

Melun, Île-de-France, France

Once a royal Capetian capital on an island in the Seine, Melun punches well above its size — it sits minutes from the château that inspired Versailles, and it makes the finest Brie in France.

 Docked (riverside quay)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: French  Paris: 28 min by train

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Direct quay along the Seine — no tender

Best For: Château day-trips, French history, cheese & pastry

Walk to center: 5–10 min across the bridge to Place Saint-Jean

Don't Miss: Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte (the château that created Versailles)

 Getting around:  Taxi  €8–€15 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte** — The baroque masterpiece that made Louis XIV so jealous he imprisoned its owner and hired the same trio of architect...
- **Château de Fontainebleau** — A royal palace inhabited by French monarchs from the 12th to 19th centuries and a favourite of Napoleon.
- **Forest of Fontainebleau** — 25,000 hectares of former royal hunting ground packed with sandstone boulders, marked hiking trails, and world-famous...
- **Musée de la Gendarmerie Nationale** — A surprisingly gripping modern museum tracing the history of France's military police from the Middle Ages to today...
- **Île Saint-Étienne & Collégiale Notre-Dame** — The Roman-era island heart of Melun.

BEST WALKS

- **Île Saint-Étienne Historic Loop** 1.5 km · 30 min · Flat — Cross from the quay onto the island, walk to Collégiale Notre-Dame de Melun, continue along the riverside promenade, then cross back...
- **Town Center & Saint-Aspais Walk** 2 km · 40 min · Flat — From the quay, cross to Place Saint-Jean for cafés and market stalls, then stroll to the Gothic Église Saint-Aspais (classified...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:59AM–8:40PM · Jun 5:47AM–9:53PM · Aug 6:43AM–9:03PM · Sep 7:26AM–8:01PM · Oct 8:09AM–6:59PM	
Apr	60°	43°	10d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	74°	57°	11d		
Aug	77°	60°	10d		
Sep	71°	55°	8d		
Oct	63°	49°	12d		

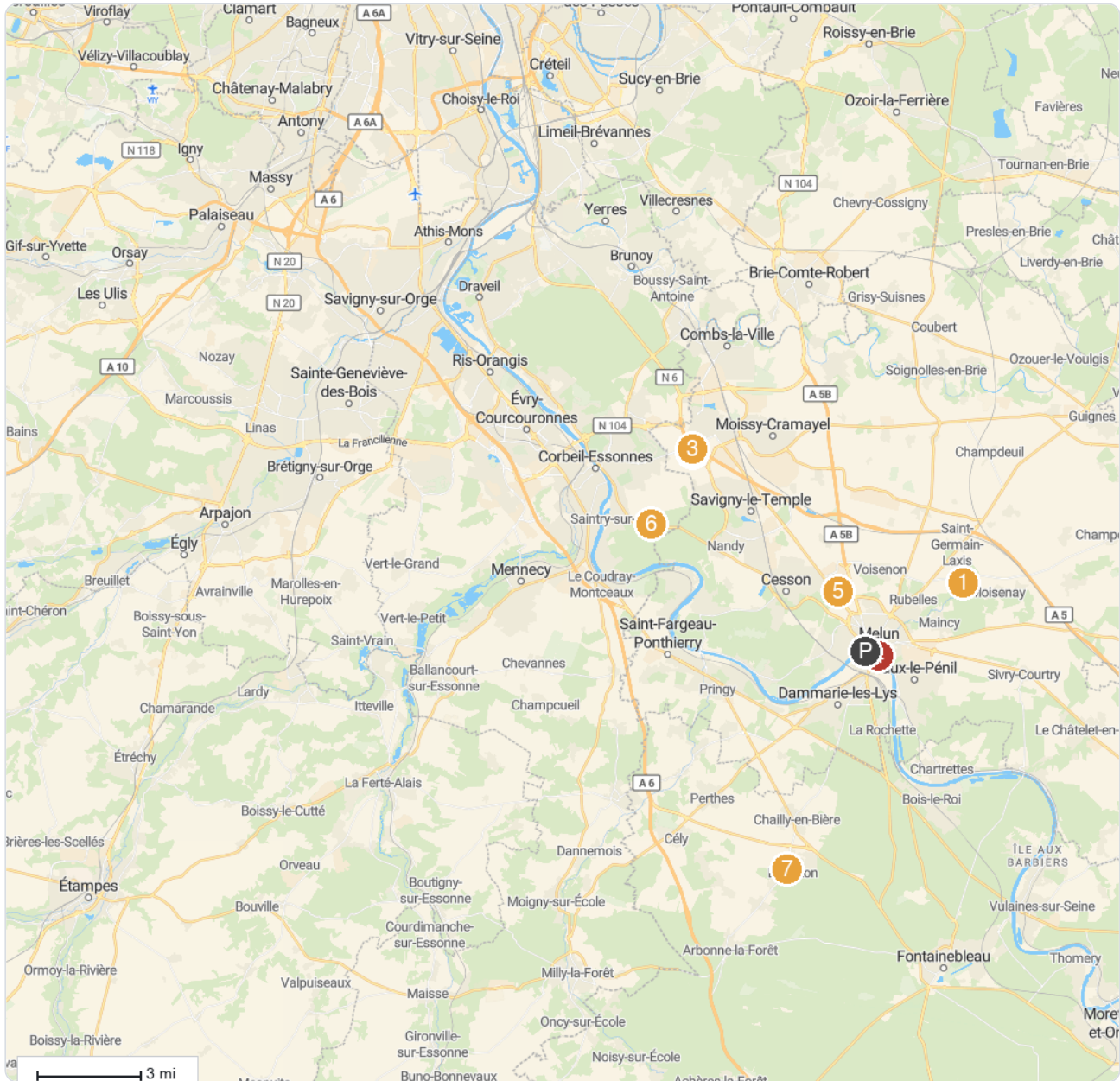
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- **Train to Paris:** Walk 15–20 min to Melun Gare and take Transilien Line R directly to Paris Gare de Lyon in 28 minutes. Avoid the RER D — it stops everywhere and takes over an hour.
- **Eat the Brie:** Brie de Melun is the older, stronger ancestor of all Brie cheeses — saltier and more complex than the mild export version. Find it at any local fromagerie or market.

Melun, Île-de-France, 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 | Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte | Magnificent 17th-century baroque château with stunning gardens. | 2 | Gulli Parc Carré Sénart | Large indoor playground for children with various activities. |
| 3 | Koezio Sénart | Indoor team adventure game with missions and challenges. | 4 | Collegiate Church of Notre-Dame | Historic collegiate church in Melun with impressive architecture. |
| 5 | Lasergame Vert-Saint-Denis Evolution | Indoor laser tag arena for fun group battles. | 6 | Winnoland | Family amusement park with rides and attractions. |
| 7 | Musée départemental des peintres de Barbizon | Museum showcasing art by Barbizon School landscape painters. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |