

# Menton, French Riviera, France

Warmer, quieter, and more colourful than its famous neighbours, Menton blends French elegance with Italian soul — and practically has Monaco in its backyard.

 Tender port

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Currency: Euro (€)

 French / Italian spoken

## 🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_

All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Tender to Quai Napoléon III, Vieux Port

**Best For:** Colourful Old Town, lemon culture, day trips to Monaco & Italy

**Walk to centre:** 5 min (flat) to Old Town base; 15–20 min to hilltop

**Don't Miss:** Cemetery panorama, Jean Cocteau Bastion, Plage des Sablettes

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €8 base + €2.54/km (day rate) · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Menton Old Town & Hilltop Cemetery** — Wind through terracotta alleys to the Baroque Basilique Saint-Michel Archange, then climb to the Cimetière du Vieux...
- **Jean Cocteau Museum & Bastion** — The 17th-century harbour fort decorated personally by artist-filmmaker Jean Cocteau holds a museum dedicated to his work.
- **Val Rahmeh Botanical Garden** — A subtropical paradise sheltered by the Alps — giant water lilies, avocado trees, and rare specimens from around the...
- **Monaco Day Trip by Train** — Board the regional train at Gare de Menton (20–25 min walk or taxi from port) and reach Monaco in 10 minutes.
- **Ventimiglia Market & Italian Lunch** — Jump the border to Ventimiglia, Italy (~15 min by train) for a Friday market, fresh pasta, and limoncello — a genuine...

## BEST WALKS

- **Old Town & Hilltop Loop** 2–3 hrs | Moderate | Cobblestones & stairs — From the Vieux Port, head to the Jean Cocteau Bastion, then enter the Old Town alleys, visit the Parvis Saint-Michel mosaic square and...
- **Promenade du Soleil Stroll** 1 hr | Easy | Flat seafront — A flat, scenic paved promenade stretching along the waterfront from the old port westward.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

| Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr | 64°  | 51° | 7d   |
| Jun | 78°  | 66° | 7d   |
| Aug | 83°  | 71° | 4d   |
| Sep | 77°  | 65° | 7d   |
| Oct | 70°  | 58° | 8d   |

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:47AM–8:13PM · Jun 5:47AM–9:13PM · Aug 6:34AM–8:33PM · Sep 7:09AM–7:39PM · Oct 7:44AM–6:46PM

Currency: Euro (€)

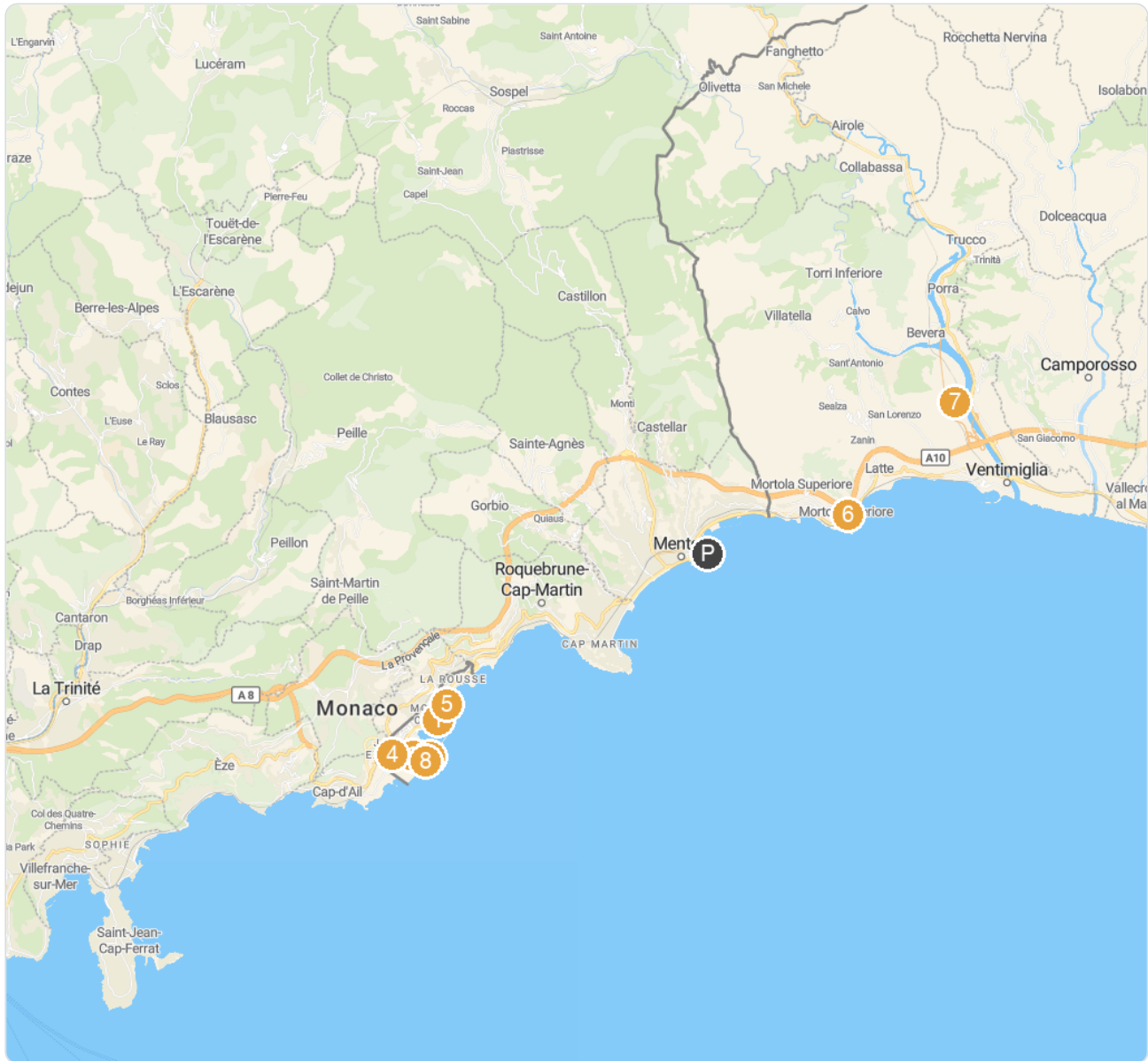
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Steep terrain warning: The Old Town climbs sharply with uneven cobblestones and many stairs — not wheelchair-friendly. Those with mobility issues should stick to the flat...

# Menton, French Riviera, France — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Casino de Monte-Carlo                    | Iconic casino, opera house, and ballet venue.          | <b>2</b> Prince's Palace of Monaco | Historic official residence of Monaco's Prince.             |
| <b>3</b> Musée océanographique de Monaco          | World-renowned oceanographic museum and aquarium.      | <b>4</b> Exotic Garden of Monaco   | Hillside botanical garden featuring succulents and cacti.   |
| <b>5</b> Princess Grace Japanese Garden           | Peaceful traditional Japanese garden with a tea house. | <b>6</b> Giardini Botanici Hanbury | Historic botanical gardens with diverse plant collections.  |
| <b>7</b> Cactusmania By Manera di Manera Annarita | Large nursery specializing in cacti and succulents.    | <b>8</b> Jardins Saint-Martin      | Public gardens offering Mediterranean plants and sea views. |
| <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal                   |                                                        |                                    |                                                             |