

Dole, Jura, France

Where Louis Pasteur was born and canal life still defines the rhythm of a town that provincial France somehow kept to itself — cobblestone alleys, stone bridges, and Vin Jaune on the terrace.

Docked (canal quay)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: French

Walkable old town

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Moored along canal quay — no tender. Steps from the old quarter.

Best For: History, French gastronomy, Jura wine, leisurely canal walks.

Walk to center: Tanners' Quarter: 1 min. Notre-Dame Collegiate: 8-10 min (uphill).

Don't Miss: Maison Natale de Louis Pasteur and the Quartier des Tanneurs.

Getting around: Taxi ~€8–12

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Maison Natale de Louis Pasteur** — The birthplace of the father of microbiology and inventor of pasteurization and the rabies vaccine.
- Old Town & Circuit du Chat Perché** — Follow the bronze cat-paw trail through Dole's 16th-century stone alleyways, hidden courtyards, the grand Collégiale Notre-Dame, and the picturesque...
- Jura Wine & Cheese Tasting** — Sample Comté, Morbier, and the singular Vin Jaune — a nutty oxidative white aged under a yeast film — at local cave shops and canal-side restaurants.
- Day Trip to Beaune** — Burgundy's wine capital is roughly 45 minutes by road.
- Doubs River & Canal Walk** — Stroll or rent a bike along the canal towpaths where the Doubs River and the Canal du Rhône au Rhin meet.

BEST WALKS

- Canal Quay to Notre-Dame via the Tanners' Quarter** 1.2 km · 20-25 min · Easy to moderate (cobblestones, gentle uphill) — From the canal mooring, walk through the romantic Quartier des Tanneurs with its low-roofed stone houses and flower-draped canal bridges, past Pasteur's birthplace, and...
- Canal & Jardin des Chevannes Loop** 1.5 km · 25-30 min · Easy — Head along the canal bank south-west toward the Jardin des Chevannes for a quiet riverside park, then loop back through the lower old town past the Hôtel-Dieu courtyard.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		61°	43°	10d
Jun		76°	58°	12d
Aug		79°	61°	10d
Sep		72°	55°	10d
Oct		63°	48°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:50AM–8:26PM · Jun 5:42AM–9:35PM · Aug 6:35AM–8:48PM · Sep 7:16AM–7:49PM · Oct 7:56AM–6:50PM

Currency: Euro (€)

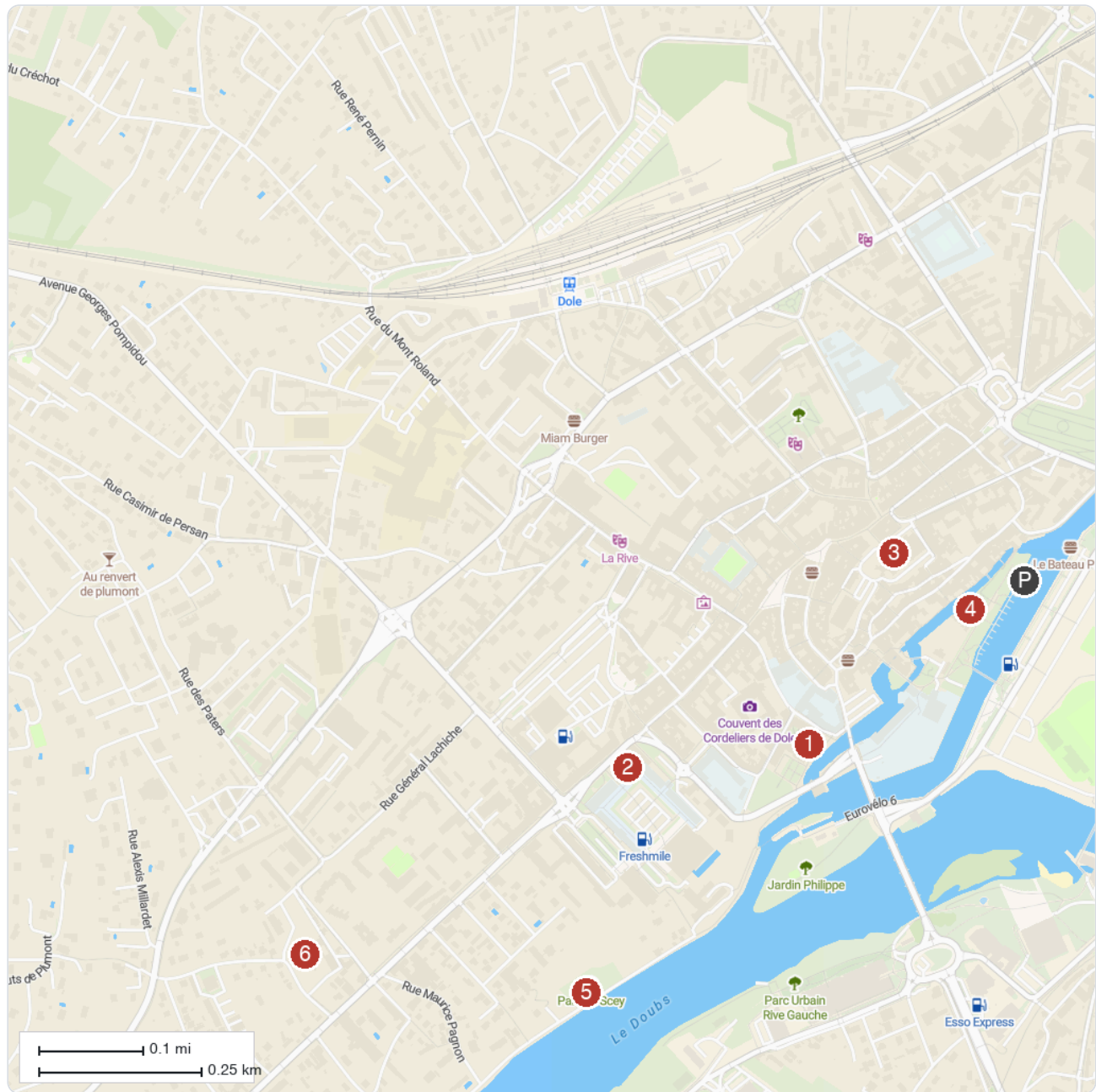
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy Vin Jaune to take home. This singular Jura wine is hard to find outside France — pick up a bottle at the covered market or a cave shop near the church.
- Avoid the lunchtime shutdown. Most shops close 12:00–14:00. Plan your shopping or museum visits for the morning or mid-afternoon.
- Cobblestones throughout. The walk from the canal to Notre-Dame is uphill and entirely on stone. Flat, comfortable shoes are essential; skip heels entirely.
- Speak a little French. Dole is genuine provincial France — a cheerful 'Bonjour' and 'Merci' opens more doors than English alone.
- Hit the market on the right day. The Halles (covered market) opposite Notre-Dame runs Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings — the best place to buy fresh Comté direct from local producers.
- Best photo spot: The stone bridge over the Canal des Tanneurs at golden hour with the Notre-Dame bell tower in the background is the classic Dole shot.

Dole, Jura, 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 Dole Hôtel-Dieu Public Library | Historic former hospital now a beautiful public library. | 2 Museum of Fine Arts, Dole | Dole's museum showcasing fine arts and archaeology. |
| 3 Collégiale Notre-Dame de Dole | Grand collegiate church with impressive architecture. | 4 Chevannes Garden | Beautiful, tranquil garden for a relaxing stroll. |
| 5 Parc de Scey | Large, scenic park perfect for nature walks. | 6 Église Saint-Jean-l'Évangéliste | Historic church dedicated to Saint John the Evangelist. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |