

Deshaies, Guadeloupe, French Caribbean

A sun-warmed French fishing village on Basse-Terre's volcanic coast — where Creole soul meets tropical garden and the BBC filmed its hit mystery series. Small, beautiful, and refreshingly unhurried.

Tender port (no pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: French

Death in Paradise filming location

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in the bay; boats land at the village quay

Best For: Botanical garden, Grande Anse Beach, authentic Creole dining

Walk to center: Immediate — tender pier is on the village waterfront

Don't Miss: Jardin Botanique de Deshaies and Grande Anse Beach

Getting around: Taxi €85–€129+ per taxi · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Jardin Botanique de Deshaies** — A 17-acre tropical garden with waterfalls, exotic birds (flamingos, parrots), and sweeping views over the bay.
- Grande Anse Beach** — One of Guadeloupe's most beautiful beaches — broad golden sand, clear turquoise water, and palm-tree shade, about 2.5 km north of the village.
- Death in Paradise Filming Locations** — Deshaies is the real-life 'Honoré' from the long-running BBC mystery series.
- Snorkeling at the Cousteau Reserve** — The Jacques Cousteau Underwater Reserve near Malendure (30 min south) offers some of the Caribbean's best protected snorkeling and diving — coral...
- Creole Village Lunch** — Deshaies's waterfront restaurants serve authentic Guadeloupean Creole cooking — accras de morue (salt-cod fritters), grilled fresh fish with sauce...

BEST WALKS

- Village to Grande Anse Beach** 2.5 km · 25–30 min · Easy–Moderate — From the village quay, head north along the main road through the village, past the colourful Creole houses, and continue up to Grande Anse Beach.
- Village waterfront stroll** 0.5 km · 15 min · Easy — Wander the village seafront — the fishing port, the market, and the colourful wooden houses that doubled as the fictional 'Honoré.' Peek at the church and the small...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		84°	75°	11d
Jun		87°	78°	10d
Aug		86°	79°	19d
Sep		86°	79°	20d
Oct		85°	78°	19d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:52AM–6:22PM · Jun 5:35AM–6:40PM · Aug 5:51AM–6:31PM · Sep 5:55AM–6:08PM · Oct 5:59AM–5:45PM

Currency: Euro (€)

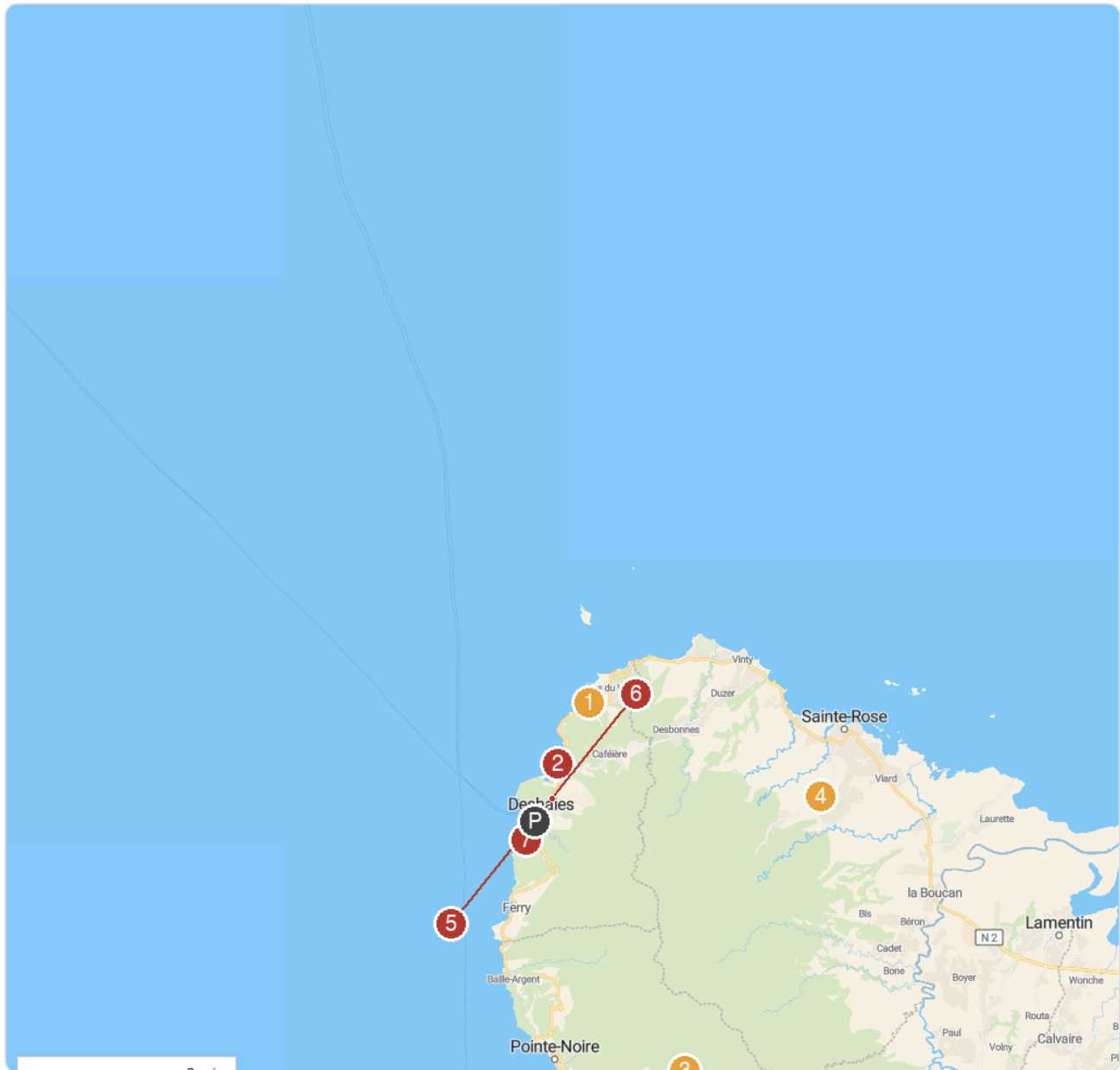
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Euros only. US dollars are rarely accepted (and at poor rates when they are). Bring euros or use a Visa/Mastercard at restaurants and the botanical garden ticket desk.
- Sunday closure warning. If your ship calls on Sunday, most village shops close by noon. Restaurants, the botanical garden, and beach shacks stay open — but skip the pharmacy and grocery store plans.
- Fix your taxi return time. Agree on a pick-up time with your driver before you leave — especially for the botanical garden or Cousteau Reserve. Taxis are scarce at the pier when multiple tenders land simultaneously.
- Grande Anse is roughly 2.5 km north. It's a 25–30 minute walk along the road from the pier, or a quick taxi if you'd rather skip the heat. A scenic stroll if you're up for it.
- Death in Paradise fans: Catherine's Bar is filmed at Le Madras restaurant, right in the village centre a few minutes from the tender pier. You can have a rum punch at the spot used in the series.
- Cousteau Reserve is a 30-min cab ride south to Malendure. Worth it for dedicated snorkelers or divers, but book a guided excursion so you're not stranded waiting for a taxi back.

Deshaies, Guadeloupe, French Caribbean — 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 Plage de la Perle | A beautiful, tranquil sandy beach perfect for swimming and relaxation. | 2 Plage de Grande Anse | Longest golden sand beach in Deshaies, ideal for swimming. |
| 3 Le sanctuaire de Notre Dame des Larmes | A peaceful religious sanctuary dedicated to Our Lady of Tears. | 4 ECOMUSEE CREOLEART OF GUADELOUPE AND DREAMS OF VILLA | Museum showcasing Creole art, culture, and traditional Guadeloupean life. |
| 5 SunBoat | Offers boat tours and rentals for exploring the Guadeloupean coast. | 6 Pélican Safari | Boat tours exploring the coastline, mangroves, and marine life. |
| 7 Jardin Botanique de Deshaies | Lush botanical garden featuring exotic plants, birds, and waterfalls. | P Cruise port / terminal | |