

La Rochelle, Charente-Maritime, France

La Rochelle guards its medieval harbour with three towering sentinels and opens onto the Atlantic — a handsome port city where arcaded streets, fresh oysters, and the island escape of Île de Ré reward a day ashore.

🚢 Pier — Port de la Pallice ⌚ Typical call: 8–10 hrs 💰 Currency: Euro (€) 🗣️ Language: French (English spoken in tourist areas)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Port de la Pallice, ~6 km from city centre

Walk to centre: Not walkable — shuttle bus or taxi (10–15 min)

Best For: History, cycling, island day trips, fresh seafood

Don't Miss: Climbing the three medieval towers at the Vieux Port

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 Taxi ✓ €15–€25 · 🚲 Rideshare ✓ Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **The Three Medieval Towers** — Tour Saint-Nicolas, Tour de la Chaîne, and Tour de la Lanterne guard the harbour entrance.
- **Île de Ré Day Trip** — Cross the 3 km bridge to this chic flat island of salt marshes, hollyhocks, whitewashed villages, and sandy beaches.
- **La Rochelle Aquarium** — One of Europe's largest private aquariums, a short walk from the Vieux Port.
- **Rochefort & the Hermione Frigate** — A short drive south, Rochefort's Corderie Royale (royal ropeworks) and the full-scale reconstruction of the 18th-century frigate Hermione are...
- **Old Town Market & Seafood Lunch** — The covered Central Market opens every morning with local oysters, cheeses, and produce.

BEST WALKS

- **Old Port & Towers Loop** 1.5 km · 30–45 min · Flat — Start at the Grosse Horloge (medieval clock gate), walk down to the Vieux Port, loop around to the three towers, then return via the arcaded Rue du Palais.
- **Vieux Port to Aquarium Stroll** 1 km · 20 min · Flat — Walk south along the waterfront from the Vieux Port past the marina at Les Minimes toward the Aquarium de La Rochelle.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇪🇸 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:18AM–8:51PM · Jun 6:12AM–9:57PM · Aug 7:04AM–9:13PM · Sep 7:43AM–8:15PM · Oct 8:22AM–7:17PM Currency: Euro (€)	
Apr	60°	48°	8d		
Jun	72°	61°	10d		
Aug	74°	63°	9d		
Sep	72°	59°	8d		
Oct	65°	54°	11d		

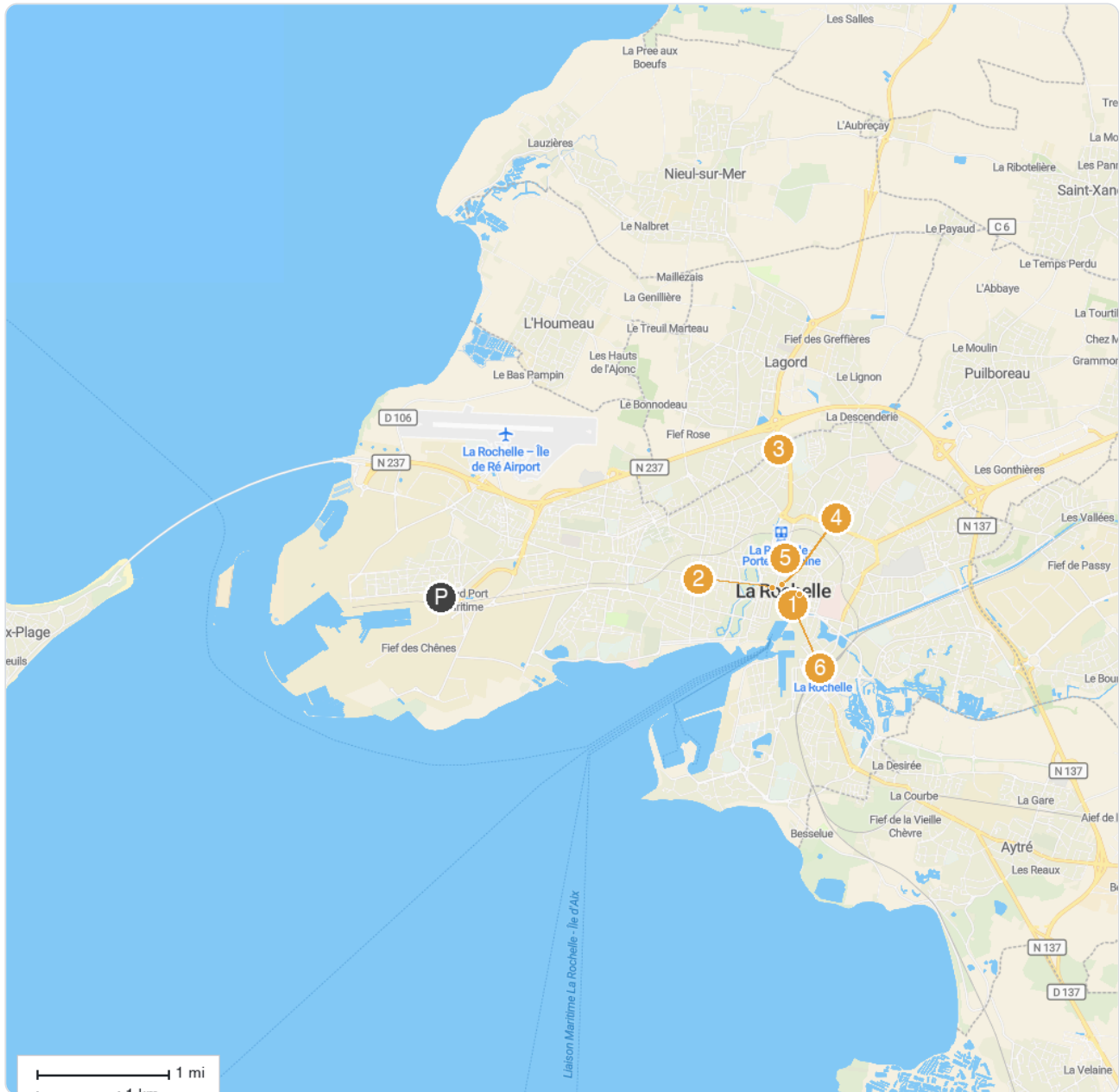
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Shuttle or taxi required. Port de la Pallice is 6 km from the city — factor in 10–15 min each way and confirm shuttle times on board.
- Atlantic tides are dramatic. The Vieux Port can look majestic at high tide and muddy at low tide — both are perfectly normal.
- Bikes are the city's soul. La Rochelle was first in France with free bike-sharing (1976). Rent a Yélo bike to explore or to cycle across to Île de Ré.
- Île de Ré is the best day trip. Coach Line 150 crosses the bridge cheaply (seasonal lines 151/152 too). Arrive early to beat the crowds and rent a bike in Saint-Martin-de-Ré.
- Pack a light jacket. Atlantic weather can turn cool even in summer. The arcaded streets offer shelter, and the Aquarium is a solid rainy-day option.
- Sunday closures. Many shops close Sunday afternoon; markets finish by midday. The towers, Aquarium, and waterfront cafes stay open — plan accordingly.

La Rochelle, Charente-Maritime, 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 Cloister Of The White Ladies</p> <p>3 Escape Yourself La Rochelle</p> <p>5 Muséum d'Histoire naturelle de La Rochelle</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Historic cloister of a former convent, now a cultural space.</p> <p>An escape room venue for interactive puzzle-solving fun.</p> <p>Natural history museum with diverse collections of flora and fauna.</p> | <p>2 Saint Louis Cathedral</p> <p>4 musée des Beaux-Arts de La Rochelle</p> <p>6 Bunker La Rochelle (Museum)</p> | <p>La Rochelle's main Catholic cathedral, known for its architecture.</p> <p>Fine arts museum showcasing European paintings and sculptures.</p> <p>WWII German submarine bunker transformed into a historical museum.</p> |
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