

Arcachon, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France

A shimmering Atlantic bay backed by Europe's tallest sand dune — Arcachon rewards curious cruisers with oysters straight from the water, stilt-house islands, and Belle Époque villas hidden in a pine forest.

 Tender port

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Currency: Euro

 Language: French

 Famous for: oysters & Dune du Pilat

🚤 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; tenders land at Jetée Thiers

Walk to center: Immediate — Jetée Thiers is in the heart of the waterfront

Best For: Nature, seafood, scenic hikes, coastal walks

Don't Miss: Climbing Dune du Pilat for Atlantic panoramas

 Getting around:  Taxi  €10–€20 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Dune du Pilat** — Climb Europe's tallest sand dune (110 m) for sweeping views of the Atlantic, the Landes pine forest, and the mouth of...
 - Arcachon Bay Boat Tour** — Traditional pinasse boats cruise to Île aux Oiseaux and its iconic Cabanes Tchanquées stilt huts, a protected...
- Oyster Farm Visit & Tasting** — Arcachon Bay is one of France's premier oyster-farming regions.
 - Ville d'Hiver Walking Tour** — Arcachon's hillside 'Winter City' is a labyrinth of extravagant 19th-century Belle Époque villas built for wealthy...
 - Cap Ferret Day Trip** — Take a ferry across the bay to the Cap Ferret peninsula — pine-backed Atlantic beaches, the Cap Ferret lighthouse with...

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront to Ville d'Hiver** 2.5 km · 1.5 hrs · Easy (elevator available for uphill section) — Start at Jetée Thiers, stroll west along the promenade past Plage Pereire, then take the elevator up to the Ville d'Hiver.
- Town Center & Market Stroll** 1 km · 45 min · Easy — From Jetée Thiers walk into the Ville d'Été (summer city) centre.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		62°	49°	10d
Jun		74°	61°	11d
Aug		77°	64°	9d
Sep		75°	61°	9d
Oct		68°	55°	11d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:20AM–8:49PM · Jun 6:18AM–9:51PM · Aug 7:07AM–9:09PM · Sep 7:43AM–8:14PM · Oct 8:20AM–7:19PM

Currency: Euro

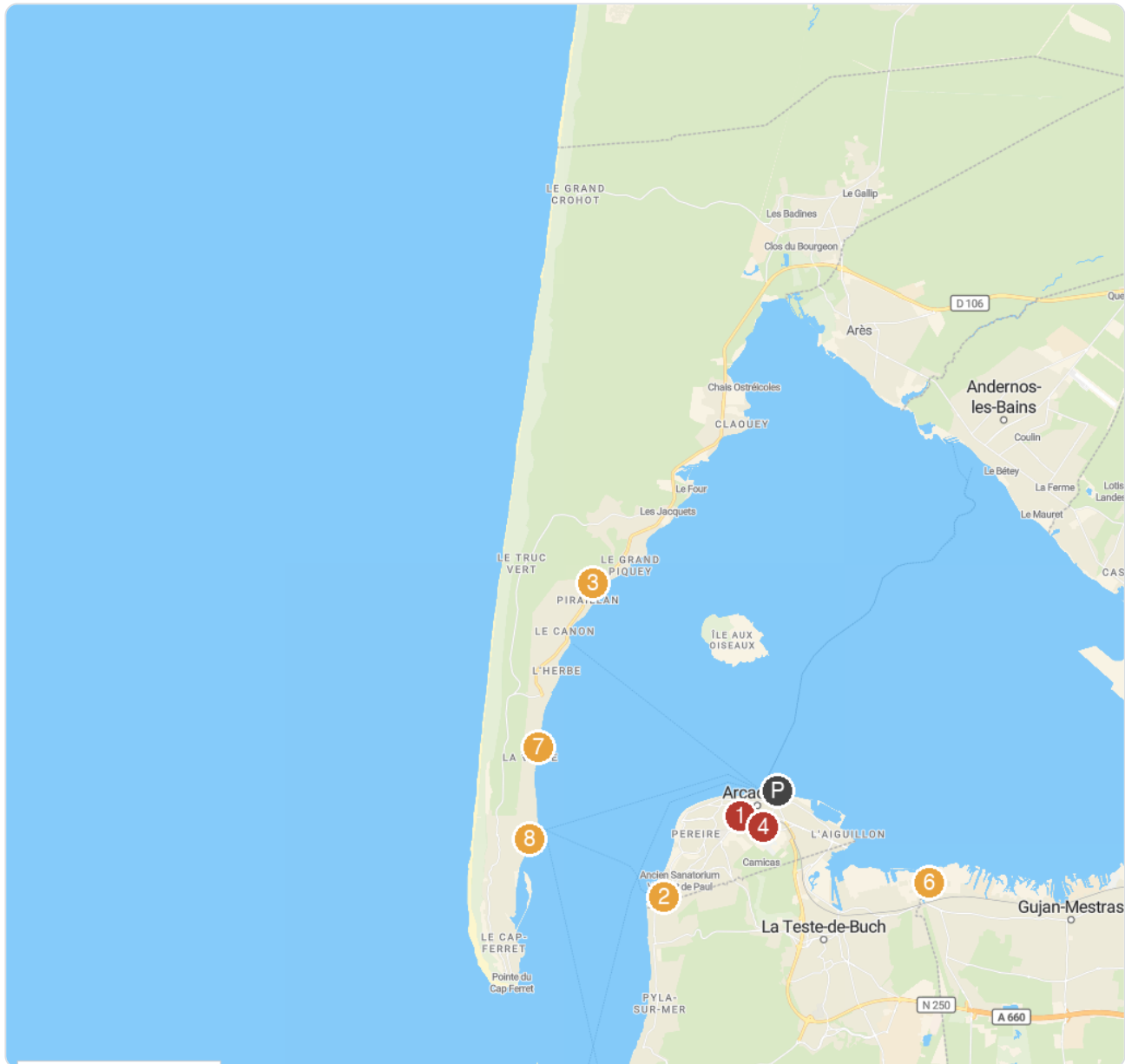
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Plan tender time. Allow 20–30 min each way for tender boats. Mid-day queues can be long — head ashore early and return before the rush.
- Wear shoes for the dune. The Dune du Pilat is pure sand — flip-flops sink and heels are useless. Sneakers or sandals with straps work; many people go barefoot on the ridge.

Arcachon, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, 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 Observatoire Sainte-Cécile | Historic metal observation tower with panoramic views. | 2 Église catholique Notre-Dame-des-Passes d'Arcachon | Historic Catholic church overlooking the bay. |
| 3 Réservoirs de Pirailan | Historic oyster reservoirs, now a protected nature site. | 4 Le Quartier de la Ville d'Hiver | Historic district with ornate Victorian villas and parks. |
| 5 Union des Bateliers Arcachonnais : | Ticket office for boat trips from Eyrac Pier. | 6 Plage de La Hume | Family-friendly beach with calm waters and amenities. |
| 7 Plage de la Vigne | Quiet beach known for its scenic beauty. | 8 Eglise Notre Dame des Flots | Church dedicated to sailors, with maritime decor. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |