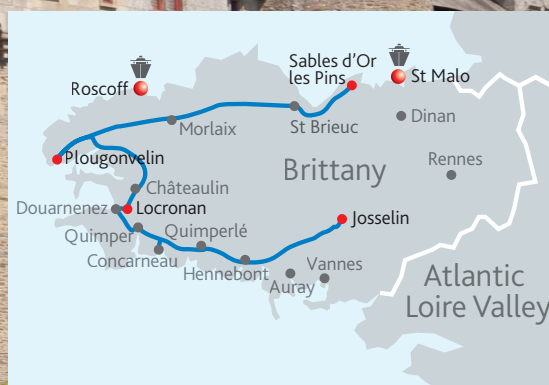


A Taste of Brittany

4 Night Tour - Bed & Breakfast

Your itinerary

The following pages contain general information about your car or motorcycle tour and the locations where you will stay. The order in which they appear may not be the order your hotels have been confirmed for you - for your individual itinerary please refer to your holiday documentation.



Josselin



Advance planning

To decide on places to see and plan your route it's useful to refer to tourist office and travel websites such as Google maps, viamichelin.com (which will also show motorway tolls if applicable) or theaa.co.uk.

Hotel directions

With your travel documents is an information sheet for each hotel we have booked for you giving directions together with some further details.

Arrival

Unless stated, you will be expected to arrive at each of the hotels pre-booked for you by 6pm each day. This should allow time for a fairly leisurely drive between hotel stops but if you find you will be arriving later than this please ring the hotel so that your room is held for you.

This tour is on a bed and breakfast basis.

From whichever port you have chosen to arrive, the itinerary takes you through some of the unspoilt, tranquil Breton countryside with its lovely old villages and market towns. There is also the opportunity to visit some of Brittany's picturesque fishing ports and beautiful beaches. Here we give some ideas of places to see in and along the way to each of your overnight stops with an approximate distance and journey time, although these are just a rough guide based on fairly direct routes without diversions or detours.

Port of arrival to Josselin

Avranches - has some botanical gardens (Jardin des Plantes) and a viewing area known as La Plate-forme with a panorama of Mont St Michel. **Bayeux** - as well as housing the famous tapestry this is a beautiful old town with a 900 year old cathedral. **Coutances** - also has a impressive cathedral, seen from miles around. **Dinan** - one of Brittany's treasures, this river port has stunning medieval streets. **Honfleur** - this enchanting town with its famous old harbour has been an inspiration for many artists. **Loudéac** - a pretty market town with some good restaurants. **Morlaix** - has a huge viaduct across the river estuary and a pedestrian old quarter with 15thC houses. **Ploërmel** - a small town with a medieval church (magnificent stained glass windows) and a lake (1.5k) popular for watersports. **Rennes** - the capital of Brittany with an old town of charming half timbered buildings as well as a wealth of art and culture. **St Lô** - a historic city virtually destroyed in WW2 and then rebuilt. **Villedieu les Poêles** - worth a stop if you are interested in copperware, with traditional copper workshops to visit as well as a bell foundry and museum. **Josselin** is an interesting little town with a fairytale château in a wonderful setting on the river Oust, and a fascinating doll museum (Musée des Poupées) in the old stables of the castle.



Hotel du Château, Josselin



Rennes

Josselin to Locronan

Driving time (via N165 & N24) approximately 1 hour 40. 94.5 miles / 152k

The main route heading south west to Locronan from Josselin dips to the south of Brittany allowing you to stop off at various places of interest along the way. **Quimperlé** - a charming town with the 11thC Sainte Croix Abbey, this is one of the old pilgrim walking routes to Santiago de Compostela.

Concarneau - one of the largest fishing ports in France with the 'ville close' fortified old town and rampart walks by the harbour side. This is also a popular holiday resort with a white sand beach. **Quimper** - the old quarter of this lively city has a wonderful cathedral and narrow cobbled streets filled with timbered buildings. **Locronan** - a small city of character, Locronan is



Latitue Ouest, Locronan

classified among the most beautiful villages in France. Around the central square, magnificent stone houses dating back to the weavers' period. Restaurants and craft shops to end a great day! **Pointe du Raz** - whilst staying in Locronan you may like to visit France's most westerly point or discover some of the awe inspiring coastal scenery in this area on one of the marked walking routes.



Crozon peninsula near Morgat



Locronan to Plougonvelin

Driving time approximately 1 hour 30. 60 miles / 96k

From Locronan the N165 is the most direct route to Plougonvelin, taking you slightly inland via **Châteaulin** on the Nantes-Brest Canal (this may be a nice place to stop for coffee at one of the pavement cafés) then through part of the **Armorique natural regional park**. This scenic area has a varied landscape of moors, sand dunes, cliffs and forest - a great place for walks and photography. **Brest** is also on your route and is Brittany's 2nd city, with a beautiful natural harbour. Most famous as a naval port, Brest has undergone a major regeneration over recent years and as well as being a commercial port and marina there are attractive quaysides to stroll along and some impressive architecture including the Pont de l'Iroise bridge which crosses the river Elorn. There is also a well known aquarium here, Oceanopolis. **Plougonvelin** is in a stunning location at one of France's most westerly points. For wonderful views you can visit the St Mathieu lighthouse next to the hotel - it's even more atmospheric here at night with its light shining into the darkness!



Plougonvelin to Sables d'Or les Pins

Driving time approximately 2 hours 20. 126 miles / 203k

The N12 is the quickest and most direct road to Sables d'Or les Pins, taking you across inland Brittany. You might prefer to take a slightly longer way, discovering some of northern Brittany's lovely coastal towns and villages.

Morlaix - a bustling market town with some amazing architecture. **Pleumeur Bodou** near Trébeurden - here you can visit a telecommunications centre and planetarium. **Trégastel** and **Perros Guirec** - amongst the most popular seaside resorts on the Pink Granite coast. **Lannion** - set on a hilltop, this medieval town enjoys panoramic views and has a choice of good restaurants, particularly seafood. **Erquy** - (6k from Sables d'Or) has a reputation for its excellent St Jacques scallops. **Cap Fréhel**, near Erquy, is a spectacular headland set high on a limestone cliff overlooking sea on one side and countryside on the other. **Sables d'Or les Pins** - this small charming resort boasts a 3k stretch of fine white sandy beach with a backdrop of protected sand dunes and pine trees.

