

Boulogne-sur-Mer, Hauts-de-France, France

Where medieval ramparts crown France's largest fishing port — step off the ship and into cobbled streets, an extraordinary aquarium, and cliff-top views across the Channel to England.

 Docked (Quai de l'Europe)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Euro (€)  French

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at Quai de l'Europe; ~2 km from town center

Walk to Center: ~25 min on foot; shuttle buses available from quay

Best For: History, seafood, family (Nausicaá), coastal walks

Don't Miss: Nausicaá Sea Centre, Haute Ville ramparts, Basilique Notre-Dame dome

 Getting around:  Taxi  €7–€10 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cap Blanc-Nez & Cap Gris-Nez** — Two dramatic chalk headlands on the Opal Coast with sweeping views across the English Channel — on clear days you can...
- **Nausicaá National Sea Centre** — One of Europe's largest aquariums, with immersive exhibits covering the open ocean, tropical reefs, and polar seas.
- **Haute Ville Ramparts & Basilique Notre-Dame** — Walk the full circuit of 13th-century ramparts for panoramic views over the port and Channel, then step inside the...
- **Fish Market & Seafood Lunch** — Boulogne is France's largest fishing port.
- **Château-Musée & Belfry** — The 13th-century castle houses eclectic collections from Egyptian antiquities to local fine art.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Old Town Loop** 4-5 km · 1.5-2 hrs · Moderate (uphill to Haute Ville) — Walk the quays past the fish market, ascend to the Haute Ville ramparts, circle the full 1.5-km fortification walk, detour into the...
- **Beach & Nausicaá Stroll** 2 km · 45 min · Easy (flat) — Head south along the promenade from the port to Boulogne's main sandy beach, passing Nausicaá on the way.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	55°	43°	10d
Jun	66°	55°	10d
Aug	69°	60°	14d
Sep	66°	56°	11d
Oct	60°	52°	15d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:59AM–8:48PM · Jun 5:40AM–10:08PM · Aug 6:41AM–9:13PM · Sep 7:29AM–8:06PM · Oct 8:16AM–7:00PM

Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear comfortable shoes. The Haute Ville is uphill on cobblestones — sandals or flip-flops will make the climb miserable.
- Eat seafood. Boulogne is France's #1 fishing port — the moules-frites and fresh sole here are the real thing, not tourist-grade.
- Check the shuttle. Some ships provide a quay-to-town shuttle (paid). Otherwise it's a pleasant 25-min flat walk along the

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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 | Boulogne-sur-Mer Castle-Museum | Medieval castle housing art, history, and ethnographic collections. | 2 | Éphémère Garden | A beautiful, temporary seasonal garden display. |
| 3 | Crypt of Our Lady Basilica | Europe's largest crypt, beneath Our Lady Basilica. | 4 | École-Musée de Boulogne-sur-Mer | Recreated 1900s classroom museum, showing historical school life. |
| 5 | House of Beurière | Traditional fisherman's house showcasing local life. | 6 | Casa San Martín | House where Argentine General San Martín lived in exile. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |