



Brittany, France

September 3-15, 2024



Dear Compass Traveler,

Brittany is a land infused with ancient Celtic culture, where music, myth, and legend meet, and where cultural and foodie traditions are celebrated and championed. Join us as we explore the stunning natural beauty and the quintessential towns that this region of France is famous for.

Sincerely,

Holly & Luigi

Itinerary



Rochefort-en-Terre

Tuesday, September 3

Our trip begins with a private transfer from New London, New Hampshire to Boston's Logan Airport and our flight to Brittany.

Wednesday, September 4

Upon arrival in Brittany we are met by our tour guide and transferred to a haven of peace on the Odet river. Everything about the pretty port of Sainte-Marine in Combrit encourages one to want to slow down—sip a coffee in the morning sunshine, watch the boats rocking peacefully at anchor, linger over drinks with friends in the evening. This welcoming village and the Villa Tri Men, a

bourgeois house built in 1913 by a Breton admiral, is our home for the next four nights. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner.

Overnight: Combrit–Villa Tri Men (D)

Thursday, September 5

Locronan, a member of the “Most Beautiful Villages of France”, is our destination today. The Celts chose this area to create a sacred pathway with 12 stations symbolizing the months of the year. In the 6th century, Saint Ronan Christianized the site and the town was born. In the 14th century, the town grew in wealth and beauty thanks to weaving sailcloth. Today, for lunch, we enjoy our first galette,

the traditional, savory Brittany buckwheat pancake.

Overnight: Combrit – Villa Tri Men (B,L)

Friday, September 6

Today is yours to enjoy the small, charming seaside resort of Sainte-Marine.

Overnight: Combrit – Villa Tri Men (B)

Saturday, September 7

Founded in Quimper in 1690, the HB-Henriot pottery workshop is where we enjoy a tour and discover the different stages of faïence (fine tin-glazed pottery) production, from the mold creation to the hand painting. After lunch we take a guided tour of the historic center of Quimper and have a chance to visit the Breton Museum.

Overnight: Combrit–Villa Trim Men (B,L)

Sunday, September 8

Today we transfer to the town of Billiers and our exceptional hotel, Domaine de Rochevilaine. On the way, we visit the Carnac alignments, one of the most extraordinary concentrations of standing stones in the world, erected in the Neolithic era. Then on to lunch in the picturesque fishing port, Saint-Goustan, visited by

Benjamin Franklin in 1776 to meet King Louis XVI.

Overnight: Billiers–Domaine de Rochevilaine (B,L)

Monday, September 9

Without a doubt, Rochefort-en-Terre is one of the most beautiful villages in France. Everywhere, geraniums and ivy beautify the stone with their colorful flowers. With cobbled streets and stylized shop signs, this jewel of a town is ours to explore today.

Overnight: Billiers–Domaine de Rochevilaine (B)

Tuesday, September 10

Eight hundred years after the laying of the first stone, the curtain walls, walkway, drawbridge, loopholes, and machicolations, the Domaine de Suscinio and its castle are an extraordinary testimony of the life of the Dukes of Brittany. Our next visit is to la Maison du Cidre where the third generation of cider makers immerse us in this bygone world.

Overnight: Billiers – Domaine de Rochevilaine (B)

Wednesday, September 11

Today we visit the fortified and preserved town of Vannes. It harbors a wealth of architectural heritage—ramparts, an almost entirely pedestrianized center, half-timbered houses, and cobbled streets lined with intriguing granite sculptures. This afternoon we arrive at our home



Village of Dinan



Saint-Malo

for the next four nights, the bustling port city of Saint-Malo. Our hotel is in the old town, which once thronged with spice traders and pirates.

Overnight: Saint-Malo–Hotel Maison des Armateurs (B)

Thursday, September 12

Our destination today is the riverfront city of Dinan. Still surrounded by ramparts almost two miles long, Dinan was once a formidable city, a residence of the Dukes of Brittany. Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the many restaurants in its charming riverfront harbor. For dessert, perhaps try the richly indulgent Kouign Amann, a caramelized butter cake, or a gateau breton, a traditional shortbread cake.

Overnight: Saint-Malo–Hotel Maison des Armateurs (B)

Friday, September 13

Never ceasing to amaze and surprise with its beauty, Le Mont Saint-Michel stands in the heart of a huge bay invaded by the highest tides in Europe. Its long history is thought to date back to 708 when Aubert, Bishop of Avranches, had a sanctuary built on Mont-Tombe in honor of the Archangel. You will always remember seeing this stunning sight. Voted a remarkable site

of taste, Cancale has long been famous for its oysters and shellfish. This charming fishing port is our lunch spot today.

Overnight: Saint-Malo – Hotel Maison des Armateurs (B)



Cancale

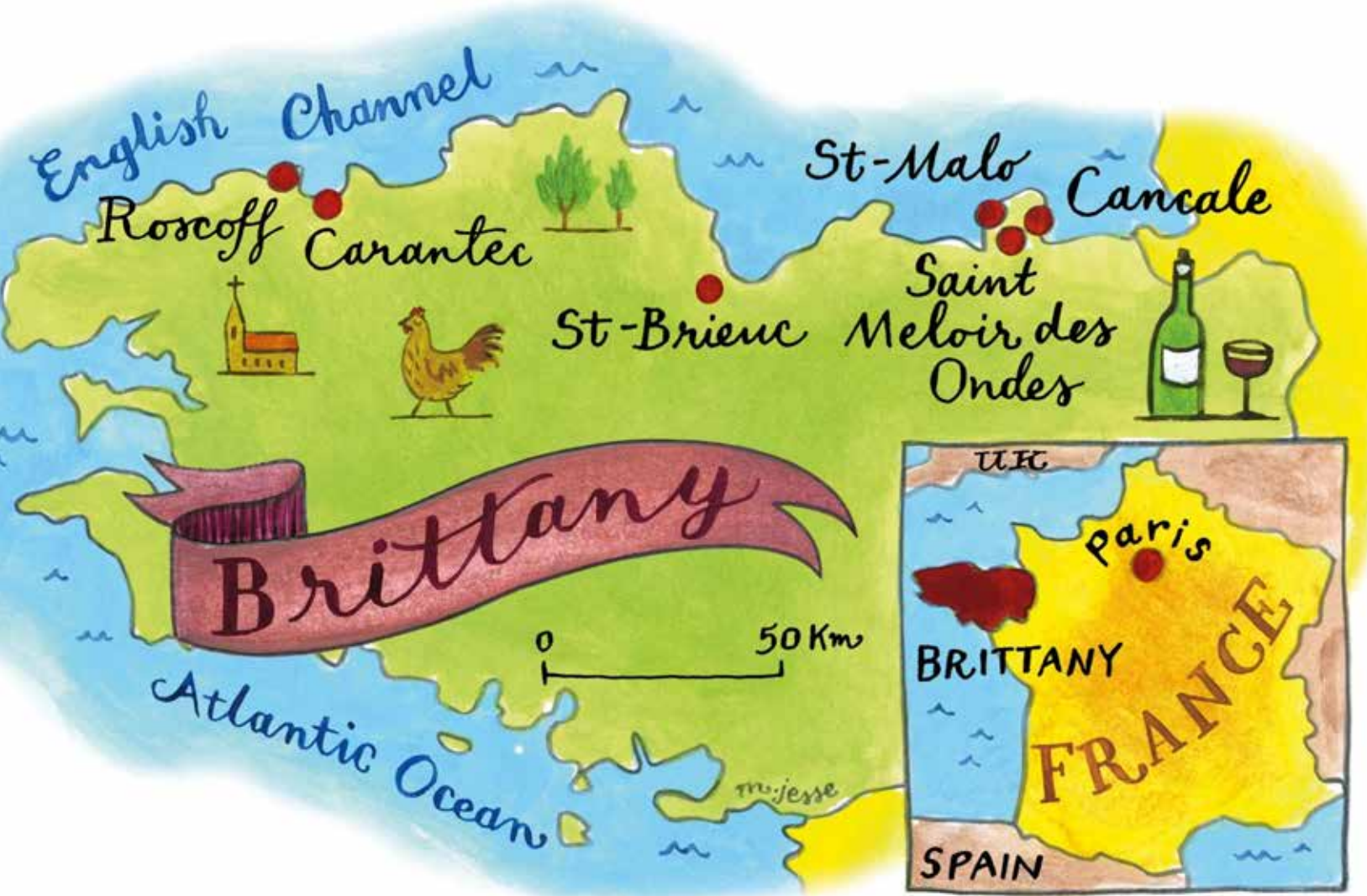
Saturday, September 14

The day is yours to discover every corner of Saint-Malo, the setting for the novel *All The Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, which was recently produced as a Netflix series. Tonight, we enjoy a special farewell dinner.

Overnight: Saint-Malo–Hotel Maison des Armateurs (B,L)

Sunday, September 15

We bid “au revoir” to Brittany as we transfer to Rennes Airport for our flight back to Boston. Our private transfer returns us to New London. (B)



INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Escorted by Holly Walker & Luigi Minoletti
- Private transfer from New London, NH to Logan Airport and return
- Accommodations for 11 nights in first class hotels
- Meals: 11 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners (noted in itinerary as B,L,D)
- Wine with included lunches & dinners
- Sightseeing as outlined in the day-to-day itinerary
- Services of a professional, English-speaking tour guide throughout
- Transportation by private motorcoach
- Portorage of one suitcase per person at hotels

Compass Travel reserves the right to adjust the itinerary due to weather and other circumstances beyond our control.

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PRICE

\$6,695.00 per person based on double occupancy
(Single supplement upon request)

Airfare Not Included

TOUR LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS

Note: The tour price is subject to change due to currency fluctuation.

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