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Historical Finistère

Full-day discovery of Parish enclosures and Roscoff

Shore excursion from Brest

Morning drive to the famous enclosures of Brittany including Lampaul-Guimiliau and Saint-Thegonnec followed by a stroll through the former corsair town of Roscoff.

Make it Chateau!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Visit to the Chateau de Kerjean located in Saint-Vougay
Please see the last page for more information

Make it Pink Granite Coast!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Drive along the magnificent Pink Granite coast between Perros-Guirec and Trebeurden
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Parish enclosures & Roscoff

9.00 am: Meet your guide-driver at the foot of your ship in Brest.

From the 14th to the 18th centuries, the emulation between the parishes in the Léon, the prosperity of the textile industry and the tremendous religious fervor led to **the construction of numerous enclosures, rivalling in ornamental wealth.**

Anonymous or well-known **sculptors, cabinetmakers, painters, goldsmiths and glassworkers** put their skills together and gave free rein to their imagination while building these ordered works of art.

Under **the influence of celtic culture**, the Ankou, or Death, still figures next to unsettling chimaeras and cheeky gargoyles looking down from their guard's posts. They seem to be stuck in the stone as in a time warp.

The parish enclosure's architecture includes **a church, a calvary, an ossuary, a cemetery and a triumphal arch.** It is surrounded by a low stone wall that symbolizes the link between the world of the living and the dead.

First, visit the parish close of **Lampaul-Guimiliau**. It is **one of the best examples of its kind.** It contains not only the church and graveyard of the parish but also a large and elaborate Calvary or crucifix and a noted charnel house, both common features of Breton closes, and a vast belfry.

The church and charnel house display a **large body of polychrome sculpture**, mainly of 16th or 17th century origin and rich in complex Christian iconography, reflecting the preoccupations of the Counter-Reformation or Catholic Reformation.

Continue to **Saint-Thegonnec** and its large ceremonial entrance arch, which stresses the importance of the close as a focus for pilgrimage and pardons. **An impressive calvary or crucifix forms the focus of the church yard.** As at Lampaul-Guimiliau, there is a separate charnel house or ossuary, with a life-sized tableau of the Entombment of Christ.

The interior of the church is representative of the **local version of Baroque style**, with a large quantity of polychrome sculpture and decoration, including a spectacular pulpit.





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Continue to **Morlaix**. You may wish to have lunch at La Marée Bleue, **one of the oldest houses in the St-Mélaine church district**. The interior is rustic, with regional furniture and paintings by local artists, and the cuisine is traditional.

After lunch, continue towards **Roscoff**. Built on a headland of the Bay of Morlaix, a Corsair town.

Enjoy a walking tour of the town, strolling through the authentic narrow streets of this **former Corsair city, which has kept its architectural heritage**.

Mansions from the 15th and 17th centuries have been inscribed on the list of **French historical monuments**.

Do not miss **Notre Dame de Croaz Batz** and the house of Mary, Queen of Scots.

Back in Brest at the end of the afternoon.





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NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or all year long. We suggest you check with our Production Managers

This package includes

- Deluxe minivan which can carry up to 6 passengers
- Professional English-speaking guide-driver who will chauffeur you on your sightseeing tour and is licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as into museums and monuments
- Découvertes fees
- 24-hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also provide:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites
- Lunch reservations



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Make it Optional

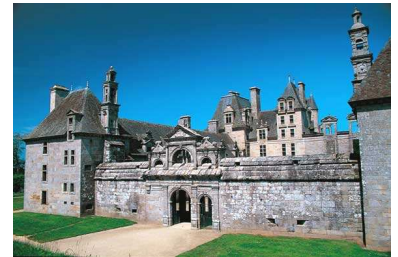
Make it Chateau!

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Visit an entirely renovated chateau, which is the most emblematic of the Renaissance style in Brittany. You will walk through the Marquise's apartments or the semi-buried kitchens, and learn about the life of the lords of the Kerjean.

Outside the chateau, take advantage of the 20-hectare park where you can see the Sant Vezo fountain built in 1783, the justice posts and the pigeon house.

Please contact us for more information and price. Upon request and availability.



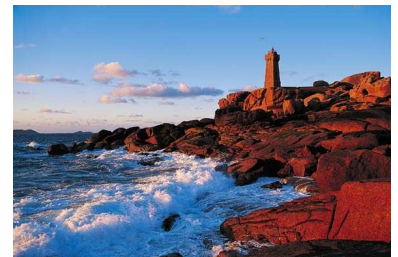
Make it Pink Granite coast!

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Drive through the Pink Granite coast: The usual Breton landscapes disappear to give way to a symphony of colours. Unusual in these regions, they have made the reputation of this piece of land between Perros-Guirrec and the Batz Island.

As the early as the beginning of the 19th century, many flamboyant mansions have been decorating this coast. As such, from the Trégastel or the Trébeurden beaches you can enjoy panoramic views of the Archipel-des-Sept-Iles ("Seven islands archipelago") or the Lannion bay. You will never cease to be amazed by the changing colors and strange eroded forms of this rocky chaos.

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