A straight riverside and town-centre stroll from the Port de Plaisance to the grand palace forecourt.
- **Historic Centre Loop** 2 km · ~30 min · Flat — From the Château, loop through the pedestrian streets past Église Saint-Jacques, along Rue Solférino, and back via the Oise riverside promenade.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:56AM–8:41PM · Jun 5:42AM–9:56PM · Aug 6:40AM–9:04PM · Sep 7:25AM–8:01PM · Oct 8:10AM–6:57PM Currency: Euro (€)	
Apr	59°	42°	9d		
Jun	73°	56°	10d		
Aug	76°	59°	11d		
Sep	70°	54°	8d		
Oct	62°	49°	12d		

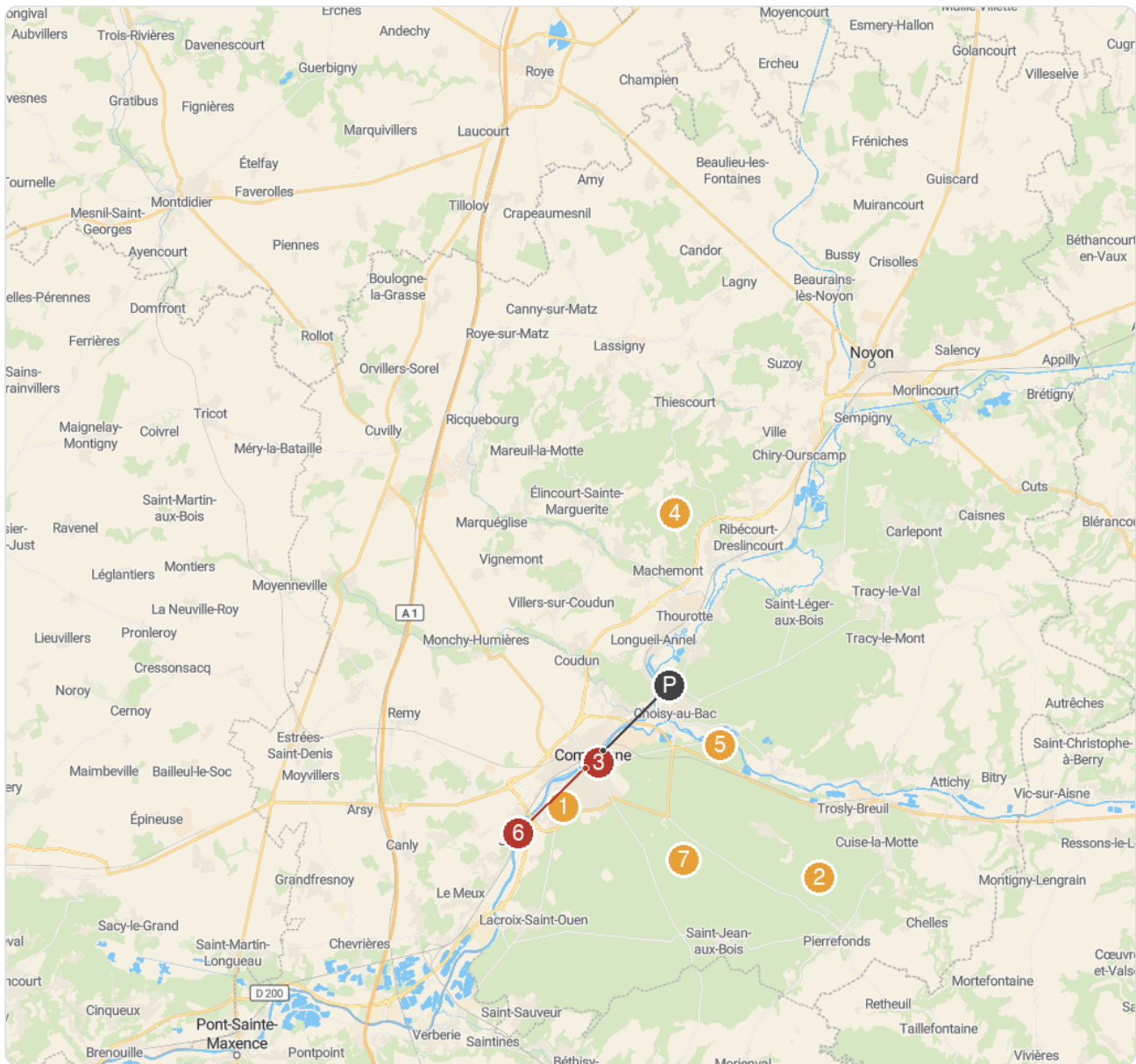
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Château is closed Tuesdays. Check the schedule before sailing — most river cruise itineraries plan port days accordingly, but confirm with your line.
- Taxis are limited. Pre-book rides to Pierrefonds or the Armistice clearing through your ship or a local taxi firm. Uber is hit-or-miss in Compiègne.
- Bring euros in cash. The town centre has ATMs near the Hôtel de Ville, but smaller cafés and food stalls may not accept cards.
- Pack a light layer. Hauts-de-France can be cool and overcast even in summer — the forest in particular feels several degrees cooler than the town centre.
- Eat at a local brasserie, not the tourist strip. Try tarte au sucre (Picardy butter-sugar tart) at a bakery near the market square — a regional classic you won't find everywhere.

Compiègne, 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.



1 Mémorial de l'internement et de la déportation - Camp de Royallieu	A poignant memorial and museum at a WWII internment camp.	2 Grimp a l'Arb	An exciting tree-climbing adventure park for all ages.
3 Musée de la Figurine	A unique museum showcasing historical figurines and toy soldiers.	4 CARRIERES DE MONTIGNY Machemont 60150	Explore vast underground stone quarries with historical significance.
5 Glade of the Armistice	Historic site where WWI and WWII armistices were signed.	6 Musée Antoine Vivenel	Discover ancient artifacts, fine art, and decorative arts collections.
7 Forêt domaniale de Compiègne	Vast ancient forest perfect for walking, cycling, and nature.	P Cruise port / terminal	