

Villefranche-sur-Mer, Côte d'Azur, France

Ships anchor in one of the Mediterranean's deepest natural bays, framed by pastel-washed fishing houses and the hills of the French Riviera. Nice is about 10 minutes by train; Monaco about 15.

 Tender port

 Typical call: 7-10 hrs

 Currency: Euro

 Language: French

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor in the bay; tenders drop at Quai Courbet

Best For: Day trips to Nice, Monaco & Eze; beachside lunch; Cocteau chapel

Walk to center: 1 min from tender dock to the old town and beach

Don't Miss: Chapelle Saint-Pierre (Cocteau frescoes) & Rue Obscure

Getting around:  Taxi  €30–45 to Nice ·  Rideshare  Uber ·  Hop-on hop-off  Nice Le Grand Tour

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Nice City Day** — The Cours Saleya flower market, Promenade des Anglais, and the colorful Old Town (Vieux-Nice) are easily done independently by train.
- Monaco & Monte Carlo** — Hop the train to Monaco for the Prince's Palace, the Casino de Monte-Carlo, and a stroll through the Condamine market.
- Eze Village & Perfumeries** — The medieval perched village of Eze sits roughly 430 m above the sea with panoramic Riviera views.
- Chapelle Saint-Pierre & Old Villefranche** — Jean Cocteau decorated this tiny 14th-century fishermen's chapel with vivid frescoes in 1957.
- Villefranche Beach** — The sandy beach directly below the old town is one of the nicest in the area — calmer than Nice's stone beach.

BEST WALKS

- Old Villefranche Loop** 1.5 km · 45–60 min · Easy · Start: Quai Courbet — From the tender dock, walk along the quay to Chapelle Saint-Pierre, duck into Rue Obscure (the ancient vaulted street), climb to the Citadelle Saint-Elme for views over...
- Cap Ferrat Coastal Path** 8 km round-trip · 2.5–3 hrs · Moderate · Start: Villefranche port — A well-signed coastal path circles the Cap Ferrat peninsula with excellent sea views, passing villas, rocky coves, and the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild gardens (entry...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		64°	50°	7d
Jun		79°	65°	9d
Aug		84°	70°	6d
Sep		77°	64°	8d
Oct		70°	57°	8d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 6:48AM–8:14PM · Jun 5:48AM–9:14PM · Aug 6:35AM–8:34PM · Sep 7:10AM–7:40PM · Oct 7:45AM–6:46PM

Currency: Euro

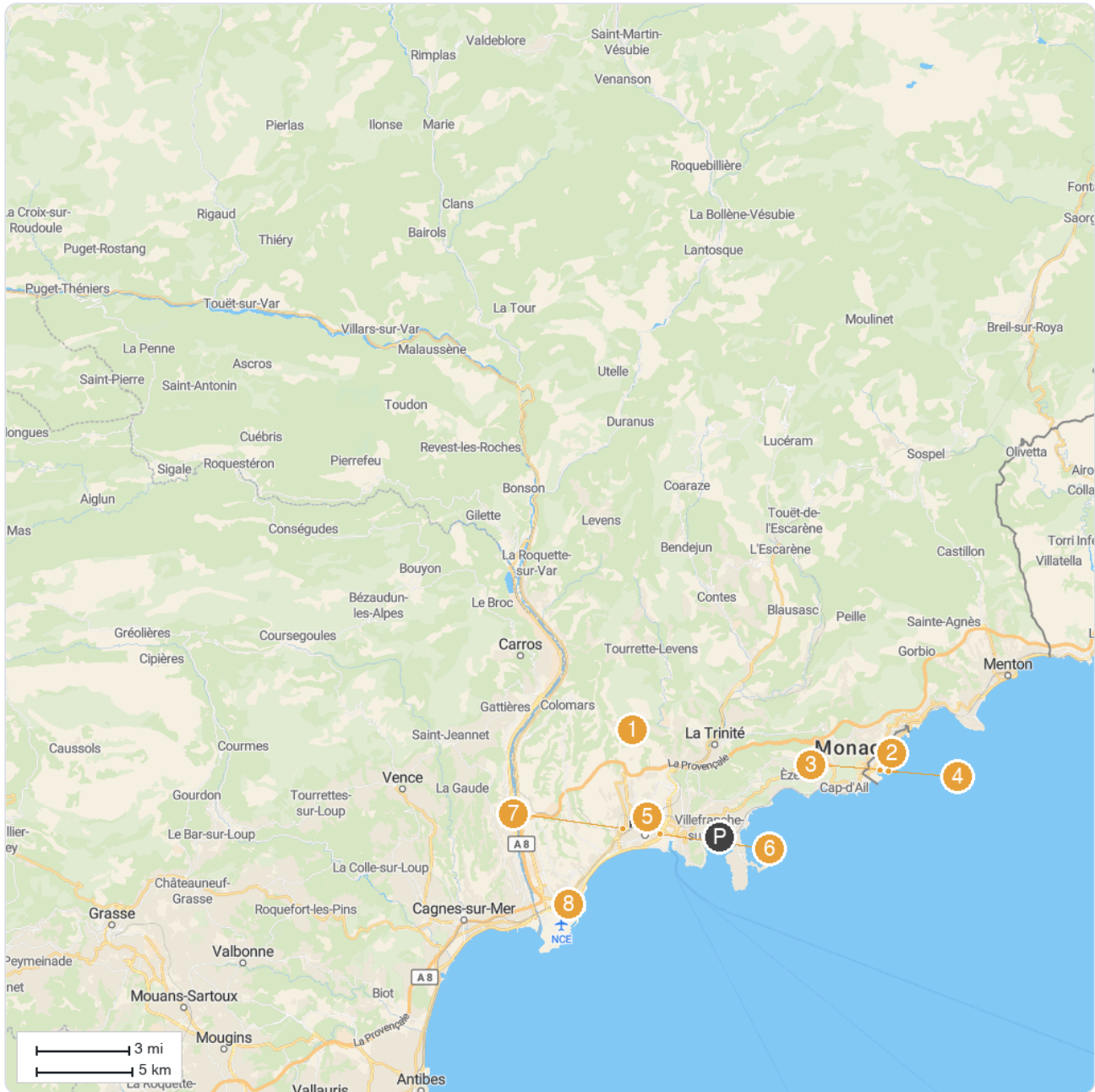
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender lines peak at 9–10 AM. Wait 30 minutes after the first tender call and lines drop significantly. There's no need to rush.
- Train is your best friend. The station is a 10-minute uphill walk (some stairs). Buy tickets at the platform machine (card accepted) — skip the taxi queue entirely.
- Cash useful but not essential. Most cafés and shops take cards; the beach sunbed vendors and market stalls may prefer cash. ATMs are in the village.
- Summer calls get crowded. July–August, the beach and old town fill up fast with day-trippers. The Cap Ferrat path is a good escape from the crowds.
- Monaco return buffer: Allow 30–40 minutes to get back — train to Villefranche station, walk to quay, then tender to ship. Missing the last tender is a costly mistake.
- Lunch on the waterfront: Brasseries on Quai Courbet serve fresh seafood and socca (chickpea pancake, a Nice specialty). Prices are tourist-level but the setting is hard to beat.

Villefranche-sur-Mer, Côte d'Azur, 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 Pyramid of Falicon | 2 Casino de Monte-Carlo |
| 3 Prince's Palace of Monaco | 4 Musée océanographique de Monaco |
| 5 Marc Chagall National Museum | 6 Modern and Contemporary Art Museum (MAMAC) |
| 7 Cathédrale Saint-Nicolas de Nice | 8 Parc Phoenix |
| P Cruise port / terminal | |