

Belle-Île-en-Mer, Brittany, France

Brittany's 'beautiful island' rewards a shore day with wild sea-stack coastline, pastel-shuttered fishing villages, and the dramatic cliffs that captivated Claude Monet. Ships tender into the charming harbour of Le Palais — everything starts from the quayside.

 Tender port (Le Palais harbour)

 Typical call: 7–9 hrs

 Euro (€)

 French

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor offshore; tenders land at Le Palais quay

Best for: Dramatic coastal hikes, cycling, Monet landmarks, Breton seafood

Walk to centre: Instant — Le Palais town begins at the tender dock

Don't miss: Aiguilles de Port-Coton (Monet's needle rocks) & Sauzon harbour village

 Getting around:  Taxi  EUR 15-20 typical short trip

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Aiguilles de Port-Coton & Côte Sauvage** — The jagged sea stacks on the wild south-western coast — famously painted by Claude Monet in 1886 — are Belle-Île's...
- Pointe des Poulains Walk** — A 2-hour circular walk to the island's northern tip takes in a lighthouse, sweeping Atlantic panoramas, and the fort...
- Island Cycling** — Rent a standard or electric bike at Le Palais and follow waymarked lanes to Sauzon, Plage des Grands Sables, or...
- Vauban Citadel & Belle-Île Museum** — The 16th-century fortress above Le Palais harbour, reinforced by Vauban, now houses the Belle-Île Museum of Art and...
- Sauzon Village & Goulphar Lighthouse** — Sauzon — Belle-Île's prettiest harbour, with pastel shutters and bobbing fishing boats — pairs perfectly with a stop at...

BEST WALKS

- Le Palais Harbour & Citadel Loop** 1.5 km · 40 min · Easy — From the tender dock, stroll the waterfront promenade, browse the market streets of Le Palais, then climb the ramparts path to the...
- Port-Coton Needles Coastal Path** 5 km loop · 2 hrs · Moderate — Take a bus or hire car to Port-Coton, then walk the clifftop path above the iconic needle rocks along the Côte Sauvage, with views...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	60°	43°	12d
Jun	74°	57°	12d
Aug	77°	59°	9d
Sep	72°	55°	9d
Oct	63°	50°	12d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:08AM–8:41PM · Jun 6:04AM–9:46PM · Aug 6:54AM–9:02PM · Sep 7:33AM–8:05PM · Oct 8:11AM–7:08PM

Euro (€)

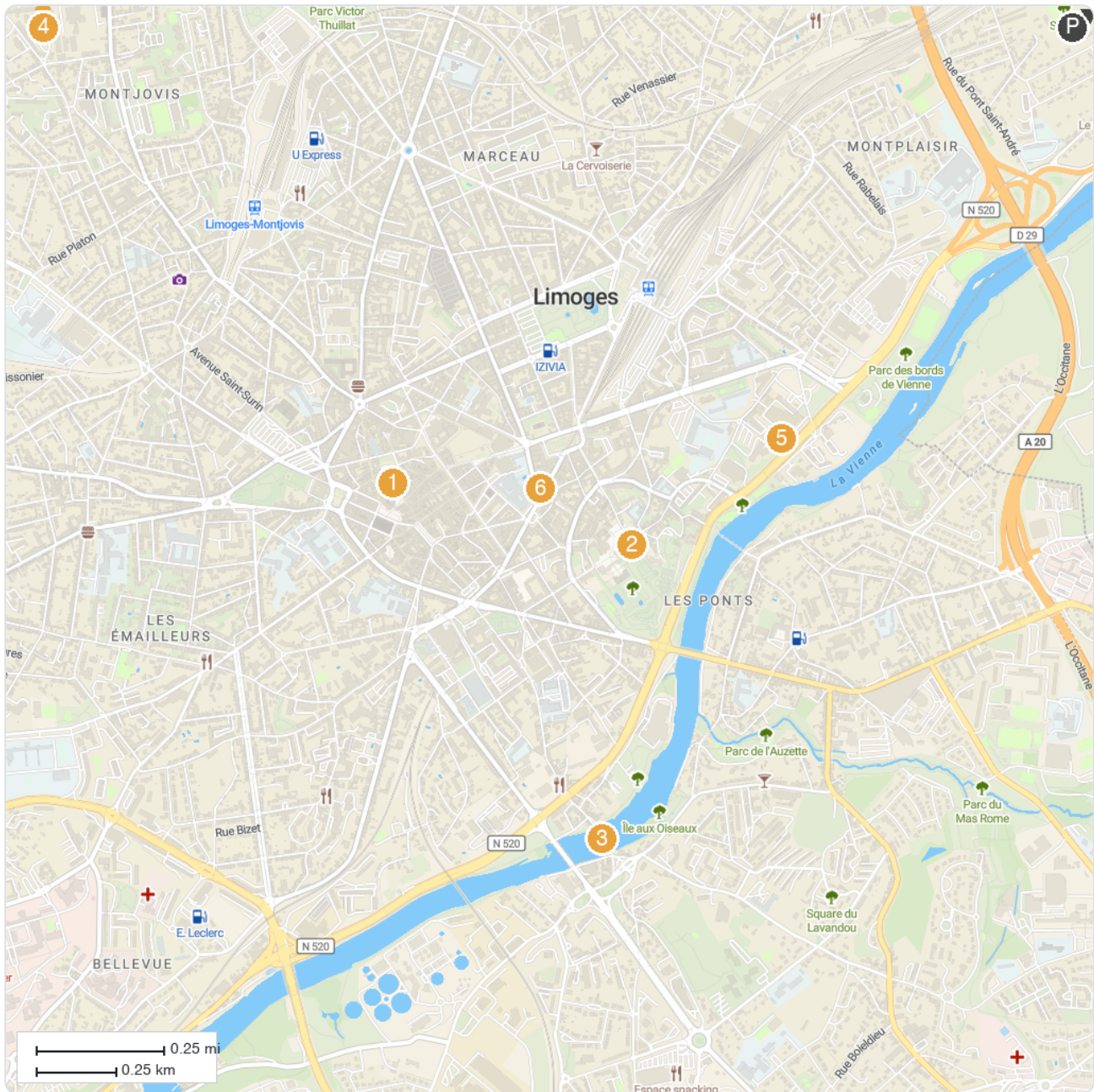
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing is everything. Collect tender tickets immediately — on busy calls the queue at Le Palais can mean a 45-min wait. Return to the dock at least 45 minutes before ship...

Belle-Île-en-Mer, Brittany, 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 Basilique Saint Michel des Lions | Historic basilica with lion statues. | 2 Cathédrale Saint-Étienne de Limoges | Gothic cathedral with stunning stained glass. |
| 3 Pont Saint-Martial | Ancient Roman bridge crossing the Vienne River. | 4 Parc des Sports de Beaublanc | Major sports complex with stadium and facilities. |
| 5 Four à porcelaine des Casseaux | Historic porcelain kiln and museum. | 6 Petit Train | Scenic tourist train for city tours. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |