



Trip description

A cycling holiday in Brittany between earth and ocean

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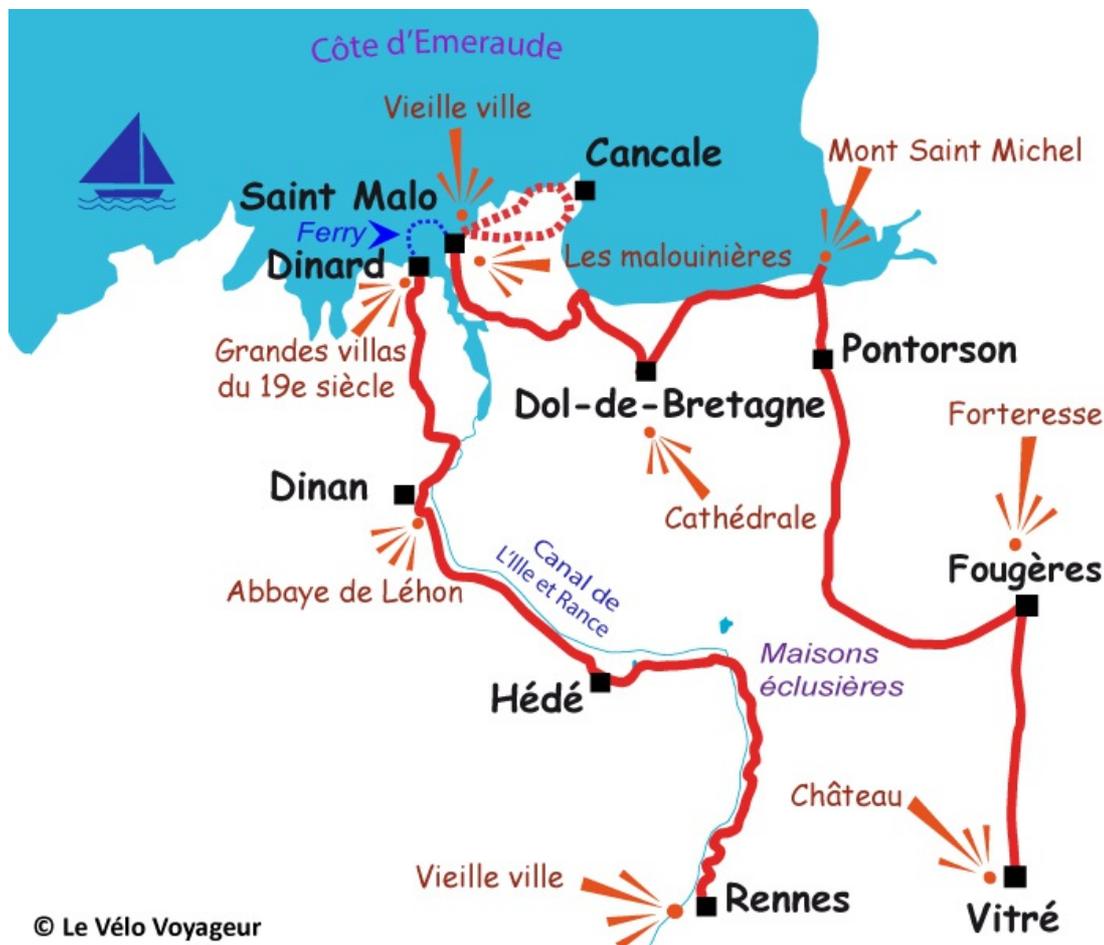


Destination	France
Location	Bretagne Nord
Duration	10 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	From April to November
Minimum age	9 years
Reference	B1001

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



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Experience the different sides of Brittany from the delights of the ocean to the Breton history.

This cycling holiday is a mix between nature and culture: you will ride past the parliament house in Rennes, along the Mont-Saint-Michel bay and through Saint-Malo city walls.

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This bike tour not only have you discover the maritime side of Brittany by leading you along the Emerald Coast to Cancale then through the Bay of Mont-Sant-Michel to the abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel.

But this cycle tour have you also discover Brittany's medieval inland with the beautiful cities of Fougères and Vitre.

DAY 1

Rennes

Rennes is the young and vibrant capital city of Brittany. Take a walk along the Ille and Vilaine Rivers to get an overview of the city. Most of the town was destroyed by fire in 1720, but original sections still remain. The town center is vibrant with higgledy-piggledy half-timbered houses in various colors. Enjoy a delicious crepe, a speciality of the area.

DAY 2

Rennes - Hédé

Bike
45km

Cycle path along towpath

Start your ride next to the scenic Ille et Rance canal and you'll soon reach the ancient towpath. Follow this route and you'll see many canals houses lovingly decorated with flowers. The canal is now popular cruising way for pleasure boats. It's always interesting to watch how boats are raised or lowered in the many locks along the canal. Keep riding until you reach Hédé and its eleven locks.

DAY 3

Hédé - Dinan

Bike
38km

Cycle path along towpath

Continue along the canal and towpath. Take time to explore the medieval town of Lehon with its splendid Royal Abbey.

In Dinan, don't miss taking a look at the 43 meter high "Tour de l'Horloge" which consists of both a dungeon and a bell tower.

DAY 4

Dinan - Saint-Malo

Bike
25km

This morning your route leaves the towpath as you ride further into the scenic countryside through forests and well-tented gardens. The trail is quite flat since the path was a former railroad line. As you arrive in the city of Dinard, have a look at the beautiful mansions overlooking the ocean.

From Dinard, take the ferry to Saint-Malo, the old city of privateers! Ferry crossing between Dinard and Saint-Malo is included.

DAY 5

Saint-Malo

Spending this resting day by exploring all that Saint-Malo has to offer. Stroll around the luxurious mansions, the city's fortifications or the harbor with bobbing sail boats.

Suggested day trip : Cancale

Ride through the verdant countryside small routes to the Emerald Coast, where you will enjoy an amazing view onto the harbor of Cancale. You may even see the bay of Mont-

Cancale

Bike
42km

Saint-Michel.

Bike down to the harbor and order some of the famous local oysters. You ride back then to Saint-Malo on the coastline road, along which you can take a few breaks on the small beaches scattered between "La Pointe du Grouin" and the city of pirates.

DAY 6

Saint-Malo - Dol-de-Bretagne

Bike
40km

Today's ride takes you along the wild, sandy beaches of the Mont-Saint-Michel. Ride at your own pace as you gaze at the magnificent abbey. You could enjoy some water activities in Hirel or bike directly through the countryside to Dol-de-Bretagne. This medieval town is dominated by the 13th century massive cathedral. Climb the Tour-Notre-Dame for outstanding views of the area.

DAY 7

Dol-de-Bretagne - Mont-Saint-Michel (Pontorson)

Bike
38km

Let's get ready, your daily step takes you to the world-famous Mont-Saint-Michel Abbey! The gravity defying medieval monastery will astound you as you explore this massive building.

DAY 8

Mont-Saint-Michel (Pontorson) - Fougères

Bike
44km

Follow the banks of the Couesnon which winds through the countryside and the small typical villages of Brittany.

You arrive in Fougères, a beautiful medieval town. On the borders of Brittany, Maine and Normandy, Fougères was one of the most important stronghold of Europe in the Middle Ages. The impressive fortress still testifies of this golden age.

DAY 9

Fougères - Vitré

Bike
35km

From Fougères, you arrive to Vitré through a comfortable cycle path. Vitré is another amazing town which has beautifully preserved its medieval appearance.

On the left bank of the Vilaine, a rocky spur bears the spectacular triangular fortress and the rich mansions of the upper town. But do not miss the right bank where the steep slopes house the timber-framed Faubourg of Rachapt, preserved in the 20th century thanks to its knitters.

DAY 10

Departure from Vitré

You can decide to extend your stay or start your home travel.

Accommodation

Category A

You'll enjoy staying in these clean and cozy 2-Star hotels that give you a pleasant rest after your day of biking. Breakfast is included when you spend the night in these friendly and family-run hotels.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Category B

You'll get a good night's sleep when you stay in these 2 or 3 Star hotels or Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included!



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight to Rennes.

By train: TGV (fast trains) from Paris Montparnasse. The duration of the trip is about 2h20. To plan your trip, www.raileurope.com.

Parking

If you drive to Rennes, you can park your car in a secured car park located in the city center, close to your accommodation. The weekly rate is about 25€. You can also park for free in the streets around the location where you can pick up your bike. All details will be given in your travel documents.

To get back to starting point:

Regional trains take you back to your starting point if you wish. They are accessible without booking in advance and bicycles are free. You have to

buy your ticket on spot (approximative duration: 30 minutes, full rate around 5€/adult). There are several trains per day. You will find the timetable in your travel documents.

Meeting time:

The first day is an arrival day without cycling. You arrive whenever you want depending on from where you come. Please note that rooms are usually available in the middle of the afternoon depending on your accommodation. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

Price description

Category A **1109€/pers**
Double room fare

9 nights in ** hotels
9 breakfasts
1 dinner
8-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)
the luggage transport from one lodging to the other
the boat ride from Dinard to Saint-Malo with bikes
the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information
24h/24 hotline

High season extra (*) 20 €/pers

Extra for a single room 61 €/night

Extra night in Rennes 65 €/pers

Extra night in Vitré 60 €/pers

Category B **1269€/pers**
Double room fare

9 nights in ** or *** hotels or bed & breakfasts
9 breakfasts
8-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)
the luggage transport from one lodging to the other
the boat ride from Dinard to Saint-Malo with bikes
the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information
24h/24 hotline

High season extra (*) 20 €/pers

Extra for a single room 58 €/night

Extra night in Rennes 95 €/pers

Extra night in Vitré 60 €/pers

Options

Discount if you ride your own bicycle -95 €/pers

E-bike extra (8 days) 75 €/pers

(*) High season :

- from 29.04 to 22.05.2024
- from 01.07 to 31.08.2024

Children discount (in the same room as 2 full rate participants):

- 0-4 year : -70%
- 5-11 year : -50%
- 12-17 year : -30%

The package doesn't include:

- the journey to the tour location
- local visitor taxes
- the drinks
- the meals which are not included

the entrance fee to sites
insurances (optional)

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