



Trip description

Cycling France: Brittany at the tip of your pedal

Bike from Rennes to Mont-Saint-Michel along the Brittany Coast to Cancale. Continue through to Dinan, Dole-de-Bretagne or Saint-Malo

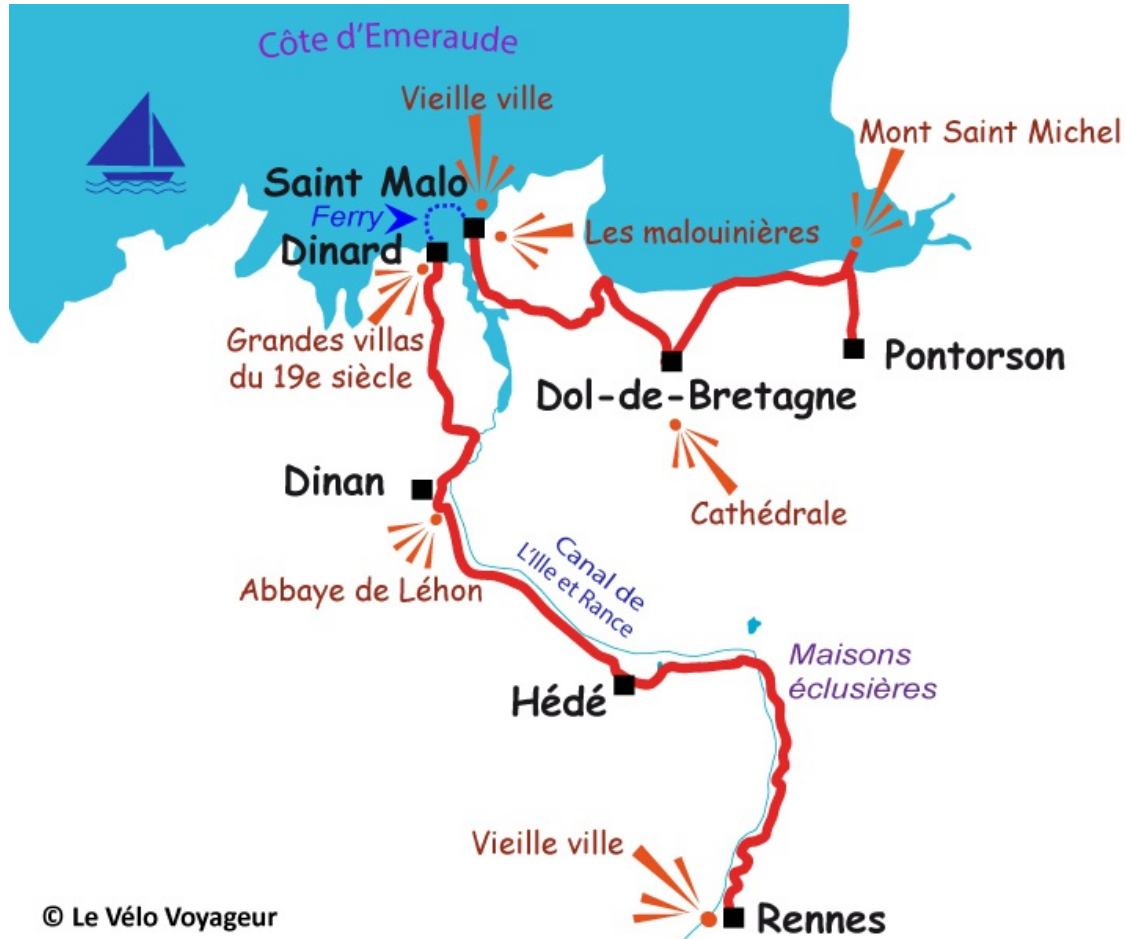


Destination	France
Location	Bretagne Nord
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	From April to Novembre
Minimum age	9
Reference	B0801

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



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This extended bike trip lets you experience the many different sides of Brittany, from seaside villages to monuments representing Breton history.

This biking vacation gives you a mix of present day French culture, history and outdoor attractions. You'll ride past the parliament house in Rennes, along the Mont-Saint-Michel Bay and by the Saint-Malo city walls. Most days, you'll be riding on quiet, country roads. From Rennes to Dinard, the route follows a historic towpath that makes for a great ride! Along the way, fishing villages add to the ambience of the Rance River.

Part of the tour has you discovering the maritime side of Brittany by leading you along the Emerald Coast to Cancale. Of course you'll stop and explore the famous Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel in the bay. You'll meander on greenways next to the canals while also riding along the sea and into quaint villages such as Dinan or Dol-de-Bretagne. A bicycle tour is the best way to experience the sights, sounds and smells of Brittany.

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

Extension to Dinard

Between Day 3 and Day 4

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.

You can spend an extra night in the beautiful town of Dinard.

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 :

Ride through the verdant countryside small routes to the Emerald Coast, where you will

Cancale

Bike
42km

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 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

Departure from Pontorson

All good things must come to an end, and this is the end of your tour. You can extend your stay or check out of your hotel after breakfast.

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!



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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€. 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: 50 minutes, full rate around 15€/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

Double room fare

849 €/pers

7 nights in ** hotels

7 breakfasts

1 dinner

6-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
Halfboard (2 dinners)	50 €/pers
Extra for a single room	63 €/night
Extra night in Rennes	65 €/pers
Extra night in Pontorson	55 €/pers
Extension to Dinard	130 €/pers
1 night in a ** hotel	
1 breakfast	
1-day rental of a fully-equipped bike	
the luggage transport	

Category B **999 €/pers**
Double room fare

7 nights in ** or *** hotels or bed & breakfasts
 7 breakfasts
 1 dinner
 6-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
 a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes
 the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information
 24h/24 hotline

High season extra (*)	30 €/pers
Halfboard (3 dinners)	80 €/pers
Extra for a single room	60 €/night
Extra night in Rennes	95 €/pers
Extra night in Pontorson	66 €/pers
Extension to Dinard	150 €/pers
1 night in a ** hotel(Superior room)	
1 breakfast	
1-day rental of a fully-equipped bike	
the luggage transport	

Options

Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-100 €/pers
E-bike extra (6 days)	85 €/pers

(*) High season :
 • from 29.04 to 22.05.2024
 • from 01.07 to 24.09.2024

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 visitors' taxes
 the drinks
 the meals which are not included
 the entrance fee to sites
 insurances (optional)

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