

HISTORIC WALK IN THE HEART OF TOWN

POCKET HERITAGE



SAINT-BRIEUC

BRETAGNE



2,5 KM



1H MINI
1H30 MAXI



EASY
LEVEL

Some cobbled hills

The heart of Saint-Brieuc is full of history. Medieval quarter with half-timbered houses around the fortress cathedral, neoclassical architecture and gems of Art Deco style mesh the episcopal town together. A cultural heritage to discover on foot on your own or on a guided tour. During your walk, you can enter some unexpected historical places...





START FROM THE TOURIST OFFICE

1

OLD MANOR HOUSE LE MINTIER

2 rue Saint-Gouéno

To the left when leaving the Tourist Office ; then take the third street on the right

Imposing renaissance style granite facade. Facade and roofing listed as Historic Monuments in 1935.

2

BELLESCIZE PAVILION AND GARDEN

Place des Droits de l'Homme

Straight along Rue Saint-Gilles: square to the left behind the cathedral

Free entry to the hall from Monday to Friday only : 8:30 - 12:00 / 13:30 - 17:00

The entrance building is entirely taken up by a staircase made from monolithic stone with Doric columns. Residence of the bishops of Saint-Brieuc, this refined oval construction was added to the list of historic monuments in 1970.

3

SAINT-ÉTIENNE'S CATHEDRAL

Place du Général de Gaulle

Every day 10:00 - 18:00 (partial visit during renovation)

Saint-Etienne's Cathedral is one of the few fortified churches in Brittany. A milestone of the Tro-Breizh, a Breton pilgrimage, the current cathedral, in a gothic style, was built on a fen from the 13th to the 18th century. The Tour Marie, the altarpiece and the large Cavaillé-Coll organ are noteworthy.

4

SAINT-ESPRIT HÔTEL AND TOWER

9 place du Général de Gaulle

An imposing Breton manor house characteristic of the end of the Middle Ages. Body of the building with several levels and harmonious. Polygonal tower including two old granite staircases and a pepperbox roof.

5

PLACE DU MARTRAY

Place du Martray

Go back down to the left of the cathedral.

Previously closed, as their Baltard-style metallic architecture shows, these buildings were constructed in the time of Gustave Eiffel. They have been listed as a Historic Monument since 1986.

6

MAISON LE RIBEALT

1 place au Lin

15th century. Imposing corbelled house (overhanging features on the walls), with a gable looking onto the street. The building is worth a visit for its historic value: it is the oldest house in the town.

7

HÔTEL DES DUCS DE BRETAGNE

15 rue Fardel

Go up the cobbled street behind the market buildings.

16th century. A magnificent half-timbered house (framework in wood and hollow core planks, which form the walls and play a role in filling and stiffening), several heads of lions and soldiers wearing helmets. Listed since 1889.



8

MAISON DE LA BARRIÈRE

16 rue de Guët

Go back down towards the market buildings and cross the Place de la Grille towards the small roundabout. Join Rue de Guët.

16th century. A listed historic monument since 1928, its name comes from its location on a rampart walk of Guet, where there was a gate and an excise duty (an old tax on food products entering the town). With a red facade, a half-timbered medieval house, with carved wall plates (decorative wooden beams on the facade).

 Via rue Houvenagle.

9

MARSHAL FOCH STREET

23 & 27 rue du Maréchal Foch

This street has kept several newer half-timbered houses (early 18th century) like n°27 which has been recently repainted.

Did you know? Marshal Foch married a local woman in the Saint-Michel church you can see up this street.



10 CORNER BUILDING

1 rue Saint-Benoît

1935 department store built by Jean Fauny in the "ocean liner" style with refined shapes and a white coating. You can make out some big letters above the entrance that spell "La Quincaillerie Bretonne". It was the first occupant of the building.

Turn right on Saint Benoît street then take the Chaban Delmas alley on the left. Walk up la commune boulevard.

11 FORMER "DEPARTMENT STORE"

Place Duguesclin

The historic Place Duguesclin was a major gateway to the town. The buildings that border it bear witness to tourism and trade throughout the 20th century. In particular, the «Grand Bazar» of Saint-Brieuc, specialising in furniture and ready-to-wear: large dimensions, bay windows, dome and capitals, lintels and pinnacles... Characteristic architecture of the period of the splendour of department stores. Closed at the end of the 1980s, it's now a bank, operating since the 1990s.

12 MOSAIC FAÇADE

3 rue du Général Leclerc

1930 flat decorated with antique-inspired mosaics. Look for the blue mosaic letters behind the cast iron and glass canopy to discover the first activity of the building. The mosaic patterns present some unusual colour associations that are typical of Odorico's work. They show a taste for polychromy and deconstruction very close to the stylistic experimentations of the Art Deco movement.

Walk down saint Guillaume street on your left then take the first right.

13 LA PASSERELLE THEATRE

Place de la Résistance

Place de la Résistance was a former swamp known at the time as the "Grenouillère" (frog pond). The Hôtel des Postes dates from 1910 and the Petit Théâtre de La Passerelle from 1884. It's one of the few so-called "Italian-style" theatres in Brittany. Inspired by the Opéra Garnier, it's listed in the supplementary inventory of Historic Monuments. It's now part of La Passerelle, the state theatre of Saint-Brieuc.

To visit it, check out the programming on: lapasserelle.info

WE ALSO SUGGEST



THE ART AND HISTORY MUSEUM

A museum dedicated to the history and traditional popular arts of the Côtes d'Armor. Things to discover in the permanent galleries: fishing and sailing traditions, clearing the heathlands and the changing landscapes, the linen industry, social and religious life, rural housing and the arrival of tourism. Regularly scheduled temporary exhibitions.

Free admission - Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10.00am to 12.00pm and 1.30pm to 6.00pm and Sunday from 2.00pm to 6.00pm.

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NOTRE DAME D'ESPÉRANCE BASILICA

Go left up the small Saint-Pierre street towards the basilica.

With its green copper roof, the basilica displays its elegant architecture. Impressive monumental pulpit made from wood, statue of Saint-Pierre, model of the SS France, ex-voto.

Open all year round (entry via the side gate)

Place Saint-Pierre



SAINT-BRIEUC FOUNTAIN NOTRE-DAME DE LA FONTAINE CHAPEL

At the top of Rue Fardel, cross onto the small street Rue Jean Kuster and turn left onto Rue Notre-Dame.

Brieuc landed in the mouth of the Gouët around 485. Here he built his first oratory near to a Gallo-Roman spring; a 15th century chapel and high altar displaying the effigies of the 7 founding dukes of Brittany, particularly honoured during Tro Breiz, a medieval pilgrimage.

Rue Ruffelet



SAINT-YVES CHAPEL & ART DECO CRYPT

Unmissable jewel of this tour. Admire the chapel's luminous stained-glass windows, coloured walls and Odorico mosaics. The crypt features a Xavier de Langlais fresco. He was a member of the Seiz Breur movement. They wanted to modernise the Breton art without betraying its tradition. Enjoy the cloister and the gardens.

About 2 km away from the city centre

Self-guided visits from Monday to Saturday morning

Line A of the TUB buses « P+R Avenir »

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Place of worship



Museum



Electric bike rental



Electric vehicle charging station



Toilet



Playground



Parking



Gouedic valley entry point



Art-deco

DISCOVER THE OTHER WALKS :

- The port of légué (Saint-Brieuc)
- Les Rosaies: seaside town (Plérin)
- Small Town of Quintin (Quintin)



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