

## THESE ARE WORTH A DAY TRIP AT LEAST....

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### DINAN

Main road at Renault garage take left - keep on going, you can take the first roundabout or the second Dinan is signposted and can be approached many ways - only 10/15 mins drive

Set alongside the River Rance it can claim to be the most perfectly preserved medieval town in Brittany. Old world charm is everywhere. Picturesque 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> century half-timbered houses with their pointed gables and wooden porches line cobbled streets, while a 14<sup>th</sup> century castle and ramparts that completely encircle the town state clearly that this was once a major military stronghold. A museum housed within the castle is worth a visit. Really need to explore the town by foot, a long stroll down the ancient Rue Jerzual, which connects the market town with the port area, many craft shops, cafes and restaurants. We could go on for a while about the wonders of Dinan but best if you sample them yourselves! Please see book in red drawer in lounge - this gives all information about this great town. Kindly leave this book at the home - they can be found in most shops in Dinan if you wish to purchase one. Market is on a Thursday till 3pm, easiest parking is just off main roundabout, slip road down to underground parking around the city wall.

### DINARD

*Short 30 min drive - great for day trips - large sandy beach at Dinard, also main links golf course* Sitting atop a rocky headland above the Rance. The seafront is lined with Victorian buildings, which ensure the town still retains its elegant and sedate old world character. The main beach is La Grande Plage, a large strip of sand between the two peninsulas that define the edges of the old town. It is popular with families and is crowded on hot days. Smaller and more isolated is Plage de St-Enogat, a 20-minute walk east through the village of St-Enogat, or Plage du Prieuré, just a 10-minute walk from town. There is a great difference between high and low tides, and swimming pools along the Grand Plage and the Plage du Prieuré beaches catch seawater during high tides for those who opt not to make the trek along the salt flats during low tides to bathe in the sea.

### ST MALO

St Malo (approx 40 mins drive- 20 miles) the city is built on a granite island, visitors are able to walk round the ramparts of the city's 20ft thick walls with view of the town and the harbour, the ancient citadel, the Cathedral St Vincent, dominates the skyline, St Malo is full of history, many winding streets and great sea views.

### CANCALE

First became famous for its oysters, which were supplied to royal tables in the 17th and 18th centuries. Today, the seafront of the "oyster capital" is packed with restaurants offering the pied de cheval flat variety; sometimes so substantial they are eaten with a knife and fork. The town is not as pretty as some, but the scale and variety of the seafood make a very pleasant lunchtime visit. The walk from the famous Cancale rock up to the Pointe du Grohin gives superb views of Mont St Michel on a clear day. The weekly market day is Sunday.

Le Mont-Saint-Michel, rocky, cone-shaped islet in northwestern France, in the Gulf of Saint-Malo, connected by a causeway with the mainland. The islet, celebrated for its Benedictine abbey, has small houses and shops on its lowest level. Above these stand the monastic buildings, many of which date from the 13th century and are considered outstanding examples of Gothic architecture. The abbey church crowns the entire islet, about 73 m (about 240 ft) above sea level.

Last but by no means least is our own little village - OK maybe not a day trip but the bakery is worth a morning visit!

PLUMAUDAN Only 2km down the road. Out of our main gate take right, right and right again! (or left out of gate, take next left at T Junc right-this route is better if on a push bike, not likely to see any cars!) The village has a bakery, chemist, 2 bars & a small shop - although opening times are somewhat erratic!

Starting a scenic drive from St Cast-le-Guido, taking the coastal roads, through St-Jacut-de-la-mar (rock pools), St Briac (windsurfing beach) into Dinard is a great way to take in the views.

There is a water park, horse riding, fishing and many other activities - we are unable to list them all so explore!