



Brittany

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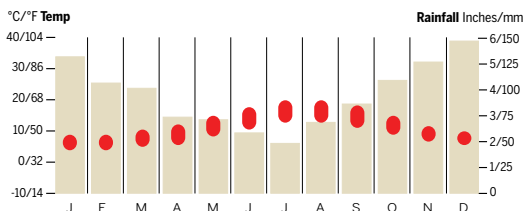
Why Go?

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

The entire region (Breizh in Breton) 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 St-Malo** (p252) Strolling along historic ramparts at sunset with panoramic views.
- 2 Megaliths** (p282) Cycling past fields full of prehistoric megaliths around Carnac.
- 3 Coastlines** (p272) Exploring the magical Presqu'île de Crozon and Pointe du Raz.
- 4 Belle île** (p284) Getting away from it all and frolicking in sun and sea.
- 5 Vannes** (p286) Joining a vibrant Breton city in its *joie de vivre*, history and coastal sights.
- 6 Île de Batz** (p266) Hiking and biking to your heart's content on this car-free islet.
- 7 Rennes** (p292) Having a gastronomic holiday in one of France's great foodie cities.
- 8 Josselin** (p288) Touring the turreted medieval castle over the fairy-tale forest village.
- 9 Cancale** (p260) Tucking into freshly shucked oysters on a casual harbourfront.
- 10 Dinan** (p261) Getting lost in the higgledy-piggledy old town.