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Brittany

Land of legends and folklore

From Argoat to Armor, the ancient Breton words for the 'Country of the Sea' and the 'Country of the Woods', Brittany has over 600 km of waterways just waiting to be explored. Renowned as the French land of legends, Breton culture is a fascinating blend of traditional festivals and folklore celebrating the region's Celtic history. Cycle alongside the historic Napoleonic canals or enjoy hiking along the specially constructed countryside routes. Make sure you moor beside the walls of the fairytale castle at Josselin and take time to explore the winding medieval streets of the many towns and villages that line the water.



CROWN BLUE LINE BASE RELAY BASE (see page 6)

1 Dinan 2 La Roche-Bernard 3 Josselin 4 Lock of Guélin

TEMPERATURES°

- APRIL 14
- MAY 19
- JUNE 22
- JULY 24
- AUGUST 25
- SEPTEMBER 20
- OCTOBER 16

Cruising suggestions

1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

■ Messac/Dinan OR VICE-VERSA

Vilaine - Canal d'Ille et Rance

Stroll through **Rennes**, the capital of Brittany and admire the pretty gabled houses. For sports lovers, **Betton** has tennis and horse riding facilities for some action ashore. Bordering a lake, **Combourg** is a quaint town with an imposing 11th century fortress or take a dip in the heated open-air swimming pool at **Lehon**.

▶ 127 km • 57 locks

▶ 30 hr one way cruising time

■ Messac/Nort-sur-Erdre OR VICE-VERSA

Vilaine - Canal de Nantes à Brest - Erdre

See a slice of England at **Port de Roche**, where an English garden has been planted around the manor house. Discover mysterious alignments of standing stones at **Langon** or cycle through the winding streets of **La Roche Bernard**. See artist Paul Serusier's spectacular frescoes at the church of St. Julian in **Chateauneuf-du-Faou**. Picnic in the gardens of **Saint Goazec's** Trevarez Chateau.

▶ 260 km • 18 locks

▶ 35 hr one way cruising time

1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

■ Messac/Josselin

Vilaine - Canal de Nantes à Brest

Discover more than 1,000 plant species at the beautiful Yves Rocher botanical garden at **La Gacilly**. Take a tour of **Malestroit** and find out more about the town's luxurious houses. Explore the grand Chateau at **Josselin**, considered to be the most beautiful in Brittany and admire the houses clustered around the main square.

▶ 208 km • 36 locks

▶ 36 hr round trip cruising time



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