



Rennes—Brittany

The capital city of Brittany, 220 miles west of Paris. Is known for its medieval half-timbered houses and the grand Rennes Cathedral. Parc du Thabor includes a rose garden and aviary. South of the Vilaine river, the Musée des Beaux-arts displays works by Botticelli, Rubens and Picasso. The Champs Libres cultural center houses the Musée de Bretagne (Brittany Museum) and Espace des Sciences, featuring a planetarium. Other principal towns in Brittany, within a day's drive, include the channel ports of St Malo and Roscoff with ferry connections to England, Ireland and the Channel Islands; Brest, Quimper and Vannes on the Atlantic coast.



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1. Cathedrale Saint-Pierre

Completed in 1704, this is the 3rd church on the site in 1600 years. It was the crowning place of the ancient Kings of Brittany .



2 Centre Historique de Rennes

Split in two by the passage of the Vilaine, includes old buildings grouped in the old center. These mansions testify to the 18th and 19th centuries, but there are also half-timbered houses, survivors of the Middle Ages.



3. Musee de

Constituted in 1794 from works seized in the religious and civil buildings of the city, the museum of fine arts draws however most of its wealth from the fabulous cabinet of curiosities of Christophe-Paul de Robien (1698-1756).



4. Musee de Bretagne

One of the top museums in France. Brittany is a region of two halves, with its coastal "Armor" and inland Argoat" areas. The Museum reveals some of the secrets of that heritage.



5. Parc de Thabor

Celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2018 and a must-see place to visit. Organized in its current layout in 1868, it stretches across 10 hectares with a French garden, an English park, a rose garden and a botanic garden.



6. Brest

Explore this naval port, nestled in one of France's most beautiful natural harbors. See the amazing Pont de l'Iroise bridge; stroll along the lively quays as far as the castle museum, and of course Océanopolis.



7. Quimper

Capital of Finistère and generally regarded as the cultural heart of Brittany. The town is known for its cathedral, atmospheric old quarter and museums but most of all for its annual festival celebrating Breton culture.



8. Roscoff

A small town with attractive, richly decorated houses that once belonged to ship-owners, a church in the flamboyant Gothic style. You will be charmed by this seaside resort and ferryport to Ireland.



9. St Malo

Walking through the cobbled streets of St Malo's old town feels like you've stepped back in time. This popular ferry port to England and the Channel Islands offers an authentic glimpse into Brittany's important seafaring past .



10. Vannes

The walled town is one of Brittany's most attractive sights and a must-visit on any trip to the Atlantic coast. Wander around the medieval streets before enjoying a harbor-side lunch or harbor cruise.

