

Île-d'Aix, Charente-Maritime, France

A car-free crescent of whitewashed cottages and Napoleonic ghosts off France's Atlantic coast — where the Emperor spent his final hours on French soil before surrendering to the British.

-  Tender port (no pier)
-  Typical call: 5–7 hrs
-  Currency: Euro
-  Language: French
-  Explore by bicycle or on foot

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; boats land at the island's jetty (Jetée Barbotin / Quai de l'Arcadie)

Best For: History buffs, beach lovers, slow-travel cyclists

Walk to center: 2 min from tender dock to village gate

Don't Miss: Musée Napoléon & views of Fort Boyard from the beach

 Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Musée Napoléon** — Tour the house where Napoleon spent his last nights on French soil in July 1815, awaiting a ship to America that never...
- Fort Liédot** — Napoleon ordered this massive stone fort in 1808.
- Fort Boyard Views** — The oval sea-fort made famous by the French TV game show sits just offshore to the west.
- Island Bicycle Loop** — Rent a bike at the pier and circuit the entire 3 km island: pine forest in the north, Atlantic beaches on every side...
- Anse de la Croix & Oysters** — Settle on the sandy Anse de la Croix cove just west of the village near the pier — or the longer Grande Plage further...

BEST WALKS

- Village & Rampart Walk** 45 min · Easy · Flat — Enter through Porte de la Ville and explore the walled village streets, then climb the Vauban ramparts for views over the Atlantic and...
- Fort Liédot Forest Walk** 1.5 hrs return · Easy · Pine forest path — Follow the shaded forest path north through the Bois de la Chasse to Fort Liédot.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	60°	49°	9d
Jun	71°	61°	10d
Aug	74°	64°	8d
Sep	72°	61°	9d
Oct	65°	55°	10d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:18AM–8:51PM · Jun 6:13AM–9:57PM · Aug 7:04AM–9:12PM · Sep 7:43AM–8:15PM · Oct 8:21AM–7:18PM

Currency: Euro

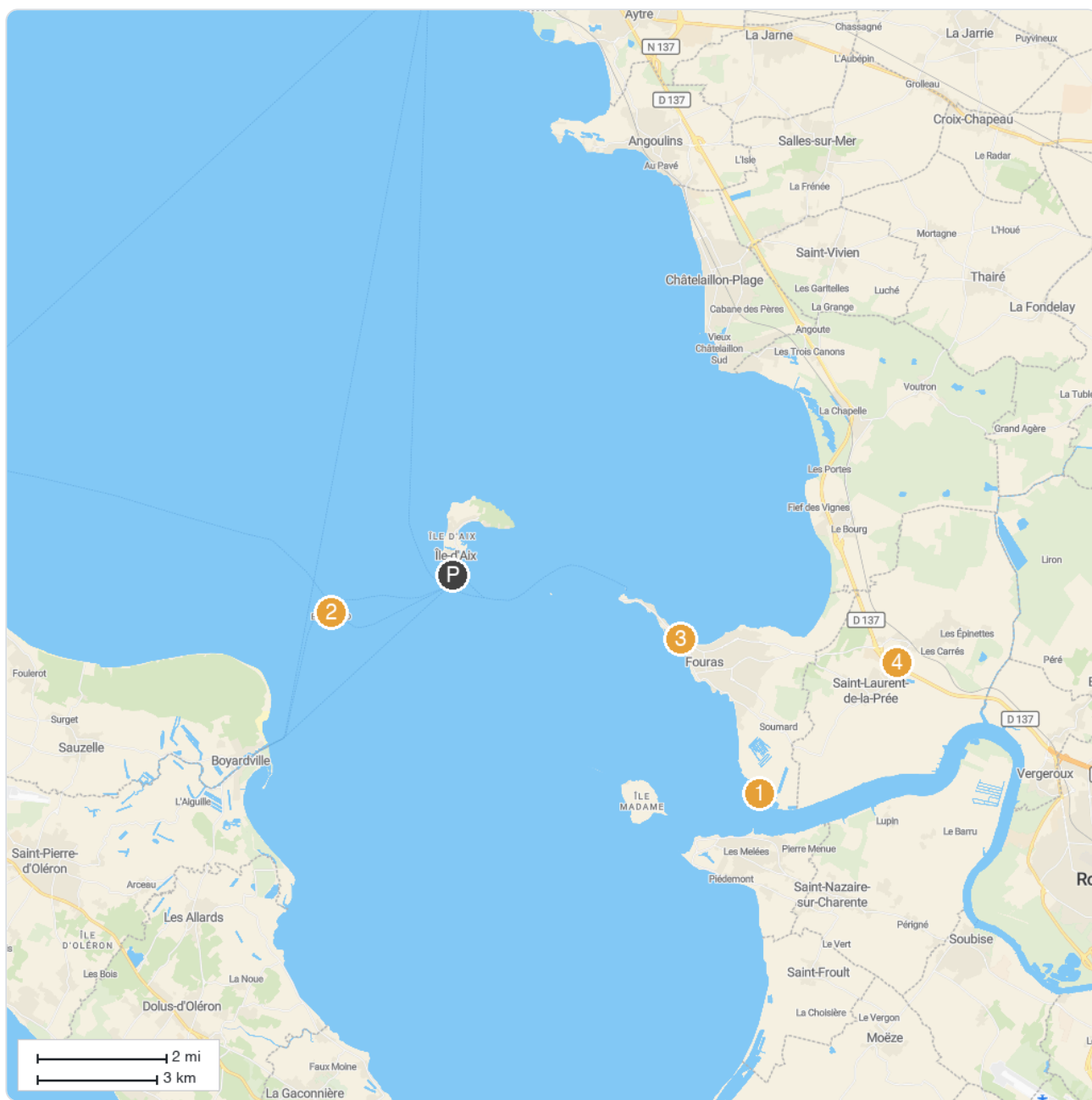
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rent a bike at the pier. Rental shops (Cyclaix, L'Aixoïs) are right at the tender dock — €10–15 for a half-day. It's the fastest way to see the whole island before tender recall.
- Tender timing matters. Atlantic swells can delay tender operations. Check ship announcements and return to the pier 30 minutes before departure.

Île-d'Aix, Charente-Maritime, 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 Fort Lapointe Historic coastal fort offering panoramic views.

2 Fort Boyard Iconic sea fort, famous for the TV game show.

3 Les Salons du Parc Elegant event venue set within a beautiful park.

4 Yaka-jouer Indoor play park for children's entertainment.

P Cruise port / terminal