

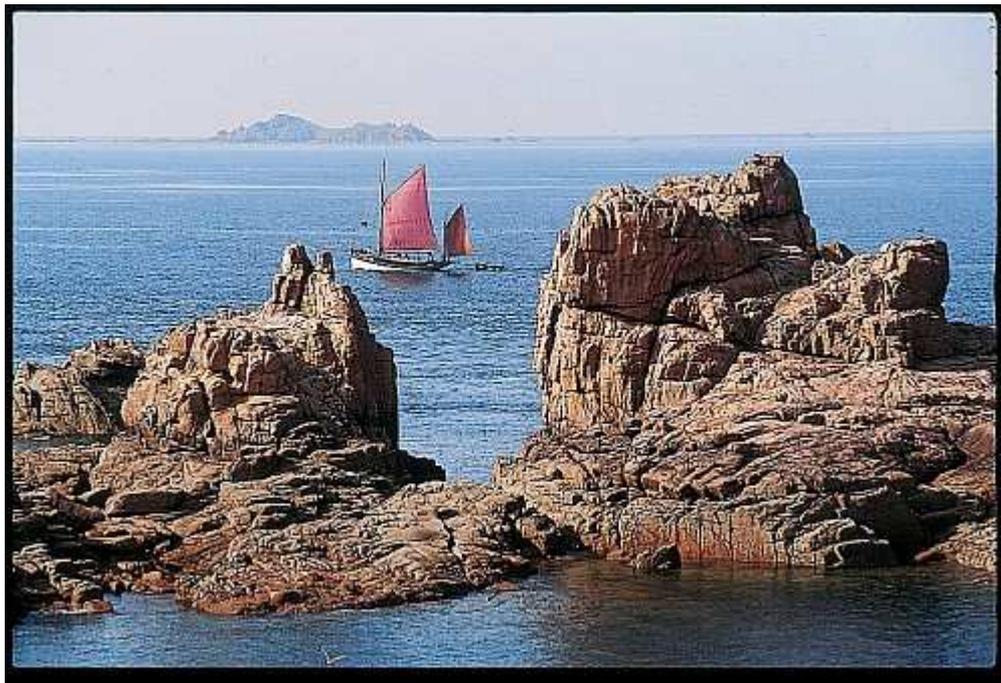


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Magical sceneries and beautiful islands along the Brittany coastline

With its 2700 km coastline, Brittany is a maritime country bordered by magical sceneries and beautiful islands. Nowhere else you can find so many special features: steep rocky coasts, fine sandy beaches but also picturesque towns, prehistoric standing stones and live meaningful traditions.



The pink granite coast

Day 1: Journey to Rennes and Saint Malo

Early afternoon arrival in **Rennes** and welcome by our local tour guide at the train station. Drive to the medieval fortress city of **Dinan** located on a hill above the valley of the **Rance river**. Visit of the town and stop for a coffee and cake break in a patisserie. Continue to **Saint-Malo**. Hotel check in and evening at leisure.

Day 2: Saint Malo and Dinard

Founded in the 7th century, one after another fortress town, commercial port and fishing port, Saint-Malo is home of famous pirates like **Duguay-Trouin** or **Surcouf** but also of the romantic poet **Chateaubriand** buried on the island "Le Grand Bé" facing the city fortifications. Our guided city tour - on the trail of pirates - begins with a stroll on the city walls which offer an impressive overview of the port and the city. Then we visit the Old Town which, unfortunately, has endured a lot of destruction during the last World War. Then visit the **Museum of Saint-Malo history** which teaches us much on the sea past of the city. After lunch awaits us a pleasant **boat ride on the bay of Saint Malo to Dinard**, charming seaside resort with magnificent villas, beautiful beaches and walks along the sea. During a guided tour we learn the city's history and its evolution from the ancient times to the contemporary times. Return to Saint-Malo by coach over the **Rance tidal power station**. Evening at leisure.

Day 3: Saint Malo, Cap Fréhel, Paimpol, Bréhat Island, Perros Guirec

Departure along the so-called **Emerald Coast** (Cote d'Emeraude) over **St. Briac** and **St. Cast** until **Cap Fréhel**, great granite cape in the sea dominating the Emerald Coast and without doubt one of the most impressive panoramic view of the area. Continue along the coast to **Saint Brieuc**, **Saint Quay Portrieux** and **Paimpol**, former major topsail port and today main tourist destination on the **Goëlo coast**. Afternoon we have a memorable cruise around the **island Bréhat**, also called the "flower island", an archipelago of 86 islands along the coast. Then we continue to **Perros Guirec** picturesque seaside resort on the **pink granite coast**. Hotel check-in and evening at leisure.



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Magical sceneries and beautiful islands along the Brittany coastline (continue)

Day 4: Perros Guirec, Saint Thégonec, Brest, Quimper

Drive over **Trégastel**, a beautiful coastal town to **Lannion** and continue to **Morlaix**. We visit the quaint **Queen Anne house** and have a small tour in the beautiful city. Next stop is **St. Thégonnec Guimillau** to admire the well preserved Calvary crosses which show the importance of the religion and the associated regional tradition. Then we continue to **Landivisiau** and reach **Brest** the great Brittany port town. Afternoon guided city tour with the Pont de la Recouvrance (the highest vertical lift bridge in Europe), the naval base and the shipbuilding base where the traces of the Royal Navy are still present. Our tour takes us past the Tour Tanguy, the castle from the Gallo-Roman era fortified by Vauban in the 17th Century. Then we leave Brest and drive south over **Plougastel** and **Chateaulin** to **Quimper**. Hotel check-in and overnight.

Day 5: Quimper, Douarnenez, Pointe du Raz, Quimper

Morning guided tour of **Quimper**. Art and historical city on the banks of the river Odet, Quimper is the capital of **Cornouailles**. Highlights are particularly the district "Locmaria" with a Romanesque church from the 12th Century, the former bishop's palace hosting today the Breton Regional Museum, the Duke City with picturesque houses and, of course, the Cathedral of Saint Corentin, a true jewel of Gothic architecture which we visit. Afternoon trip to the west through small towns with character and beauty as **Locronan** and **Douarnenez** to **Pointe du Raz** on the westernmost point of Brittany, with its lighthouse. We feel strong emotions and memorable impressions during a spectacular tour which brings us up to the last stone of the Pointe du Raz. Return over **Audierne** and **Pont Labbé** to Quimper. Evening at leisure in Quimper

Day 6: Quimper, Lorient, Carnac, Vannes

Trip to **Concarneau**, small medieval fortified port city. Here we visit an art studio with a small appetizer and discover the work of a Breton artist. Continue through the glowing Brittany to **Pont Aven** famous artist colony where we visit the Gauguin museum. Then on to the military port of **Lorient** and **Carnac** where we visit the famous megaliths alignments before we reach **Vannes** and the **Golfe du Morbihan**. Overnight in Vannes.

Day 7: Vannes, Golfe du Morbihan, Rennes

Morning discovery of the Golfe du Morbihan, inner sea littered by thousands of islands. Embarkation on board a comfortable boat for a morning cruise to the beautiful **Iles aux Moines** with short stay and back to Vannes early afternoon. Then we leave the south Brittany and drive back to **Rennes** where we spend our last overnight. Here we have a city tour of the Breton capital before we take a **farewell dinner in an original Creperie**.

Day 8: Transfer to the railway station and departure

Our package includes

- 7 x overnight and breakfast (2 x Saint-Malo, 1 x Perros-Guirec, 2 x Quimper, 1 x Vannes, 1 x Rennes)
- Coach and guide for the whole roundtrip from/to Rennes
- Welcome coffee and cake in Dinan
- Farewell dinner in a Creperie in Vannes
- Cruise on the bay of Saint Malo
- Cruise around the island Bréhat
- Visit of an art studio in Concarneau with a welcome drink
- Boat trip along the Golfe du Morbihan
- All admissions and guided visits as described



Stunning Cap Fréhel

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