

NORMANDIE AND BRITTANY – MAY 2019

On the 11th of May, we continued our tour of France.



This is a picture taken from the hotel room up to the old town of Dinan. We see the city walls and the spire of the church tower.



Picture of the harbor outside the hotel. The river is called [La Ranche](#).

[Dinan \(Brittany-tourisme\)](#) is considered one of the finest cities in Brittany. It has a population of about 10,000.



One of the main roads into town goes on this [viaduct](#).



We drove up to the old town and took some pictures of the walls around the old castle, Dinan Castle.





Dinan castle.



In the old town there are many fine half-timbered houses. We parked in a parking lot by the church and walked a little round the city.

Some links to mentioning the different streets:

Place des Merciers ([TravelFrance](#)) - Rue du Jerzual ([TravelFrance](#)) - Rue de l'Apport - Rue de l'Horloge



This is a steeple that was built in the late 15th century.



Sale of ice cream. Inventive text.



This is the church of basilica [Basilique Saint Sauveur de Dinan \(Travelguide\)](#) seen from two directions.



Dinan harbor.



An old gateway in Dinan.



The next stop is in St-Malo. Here we drive along the city walls.

About approx. in 1000 St-Malo was an island where St. Aaron and St. Brendan founded a monastery, where one of the monks later became St. Malo. Hence the name.

The island was strategically located at the outlet of the river Rance and strong fortress walls were built around what is today 'The city in the wall'. During periods of unrest with England, lucrative cross-business activities were carried out from here.

Today there are several roads leading out to the island. The new neighborhoods are located on the mainland. Ferries run between St-Malo and England (Jersey, Poole, Portsmouth and Weymouth)

Links:

[Wikipedia](#) - [Brittany-tourisme](#) - [Travelguide](#)



In the inner harbor lies this ship, [Etoile du Roy](#), built to resemble a warship from Admiral Nelson's time.



This is part of the city museum.



Here is a parking lot.



From the edge of the wall, we can see [Fort National](#), which is situated on a small tidal island.



Wooden logs will shield the walls from waves.



Gate through the wall.



Coat of arms over the gate.



Within the walls there are many restaurants.



On our way back to the car we passed a statue of [François-René de Chateaubriand](#).



Here I'm paying the parking fee so that we can get out on the road again.



The next stop is in Dinard. Here we are at [Plage du Prieuré](#), before we get into town. The town is a popular resort, especially for Englishmen, and there are many expensive hotels here.

Links: [Wikipedia](#) - [Brittanytourism](#)



Here we look across the bay in the direction of St-Malo.



This is near [Pointe du Moulinet](#), which is located on the peninsula as we can see to the right. Here is a public sea bath, or pool, that is filled with sea water even when it is low tide.



A staircase goes up from the sea bath.



Here we have driven on and we have come to Saint-Briac-sur Mer. We see [Plage Du Bechet](#).



Plage Du Bechet



A nice house right above the parking lot, which we stopped on.



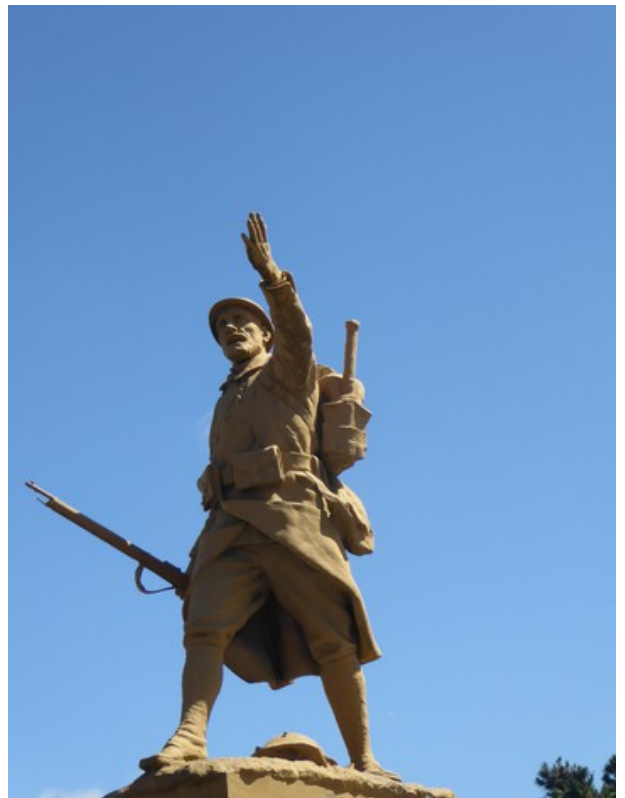
After we had passed [Lancieux](#), we saw this nice windmill.



A crucifix outside the mill.



Here we are in [Frehel](#).



Outside the church we can see this [statue](#). It is a war memorial for the war 1914-1918.



The statue in the front of the church.



Then we passed [Erquy](#). We took a few picture.



Here we are passing [Pleneuf-Val-Andre](#). We took a picture from the road.



This is in [Saint Brieu](#) at the river [Gouët](#).



It is nice here.

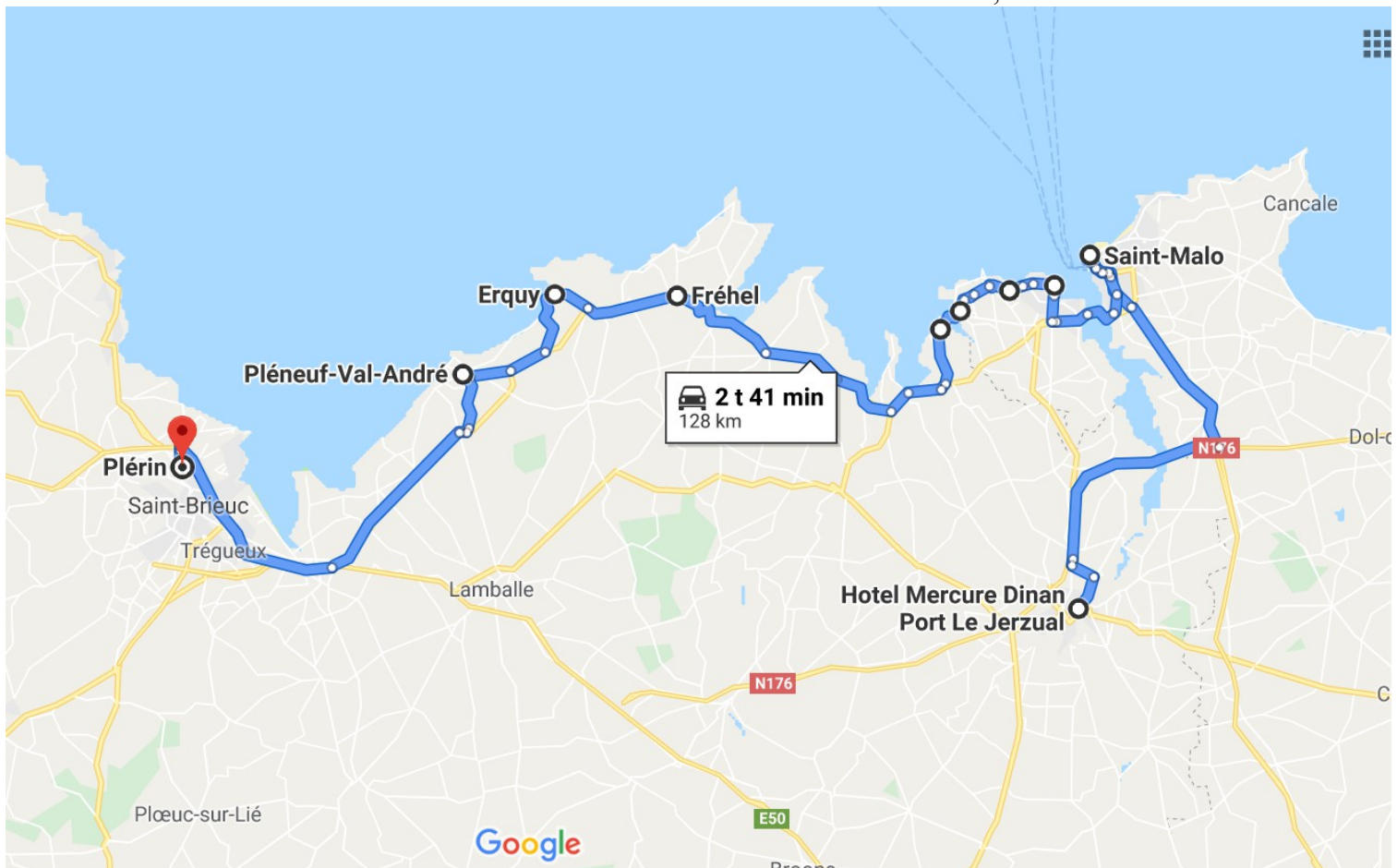
This part of the coast is called [The emerald coast](#). The name comes from the color of the sea in the region under certain conditions. It stretches from Fréhel to Mont-Saint-Michel.



Then it was evening and we checked in at [Brit Hotel Saint-Brieuc Plerin](#), ([Booking.com](#)).



Stylish room with fireplace. The fireplace in our room didn't work, but we didn't mind.



The driving route this day was like this.