



Trip description

4-day bike trip in Brittany, from the canal to the sea

From Rennes to Saint-Malo, cycle along the Ille-et-Rance canal to the sea and discover the charming cities of Dinard and Dinan before enjoying a day trip along the Emerald Coast to Cancale.



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| Destination | France |
| Location | Bretagne Nord |
| Duration | 5 days |
| Difficulty Level | Moderate |
| Validity | From april to november |
| Minimum age | 12 years old |
| Reference | B0401 |

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



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This 4-day cycling tour, between land and sea, takes you to discover some of the jewels of northern Brittany.

Departing from Rennes, you ride along the Ille-et-Rance canal on old towpaths now rehabilitated as greenways, ideal for bike rides. You continue to the sea, passing through the charming city of Dinan, medieval villages and small cities of character, before reaching the coast in Dinard. From there, a boat crossing (included) takes you to the famous town of Saint-Malo. Do not miss its pedestrian streets, corsair houses, ramparts and sailing boats moored in the port!

Your trip doesn't end there! After a night in Saint-Malo, you set off towards the magnificent Emerald Coast and cycle through the green countryside before arriving in Cancale where you can admire the port and taste delicious oysters. You then return to Saint-Malo along the coast this time, and stop for a swim in one of the pretty coves!

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 1

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 2

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 3

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 4

Suggested day trip : Cancale

Bike
42km

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-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 privateers.

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. The weekly rate is about €25. 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 (if you come with your own bike). You have to buy your ticket on spot (approximative duration: 1h, full rate 9€/adult). There are several trains per day. You will find the timetable in your travel documents.

You can also depart directly in TGV from Saint-Malo.

If you chose the luggage transport, you will be able to pick up your luggage after 5pm at the pick up location.

Meeting time:

You pick up your bikes in the morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm at a meeting time set together during booking. We recommend you to arrive around 10am to enjoy your day fully without rushing.

Bikes pick up point and luggage drop off point will be given in your travel documents.

Price description

Category A

Double room fare

459 €/pers

4 nights in bed and breakfasts

4 breakfasts

4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

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

the return of the bikes

24h/24 hotline

High season extra (*)

10 €/pers

Extra for a single room

52,5 €/night

Extra night in Rennes

65 €/pers

Extra night in Saint-Malo

70 €/pers

Category B

Double room fare

599 €/pers

4 nights in ** or *** hotels or bed & breakfasts

4 breakfasts

1 dinner

4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)

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

the return of the bikes

24h/24 hotline

High season extra (*)

10 €/pers

Halfboard (1 dinner)

30 €/pers

Extra for a single room

67,5 €/night

Extra night in Rennes

95 €/pers

Extra night in Saint-Malo low season

78 €/pers

Extra night in Saint-Malo high season (**)

85 €/pers

Options

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-90 €/pers

E-bike extra (3 days)

65 €/pers

Luggage transfer

50 €/pers

(*) High season :

• du 08.04 to 24.09.2024

(**) High season extra night Saint-Malo

• 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

the drinks

local visitors' taxes

the meals which are not included

the entrance fee to sites

insurances (optional)

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