

Le Verdon-sur-Mer, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France

At the wild tip of the Médoc Peninsula, this deep-water port is your launchpad to Bordeaux's grand boulevards, UNESCO-listed wine châteaux, and the extraordinary "Versailles of the Sea" lighthouse.

 Docked (pier)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Euro (€)  French  Bordeaux wine country

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at deep-water Môle d'Escale terminal — no tendering

Best For: Wine lovers, day-trippers to Bordeaux, Cordouan lighthouse seekers

Walk to center: Port-Médoc Marina ~25 min on foot; town center too far — use shuttle

Don't Miss: Cordouan Lighthouse UNESCO boat trip; Soulac Belle Époque villas

 Getting around:  Taxi  €17–21 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Bordeaux City Day** — France's "City of Art and History" rewards a full day: the Place de la Bourse and Miroir d'Eau reflecting pool, the...
- **Cordouan Lighthouse Boat Trip** — Completed in 1611, the "Versailles of the Sea" is the oldest lighthouse still in operation in France and a UNESCO World...
- **Médoc Wine Châteaux Tour** — The Route des Châteaux (D2) winds south past legendary estates: Saint-Estèphe, Pauillac (Lafite Rothschild, Mouton...
- **Soulac-sur-Mer & Belle Époque Villas** — Just 10 km south, this seaside resort preserves over 500 ornate 19th-century villas in red brick and woodwork.
- **Pointe de Grave & WWII Bunkers** — Walk to the very tip of the Médoc Peninsula where the estuary meets the open ocean.

BEST WALKS

- **Port-Médoc Marina Stroll** 1.5 km · Flat · ~25 min from pier — A flat walk along the road from the cruise terminal to the 800-berth Port-Médoc Marina.
- **Pointe de Grave Monument Walk** 2 km loop · Easy · Flat coastal path — From the Phare de Grave, walk the coastal path to the Monument de la Libération commemorating the 1945 liberation of the Médoc, then...
- **Soulac-sur-Mer Belle Époque Circuit** 2.5 km loop · Easy · Town streets — From the Soulac shuttle drop-off, loop through the old village to admire the ornate Belle Époque villas, visit the Basilique...

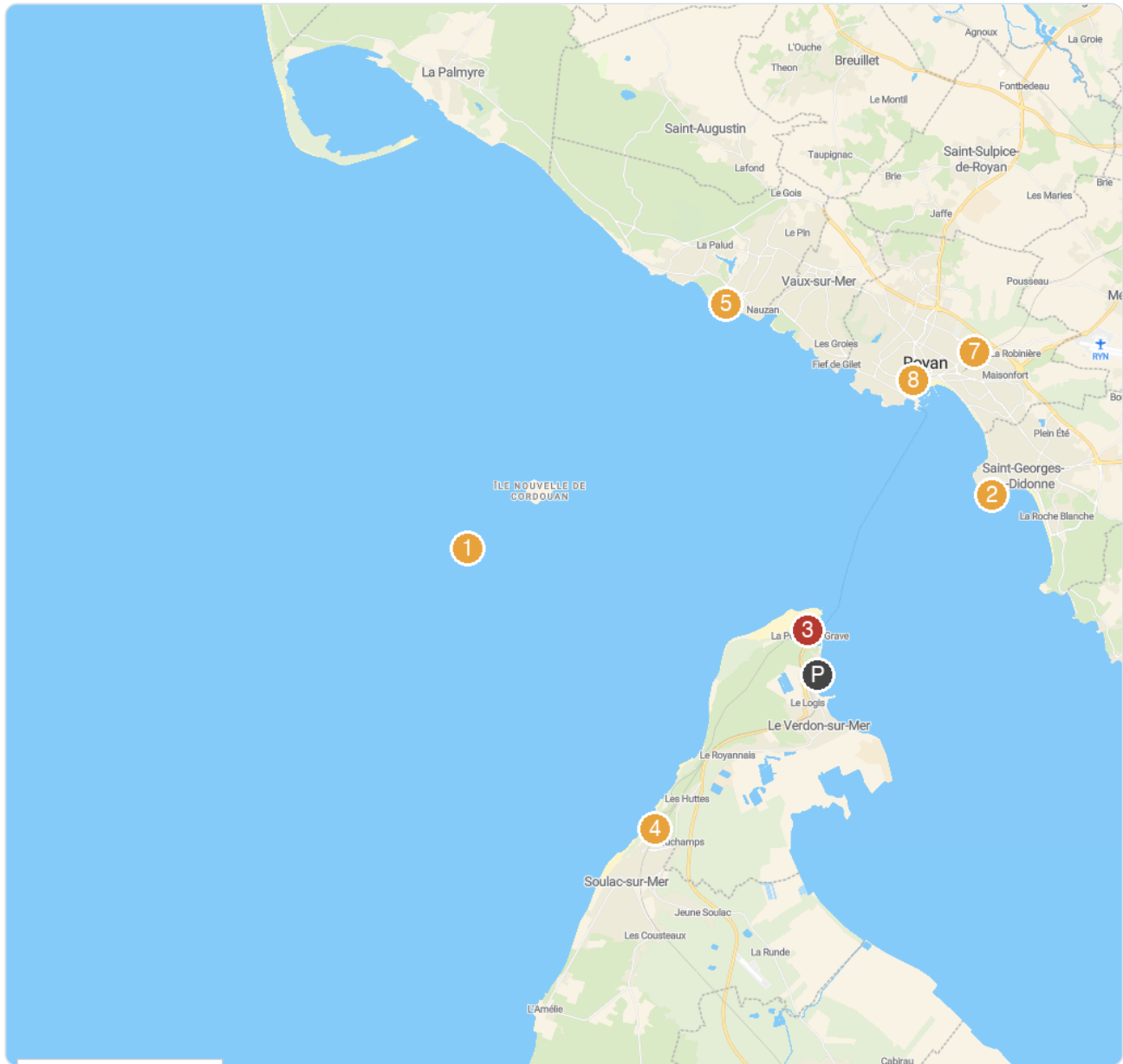
WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:18AM–8:50PM · Jun 6:15AM–9:54PM · Aug 7:05AM–9:11PM · Sep 7:43AM–8:14PM · Oct 8:20AM–7:18PM	
Apr	61°	49°	9d	Euro (€)	
Jun	73°	61°	11d		
Aug	76°	64°	8d		
Sep	73°	61°	9d		
Oct	66°	55°	11d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

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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 | Cordouan Lighthouse | Historic lighthouse, a UNESCO World Heritage site. |
| 2 | Phare de Saint-Georges-de-Didonne | A scenic lighthouse offering panoramic coastal views. |
| 3 | Phare de Grave | Lighthouse marking the Gironde estuary entrance. |
| 4 | Petit Train Touristique PGVS (Pointe Grave Le Verdon Soulac) | A charming tourist train connecting coastal towns. |
| 5 | Maison des Douanes | Former customs house, now a local history museum. |
| 6 | Surf School News Vague | A surf school for lessons and equipment rental. |
| 7 | Planet Exotica | A unique park with exotic animals, plants, and dinosaurs. |
| 8 | Église Notre-Dame de Royan | A striking modern church with unique concrete architecture. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | |