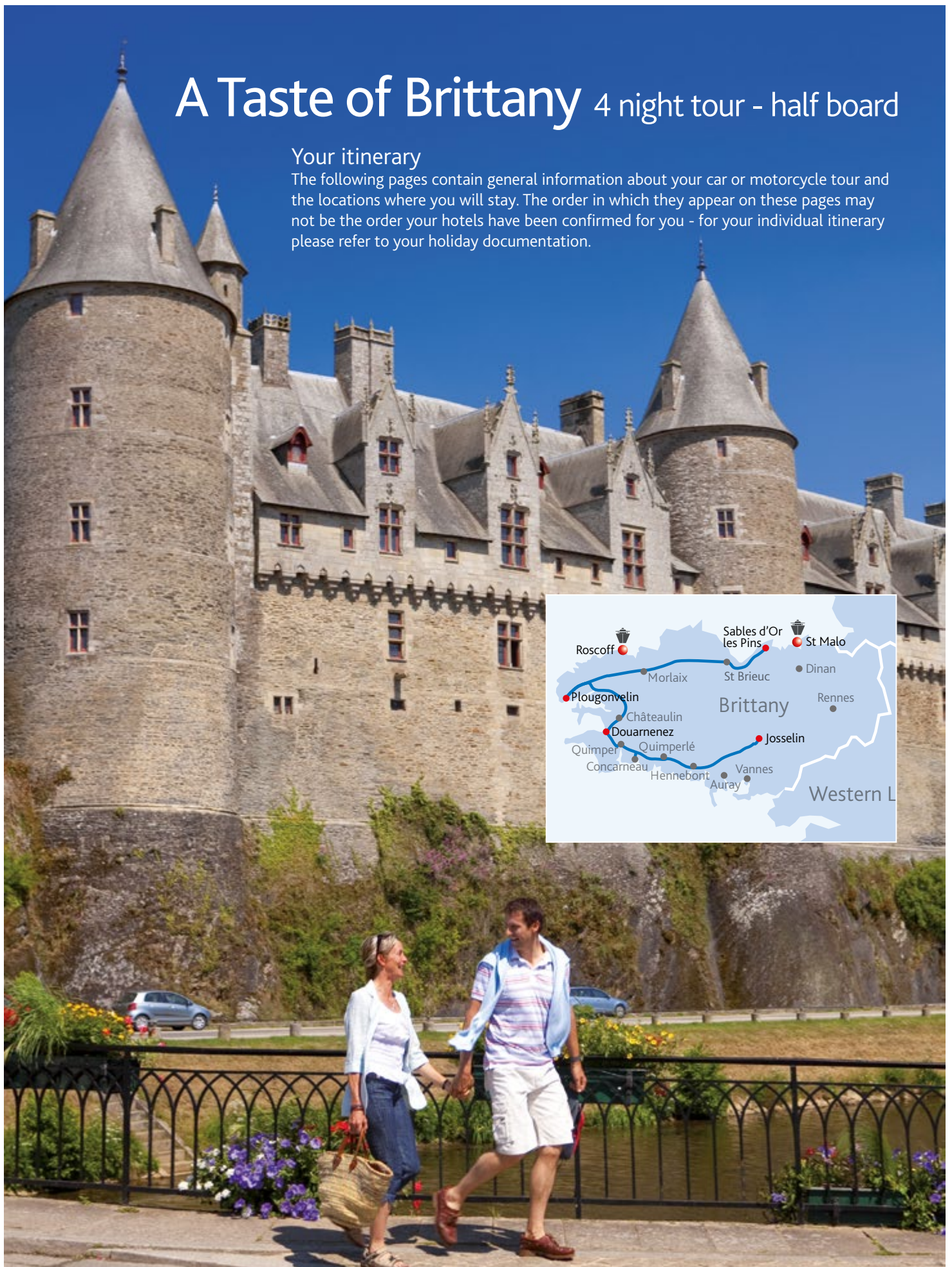
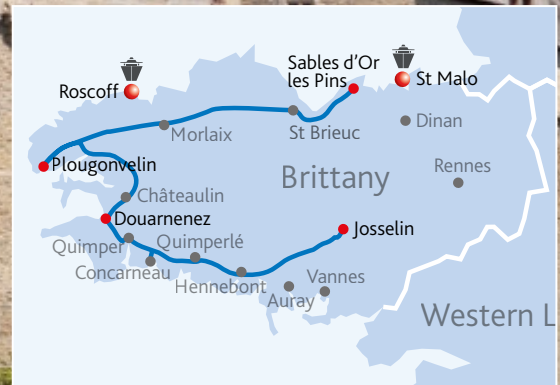


# A Taste of Brittany 4 night tour - half board

## Your itinerary

The following pages contain general information about your car or motorcycle tour and the locations where you will stay. The order in which they appear on these pages may not be the order your hotels have been confirmed for you - for your individual itinerary please refer to your holiday documentation.





**Maps and guide books** Included with your travel documents you will find an excellent map of France to help you plan your journeys. For route planning you may wish to go to one of the travel websites such as

Google maps, viamichelin.com or www.theaa.co.uk.

**Hotel directions** With your travel documents you will find an information sheet for each hotel which has been booked for you giving directions together with some further details.

**Arrival** Unless stated, you will be expected to arrive at each of the hotels pre-booked for you by 6pm each day. This should allow you time to have a fairly leisurely drive between hotel stops but if you find you will be arriving later than this please ring and advise the hotelier so that your room is held for you.

**Extra charges** Details of which meals are included at your hotels are shown on your travel documentation and on these pages. All additional meals, drinks, phone calls etc must be paid for prior to departure from the hotel.

From whichever port you have chosen to arrive, the tour you have booked takes you through some of the unspoilt, tranquil Breton countryside with its lovely old villages and market towns. There is also the opportunity to visit some of Brittany's picturesque fishing ports and beautiful beaches.

Here we give some ideas of places to see in and along the way to each of your overnight stops with an approximate distance and journey time, although please note these are just a rough guide based on fairly direct routes without any diversions or detours.



### Port of arrival to Josselin

Suggestions for places to see en route, dependent on port of arrival

**Avranches** - has some botanical gardens (Jardin des Plantes) and a viewing area known as

La Plate-forme with a panorama of Mont St Michel. **Bayeux** - as well as housing the famous tapestry this is a beautiful old town with a 900 year old cathedral. **Coutances** - has a fantastic cathedral, seen from miles around. **Dinan** - picturesque river port with stunning old medieval streets. **Honfleur** - picturesque enchanting town and old harbour, an



inspiration for many artists. **Loudéac** - is a pretty market town with some good restaurants. **Morlaix** - has a huge viaduct across the river estuary and a pedestrian old town with picturesque 15thC houses. **Ploërmel** - a small town with a medieval church (magnificent stained glass windows) and a lake (1.5k) popular for watersports. **Rennes** - the capital of Brittany with an old town of charming half timbered buildings as well as a wealth of art and culture. **St Lô** - a historic city virtually destroyed in WW2 and then rebuilt. **Villedieu les Poêles** - worth a stop if you are interested in copperware, with traditional copper workshops to visit as well as a bell foundry and museum.

**Josselin** is an interesting little town with a fairytale château in a wonderful setting on the river Oust, and a fascinating doll museum (Musée des Poupées) in the old stables of the castle. **Choose 3 courses from the Menu du Terroir at Hotel du Château**

### Josselin to Douarnenez

Driving time (via N165 & N24) approximately 1 hour 40. 99.5 miles/160k

The main route heading west to Douarnenez from Josselin dips to the south of Brittany allowing you to stop off at various places of interest along the way.

**Quimperlé** - a charming town with the 11thC Sainte Croix Abbey, this is one of the old pilgrim walking routes to

Santiago de Compostela. **Concarneau** - one of the largest fishing ports in France with the 'ville close' fortified old town and rampart walks by the harbourside. This is also a popular holiday resort with a white sandy beach. **Quimper** - the old quarter of this lively city has a wonderful cathedral and narrow cobbled streets filled with timbered buildings.

**Douarnenez** is a lovely little town with a pretty fishing harbour, restaurants (serving freshly caught seafood) and a beautiful bay with sandy beaches. There's also a very good boat museum here, the Port Musée, which is a great place to spend a few hours and clamber inside some boats! Whilst staying in Douarnenez you may like to visit France's most westerly point, the Pointe du Raz, or discover some of the picturesque coastal scenery in this area on one of the marked walking routes.

**Choose from the menu 'Retour du Marché' at Le Clos de Vallombreuse.**



## Douarnenez to Plougonvelin

Driving time approximately 1 hour 30. 61 miles/98k



From Douarnenez the N165 is the most direct route to Plougonvelin, taking you slightly inland via [Châteaulin](#) on the Nantes-Brest Canal (this may be a nice place to stop for coffee at one of the pavement cafés) then through part of the [Armorique natural regional park](#). This is a scenic area with a varied landscape of moors, sand dunes, cliffs and forest - a great place for walks and photography. Also on your route is [Brest](#), Brittany's 2nd city which has a beautiful natural harbour. Most famous as a naval port Brest has undergone a major regeneration over recent years and as well as being a commercial port and marina there are attractive quaysides to stroll along and some impressive



architecture including the Pont de l'Iroise bridge which crosses the river Elorn. There is also a well known aquarium here, Oceanopolis. [Plougonvelin](#) is in a stunning location at one of France's most westerly points. For wonderful views you can visit the St Mathieu lighthouse - it's even more atmospheric here at night with its light shining into the darkness!  
**Choose your 3 course dinner from the Menu Demi Pension at the Hostellerie de la Pointe St Mathieu.**

## Plougonvelin to Sables d'Or les Pins

Driving time approximately 2 hours 20. 126 miles/203k

The N12 is the quickest and most direct road to Sables d'Or les Pins, taking you across inland Brittany. You might prefer to take a slightly longer way, discovering some of northern Brittany's lovely coastal towns and villages. [Morlaix](#) - a bustling market town with some stunning architecture. [Pleumeur Bodou](#) near Trébeurden - here you can visit a telecommunications centre and planetarium. [Perros Guirec](#) - one of the most popular seaside resorts on the Pink Granite coast. [Lannion](#) - set on a hilltop, this medieval town enjoys panoramic views and has a choice of good restaurants, particularly seafood. [Erquy](#) - (6k from Sables d'Or) has a reputation for its excellent St Jacques scallops. Nearby [Cap Fréhel](#) is a spectacular headland set high on a limestone cliff

overlooking sea on one side and countryside on the other.

[Sables d'Or les Pins](#) - this small charming resort boasts a 3 kilometre stretch of fine white sandy beach with a backdrop of protected sand dunes and pine trees.



**Choose your 3 course dinner from the Menu du Jour at Hotel de Diane.**

### Approximate driving distances and times to/from ports

#### Josselin

- [St Malo](#) - 70 miles/114k. 1 hour 37
- [Roscoff](#) - 111 miles/178k. 2 hours 21
- [Cherbourg](#) - 180 miles/290k. 3 hours 25
- [Caen](#) - 171 miles/275k. 2 hours 34
- [Le Havre](#) - 220 miles/355k. 3 hours 21

#### Sables d'Or les Pins

- [St Malo](#) - 28 miles/45k. 56 minutes
- [Roscoff](#) - 92 miles/148k. 1 hour 47
- [Cherbourg](#) - 157 miles/253k. 2 hours 52
- [Caen](#) - 135 miles/218k. 2 hours 27
- [Le Havre](#) - 184 miles/296k. 3 hours 11

