

Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone, Hérault, France

Wedged between shimmering saltwater lagoons and the Mediterranean, Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone rewards canal barge passengers with a peacock-filled island cathedral, 9 km of untouched beach, and flamingos wading at the water's edge.

 Canal barge (direct mooring)

 Typical call: 4-6 hrs

 Currency: Euro

 Language: French

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Canal barge mooring along Canal du Rhône à Sète (Passerelle du Pilou)

Best For: Medieval history, wild beaches, birdwatching, cycling

Walk to Cathedral: 1.2 km / ~15 min on flat paved path from mooring

Don't Miss: Cathédrale de Maguelone and the peacocks roaming its pine forest

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €30–€40 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Cathédrale de Maguelone** — This 12th-century Romanesque fortress-cathedral sits on a wild island once home to a thriving papal city.
- Lagoon Birdwatching Walk** — The path to the island crosses the Étang de l'Arnel.
- Plage de Maguelone** — Nine kilometers of wild, Blue Flag sandy beach with no hotels, no beach bars, and almost no crowds mid-week.
- Wine Tasting at Domaine du Chapitre** — This historic winery sits in the heart of the village, producing organic Languedoc wines on volcanic and sandy soils.
- Montpellier Day Trip** — The regional capital is 10 km away — easily reachable by taxi (20 min) or short train from Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone...

BEST WALKS

- Canal to Cathedral Loop** 2.4 km round trip | Easy | ~30 min walking — Follow the flat, paved path from the Passerelle du Pilou through vineyards and reed-fringed lagoon edges to the Cathédrale de Maguelone.
- Cathedral to Beach Stroll** ~600 m from cathedral | Easy | Beach access — From the cathedral, continue south along the path through the pine forest to reach Plage de Maguelone.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		64°	50°	8d
Jun		80°	65°	6d
Aug		83°	68°	4d
Sep		77°	63°	6d
Oct		69°	57°	10d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:02AM–8:27PM · Jun 6:03AM–9:27PM · Aug 6:49AM–8:47PM · Sep 7:24AM–7:54PM · Oct 7:58AM–7:00PM

Currency: Euro

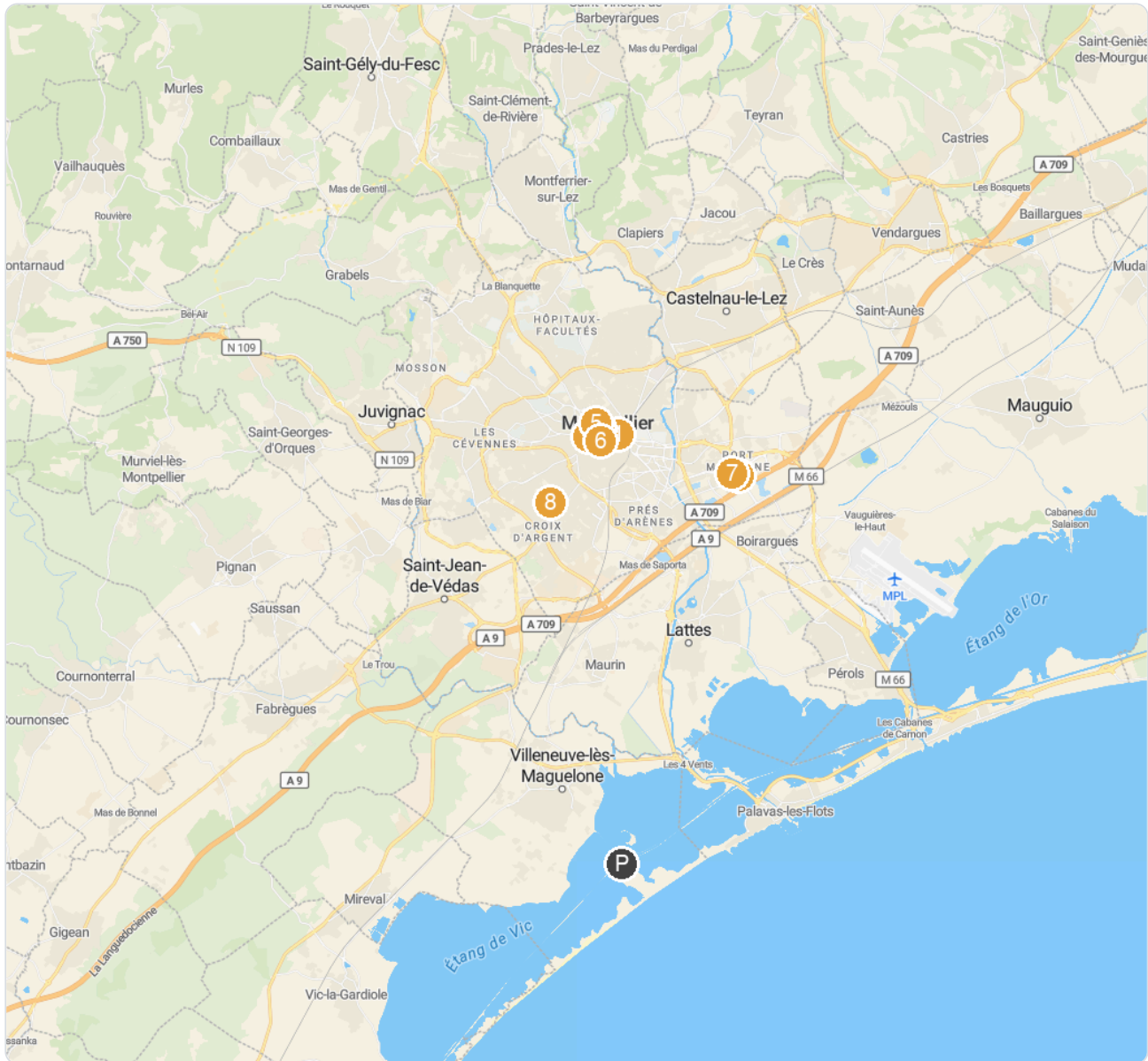
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- No shade on the path. The walk from canal to cathedral crosses open vineyards and lagoon flats. Bring a hat, sunscreen, and water — especially in summer.
- Mosquitoes at dusk. The saltwater lagoons breed insects. If your call extends into late afternoon, insect repellent is worth having.

Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone, Hérault, 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.



1 Musée Fabre Musée Fabre is a major fine arts museum.

3 Promenade du Peyrou Promenade du Peyrou is a grand historic promenade with an arch.

5 Jardin des plantes de Montpellier Jardin des plantes is France's oldest botanical garden.

7 Patinoire Vegapolis Patinoire Vegapolis is a large public ice skating rink.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Planet Ocean Montpellier Planet Ocean is a large aquarium and planetarium.

4 Cathédrale Saint-Pierre de Montpellier Saint-Pierre Cathedral is Montpellier's impressive Gothic Roman Catholic cathedral.

6 Carré Sainte Anne Carré Sainte Anne is a former church, now a contemporary art gallery.

8 Parc Montcalm Parc Montcalm is a large urban park with sports facilities.