

Saint-Nazaire, Pays de la Loire, France

Heavily bombed in WWII and rebuilt from scratch, Saint-Nazaire wears its industrial soul proudly — massive concrete sub pens, a shipyard where floating cities are born, and a breezy Atlantic waterfront that surprises most visitors who expected quaint France.

-  Docked (pier)
-  Typical call: 8-10 hrs
-  Euro (€)
-  French
-  Birthplace of the world's largest cruise ships

📅 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — no tender. Smaller ships dock at Quai de Commerce (5-min walk to attractions); larger ships at Montoir terminal (~10 km, shuttle provided).

Best For: History buffs, WWII sites, industrial architecture, unique museum experiences, shipyard fans.

Walk to center: 5-10 min from Quai de Commerce dock; not walkable from Montoir terminal.

Don't Miss: Escal'Atlantic inside the submarine pens — a surreal ocean-liner museum inside a WWII bunker.

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €10–15 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Escal'Atlantic — Ocean Liner Museum** — Inside one of the largest WWII German submarine bunkers in the world, this immersive museum recreates life aboard...
- **Espadon Submarine Tour** — Board the Espadon, the only submarine open to the public in France.
- **Chantiers de l'Atlantique Shipyard Tour** — A guided bus tour of the legendary shipyard where Oasis of the Seas, MSC World America, and countless ocean liners were...
- **Brière Regional Natural Park** — France's second-largest marshland sits just outside Saint-Nazaire.
- **Airbus Factory Tour** — Visit the Saint-Nazaire Airbus facility where cockpits and fuselage sections for A320 and A380 families are assembled...

BEST WALKS

- **Submarine Base & Waterfront Loop** 2-3 hrs | Easy | Flat — From the Quai de Commerce dock, walk directly into the La Base district surrounding the WWII submarine pens.
- **La Havane Heritage Quarter** 45 min | Easy | Stroll — A short walk inland from the waterfront takes you to La Havane, a rare surviving pocket of 19th-century bourgeois townhouses with...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	60°	47°	9d
Jun	72°	59°	10d
Aug	74°	61°	9d
Sep	71°	58°	9d
Oct	63°	53°	11d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:20AM–8:57PM · Jun 6:12AM–10:06PM · Aug 7:05AM–9:19PM · Sep 7:46AM–8:20PM · Oct 8:27AM–7:20PM

Euro (€)

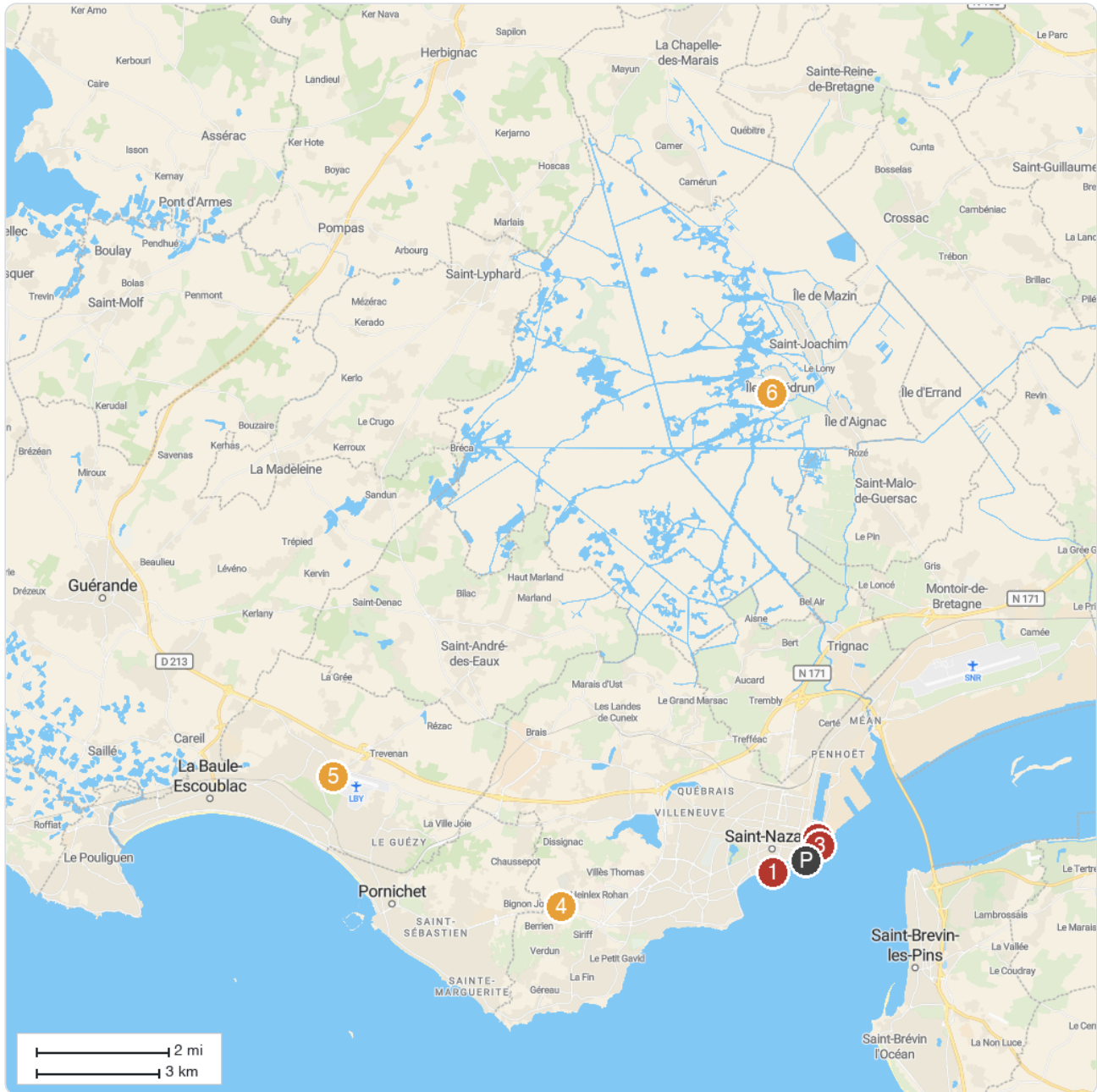
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy a combo ticket. The Escal'Atlantic + Espadon + Écomusée combo saves money and gives the best overview of the city's maritime identity. Available at the tourist office inside...

Saint-Nazaire, Pays de la Loire, 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 Monument du soldat américain | A monument honoring American soldiers from WWI. | 2 Sous-marin Espadon | Visit a real French submarine from the 1950s. |
| 3 Ecomusée de Saint Nazaire | Museum detailing Saint-Nazaire's history, port, and shipbuilding. | 4 Laser Game Evolution | An indoor arena for competitive laser tag games. |
| 5 Aerospace Museum Peninsula Coast of Love | Museum showcasing aviation history and aircraft. | 6 Valérie Aoustin Briere | A local jewelry designer's workshop and boutique. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |