



Brittany Cycling 8 days

Summary

Length

8 days/7 nights,
with 7 days cycling

Dates

Start any date between
May 1 and October 31
Cannot Start on Thurs-
days, Fridays or Satur-
days.

Level

48 km (30 miles) daily
average

In the northwest of France lies one of the great undiscovered regions of the country; dramatic coastline, lush forests and enchanting villages are the initial draw. Look deeper and see a rich land revealed - from the beaches of La Baule to medieval villages such as Guerande and Sarzeau to the pre-historic megaliths of Carnac the Breton Coast is our newest discovery offering gentle cycling, gastronomy of sea-food and crepes and a proud people eager to welcome.

Itinerary



Day 1 & 2

La Baule
Your trip starts in La Baule, where white sand beaches are a short stroll from your hotel. If time allows, take a warm-up ride

along the Cote Sauvage to the fishing village of Le Croisic, a good introduction to this coastal region. Next day, cycle to an area known as the Briere and Kerhinet, with its pedestrian streets and *chaumières* or thatched cottages. You'll have the chance to explore the marshes by punt to see how peat was extracted before an easy cycle back to your hotel.

Day 3 & 4

Billiers

Riding north from La Baule, you pass through the salt marshes to the fortified medieval village of Guerande and then through farmlands to Billiers. Along the way, you'll have the opportunity to stop and see the harvesting of salt where locals use the same technique as their ancestors. Next day, your ride options will include La Roche Bernard, a 1000 year old town which claims to be the home of the inventor of the guillotine.

Day 6

Locmariaque

Your ride begins with a glide past the Chateau de Suscinio- a medieval castle once home to the dukes of Brittany. You'll also visit Sarzeau and Surzur and the route des Huitres- the most famous oyster-producing area in Brittany. In Port Novalo you'll ferry across to fishing village of Locmariaque where monuments and tombs from the megalithic civilization still stand.



Day 6 & 7

Hennebont

Next day your journey will continue towards Hennebont passing through the legendary village of Carnac, one of the most famous megalithic monuments

and ancient ruins in France. Your last cycling day includes a loop to the sea-side village of Port Louis with its impressive 17th century citadel.

Day 8

Depart after breakfast at your leisure.



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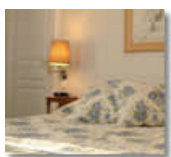
How to get there?

Your trip starts in La Baule. La Baule can be reached by train from Paris Montparnasse; the journey takes approx. 3 hours. Your trip finishes in Hennebont from where you can take a train back to Paris; the journey takes between 4 to 5 hours.

Your confirmation package will provide additional information.

Accommodation

Classic



Hotel Saint Christophe

La Baule

Ideally located in the center of La Baule, just 100 meters from the sea, this 1900th century villa-style hotel has beautifully decorated rooms, each with antique furniture. The restaurant has superb cuisine featuring fresh sea food.



L'Auberge des Deux Magots

La Roche-Bernard

This hotel is a beautiful manor house situated in the Old Quarter. The restaurant has the reputation as the best in town!



Hotel des Trois Fontaines

Locmariaquer

The hotel on the Morbihan Gulf, is decorated in perfect harmony with its surroundings, set in a beautiful garden.



Les Chaumieres de Kerniaven

Hennebont

Les Chaumieres de Kerniaven have two recently renovated authentic 18th century cottages, with nine spacious, comfortable rooms in a serene and relaxing atmosphere.

Luxe



Castel Marie Louise

La Baule

This beautiful Relais & Chateau property radiates Old World charm with warm hospitality; set amidst a park the setting is charming. Inside you'll find tastefully decorated rooms featuring fine antique furniture and an excellent restaurant.



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The Price includes:

- 7 nights hotels
- All breakfasts and 2 dinners
- Use of a top quality 21-speed hybrid bike complete with handlebar bag, pump, and all the necessary accessories for changing flats. We recommend that you bring your own helmet for safety and hygiene reasons
- Detailed route instructions and map
- Luggage transfers
- Area Manager available throughout the tour

Accommodation

Luxe



Le Domaine de Rochevilaine

Billiers

This hotel boasts a collection of beautifully restored buildings, dramatically situated on a precipice of the coast. As Karen Brown advocates in her hotel guide, "its setting typifies the most spectacular quality of Brittany." Hardwood floors are covered in oriental carpets; the gardens bloom with wild flowers; the service is impeccable.



Chateau Locquenole

Hennebont

This Relais & Chateau property features a beautiful 19th century castle and stunning location overlooking the Blavet River. The Sabliere family has owned the property since the 15th century and has filled the rooms with antiques and art acquired over the generations. The facilities include an outdoor pool, sauna, Turkish baths and tennis courts. The Michelin starred restaurant here pays tribute to Breton produce and local seafood.

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