



# Beautiful Brittany and Royal Opulence in the Loire (#18303)

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## Overview

Begin your vacation with an exclusive three-day trip through Brittany, a proud French region with a more-than-thousand-year-old heritage that has spread its influence across the area. From the prehistoric megaliths in Carnac to the wave-beaten coasts of the Quiberon Peninsula, set off on a journey through a stunning region shaped by humans and nature alike. Top off your Breton experience with breakfast in a local crêperie and a visit to Auray, a charming village on the Gulf of Morbihan. Then climb aboard for a cruise on the Loire, the royal river with legendary scenery.

## Trip Highlights

Nantes - Vannes - Quiberon - Carnac - Auray - Vannes - Nantes - Saint-Nazaire - Nantes - Ancenis - Chalonnes-Sur-Loire - The Châteaux of the Loire Valley - Ancenis - Nantes

## Detailed Itinerary



### Day 01

#### DAY 01: Nantes - Vannes

Our coach will pick you up at the Nantes train station at 3 p.m. or the Nantes Atlantique Airport at 3:30 p.m. to begin the trip through Brittany. We'll arrive in Vannes at the end of the afternoon, where you'll check into the four-star hotel\*

for dinner and the night.\*

**Meal:** Dinner

### Day 02

#### DAY 02: Vannes - Quiberon - Carnac - Auray - Vannes

Breakfast will be served at the hotel.

Included excursion in the morning: The wild coastline of Quiberon. This panoramic tour introduces you to the Quiberon Peninsula by taking you along spectacular coastal roads dotted with quaint seaside towns and sweeping ocean views to the tip of the peninsula, known as Conguel Point. You'll discover the city of Quiberon and pass in front of the first French thalassotherapy center created by Louison Bobet in 1964.

Enjoy lunch in Quiberon.

In the afternoon, join us for an included guided tour of the prehistoric ruins in Carnac. The beautiful seaside city of Carnac is home to several fields of prehistoric stone alignments containing over 3,000 megaliths. The area is one of the world's most important standing stone concentrations, erected between 7,000 and 5,000 years ago. Your guide will explain all the theories surrounding this mystery, and you'll be able to visit the alignments up close.

Before we return to the hotel, enjoy some free time in Auray. Explore the Saint-Goustan fishing port in this charming, typically Breton village.

We'll return to Vannes for dinner and the night.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 03

#### DAY 03: Vannes - NANTES - SAINT-NAZAIRE

Breakfast will be served at the hotel.



This morning, the included excursion is a guided tour of Vannes. Discover the medieval city of Vannes and its fortifications during an urban stroll. Our tour guide will recount the city's history within the confines of the old city walls. This is a great way to learn about the beautiful medieval and Renaissance-style architecture. Your tour will bring you to the Jardin des Remparts, ancient washhouses, Poterne Gate, and Connétable Tower. Step back in time while sauntering through the narrow streets lined with half-timbered homes.

We'll enjoy lunch in an authentic crêperie. Buckwheat crepes are part of the region's deep heritage. Take part in a genuine cultural experience with a crepe and a bowl of hard cider.

After our visit, we'll leave by coach for Nantes,

where you'll board our ship at 6 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Our ship will begin to cruise towards Saint-Nazaire.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 04

#### DAY 04: SAINT-NAZAIRE - NANTES

This morning, join us for the optional excursions for both package: tour of Saint Nazaire, a town on the sea. We'll visit Escal'Atlantic, a museum that explores the historic ocean liner experience, and the Saint-Nazaire shipyard, one of the largest shipyards in Europe (this excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport in order to gain access to the shipyard).

In the evening, join us on an optional excursion for both packages: we'll board a local boat for a cruise on the Erdre River, one of the most beautiful in France.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 05

#### DAY 05: NANTES - ANCENIS

This morning, join us for the optional excursions proposed :

CLASSIC : Guided tour of Nantes and the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany.

DISCOVERY: Nantes, the Machines de l'Île(3), secret courtyards and covered passageways.

This afternoon, join us for the optional excursions proposed :

CLASSIC : The Muscadet Wine Route and Clisson, a charming medieval town.



**DISCOVERY:** Helicopter ride(2), the Loire from above (this excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency).

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 06

#### DAY 06: ANCENIS - CHALONNES-SUR-LOIRE - Angers(1)

We'll cruise towards Chalonnes-sur-Loire. Join us for the optional excursions proposed:

**CLASSIC:** Guided tour of Angers, its historic districts and the famous Apocalypse tapestry(5).

**DISCOVERY:** Tour of Brissac castle(4) and its cellars complete with a wine-tasting session.

Enjoy an evening of entertainment.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 07

#### DAY 07: CHALONNES-SUR-LOIRE - The Châteaux of the Loire Valley - ANCENIS

Join us on a full-day included excursion for both packages to discover the Castles of the Loire Valley. We'll return on board in Ancenis. Tonight's our gala dinner and evening. Our ship will start sailing towards Nantes.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 08

#### DAY 08: NANTES

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast before disembarking at 10:00 a.m. End of our services.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

The extended stay in Brittany (double-occupancy with breakfast and dinner in a four-star hotel\*) - lunch in a restaurant on Day 2 and Day 3 - tours of Quiberon, Carnac, and Vannes - the cruise with all meals from dinner on Day 3 to breakfast on the final day - all onboard beverages (not including the special lists) - accommodations in double-occupancy cabin with climate control and shower in private bathroom - all onboard entertainment - assistance from our onboard multi-lingual



host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala evening - Châteaux of the Loire excursion - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

### Exclusions

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - cancellation and baggage insurance - transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - personal expenses.

### Note

\*Price based on double occupancy.

Child discount (2-9 years) : - 20% (On request).

The ship available for this cruise is MS Loire Princesse.

Accommodation available for Pre and Post Cruise on request.

No shore excursion on the non listed days (Rates available on request).

**Valid passport required.** Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

#### Highlights

- Original back-to-back journeys to discover Brittany
- Exclusive to Croisieurope: cruise on board a paddle steamer

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

- The wild coastline of Quiberon
- Prehistoric wonders in Carnac
- Vannes and its beautiful medieval and Renaissance-style architecture

#### THE MUSTS:

- The Saint-Nazaire(1) shipyard, embodiment of French pride
- The wine route of the Muscadet(1) through the vineyards of the Nantes region
- Wine-tasting in the cellars of the Brissac castle(1-4)



### THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- **All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED** with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail
- **Free Wi-Fi** onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

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## Fixed Departure

**24 Sep, 2024**

Cruise

AUD 4,435 P P twin share

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**09 Oct, 2024**

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