

Caen-Ouistreham, Normandy, France

Where the English Channel meets living history — Ouistreham is the front door to Normandy's D-Day beaches, the solemn American Cemetery at Omaha, medieval Caen, and the Bayeux Tapestry, all within a single shore day.

 Docked (dedicated quay)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Euro (EUR)  French

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Dedicated ISPS quay at Ouistreham; larger ships dock here, smaller vessels may dock in Caen city basin

Best For: WWII history, D-Day beach tours, medieval castles, Bayeux Tapestry

Walk to Centre: Ouistreham town 10-15 min walk; Caen city 15 km (free shuttle or Twisto bus line 12, ~25 min)

Don't Miss: Sword Beach (steps from the pier), Pegasus Bridge, Mémorial de Caen, Omaha Beach

 Getting around:  Taxi  €30–€50 ·  Rideshare  Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **D-Day Beaches Full Tour** — Cover the Allied landing sectors in one long day: Sword Beach (right at your pier), Juno Beach Centre, Arromanches...
- **Pegasus Bridge & Airborne Museum** — About 8 km from the pier, Pegasus Bridge was seized in a glider assault minutes after midnight on June 6, 1944 — the...
- **Mémorial de Caen** — Europe's premier WWII memorial museum sits in Caen, covering D-Day, the Normandy campaign, and the Cold War with...
- **Bayeux & the Tapestry** — Bayeux survived WWII largely intact and rewards a visit doubly — first for the UNESCO-listed Bayeux Tapestry, a...
- **Ouistreham Riva-Bella Beach Walk** — Sword Beach begins steps from the cruise pier.

BEST WALKS

- **Sword Beach & Riva-Bella Promenade** 1.5 km • 30-45 min • Flat seafront — Walk south from the cruise quay along the seafront to the Riva-Bella beach area.
- **Caen City Highlights** 2-3 km in centre • 2-3 hrs • Mostly flat — Take the bus or shuttle to Caen, then walk from the Mémorial de Caen (allow 2 hrs inside) past the Château de Caen — a well-preserved...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	57°	43°	10d
Jun	69°	55°	10d
Aug	72°	59°	12d
Sep	69°	56°	10d
Oct	62°	51°	13d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:09AM–8:53PM · Jun 5:55AM–10:08PM · Aug 6:53AM–9:16PM · Sep 7:37AM–8:13PM · Oct 8:22AM–7:10PM

Euro (EUR)

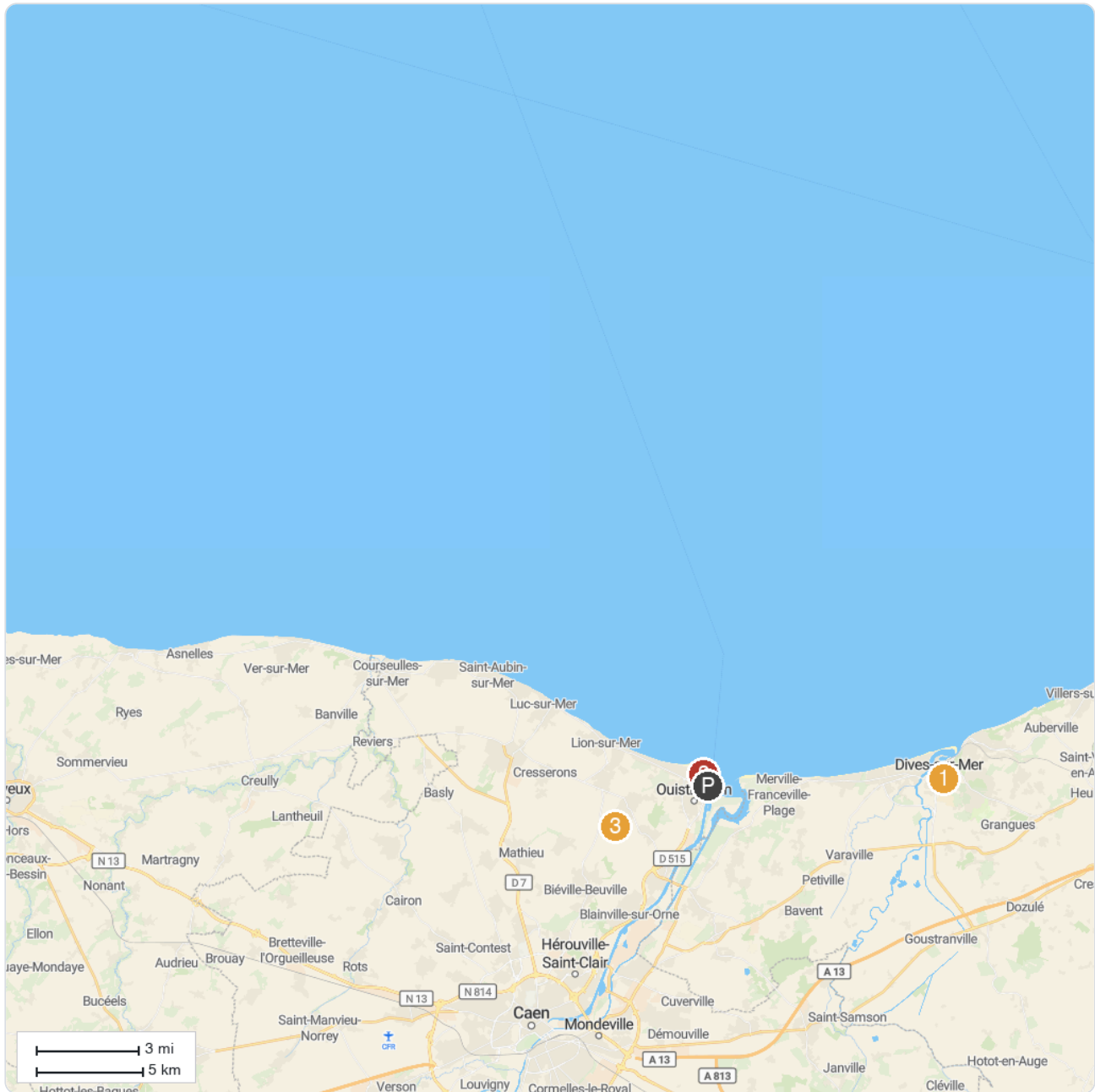
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book D-Day tours early. Guided Normandy beach tours sell out months ahead — especially in peak season (May-September). Independent travellers can rent a car in Caen or Ouistreham.
- Free shuttle to town is on cruise days only. The port's complimentary shuttle runs only when ships are in. Twisto bus line 12

Caen-Ouistreham, Normandy, 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 Notre Dame Catholic Church** Historic Catholic church, a beautiful example of religious architecture.
- 3 Site fortifié Hillman** WWII German fortified command post, part of the Atlantic Wall.

- 2 Le Grand Bunker - Museum of the Atlantic Wall** Original WWII bunker, now a museum about the Atlantic Wall.
- P Cruise port / terminal**