

Port-Vendres, Occitanie, France

Where the Pyrenees plunge into the Mediterranean, Port-Vendres remains a genuine working fishing harbour — cruise ships dock right in the heart of town, Collioure is a short bus ride away, and anchovies are the local religion.

 Docked (deep-water pier)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Currency: Euro  French & Catalan  €1 bus to Collioure

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Quai de la République or Quai Pierre Forgas — right in town

Best For: Coastal hikes, Collioure day trip, fresh seafood, Catalan culture

Walk to centre: 0–5 min; step off the gangway and you're already there

Don't Miss: The Mackintosh Trail & the €1 bus to Collioure for Matisse country

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €15–€20 local, ~€40 to Collioure ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Collioure & the Matisse Trail** — The jewel of the Côte Vermeille is a 10-minute €1 bus ride away.
- **Sentier du Littoral Coastal Walk** — A spectacular waymarked trail hugs the volcanic red-rock coast.
- **Fort Saint-Elme** — A star-shaped fortress perched on the hill between Port-Vendres and Collioure.
- **Mackintosh Trail** — Scottish architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh spent his final years (1923–27) painting Port-Vendres.
- **Anchovy & Banyuls Wine Tasting** — Collioure anchovies, salted by hand and packed in olive oil, are nothing like tinned supermarket fish.

BEST WALKS

- **Harbour & Town Stroll** 30–45 min · Easy · Free — A simple loop around the working port taking in the obelisk, the church, the Mackintosh plaques, and the quayside fishmongers.
- **Coastal Path to Collioure** 45–60 min each way · Moderate · Stunning views — Follow the Sentier du Littoral north along volcanic red cliffs and hidden coves.

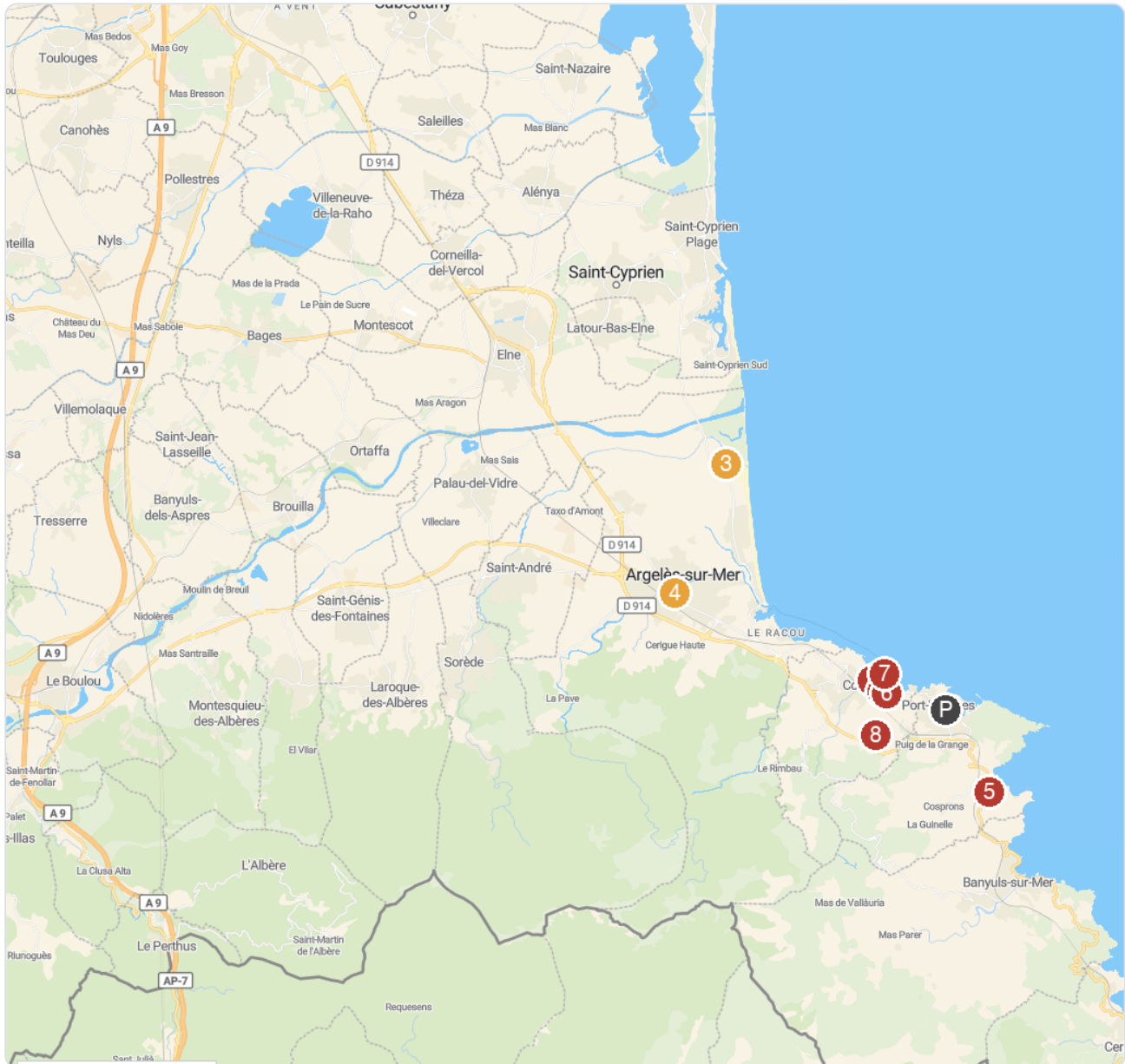
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- The €1 bus is your best friend. Lio Line 540 runs every 20–30 minutes and connects Port-Vendres with Collioure (north) and Banyuls-sur-Mer (south) for just €1 each way. Buy from...
- Eat anchovies here. Collioure anchovies — hand-salted and packed in olive oil — are a protected local product (IGP). Try them on toast at any harbourside restaurant. Nothing like...
- Bring some cash. Cards are accepted everywhere, but the bus, small market stalls, and some fishmongers are cash-only.

Port-Vendres, Occitanie, 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 Royal Castle of Collioure | Historic royal castle by the sea, once a royal residence. | 2 Musée d'art moderne | Museum showcasing modern art, often with regional focus. |
| 3 Canyoning Park | Adventure park offering artificial canyoning and water activities. | 4 Église Notre-Dame del Prat d'Argelès-sur-Mer | Historic fortified church with a distinctive bell tower. |
| 5 Site House, Museum Of Catalan boats | Museum dedicated to traditional Catalan fishing boats and maritime history. | 6 Moulin de Collioure | Restored historic windmill offering olive oil tasting and views. |
| 7 Collioure Lighthouse | Active lighthouse marking the entrance to Collioure harbor. | 8 Fort Dugommier | Historic military fort offering panoramic views of the coast. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |