

Fort-de-France, Martinique, France

France in the tropics — cobblestone squares meet AOC rum distilleries, a Byzantine library shipped from the 1889 World's Fair, and a 20-minute ferry to some of the best beaches in the Lesser Antilles.

 Pier (docked)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: French / Creole  AOC Rum Agricole

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Pointe Simon (city center) or Tourelles (~1 mile east)

Walk to center: 2-5 min from Pointe Simon; 15-20 min from Tourelles

Best For: French-Creole food, rum tastings, colonial history, beach ferry day

Don't Miss: Ferry to Pointe du Bout beach, Bibliothèque Schoelcher, Balata Gardens

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~€10 from Tourelles terminal ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Balata Gardens & Canopy Walkway** — World-class botanical garden 15 min north of the city in the rainforest, with thousands of tropical plants and suspension bridges through the canopy.
- **Fort Saint-Louis Guided Tour** — Active French naval fort dating from the 17th century, a 10-min walk from Pointe Simon.
- **Ferry to Pointe du Bout Beaches** — Hop the Vedettes Madinina ferry from the waterfront to Les Trois-Îlets and discover calm, turquoise resort beaches at Anse Miton and Pointe du Bout...
- **Grand Marché & Rum Distillery** — Browse the covered spice market for vanilla, Creole spices, and local rum, then visit a nearby AOC Rum Agricole distillery.
- **Scenic Island Drive: North Martinique & Mount Pelée** — Full-day tour through lush rainforest to the volcano that destroyed the town of Saint-Pierre in 1902 — once called the 'Pompeii of the Caribbean.'...

BEST WALKS

- **Downtown Fort-de-France City Loop** 2-3 hrs · Flat · ~2.5 miles · Free — From the pier, walk to La Savane park (12 acres, decapitated Josephine statue), then to the Bibliothèque Schoelcher — a Byzantine-gothic masterpiece built for the 1889...
- **Fort Saint-Louis & La Française Beach** 1-2 hrs · Easy · ~1 mile · Free (fort entry ~€8) — Head west from Pointe Simon along the waterfront to Fort Saint-Louis, the active 17th-century naval fortification.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌡️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:50AM–6:18PM · Jun 5:35AM–6:34PM · Aug 5:50AM–6:26PM · Sep 5:53AM–6:05PM · Oct 5:55AM–5:43PM	
Apr	85°	76°	15d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	86°	78°	19d		
Aug	86°	78°	24d		
Sep	87°	78°	21d		
Oct	85°	77°	22d		

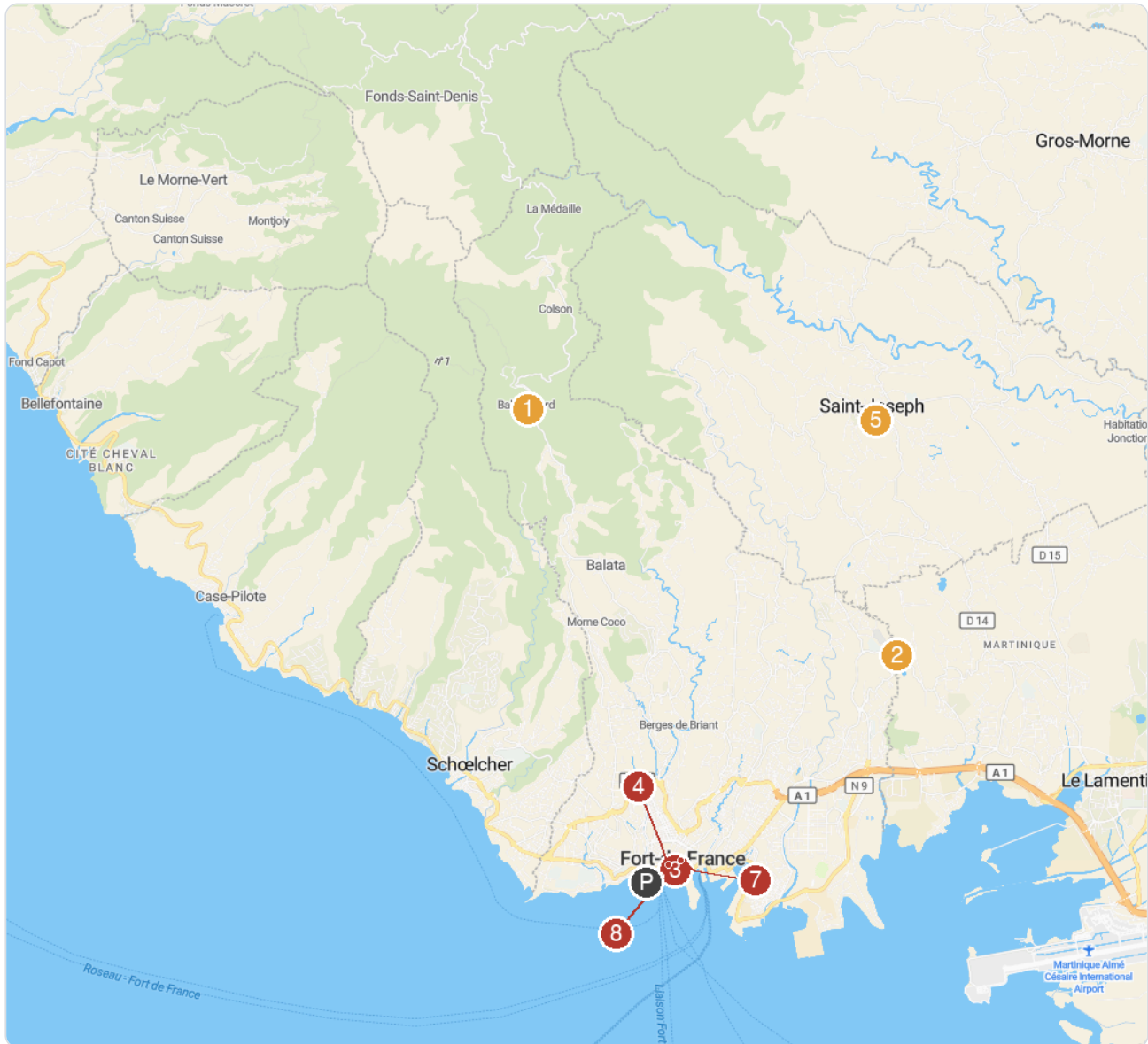
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Euros only. Martinique is officially France — USD are not accepted. Bring euros or use an ATM in the terminal area. Credit cards work at most restaurants and shops.
- French is essential. English is far less common here than on other Caribbean islands. A few French basics — bonjour, s'il vous plaît, merci — go a long way. Download Google Translate offline before your visit.
- Sunday/Monday closures. Many downtown shops, the Grand Marché, and smaller restaurants close Sunday mornings and all day Monday. Schedule your market visit for other days, or plan a beach ferry day instead.
- Take the ferry to the beaches. The Vedettes Madinina ferry from the waterfront (near La Savane) costs ~€7-10 roundtrip and reaches Anse Miton and Pointe du Bout in 20 minutes — far cheaper than ship excursions.
- Budget option to Balata. Skip the expensive taxi (€20+ each way) and take the Ligne 25 public bus from the Alier bus terminal in town to Balata Gardens for a few euros.
- Try the Rum Agricole. Martinique's AOC rum is made from fresh sugarcane juice (not molasses) — it's legally protected and unlike anything you'll taste elsewhere. A Ti' Punch at a local bar is the authentic introduction.

Fort-de-France, Martinique, 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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| <p>1 Jardin de Balata</p> <p>3 Departmental Museum of Archaeology and Prehistory of Martinique</p> <p>5 Église catholique Saint-Joseph à Saint-Joseph</p> <p>7 Bibliothèque Schœlcher</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Lush botanical garden showcasing tropical plants and panoramic views.</p> <p>Museum displaying Martinique's archaeological finds and pre-Columbian history.</p> <p>Charming Catholic church in Saint-Joseph known for its local architecture.</p> <p>Ornate 19th-century library with stunning architecture and historical collections.</p> | <p>2 La Favorite Distillery</p> <p>4 St. Louis Catholic Cathedral</p> <p>6 Mangofil</p> <p>8 Malecon</p> | <p>Historic rum distillery offering tours and tastings of agricultural rum.</p> <p>Historic iron-frame cathedral with stunning architecture and stained glass.</p> <p>Adventure park with ziplines and treetop courses for all ages.</p> <p>Vibrant waterfront promenade perfect for strolls and enjoying sea views.</p> |
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