



FOR YOUR NATURE & CULTURE LOVER CLIENTS

☀️ 4 DAYS 📍 320 KM

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FROM BRITTANY TO THE ATLANTIC

Highlights of the trip:

- Rennes, Brittany's capital city
- Rochefort-en-Terre, one of the most beautiful villages of France
- The mythical Carnac stones
- The charming harbor of Vannes in the "Golfe du Morbihan"
- La Baule and its bay
- Guérande fortress and salt marshes
- The creative city of Nantes and Les Machines de l'île

Pointe de Pen Bron,
La Turballe, Atlantic Coast



Day 1

70 KM



Sweet crepes,
savory galettes:
these are the Breton
pancake specialties

Morning | Rennes

Arrive at Rennes TGV train station

Take your time in Rennes. Brittany's capital is a fascinating mix of eclectic architecture, historic heritage, grand squares and glorious gardens

Lunch in a typical creperie restaurant in Rennes.

Afternoon | Rennes & Ploërmel

Explore the city of Rennes

Admire half-timbered houses, charming narrow medieval streets and the impressive 17th-century Parliament building, not to forget the Thabor gardens, classed as a Remarkable Garden,

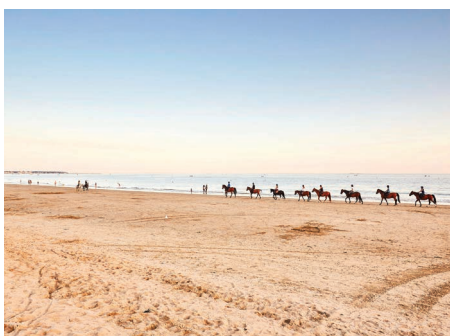
Taste local products (like the Breton beer...)

Dinner at the restaurant of the 4* Le Roi Arthur Hotel in Ploërmel, set in the land of legends

Night at the 4* Le Roi Arthur Hotel in Ploërmel

Day 2

150 KM



La Baule
belongs to the Club of
the Most Beautiful Bays
in the World

Morning | Josselin & Rochefort-en-Terre

Visit the charming village of Josselin: medieval city hung on a hillside and protected by its impressive castle of Rohan in the magnificent internal façade from the Renaissance.

Explore Rochefort-en-Terre, one of the most beautiful villages in France. As a feudal town surrounded by deep valleys, Rochefort-en-Terre offers a unique heritage collection of 16th and 17th century architecture.

Lunch in La Trinité sur Mer: get ready to taste oysters.

Afternoon | Carnac, Vannes & La Baule

Discover one of Brittany's greatest highlights, the world-famous Carnac standing stones. A total of 3,000 menhirs standing in straight lines over 4 km and 40 hectares, which date from 4,000 BC.

Explore Vannes & its charming harbor: its well preserved traditions & architecture, magnificent French-style gardens, medieval streets & a great mix of elegant private mansions and 15th century half-timbered houses.

Dinner at 3* Saint-Christophe hotel, La Baule.

Night at the 3* Saint-Christophe hotel, La Baule.

> *Alternative: Dinner & Night at 4* Mercure Majestic Hotel, La Baule*

Day 3

100 KM



Did you know that approx. 13,000 metric tons of salt is harvested each year in Guérande?



Morning | Guérande, Atlantic Coast

Explore Guérande medieval city – at the heart of the White Country, where salt is harvested, stroll along the cobbled streets of this charming village.

Lunch in a typical restaurant in Guérande

Afternoon | Brière Nature Park & Nantes

Explore the Brière marshes, a regional nature park home to a great diversity of birds

Machines de l'île in Nantes, the city's top attraction and the creative quarter

- Machines de l'île de Nantes (Carrousel of the Marine Worlds) : This unprecedented artistic project sits at the crossroads of Jules Verne's "invented worlds", of Leonardo da Vinci's mechanical universe, and Nantes' industrial history
- Creative quarter of the Ile de Nantes: new forms of architecture and art works flourish in this new neighborhood!

Dinner cruise on the Erdre river, an affluent of the Loire, with Les Bateaux Nantais.

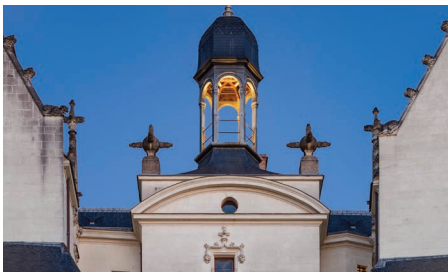
Night at the 4* Oceania Hotel de France in Nantes, Graslin district
> *Alternative: 4* Okko Hotel in Nantes, next to the Chateau*

Day 4

4 KM



Nantes: follow the green line painted on the ground



Morning | Nantes

Discover the Nantes Fine Arts Museum

The magnificent Musée d'Arts de Nantes showcases a splendid collection, from Tintoretto and Rubens to Monet, Rodin, Kandinsky and Chagall. Visitors can appreciate the museum's 10,000-strong collection all year round. Not to be missed: the 2017 extension dedicated to contemporary art.

Lunch in the theatre district in Nantes.

Elegant and cultural, the Graslin district is a gem of 18th and 19th century urban planning. Graslin is reputed for its chic shops, its gourmet restaurants and its Passage Pommeraye, the only three-storey covered arcade in Europe.

Afternoon | Nantes

Follow the Green line in Nantes.

A green line literally painted on the ground enables visitors to discover all the main city landmarks, from the Chateau des ducs de Bretagne to the latest artworks of Le Voyage à Nantes. Get ready!

Dinner in Nantes city centre

Dine in a restaurant recommended by the selection Les Tables de Nantes. Fresh, creative, and healthy: Nantes' cuisine will delight you!

Night at the 4* Oceania Hôtel de France in Nantes

> *Alternative: 4* Radisson Blu Hotel in Nantes, Graslin district*

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PLEASE FIND BELOW ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS IN ATLANTIC LOIRE VALLEY

• **Saint-Nazaire Harbour:** **Be Transported!**

Ready to go exploring? In Saint-Nazaire, on the Atlantic coast, you can enjoy a fabulous range of visits and experiences under the name "The Harbour for All Journeys".

Escal'Atlantic: A fascinating journey into the world of ocean liners awaits you at Escal'Atlantic, inside the WW2 submarine pens. Walk in the footsteps of yesterday's travellers, explore the interiors of a liner, both the public spaces and the hidden parts, and see beautiful collections of artefacts from legendary French liners. A unique visitor experience! Self-guided tours, approx. 90 min.

The Saint-Nazaire shipyards: To visit the shipyard is to gain entrance to a "city within the city". See the workshops and docks while towering high above you is Europe's most powerful gantry crane. The liners and cruise ships which have been built here over the years are among the most famous ever launched – including

Queen Mary II and the Harmony of the Seas. Departure by bus from the submarine base. Guided tours, 90 to 120 min.

Airbus factory: Visit the Airbus factory, an important centre of excellence for the aeronautical industry in Europe and see a whole new side to aircraft. On this guided tour, you will have the privilege of walking through the vast workshops where fuselage sections of all the different Airbus planes are assembled and equipped. Departure by bus from the submarine base. Guided tours, 2 hours.

• **A tour of the savoir-faire around Pornic**

To visit an area is also to appreciate the local specialties. Crafts and tradition are very marked in the Pornic area, also known as the Jade Coast. You will be able to visit the manufacturing spaces with the traditional methods of several regional products. Did you know that name bowls have been made in Pornic for more than fifty years? That the "Curé Nantais" local cheese has more than 100 years of existence?

And, do you know the story of the famous Galettes Saint Michel biscuits?

• **Life in the slow lane in Brière** **Regional Nature Park**

France's second-biggest marshland, Brière, is just a few kilometres from Saint-Nazaire's city centre, yet it feels like a different world. Explore it in a traditional flat boat or a horse-drawn carriage, see the thatched cottages and rich wildlife. Guided tours, boat and carriage rides, 45 minutes each.

• **Villa "Entre sel et sable", a relaxing break:** A 5* villa located at the doorsteps of Brittany, close to the Guérande salt-marshes & La Baule, 5 min walk from the beach, for top-of-the-range comfort with personalized services. Up to 14 pers.

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