

Valence, Drôme, France

La Porte du Midi — the Gateway to the South. Valence straddles the line between northern Dauphiné and sun-drenched Provence, delivering Roman history, world-class cuisine, and a riverside park that's worth the visit on its own.

 Docked (Quai Frédéric Mistral)

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 Euro (€)

 French

 River Cruise Port

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Quai Frédéric Mistral or Port de l'Épervière

Best For: Gastronomy, history, Rhône wine tasting, cycling the ViaRhône

Walk to center: 15–20 min from Quai Frédéric Mistral (uphill through Parc Jouvét)

Don't Miss: Le Kiosque Peynet, Maison des Têtes facade, and a Suisse biscuit from Pâtisserie Nivon

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €5–€10 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Château de Crussol Ruins** — A 12th-century limestone castle perched dramatically on a cliff across the Rhône in Saint-Péray.
 - **Ardèche Gorges Day Trip** — Often called the 'Grand Canyon of Europe,' the Ardèche Gorges offer kayaking, hiking, and jaw-dropping limestone canyon...
 - **Tain l'Hermitage Wine & Chocolate** — Just 20 minutes north, Tain l'Hermitage produces some of the Northern Rhône's most prestigious wines...
- **Old Town Valence Walking Tour** — Explore the medieval quartier: the Romanesque Cathedral of Saint-Apollinaire with its monument to Pope Pius VI (who...
 - **Musée de Valence — Art & Archaeology** — Housed in the former Episcopal Palace beside the cathedral, this museum spans regional prehistory to contemporary art.

BEST WALKS

- **Riverside to Old Town via Parc Jouvét** 2.5 km · 30–40 min · Moderate (uphill) — The classic cruise-day walk.
- **Canal Walk — La Robine & Les Balmes** 2 km loop · 25 min · Easy — Valence has over 10 km of open-air canals dating to Roman times.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	65°	43°	d
Jun	82°	60°	d
Aug	86°	61°	0d
Sep	79°	55°	d
Oct	68°	50°	d

 **DAYLIGHT & 🌳 MONEY**

Apr 6:55AM–8:25PM · Jun 5:53AM–9:28PM · Aug 6:42AM–8:46PM · Sep 7:19AM–7:50PM · Oct 7:56AM–6:55PM

Euro (€)

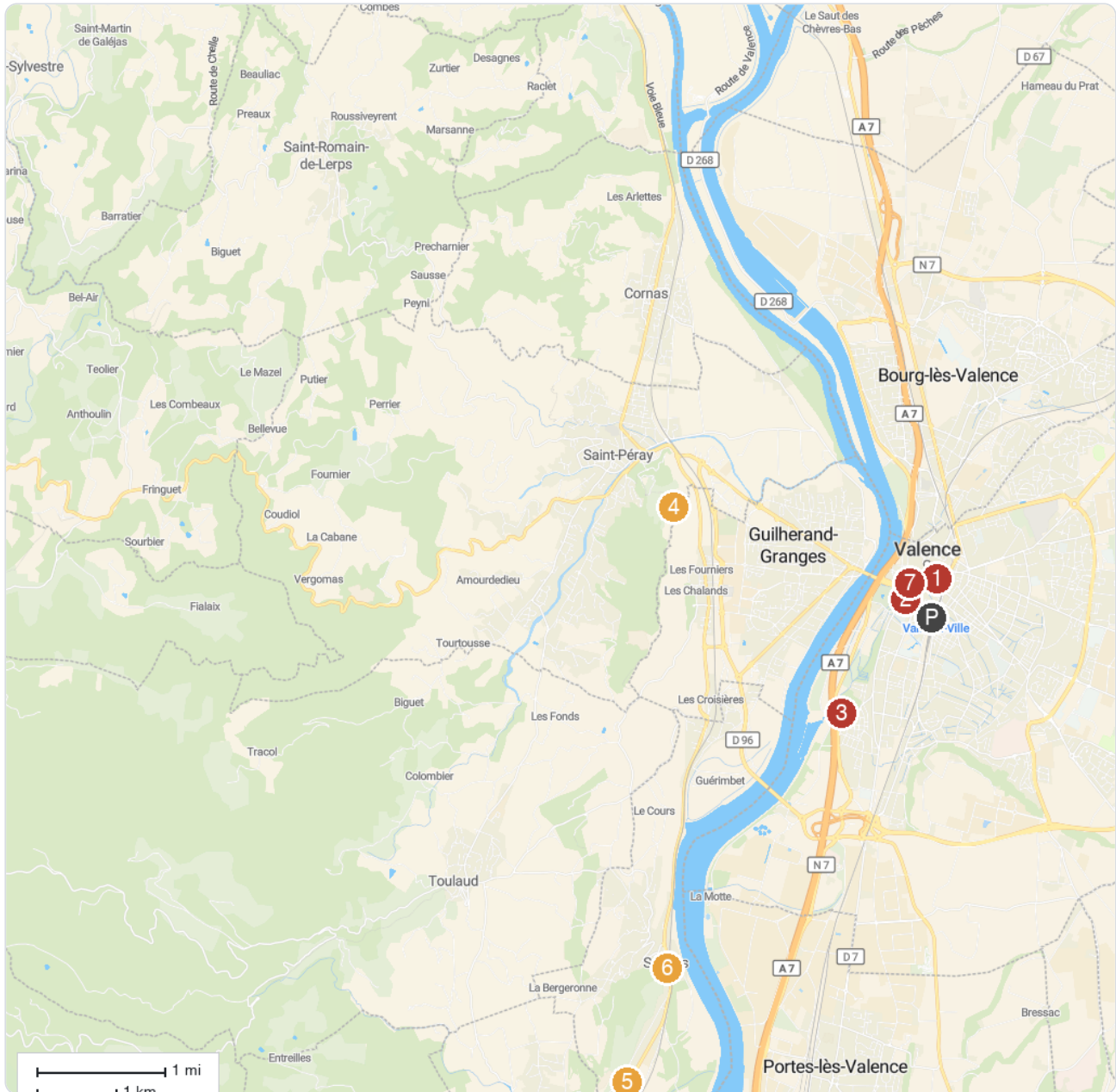
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Try the Suisse biscuit. This orange-blossom shortbread shaped like a Swiss Guard has been made since 1799. Find the best ones at Pâtisserie Nivon near the train station — it's a...
- Pack a windbreaker. Valence sits in the Rhône corridor, a natural funnel for the Mistral wind. Even on warm sunny days the gusts...

Valence, Drôme, 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 Armenian Heritage Center | Explore Armenian culture, history, and heritage. | 2 Kiosque Peynet | See the iconic, romantic Peynet bandstand. |
| 3 Marcel Paul Park | Relax in this pleasant urban park. | 4 Château de Crussol | Visit impressive medieval castle ruins with panoramic views. |
| 5 Jardin des Trains Ardéchois | Discover miniature trains in a charming garden setting. | 6 Site archéologique: Grottes et Musée | Explore ancient caves and an archaeological museum. |
| 7 Musée de Valence, art et archéologie | Discover art and archaeology at Valence's main museum. | P Cruise port / terminal | |