

Mons, Wallonia, Belgium

The only Baroque belfry in Belgium crowns this compact Wallonian city where WWI's first and last British shots were fired — and where a little iron monkey on the town hall is said to grant good luck.

 River cruise — dockside quay  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: French

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Grand Large marina quay — no tender required

Walk to center: ~25 min (2.5 km) from Grand Large marina; shuttle often provided

Best For: History, UNESCO sites, Belgian food & beer, folklore

Don't Miss: Rub the Monkey of the Grand-Garde for good luck

 Getting around:  Taxi  €8–€20 ·  Rideshare  Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Belfry of Mons Climb** — Belgium's only Baroque belfry and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- **Mons Memorial Museum (WWI)** — Mons was where the British fired their first and last shots of WWI.
- **Mundaneum — The Paper Internet** — Paul Otlet's visionary early-20th-century project to catalogue all the world's knowledge — a remarkable proto-internet...
- **Collegiate Church of Sainte-Waudru** — A grand Brabantine Gothic church housing the golden Car d'Or processional carriage — the centerpiece of the annual...
- **Belgian Flavours Food Walk** — CroisiEurope and local guides run culinary walks through Mons sampling Belgian beer, artisanal chocolate, waffles, and...

BEST WALKS

- **Grand-Place to Belfry Loop** 1.5 km · 45-60 min · Easy (one gentle hill to the Belfry) — The essential Mons stroll, starting from the Grand-Place: find the iron Monkey on the town hall facade, cross to the Collegiate Church...
- **Mundaneum & Museum Quarter** 2 km · 30 min walk + museum time · Easy — Head north from Grand-Place along Rue de Nimy to the Mundaneum, then continue to the Mons Memorial Museum on Boulevard Dolez — both...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:50AM–8:38PM · Jun 5:32AM–9:57PM · Aug 6:33AM–9:03PM · Sep 7:20AM–7:57PM · Oct 8:07AM–6:51PM	
Apr	58°	41°	10d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	72°	55°	10d		
Aug	74°	58°	13d		
Sep	68°	54°	10d		
Oct	60°	49°	13d		

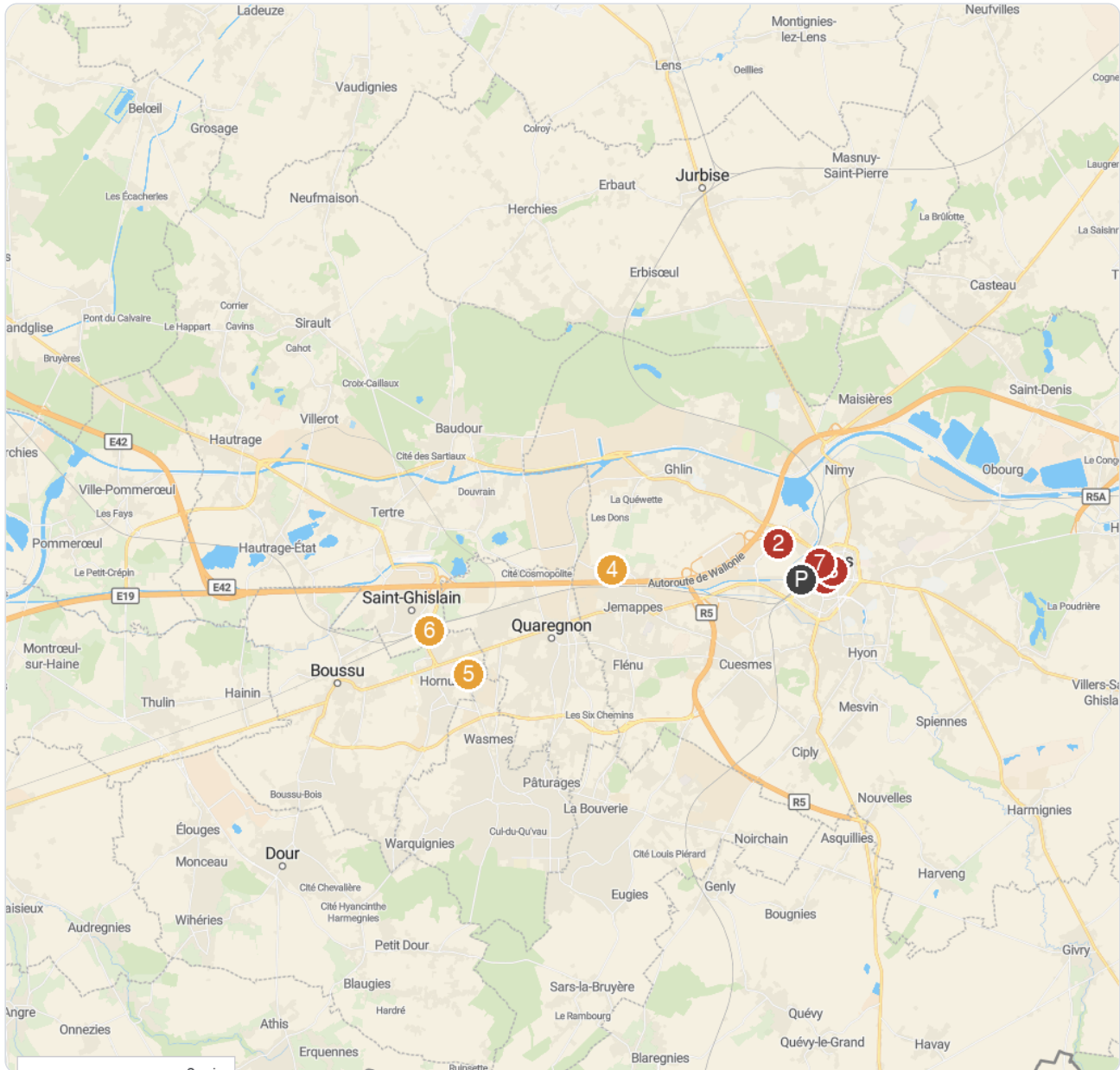
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- **Rub the Monkey:** The small iron monkey on the Grand-Garde facade of the Town Hall — stroke its head with your left hand for good luck. It's a Mons tradition and a free photo op.
- **Order Belgian beer properly:** Ask for a local Wallonian brew rather than a generic lager. The waiter will match the right glass to your beer — it matters here.

Mons, Wallonia, Belgium — Port Map

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



- 1** **Belfry of Mons** Historic bell tower, UNESCO World Heritage site with city views.
- 3** **Beaux-Arts Mons** Modern and contemporary art museum in Mons.
- 5** **The Grand Hornu** Former coal mine, now a UNESCO cultural and design center.
- 7** **Regional Museum of Natural Sciences** Museum displaying regional natural history and specimens.

- 2** **Laser Game Evolution Mons** Indoor laser tag arena and multi-level maze entertainment.
- 4** **Park Jemappes** Public park offering green space and recreation.
- 6** **Retrotrain (musée du PFT-TSP asbl)** Railway museum showcasing historic trains and locomotives.
- P** **Cruise port / terminal**