

Le Lavandou, Var, France

Le Lavandou is the softer side of the Riviera: a former fishing village with a compact harbor, sandy beaches, Provençal lanes, and the Îles d'Or shimmering offshore.

 Tender port  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Currency: Euro  Language: French  Beach town

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Cruise ships anchor offshore near the marina and tender passengers to Quai d'Honneur

Best For: Easy beach time, harbor dining, coastal walks, and relaxed Riviera scenery

Walk to center: The marina, town center, and Grande Plage are usually 2-5 minutes on foot from the tender landing

Don't Miss: Saint-Clair Beach or a short trip up to Bormes-les-Mimosas

 Getting around:  Taxi  €8 minimum ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Grande Plage Beach Break** — Walk from the tender landing to Le Lavandou's main sandy beach for swimming, sunbeds, waterfront cafes, and an easy return to the marina.
- **Saint-Clair Beach & Coastal Path** — Follow the Sentier du Littoral east toward Saint-Clair, a sheltered cove known for clear water and a more polished Riviera feel than the town beach.
- **Bormes-les-Mimosas** — Ride inland to one of the Var's prettiest medieval villages, with steep lanes, flowered balconies, artisan shops, and views back across the coast.
- **Îles d'Or Ferry Adventure** — On longer calls, passenger boats from Le Lavandou connect toward Port-Cros and other Golden Islands for national-park hikes, snorkeling, and car-free...
- **Harbor Lunch & Provençal Flavors** — Stay local with seafood along Quai Gabriel Péri, market produce when stalls are open, and a glass of chilled Côtes de Provence rosé overlooking the...

BEST WALKS

- **Harbor, Old Town & Grande Plage** 1.5 km | 45-60 min | Flat & easy — Start at the marina, browse the compact center and fishing-village lanes, then loop along the seafront to Grande Plage for a swim or cafe stop.
- **Sentier du Littoral to Saint-Clair** 3 km return | 1.5-2 hrs | Uneven coastal path — Walk east from the port on the coastal path for sea views, rocky coves, and a reward swim at Saint-Clair Beach before retracing your steps.
- **Villa Théo Art Stop** 2 km return | 45-75 min | Easy to moderate — If exhibitions are open, pair a Saint-Clair direction walk with Villa Théo, the former home associated with painter Théo van Rysselberghe and now a small cultural venue.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇫🇷 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:52AM–8:17PM · Jun 5:54AM–9:15PM · Aug 6:40AM–8:36PM · Sep 7:14AM–7:44PM · Oct 7:48AM–6:51PM	
Apr	64°	51°	6d	Currency: Euro	
Jun	80°	66°	5d		
Aug	85°	70°	2d		
Sep	78°	65°	6d		
Oct	70°	58°	8d		

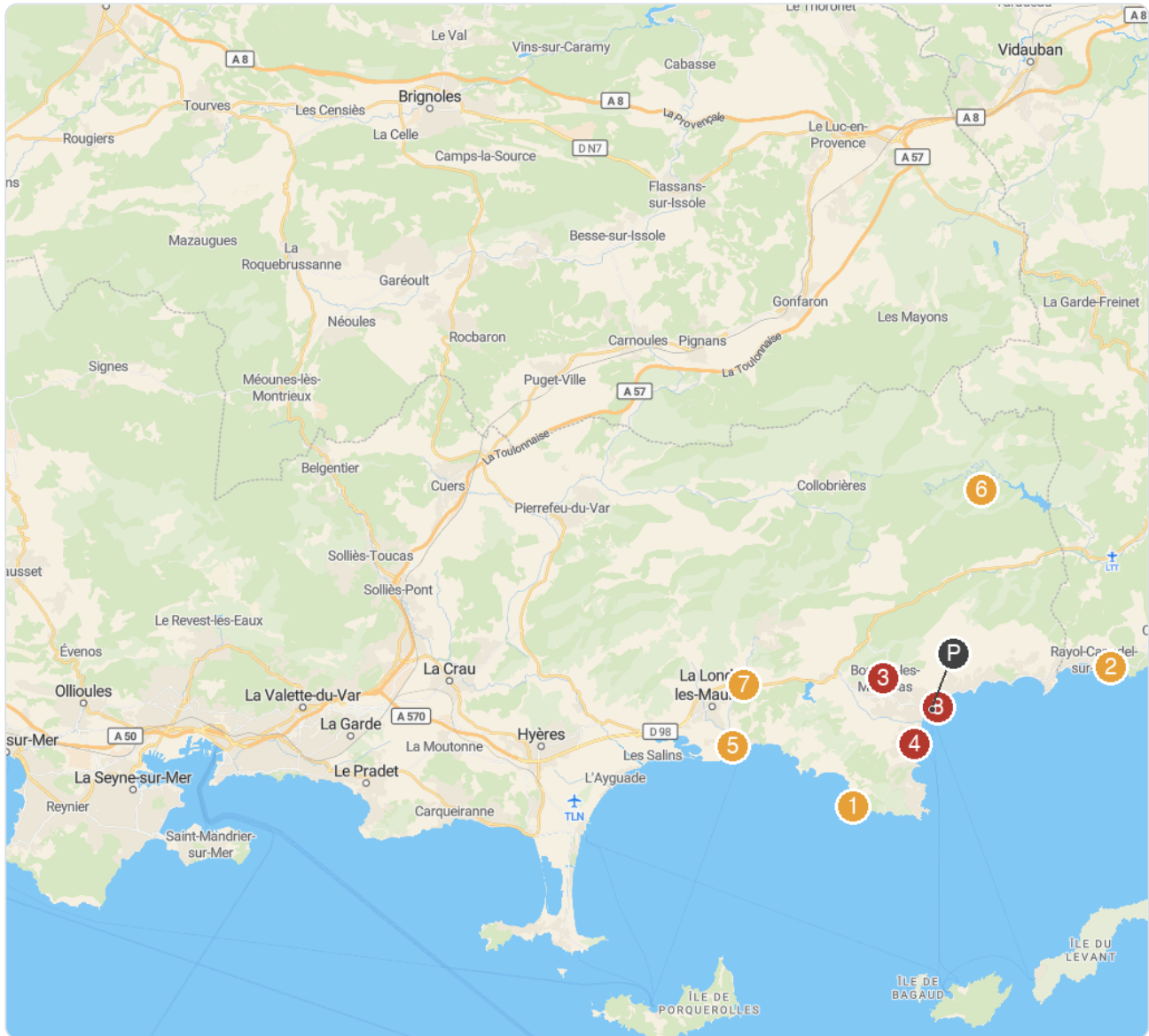
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- This is a tender call. CruiseMapper lists Le Lavandou ships anchoring offshore and tendering to Quai d'Honneur, so check your ship's tender-ticket process before making independent plans.
- Beach gear pays off. Grande Plage is very close to the tender landing, while Saint-Clair is prettier but requires a coastal walk, taxi, or local transport.
- Do not count on a big taxi rank. For Bormes-les-Mimosas or farther beaches, arrange transport early through the tourist office, your cruise line, or a prebooked operator.
- Island ferries need a long call. Port-Cros and the Îles d'Or are tempting, but schedules are seasonal and must line up with both your tender times and all-aboard.
- Carry a little cash. Cards work widely, but euros are useful for markets, small cafes, bus fares, and beach incidentals.
- Wear real shoes for the coastal path. The Sentier du Littoral has uneven stone and exposed sections; sandals are fine for town, not ideal for the full walk.

Le Lavandou, Var, 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 Fort de Brégançon</p> <p>3 MHAB-Musée d'Histoire et d'Art de Bormes</p> <p>5 Aquaboum</p> <p>7 Tropical Zoo</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Historic island fortress, a French presidential retreat.</p> <p>Local museum of Bormes' history and art.</p> <p>Fun inflatable water park for all ages.</p> <p>Small zoo featuring tropical animals and birds.</p> | <p>2 Domaine du Rayol, The Mediterranean Gardens</p> <p>4 Beach of La Favière</p> <p>6 Monastère Notre-Dame de Clémence de La Verne / Moniales de Bethléem, de l'Assomption de la Vierge et de Saint-Bruno</p> <p>8 Jardin Du Belvédère</p> | <p>Stunning botanical gardens showcasing Mediterranean flora.</p> <p>Popular sandy beach perfect for swimming and sunbathing.</p> <p>Serene monastery of nuns nestled in the forest.</p> <p>Scenic garden offering panoramic views of the coast.</p> |
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