

La Ciotat, Provence, France

Where the Lumière brothers invented cinema and locals still play pétanque beside a harbor ringed with ochre cliffs — La Ciotat is the French Riviera without the glitz.

Tender port Typical call: 7-9 hrs Currency: Euro (€) Language: French

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in the bay; tenders land at Vieux Port
Best For: History, calanques, beaches, Provençal food

Walk to center: 0 min — tender drops right at the Old Port

Don't Miss: Eden Théâtre (world's oldest cinema) & Calanque de Figuerolles

Getting around: Taxi €17–€21 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Calanques Boat Tour** — Small boats depart regularly from the Vieux Port for tours of La Ciotat's dramatic ochre-and-poudingue calanques, continuing to the white limestone...
- **Eden Théâtre — World's Oldest Cinema** — Opened in 1889 and where the Lumière brothers screened some of history's first projected films in 1895, the beautifully restored Eden Théâtre still...
- **Parc du Mugel & Calanque du Mugel** — A free 30-acre botanical park at the base of the Eagle's Beak cliff, with tropical plants, sweeping sea views, and a sheltered pebble cove perfect...
- **Day Trip to Cassis** — The elegant AOC wine village of Cassis is about 30 minutes by bus (Line M05, ~€2-4 each way) with its own stunning calanques, white-wine tastings...
- **Calanque de Figuerolles Hike** — A 25-minute walk from the port leads to this spectacular red-rock inlet where steep stairs descend to clear turquoise water.

BEST WALKS

- **Old Port to Eden Théâtre & Old Town** 1.5 km · 20-30 min · Flat — From the tender landing at the Vieux Port, walk along the harbor promenade past the fishing boats to the Eden Théâtre, then wind through the Old Town lanes to Place Sadi...
- **Harbour to Parc du Mugel & Calanque du Mugel** 2.5 km · 30-40 min · Gentle uphill — Head southwest from the Vieux Port along Boulevard Beaurivage to the entrance of Parc du Mugel.
- **Beach Walk to Grande Plage** 1.5 km · 20 min · Flat — Walk east along the seafront boulevard from the Vieux Port past the promenade gardens to La Grande Plage — La Ciotat's main sandy beach — for a swim or a café stop.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	63°	51°	7d
Jun	78°	66°	5d
Aug	83°	70°	2d
Sep	77°	65°	6d
Oct	70°	59°	8d

🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Apr 6:55AM–8:20PM · Jun 5:57AM–9:18PM · Aug 6:43AM–8:39PM · Sep 7:17AM–7:47PM · Oct 7:51AM–6:54PM	
Currency: Euro (€)	

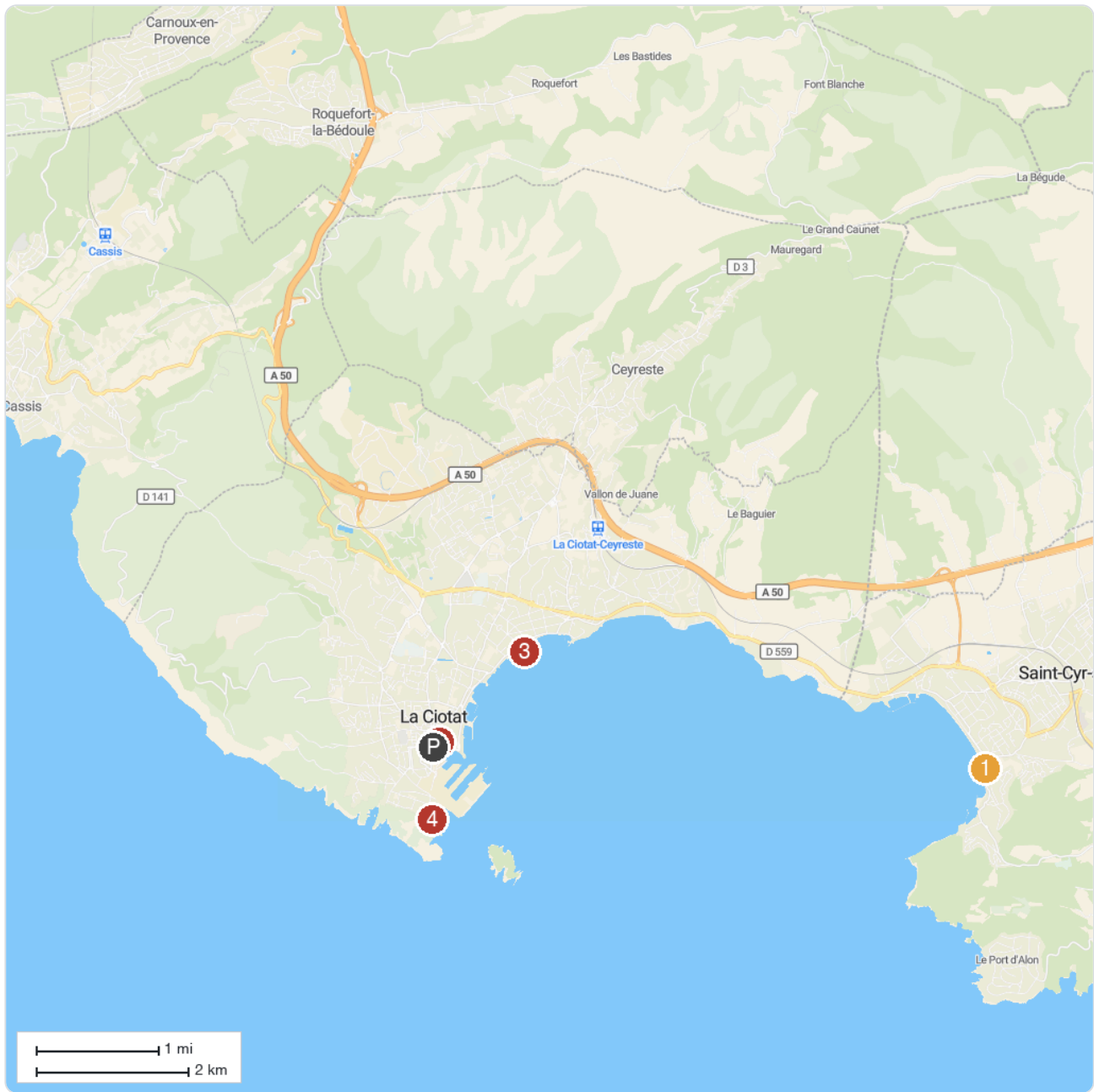
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing matters. La Ciotat is a tender port. Return well before the last tender — the Mistral wind can kick up suddenly and make operations difficult. Check posted cut-off times on the ship.
- Say bonjour. La Ciotat is a real working town, not a tourist showcase. A simple 'Bonjour' and 'Merci' before any request is genuine local etiquette and goes a long way.
- Get to Cassis by bus. Bus Line M05 runs from La Ciotat to Cassis in about 25-30 minutes for around €2-4 each way — far cheaper than a taxi.
- Siesta shuts shops. Many Old Town boutiques close from roughly 12:30–3:30 PM. Plan shopping in the morning; restaurants stay open for lunch but kitchens close around 2:00 PM.
- Cash for small purchases. Euros widely accepted everywhere; cards work at restaurants and shops, but carry a few euros for coffee, bus fare, and small vendors in the Old Town.
- Book Eden Théâtre in advance. Guided tours of the world's oldest active cinema are popular and slots fill fast, especially when multiple ships are in port.

La Ciotat, Provence, 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 Museum Taurentum | Explore Roman artifacts and ancient history at this archaeological museum. | 2 Green Island Shuttle | Take a boat shuttle to Île Verte for beaches and nature. |
| 3 Plage Lumière | Relax on this popular sandy beach with clear Mediterranean waters. | 4 Parc du Mugel | Wander through a beautiful botanical garden and coastal park. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |