

# Cycling Holidays in North Brittany

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 245 KM  
BOOKING CODE: FR-MM7

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●  
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●



Impressive castles and the Côte d'Émeraude

From Eur **1039,-**



## Your tour

The round trip from Saint-Malo first takes you off the beaten track into the green hinterland of Brittany. The small towns along the route are full of history and impress with spectacular fortresses and castles. Immerse yourself in the rich history of the once powerful Duchy of Brittany. In the second part of the tour, you cycle along the Breton-Norman border to the famous monastery castle of Mont-Saint-Michel. At the end of your journey, you will experience magnificent viewpoints and wide sandy beaches on the dreamlike Côte d'Émeraude. The cycling holiday is rounded off by the delicious specialities of the fresh local cuisine.

## Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	Individual arrival in Saint-Malo
<b>Day 2</b>	Saint-Malo – Dinan, approx. 35 km
<b>Day 3</b>	Dinan – Combourg, approx. 35 km
<b>Day 4</b>	Combourg – Fougères, approx. 55 km
<b>Day 5</b>	Fougères – Pontorson, approx. 50 km
<b>Day 6</b>	Pontorson – Cancale, approx. 45 km
<b>Day 7</b>	Cancale – Saint-Malo, approx. 25 km
<b>Day 8</b>	Individual departure

## Travel time

<b>Season A</b>	15.03. – 30.06.	01.09. – 27.10.
<b>Season B</b>	05.07. – 31.08.	

Arrival Friday, Saturday and Sunday 15.03. – 27.10.2024  
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

## Services

- 7 nights with breakfast, national 3\*-level
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, max. 20 kg / piece
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

## Not included services

- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

## Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	1039,-
Doubleroom, Season B	1089,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	429,-

## Additional night prices per person

Saint-Malo DBL / BB	85,-
Saint-Malo SGL / BB	145,-

## Additional services per person

Rental bike (21-gear)	109,-
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## Exemplary hotel list

Saint-Malo	Hôtel Ajoncs d'Or Saint Malo	<a href="https://hotels-saintmalo.fr/hotel-ajoncs-d-or.htm">https://hotels-saintmalo.fr/hotel-ajoncs-d-or.htm</a>
Dinan	Hôtel Arvor Dinan	<a href="http://www.hotelarvordinan.com/fr/hotel-arvor-dinan-site-officiel.php">http://www.hotelarvordinan.com/fr/hotel-arvor-dinan-site-officiel.php</a>
Combourg	Hôtel du Château Combourg	<a href="http://www.hotelduchateau.com/">http://www.hotelduchateau.com/</a>
Fougères	Grand Hôtel des Voyageurs Fougères	<a href="http://www.hotel-fougères.fr/">http://www.hotel-fougères.fr/</a>
Pontorson	Hôtel Montgomery Pontorson	<a href="http://www.hotel-montgomery.com/">http://www.hotel-montgomery.com/</a>
Cancale	La Mère Champlain Cancale	<a href="http://www.lamerechamplain.com/">http://www.lamerechamplain.com/</a>
Saint-Malo	Hôtel Ajoncs d'Or Saint Malo	<a href="https://hotels-saintmalo.fr/hotel-ajoncs-d-or.htm">https://hotels-saintmalo.fr/hotel-ajoncs-d-or.htm</a>

## Child reduction on basic price

0 - 2 Years	100%
3 - 11 Years	30%
12 - 16 years	10%

Due to the more demanding stages, we recommend this trip only for young people with good stamina. Reduction for children is valid for accommodation in room with two full-paying guests.

## Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, French

## Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- In France, helmets are compulsory for children up to the age of 12. However, for safety reasons, we generally recommend wearing a helmet.
- Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

## Equipment of our rental bikes

- Bike lock
- Map holder
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Waterproof pannier

## Journey to Saint-Malo

- Nearest airports: Saint-Jacques, Rennes
- Train station: Saint-Malo

## Stages description

### Day 1: Individual arrival in Saint-Malo

The French poet Chateaubriand once described his native town of Saint-Malo, situated at the mouth of the Rance, as a „granite citadel“. The historic old town of the seafaring city is surrounded by imposing fortress walls that are lapped by the Atlantic on three sides. Get in the mood for your cycling holiday in Brittany on a tour of the ramparts. Enjoy the view over the lively harbour, the white sandy beaches and the emerald green sea. The cosy old town with its narrow cobbled streets is home to numerous restaurants serving Breton specialities. You are sure to find a nice spot here for the first dinner of your cycle tour!

### Day 2: Saint-Malo – Dinan, approx. 35 km

Cycle along the Rance estuary on beautiful little roads with picturesque views. You can see your destination Dinan with its castle and high city walls from afar. Dinan is one of the oldest towns in Brittany. Get off your bike and explore the old town with its numerous colourful half-timbered houses from the Middle Ages on foot. The steep cobbled Rue du Jerzual is full of traditional workshops and shops run by weavers, glassblowers and wood gilders.

### Day 3: Dinan – Combourg, approx. 35 km

The route initially follows a towpath directly along the banks of the Rance. Shortly after Dinan, you pass the small village of Léhon with the picturesque Saint-Magloire Abbey. Continue cycling through the beautiful green countryside in the centre of North Brittany to

Combourg. Idyllically situated on Tranquille Lake, this tranquil town is closely associated with Chateaubriand. The most famous French Romantic writer spent his childhood in the castle of Combourg. You should not miss out on a visit to this picture-book building. You can enjoy a wonderful view of the surrounding area from the battlements.

### Day 4: Combourg – Fougères, approx. 55 km

Today's stage of your cycling holiday in North Brittany takes you past beautiful pastures and river landscapes to Fougères. The town's landmark on the Nançon is the imposing medieval castle. It was once used for the defence of the Breton duchy and is considered a masterpiece of military architecture. Visit the castle and stroll through the pretty alleyways and streets of Fougères. The medieval quarter with its half-timbered houses and the remains of fulling and tan mills on the banks of the Nançon is well worth a visit.

### Day 5: Fougères – Pontorson, approx. 50 km

From Fougères, you cycle slowly back towards the coast and discover the border region between Brittany and Normandy. Enjoy the beauty of the landscape and the idyllic little Breton villages along the way. At first, the forest and gorge-rich route includes a few climbs. The last section of the stage takes you along the Couesnon, the border river between the two regions. Your stage destination Pontorson is in Normandy. The town is considered to be the gateway to the world-famous Mont-Saint-Michel monastery castle, which is around ten kilometres away.

**Day 6: Pontorson – Cancale, approx. 45 km**

After a short time on the saddle, you will reach Mont-Saint-Michel, the cultural highlight of your cycling holiday in North Brittany. This masterpiece of Romanesque and Gothic architecture impresses even from afar. Pilgrims, monks and knights once lived on the mighty granite rock in the Wadden Sea. Take your time and explore the interlocking buildings and narrow alleyways. Then cycle through polder landscapes and along the coast to Cancale. The picturesque harbour town is famous for its oyster farming. Whether in a restaurant or at one of the numerous stalls in the harbour, you can't avoid trying this delicacy!

**Day 7: Cancale – Saint-Malo, approx. 25 km**

Along the Côte d'Émeraude - the Emerald Coast - you will experience the rugged beauty of the Breton coastal landscape up close. After a few kilometres of cycling, you will reach the Pointe du Grouin. The

headland offers fantastic panoramic views and is rich in bird and plant life. You cycle past beautiful beaches and cliffs. When the weather is fine, a stop for a swim is a must. The fine sandy beach of Anse du Guesclin is a particularly beautiful spot for this. Refreshed, you tackle the last section of your cycling holiday in North Brittany. You can already recognise the unique silhouette of your stage destination Saint-Malo in the distance.

**Day 8: Individual departure**

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.