

Villefranche-sur-Saône, Rhône, France

Capital of the Beaujolais wine country, this handsome Saône river town offers a photogenic old town of Renaissance facades, hidden inner courtyards off Rue Nationale, and vineyards stretching to the horizon — all within easy reach of Lyon.

 Docked (river quay)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Euro (€)  French · some English in tourist areas

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Saône river quay, town center

Walk to center: 5–10 min

Best For: Wine · Old Town · Beaujolais

Don't Miss: Rue Nationale & wine villages

 Getting around:  Taxi  €20–€37 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Rue Nationale & Old Town Stroll** — Wander Villefranche's main pedestrian artery — lined with Renaissance and Gothic facades — and push open the doorways...
- **Beaujolais Wine Village Tour** — Head north into the crus of Beaujolais — Fleurie, Moulin-à-Vent, or Morgon — for cellar tastings with local producers...
- **Collégiale Notre-Dame des Marais** — Villefranche's striking Gothic collegiate church, whose ornate flamboyant facade and soaring interior tower over the...
- **Hameau du Vin (Georges Duboeuf)** — The celebrated Beaujolais wine museum in Romanèche-Thorins — a themed journey through wine history, viticulture, and...
- **Beaujolais Vineyard Cycling** — Bike the gently rolling Beaujolais hills on marked routes through the famous wine villages — a scenic way to absorb the...

BEST WALKS

- **Rue Nationale & Hidden Courtyards Loop** ~2 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — From the quay into the old town, down the pedestrian Rue Nationale, into the hidden inner courtyards behind the Renaissance house...
- **Saône Riverbank Walk** ~1.5 km · 45 min · easy — A peaceful stroll along the Saône quay both north and south of the ship — pleasant views across the river to the far bank and a feel...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇪🇺 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:55AM–8:28PM · Jun 5:50AM–9:33PM · Aug 6:41AM–8:49PM · Sep 7:19AM–7:52PM · Oct 7:58AM–6:54PM	
Apr	62°	44°	9d	🇪🇺 Euro (€)	
Jun	79°	60°	11d		
Aug	81°	62°	8d		
Sep	74°	56°	7d		
Oct	64°	48°	10d		

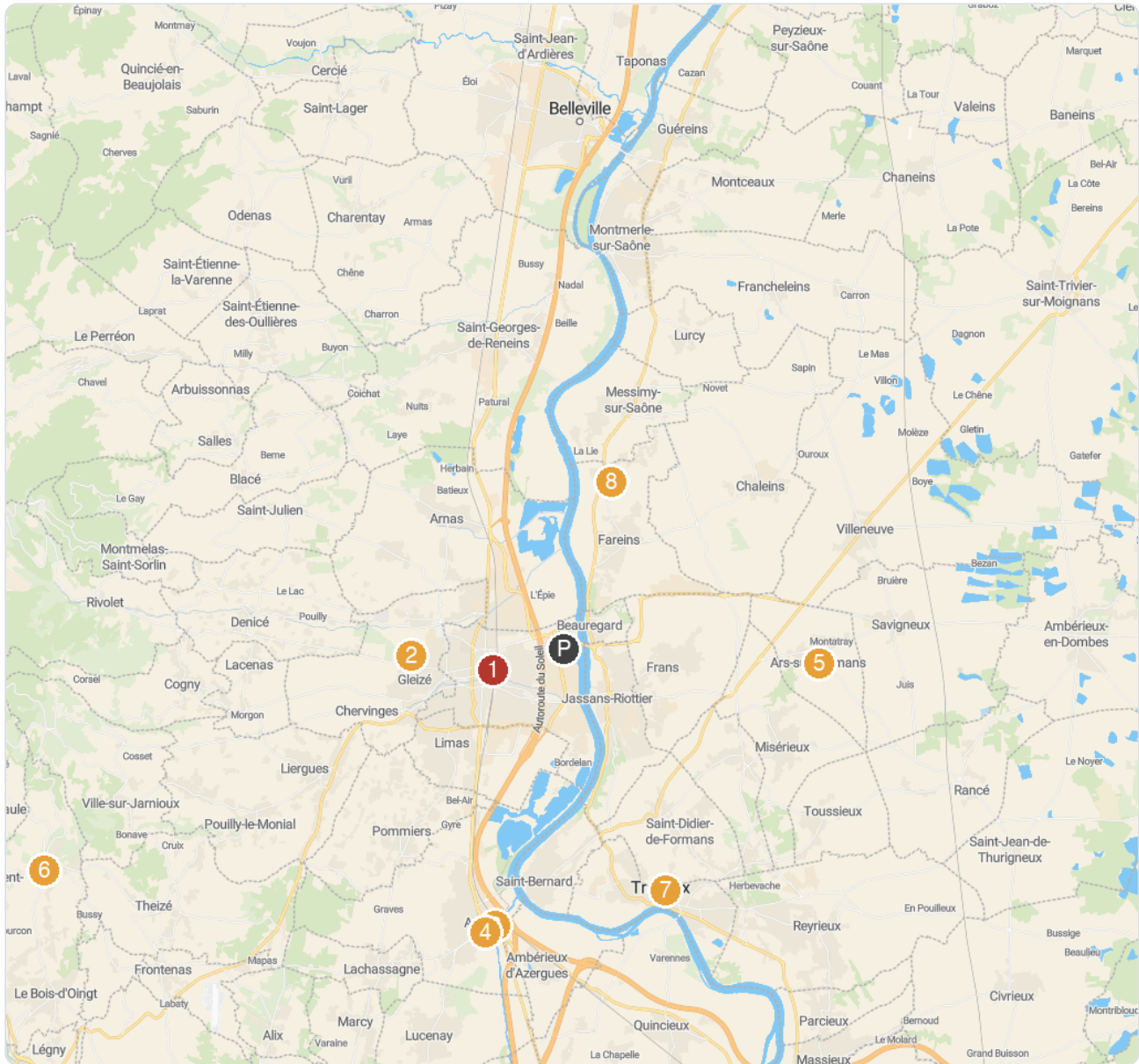
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Plan for the vineyards. The Beaujolais crus are the main draw — if you want to visit wine villages like Fleurie or Moulin-à-Vent, arrange a taxi or ship excursion in advance...
- Don't miss the hidden courtyards. Push open the doorways off Rue Nationale to find the cours intérieures — secret Renaissance courtyards few visitors discover. The Tourist...

Villefranche-sur-Saône, Rhône, 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 Museum Paul Dini | Art museum showcasing 19th and 20th-century French paintings. | 2 Château de Vaurenard | Elegant 18th-century château with beautiful gardens and architecture. |
| 3 Anse - Pont (Chemin de Fer Touristique d'Anse) | Scenic tourist railway offering charming rides through the countryside. | 4 Castle Tours | Guided tours exploring various historic castles in the region. |
| 5 Sanctuary of Ars (Basilica of Ars) | Important Catholic basilica and sanctuary dedicated to Saint Vianney. | 6 Tour d'Oingt | Historic medieval tower offering panoramic views of Oingt village. |
| 7 Château de Trévoux | Medieval fortress ruins with a prominent tower overlooking the Saône. | 8 Château de Fléchères | Magnificent 17th-century château showcasing impressive architecture and interiors. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |