

Gaspé, Quebec, Canada

At the tip of the Gaspésie Peninsula, where the Appalachians meet the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Gaspé is Canada's historic starting point — a compact town flanked by national park wilderness and one of the world's great natural arches.

- ⚓ Mostly dock at Sandy Beach (some tender)
- 🕒 Typical call: 7-9 hrs
- 🇨🇦 Canadian Dollar (CAD)
- 🗣️ French (English widely spoken in tourism)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Most ships dock at Sandy Beach wharf (6 km from town); some anchor and tender to Jacques-Cartier Marina downtown

Best For: History, wildlife, dramatic scenery, whale watching

Walk to centre: 10–15 min shuttle from Sandy Beach dock; 0 min if tendering to the downtown marina

Don't Miss: Percé Rock (book ship excursion) or Forillon National Park

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ Est. CAD \$15–\$25

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Percé Rock & Bonaventure Island** — One of the world's great natural arches — a monolithic rock rising from the Gulf — and the island next door hosts North America's largest Northern...
- **Forillon National Park** — Where the Appalachian Mountains plunge into the sea.
- **Birthplace of Canada Heritage Site** — Gaspé marks where Jacques Cartier planted his cross in 1534, claiming the land for France.
- **Gespeg Mi'gmaq Interpretation Site** — A reconstructed 17th-century Mi'gmaq village 10 minutes from the pier.
- **Whale & Seal Watching** — The waters off Forillon and Gaspé Bay are a prime whale-watching destination.

BEST WALKS

- **Downtown Waterfront Heritage Walk** 2 km · ~45 min · Flat — From the downtown waterfront, stroll east along the boardwalk to the Jacques-Cartier monument and Musée de la Gaspésie at the bay's edge.
- **Rue de la Reine Shopping & Café Loop** 1 km · ~20 min · Slight uphill — Head one block up from the waterfront to Gaspé's main commercial street for local craft shops, a craft brewery, bakeries, and the best poutine and lobster rolls in town.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		41°	28°	12d
Jun		67°	50°	13d
Aug		73°	59°	13d
Sep		65°	50°	11d
Oct		53°	41°	12d

🇨🇦 **DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY**

Apr 5:26AM–7:09PM · Jun 4:14AM–8:22PM · Aug 5:11AM–7:32PM · Sep 5:55AM–6:29PM · Oct 6:39AM–5:27PM

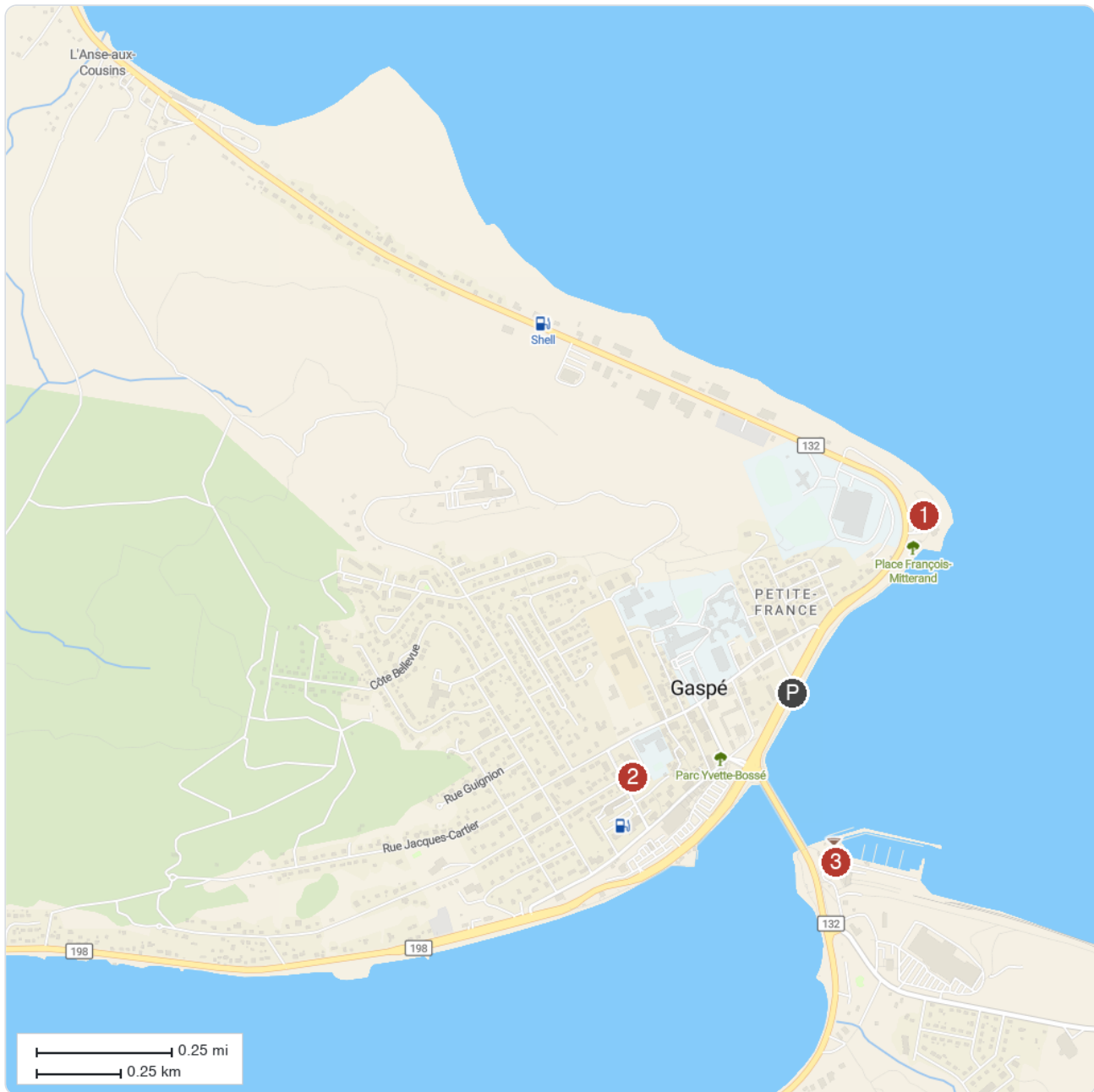
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bonjour goes a long way. Gaspé is deeply francophone. Service workers speak English, but opening with French earns you a warmer welcome.
- Taxis are very scarce. Don't count on flagging one down — book ahead, rent a car at the airport (15 min taxi from pier), or stick to ship excursions for out-of-town sites.
- Dress in layers. The Gaspésie is famously windy and the Gulf waters keep temperatures cool. Even August days can feel chilly with a sea breeze — a windbreaker is essential.
- Eat the guédille. Quebec's lobster roll (fresh lobster with light mayo in a toasted bun) is a regional specialty — grab one at a waterfront café before heading back to the ship.
- Book Percé Rock via ship. It's about an hour each way. Only attempt it independently if your port call is 9+ hours; otherwise a ship excursion guarantees you won't miss departure.
- Cards accepted everywhere, but carry a few Canadian dollars for craft vendors, tips, and the occasional cash-only market stall.

Gaspé, Quebec, Canada — 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 Musée de la Gaspésie Regional museum tracing Gaspé's Mi'kmaq, Basque, and Acadian settlement history.

3 Jacques-Cartier Marina Downtown Gaspé marina and waterfront promenade along the Baie de Gaspé.

2 Cathédrale du Christ-Roi Unusual modernist wooden cathedral in downtown Gaspé, built in 1969 to replace an earlier church.

P Cruise port / terminal