

Tarascon-sur-Rhône, Provence, France

A medieval fortress rises straight from the Rhône riverbank — and legend says a dragon once lurked in the marshes below. Tarascon is quiet, authentic Provence at its most unhurried.

 Pier (riverbank docking)

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Euro (€)

 French

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships moor directly at the Rhône quay, steps from the old town

Best For: Medieval history, Provençal atmosphere, the Tarasque legend

Walk to Castle: 2–5 min from the quay to Château de Tarascon

Don't Miss: Rooftop terrace of Château de Tarascon — panoramic Rhône views

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €10–€20 · 🚲 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Château de Tarascon** — One of France's best-preserved medieval water-castles, built in the 15th century by King René of Anjou.
- **Provençal Old Town Walk** — Wander the Rue des Halles with its medieval stone arcades, visit the Collegiate Church of Saint-Martha (free entry...
- **Souleiado Museum** — Housed in a 14th-century mansion, this museum traces the story of Provençal printed fabric from antique printing blocks...
- **Day Trip to Avignon** — The city of popes is 25 km north.
- **Camargue & Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer** — The wild Camargue delta lies 45 km south — flamingos, white horses, black bulls, and wide sandy beaches at...

BEST WALKS

- **Tarascon Old Town Loop** 1.5 km · 30 min · Easy — From the quay, walk to the château entrance, continue into the Vieux Tarascon via Rue des Halles, visit Collégiale Sainte-Marthe, then...
- **Tarascon to Beaucaire Bridge Walk** 3 km round trip · 45 min · Easy — Cross the Pont de Tarascon-Beaucaire to Beaucaire, climb the hill to the ruins of Beaucaire Castle (free entry to grounds) for a view...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	68°	48°	1d
Jun	85°	64°	1d
Aug	89°	66°	1d
Sep	81°	60°	1d
Oct	71°	54°	1d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:58AM–8:24PM · Jun 5:58AM–9:25PM · Aug 6:45AM–8:44PM · Sep 7:20AM–7:51PM · Oct 7:56AM–6:57PM

Euro (€)

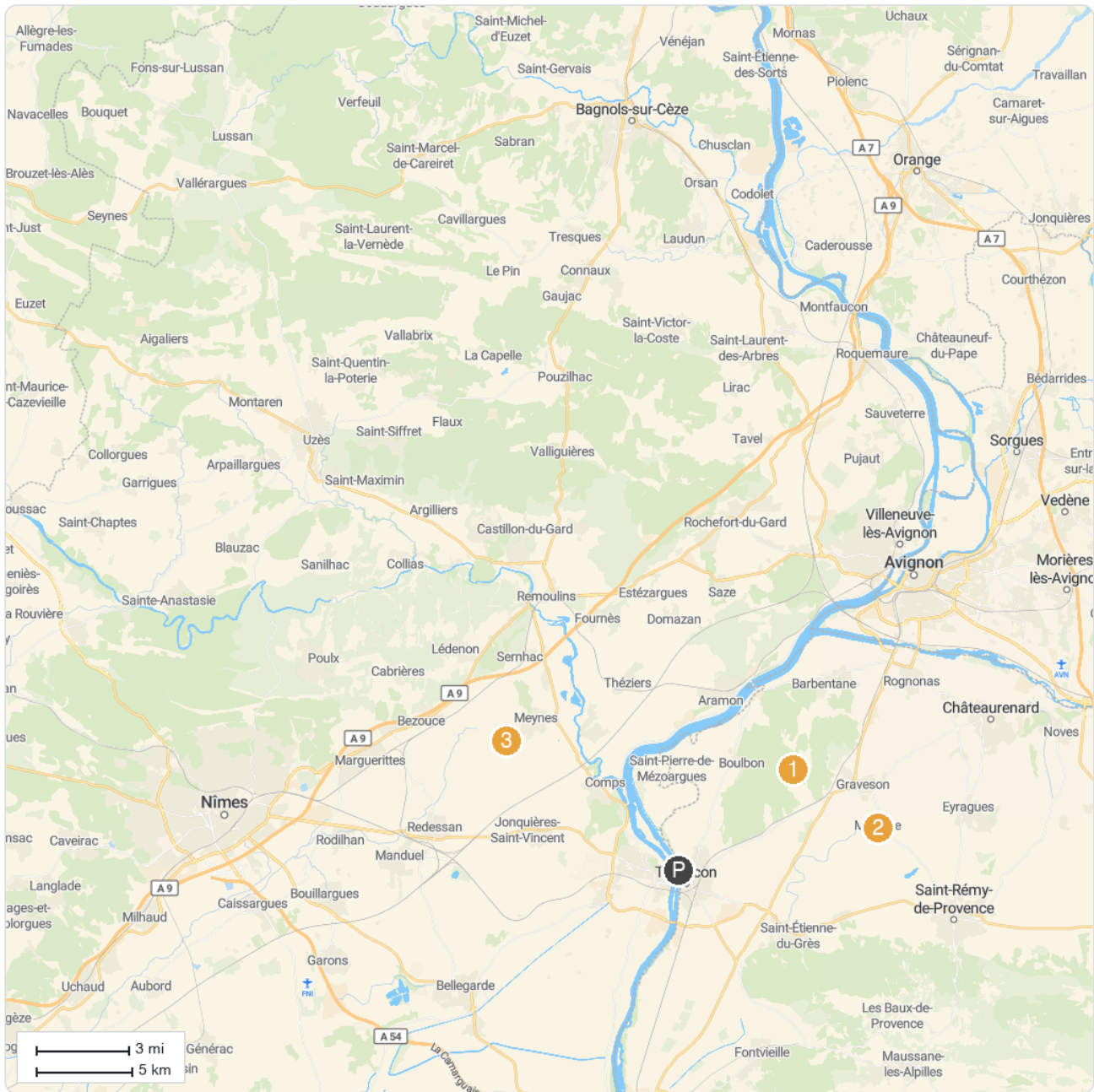
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Buy your château ticket early. Château de Tarascon is the one paid highlight — allow 1.5–2 hours, including the rooftop, before heading into the old town.
- Lunch shutdown is real. Shops and many cafés close 12:00–14:00. Schedule your market visit or shopping for morning; lunch is a good time to tour the château interior.

Tarascon-sur-Rhône, Provence, 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 Frigolet Abbey | Historic working monastery with beautiful church and gardens. | 2 Musée Frédéric Mistral | Museum dedicated to Nobel laureate Frédéric Mistral's life and work. |
| 3 SCA des Grands Vins de Pazac | Local wine cooperative offering tastings and purchases. | P Cruise port / terminal | |