

SAINT-BRIEUC ESSENTIALS

OUR TOP TIPS AND
FAVOURITE PLACES TO GO
IN THE BAIE DE
SAINT-BRIEUC TOUR APP

ONE OR TWO HOURS IN SAINT-BRIEUC



Le Valais beach



Odorico mosaics in the Rue du Général Leclerc

A SHORT TOUR INSIDE SAINT-ETIENNE CATHEDRAL

Saint-Brieuc's history began with a monastery built at the end of the 5th century. Several waves of migrations from the United Kingdom converted Brittany to Christianity. First an oratory then a monastery were built on the swampland between the Gouët and Gouédic valleys.

The bishopric required that a cathedral be built in this exact location. Saint Guillaume, one of the city's founding bishops, gave his name to the town's main pedestrian street.

To be discovered inside the Saint Etienne cathedral: the sumptuous Annunciation altarpiece sculpted by Yves Corlay (18th century), the Anglo-Norman 14th-century choir, the 19th-century Cavaillé Coll organ and its sculpted wooden panelling.



Saint-Etienne cathedral



Rohannec'h Villa

SAINT-BRIEUC'S ART AND HISTORY MUSEUM

Large collections of art and ethnological artefacts. Models, drawings, earthenware, tools and clothes reflect the huge diversity of themes presented: underwater archeology, maritime heritage, slash-and-burn agriculture and weaving, crafts and community life. Discover the new "Breton clichés?" path, reworked using the museum's collections. With its national events (Museum Nights, National Heritage Days, Archaeology Days), the museum has a whole programme planned out...and you can visit it for free!



Walkway along the Ligué harbour

A DAY IN SAINT-BRIEUC

DISCOVERING THE NEW SAINT-BRIEUC

Architecture amateurs will be excited by the new Saint-Brieuc: when the railway tracks and industrial revolution came to the city, Saint-Brieuc changed a lot – the Town Hall, the theatre, the Post Office, the Parc des Promenades and its historic sculptures. Touches of Art Deco can also be seen on some of the city centre's facades, enhanced by mosaics. Turn over to see the New Saint-Brieuc walk.

HIKING TO THE LÉGUÉ HARBOUR

For the bravest among you, you can hike from the city centre to the harbour (45 minutes), through the lovely Villa Rohannec'h park. With a beautiful Italian-style park of neo-classic inspiration surrounding it, the villa looks out onto the harbour and is the perfect place for a picnic.

Gouédic valley, with its UNESCO-class bridge – the Pont de Toupin – offers an alternative for walking to the harbour. Those who don't wish to walk can take bus no. 20 from the city station to the marinas and/or Saint-Laurent creeks in Plérin (get off at "Résistance" or "Bellevue").

DISCOVERING THE NATURE RESERVE

The Bay's nature reserve, just outside the city's gates, is a walk surrounded by nature. Access spots are the Briqueterie museum in Langueux and the Maison de la Baie in Hillion. 1140 hectares of nature reserve...pure happiness! Walkers can take bus no. 50 from Saint-Brieuc and get off at "Boutdeville". Bus timetables can be found on www.tubinfo.fr

A TOUCH OF GOURMET AND GASTRONOMY

The European Union awarded the Bay of Saint-Brieuc with the title of European destination of gastronomic excellence: good restaurants, inspired chefs, quality products... and the best Breton Kouing Amann is now from Saint-Brieuc!

Don't miss out on our favourite "culinary hotspots", or on the city centre markets every Wednesday and Saturday morning.

WALKING IN THE OLD SAINT-BRIEUC

Saint-Etienne cathedral is a granite fortress with defence worthy of a fortified castle! It was built between the 12th and 14th century. As it had no ramparts during the Middle ages, the cathedral was the last refuge during sieges and attacks.

Nearby, the Place des droits de l'Homme square, as well as the Bellescize Pavillion – the bishop's former residence – and its adjoining garden are well worth a visit!

Don't miss out on the old town of Saint-Brieuc and its historical houses (Maison de Ribault, Hôtel des Ducs, etc.), after having walked through the old Baltard-style covered markets. The Louis Guilloux square and its majestic Caucasian walnut tree are keys sights, as is the lovely Place au Lin square.

WALKING ON THE LÉGUÉ'S HARBOUR DOCKS

At the foot of the Cesson Tower – now only half the size it used to be, as a vestige of the old defensive fortress – the former Carré Rosengart industrial wastelands challenge the elegance of the marina's colourful facades.

As the 5th largest Breton harbour, the Ligué hosts big maritime events as well as the Bulles à croquer festival at the beginning of the summer. Stroll along the 8 km of docks (take bus no. 20 from the city station).

Go for the beautiful walk starting from the end of the Ligué harbour, at the foot of the Cesson Tower, along the Bird Path that leads to Valais beach and the historic Cité Baby that run along Brittany's largest nature reserve.



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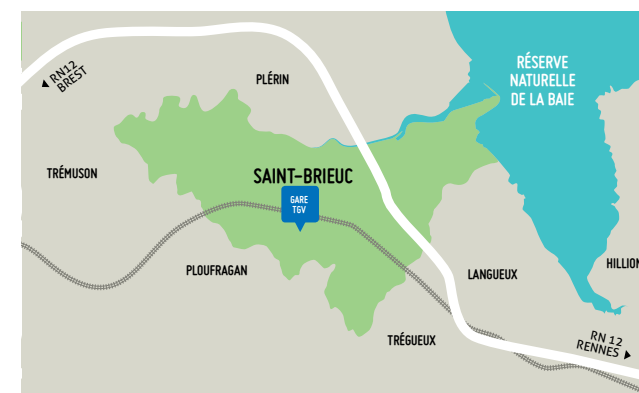
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DISCOVERING TOURS

THE OLD SAINT-BRIEUC

- 1 > CHAPELLE SAINT-BRIEUC N-D DE LA FONTAINE
- 2 > MAISON DES DUCS XVI^e SIÈCLE
- 3 > MAISON LE RIBEAULT XV^e SIÈCLE
- 4 > ANCIENNES HALLES, PLACE DU MARTRAY
- 5 > LA CATHÉDRALE SAINT-ETIENNE
- 6 > PAVILLON BELLESCEIZE ANCIEN PALAIS EPISCOPAL

NEW SAINT-BRIEUC 19th CENTURY ARCHITECTURE

- 7 > HÔTEL DE VILLE
- 8 > LE THÉÂTRE
- 9 > LA POSTE
- 10 > LA CAISSE D'ÉPARGNE
- 11 > LE MUSÉE D'ART ET D'HISTOIRE
- 12 > IMMEUBLE ART DÉCO DE 1930
- 13 > ANCIENNE GARE
- 14 > PARC DES PROMENADES
- 15 > ÉGLISE SAINT-MICHEL

HARBOUR TOUR

- 16 > CIMETIÈRE SAINT-MICHEL
- 17 > PARC ET VILLA ROHANNECH
- 18 > LE CARRÉ ROSENGART, PATRIMOINE INDUSTRIEL
- 19 > VILLAGE DU LÉGUE, MAISONS ANCIENNES
- 20 > PORT DE PLAISANCE