

# Breathtaking Brittany

## 6 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.







#### Maps and route planning

To help plan your trip we provide you with an excellent map of France. It's also useful to go to one of the travel websites such as Google maps, [viamichelin.com](http://viamichelin.com)\* or [www.theaa.co.uk](http://www.theaa.co.uk).

\*Motorway tolls, where applicable, are indicated on this site

**Hotel directions** With your travel documents is an information sheet for each hotel which has been booked for you giving directions together with some further details.

**Arrival** 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 overnight stops but if you find you will be arriving later than this please ring the hotel so your room is held for you.

This tour is on a bed and breakfast basis.

Part of the tour takes you along the coast with plenty of opportunity to visit some of Brittany's picturesque fishing ports and beautiful beaches, lovely old villages and market towns. Your itinerary also takes you through some of the unspoilt, tranquil Breton countryside.

Here we give some ideas of places to see in and around each of your overnight stops. Your own itinerary may be in a different order, according to your chosen ferry sailings.

## St Quay Portrieux / Perros Guirec

**St Quay Portrieux** - a large seaside resort, marina and fishing centre famous for its wonderful St Jacques scallops and hosting a variety of summer festivals.

**Perros Guirec** - on the stunning Pink Granite coast with 2 sheltered gently shelving beaches and boat trips to the Sept Iles, a sanctuary for many thousands of sea birds. There are amazing walks along the GR34 coastal path amongst the rock formations.

**Lannion** - an old river port with some beautiful half timbered houses and hilly cobbled streets.

**Paimpol** has a 13thC abbey, medieval houses and the Musée de la Mer fishing museum.

**Pointe de l'Arcouest** approximately midway between St Quay and Perros has spectacular views across the bay and from here you can take a boat trip to the idyllic Ile de Bréhat, 2 linked islands.

**Tréguier** - a small picturesque town on a hillside above a wide river estuary used by yachts & large ships.

**Pleumeur Bodou** - near here is the Cité des Télécoms museum and planetarium.



Ile de Bréhat

## Quimper

**Quimper** - an attractive medieval city known for its hand painted 'faïence' pottery and traditional Breton festivals. The old quarter around the cathedral is particularly impressive.



**Brest** - a historic naval port and university city which also has the excellent Océanopolis marine science park.



**Locronan** - one of France's most beautiful villages.

**Douarnenez** - a seaside resort and fishing port with a famous boat museum (Port Musée).

**Concarneau** - France's third largest fishing harbour, with an old walled town and walks along the ramparts.

**Pont Aven** - a picturesque little town which was popular in the 19thC with many artists including Gauguin.

**Bénodet** - a charming old fashioned seaside resort and port on the river Odet with boat trips to the Glénan islands and a lovely sandy beach.

## Vannes

**Vannes** - a lovely fortified old city. Its old town is characterized by narrow cobbled streets and medieval gates. The port has many restaurants and is used as a departure point for boat trips to some of the islands on the Gulf of Morbihan, including the Ile aux Moines and Ile d'Arz.

**Carnac** - one of south Brittany's most popular seaside resorts with fantastic long sandy beaches and various watersports. It's also famous for its ancient standing stones

**Lorient** is a modern city and major port with the interesting Victor Pleven centre, where visitors can experience everyday life on board a giant fishing trawler.

**Auray** - a very attractive riverside town with narrow streets of half timbered houses leading down to the old port.

**Quiberon** - this resort is 15k further on from Carnac, at the end of a long peninsula with a rocky 'côte sauvage' (or wild coast) on one side contrasting with lovely sandy beaches on the other. You can take a ferry trip to the aptly named Belle Ile.



Vannes



## Josselin / Ploërmel



Josselin is a lovely little town with a château in a wonderful setting on the river Oust and there's also a doll museum (Musée des Poupées) in the old castle stables. There are some interesting artisan shops in Josselin too.

Ploërmel is a small town with a medieval church (magnificent stained glass windows) and the Lac au Duc lake is nearby, a popular place for watersports.

Tréhourentec - this village is bordered by the Forêt de Paimpont or Brocéliande which has marked footpaths and is associated with the legends of the Holy Grail and Knights of the Round Table (see pictures and stained glass in the village church).

## Dinan



Dinan is possibly Brittany's most beautiful and well preserved medieval town with some stunning old streets leading down to the river Rance and a magnificent viaduct. Rennes is the regional capital. The old part of the city is

partly pedestrianised and definitely worth a visit to see the picturesque narrow streets with half timbered buildings, appealing shops, restaurants and cafés, as well as a wealth of cultural and artistic interest.

Combours - a delightful town with a lake and feudal castle, once home of the romantic writer, Chateaubriand.

## St Malo

St Malo has a splendid walled old town, 'Intra Muros,' with rampart walks, a great choice of shops and restaurants and a long sandy beach. Cancale - a fishing port (famous for oysters) and seaside resort, very popular for seafood restaurants serving the freshest of fish. Barrage de la Rance - take the coastal road towards Dinard to cross this fantastic dam.

Cap Fréhel has a bird sanctuary, lighthouse and panoramic views.

Fort la Latte - a medieval castle in a spectacular position on a headland.

Sables d'Or les Pins and Erquy - just two of the many beautiful sandy beaches along this part of the Emerald coast.

Mont St Michel is a World Heritage site, visible for miles around. This is a wonderful place

at any time of year, although be prepared for it to be very busy in summer. Arriving by car, there is a large parking area and then you can take the shuttle bus (next to the tourist information centre) across the causeway to the mount. The main street is filled with restaurants, bars and souvenir shops but a visit is not complete without climbing the steps to the 8thC abbey on top of the Mount, if you have plenty of energy.

