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BRITTANY

How well do you know your Brittany?

A little bit of history.....

Historically it was made up of five departments: Finistere in the west, Cotes d'Armor in the north, Ille et Vilaine in the north east, Loire-Atlantique in the south east and Morbihan in the south on the Bay of Biscay. Due to the re-organisation of the departments, it now consists of the four departments and the Loire-Atlantique now forms part of the Pays de la Loire region.



Saint Malo – the walled city of Saint Malo welcomes visitors and is considered by many to be the most attractive channel port in France with its cobbled streets brimming with hotels, restaurants, bars and shops. The citadel, also known as the Old Town or Intra-Muros ("within the walls"), was originally built on a rocky island at the mouth of the Rance estuary. This strategic position allowed control of both the sea and any trade heading into the interior of Brittany, helping to shape the stormy and often dark history of the city. Tall granite mansion blocks line

the characterful lanes and squares, in turn enclosed by a complete circuit of massive ramparts. The modern harbour now connects the citadel to the mainland.

Dinard – is opposite Saint Malo on the estuary to the Rance with the airport in neighbouring Pleurtuit. A popular seaside resort which has had many famous faces passing through, from Winston Churchill to Alfred Hitchcock, even Joan Collins is a fan! Dinard has some stunning "villas" and property with a seaside view, known as the "Cannes" of the north coast. Dinard has a fantastic undercover market place, restaurants and boutique shopping. Dinard is also known for its Links Golf Course and many beaches, coves and seaside villages to explore.



Dinan – a medieval town built on the hill top, with its quirky buildings and cobbled streets within the ramparts, this is a popular town. Situated along the river Rance, Dinan has so much to offer. A major highlight in the calendar is Dinan's Fête des Remparts, the town is transformed with decoration and many locals get involved for this two-day festival. Restaurants, markets, shopping and festivals, from the port to the centre of town, Dinan is a firm favourite.

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Combourg – a beautiful town and labelled as one of Les Petites Cités de Caractère. Combourg is considered the "cradle of Romanticism" in French literature due to the renowned French writer François-René de Chateaubriand who spent part of his youth in his family's castle, the Château de Combourg. Located between the cities of Rennes and Saint-Malo in Brittany. It is approximately 386 km from Paris, 39 km from Rennes and 36 km from Saint-Malo .



So what does the area from Saint Malo to Rennes have to offer? The answer is so much! Accessibility – with 2 airports at Dinard and Rennes with frequent flights to the UK, ferry port at Saint Malo to the UK and the Channel Islands, train from Rennes to Paris in 2 hours.

Education – Rennes is renowned for its international schools. The University has reciprocal links with Southampton University with many student exchanges.



Food & Drink – seafood remains high on the list of gourmet treats; from fruits de mer, moules & frites to oysters from Cancale; the area is also known for its galettes (savory crepes) and the most delicious Kouign Amann. If you would like to try the local tippie, cider is plentiful. We are spoilt with the variety of restaurants from Michelin star to tucked away bistros, there are many hidden gems.



Location, location, location!

Property – this area does have a higher price tag due to its location and accessibility. If you want to be within easy access to some history, culture and transport, enjoy the lifestyle, be within many beaches, golf courses, forests and lakes that this region has, then this is the area for you.

From renovation projects starting from €30 000, holiday homes from €100 000, family homes from €200 000 to exceptional business opportunities for under €1 000 000 this area has it all and holds its value.



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