

Chalon-sur-Saône, Burgundy, France

Birthplace of photography and gateway to Burgundy's legendary vineyards, Chalon-sur-Saône rewards explorers with a walkable old town, free world-class museums, and cellar doors just minutes away.

 Docked (Saône quays)  Typical call: 7–9 hrs  Euro (€)  French

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth along Quai Gambetta or Quai des Messageries — steps from the city center

Walk to center: 2–5 min on foot to Place de l'Hôtel de Ville

Best For: History, photography, Burgundy wine, relaxed riverfront strolls

Don't Miss: Nicéphore Niépce Museum (free) and Saint-Vincent Cathedral's Romanesque cloister

 Getting around:  Taxi  €8–€14 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Nicéphore Niépce Museum** — The world's foremost photography museum occupies a mansion on the Saône quay.
- **Saint-Vincent Cathedral & Cloister** — A soaring Gothic cathedral begun in Romanesque style around 1090.
- **Burgundy Wine & Côte Chalonnaise Tasting** — The Côte Chalonnaise — Mercurey, Givry, Rully, Montagny — begins right at Chalon's doorstep.
- **Beaune Day Trip** — Just 30 km north, Beaune is Burgundy's wine capital.
- **Autun Roman Ruins** — An hour's drive brings you to Autun, one of the best-preserved Roman cities in France.

BEST WALKS

- **Chemin de l'Orbandale — Historic Center Circuit** 2–3 km | 1.5–2 hrs | Easy | Self-guided — The city's official heritage walk loops through 30 architectural highlights: half-timbered houses, Renaissance facades, the cathedral...
- **Saône Riverside Stroll to Saint-Laurent Island** 1.5 km | 30–45 min | Easy | Scenic — Walk south along the quays to the Pont Saint-Laurent and cross to Île Saint-Laurent, where a 16th-century hospital and neoclassical...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	61°	43°	10d
Jun	77°	59°	11d
Aug	80°	61°	8d
Sep	73°	55°	8d
Oct	63°	49°	10d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:53AM–8:28PM · Jun 5:46AM–9:36PM · Aug 6:38AM–8:50PM · Sep 7:18AM–7:51PM · Oct 7:58AM–6:53PM

Euro (€)

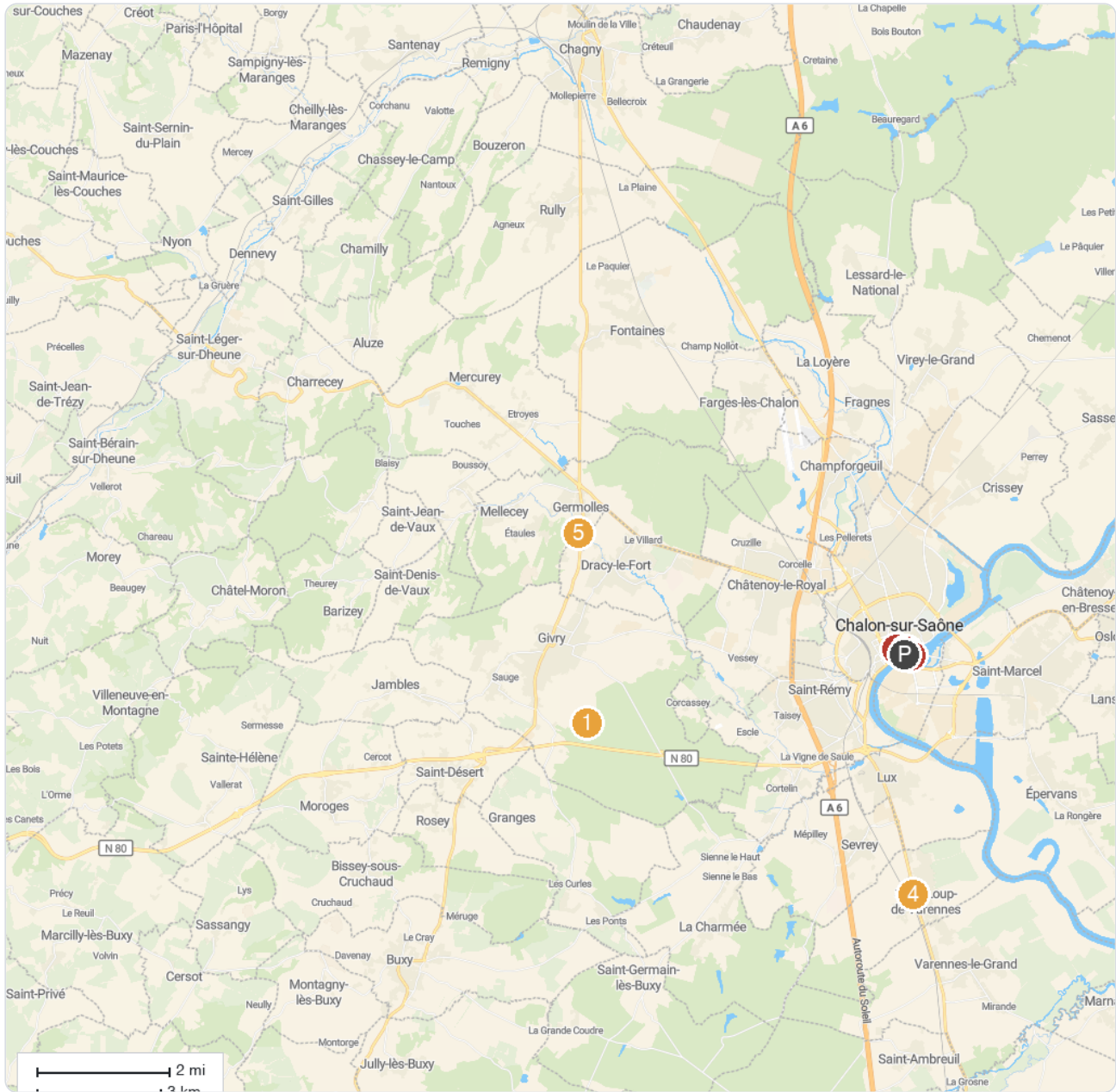
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- **Free museums:** Both the Nicéphore Niépce Museum and Musée Vivant Denon are permanently free — no need to budget entry fees.
- **Market days:** Place Saint-Vincent hosts a lively market on Sunday and Friday mornings — great for local cheese, charcuterie, and regional produce.

Chalon-sur-Saône, Burgundy, 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 | Acrogivry the "Forest Adventure" | Outdoor adventure park with treetop courses and zip lines. | 2 | Église Saint-Pierre de Chalon-sur-Saône | Historic Saint Peter's Church, a beautiful example of religious architecture. |
| 3 | Musée Nicéphore Niépce | Museum dedicated to the invention of photography and its history. | 4 | Maison de Nicéphore Niépce | The historic home of photography inventor Nicéphore Niépce. |
| 5 | Château de Germolles | Well-preserved medieval ducal residence with beautiful gardens. | 6 | Tour du Doyenné | Historic medieval tower offering panoramic views of the city. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |