



# Brittany

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## Best Places to Eat

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## Best Places to Stay

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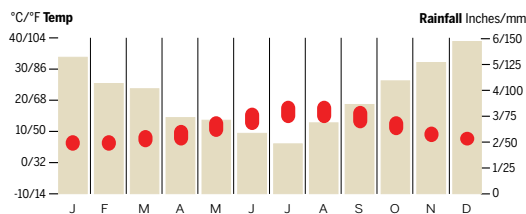
## Why Go?

Brittany is for explorers. Its wild, dramatic coastline, medieval towns and thick forests make an excursion here well worth the detour from the beaten track. This is a land of prehistoric mysticism, proud tradition and culinary wealth, where fiercely independent locals celebrate Breton culture and Paris feels a long way away indeed.

The entire region has a wonderfully undiscovered feel once you go beyond world-famous sights such as stunning St-Malo, regal Dinard and charming Dinan. Unexpected Breton gems – including the little-known towns of Roscoff, Quimper and Vannes, the megaliths of Carnac, the rugged coastlines of Finistère, the Presqu'île de Crozon and the Morbihan Coast – all demonstrate that there's far more to Brittany than delicious crêpes and homemade cider. Brittany's much-loved islands are also big draws – don't miss its two stars: dramatic Île d'Ouessant and the aptly named Belle Île.

## When to Go

### Brest



**Jun & early Jul** Enjoy the beaches, outdoor adventures and sunshine before the crowds.

**Jul–Aug** Plenty of highly colourful festivals and events await you throughout the region.

**Dec–Feb** Be overawed by the elements during a wild winter storm along the Finistère coastline.



## Brittany Highlights

- 1 Getting lost in the higgledy-piggledy old town of **Dinan** (p263)
- 2 Touring the turreted medieval castle over the fairy-tale village of **Josselin** (p289)
- 3 Cycling past fields full of prehistoric **megaliths** (p281) around Carnac
- 4 Strolling along the ramparts at sunset for panoramic views over **St-Malo** (p254)
- 5 Getting lost in the medieval quarter of **Quimper** (p275)
- 6 Hiking and bike to your heart's content on car-free **île de Batz** (p267)
- 7 Exploring the scenically magical **Presqu'île de Crozon** (p273)
- 8 Tucking into freshly shucked oysters in **Cancale** (p262)
- 9 Getting away from it all on **île d'Ouessant** (p271)