

NORMANDY AND BRITTANY – MAY 2019

On the 14th of May, we continued our tour of France.



When we traveled on we stopped by in downtown Quimper. Here the river Steir runs from left into the river [Odet](#).



Quimper is the administrative capital of Finistère and considered the cultural heart of Brittany. [Wikipedia](#) [Brittanytourism](#)



Street pictures from Quimper.



Inside the cathedral.



The cathedral or [Saint Corentin Cathedral](#).



Outside the cathedral.



Here we look downstream the river Odet.



There are many eateries in the area.



Then we drive on to Concarneau.

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This is a part of the port of Concarneau, which is one of the most important fishing ports in France. There have been several canneries here. Especially the fishing of tuna has been important.



The town was originally built on the island that is today in the middle of the harbor basin. Walls were built around it. Eventually the settlement has spread across the mainland around.



[The walled town](#)



There is a bridge built from the mainland and out to the island.



The watch



Lush brick wall.



Then we went through the gate in the wall.



Inside there was a band that played.



We went further inward.



A drinking water fountain.



There were many restaurants.



And a lot of people.



A port, Port au Vin, out to the harbor.



This is a church tower on Saint-Guénolé's Church.



An open air theater.



Windows.



Kunstmaler.



Flore frodige murer.



The next stop was in Pont-Aven. We found a parking right at a restaurant.



The city is known as an artistic town as many artists have settled here. Paul Gauguin lived here.

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The river [Aven](#) flows through the town.



It is very idyllic here.





There was a church in this town too.



Then we went back to the car.



We also made a small stop in Quimperle. It seems that people have lived here since the Neanderthal era. The river [Ellé](#) flows through the town.
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We drove out on a peninsula where Quiberon is located. It is probably a busy holiday town, because when we were there, there was tremendous traffic.

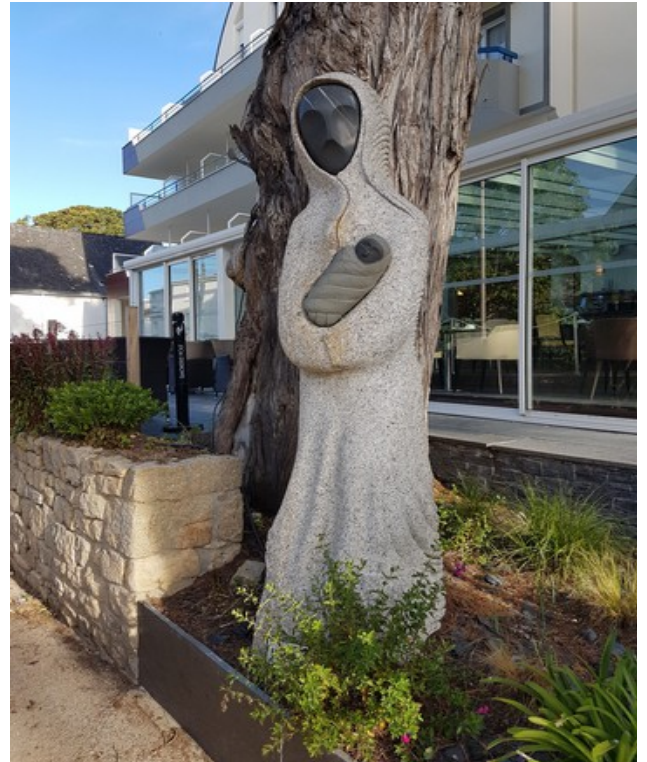
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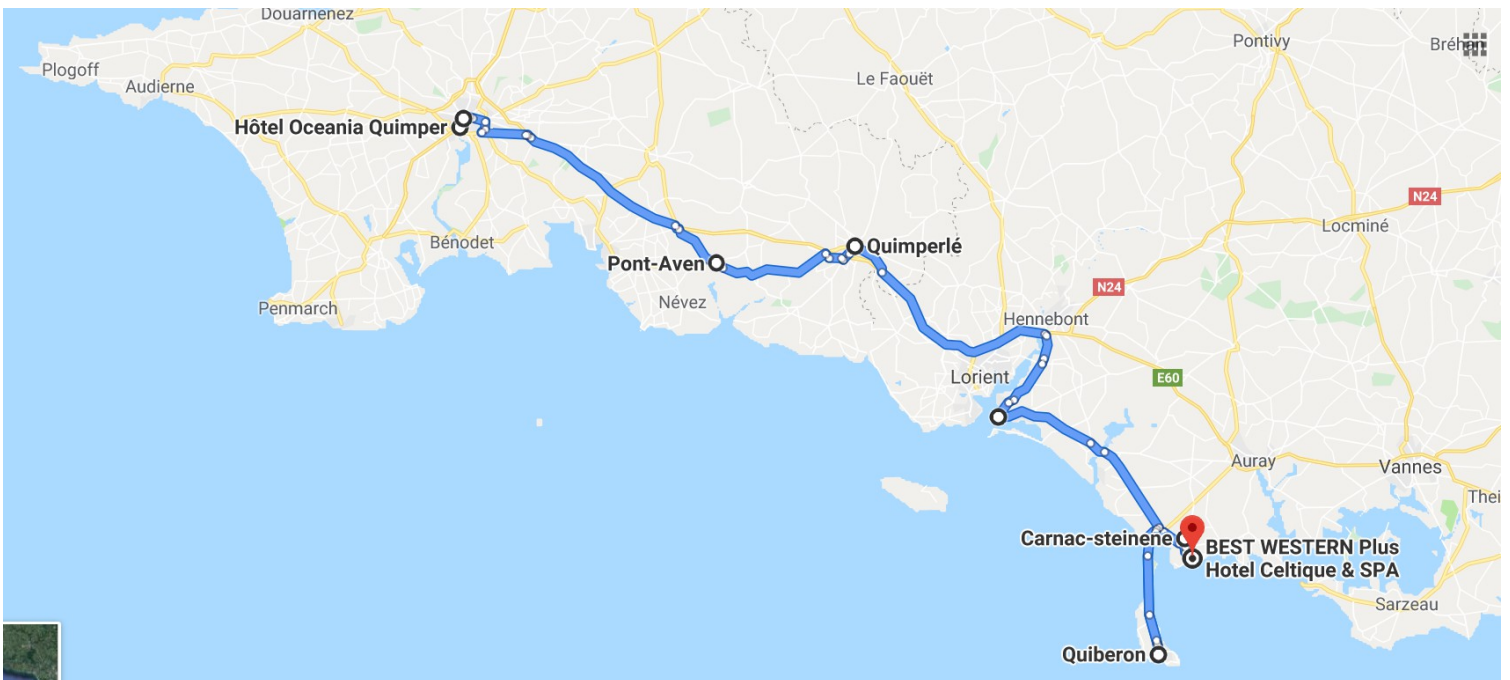
The next stop was in Le Ménec just north of [Carnac](#). The place is best known for its long ranges of prehistoric stones. The plant is the largest of its kind in the world. It is dated to approx. 4700 BC and is considered the oldest building in Europe. There are also a number of prehistoric burial mounds in the area. The stone settlement is made up of thousands of [megaliths](#) that still stand there, despite the fact that it has been neglected and parts have been torn down by local farmers who over the years have supplied themselves to building foundations and others.



Then it was to drive to the hotel, [Best Western Plus Celtique et Spa](#).



Stylish figure at the entrance of the hotel



Then it was this driving route this day.

On the 15th of May, we continued our tour of France.



We had parked the car out on the street under a big tree. What we didn't know was that during the evening and morning the pigeons were sitting in the tree and spraying the whole car with dung. We had a hard job the next day getting the worst off.



The next point on the program was to see the megaliths in [Locmariaquer](#).
[Wikipedia site-megalithique-locmariaquer](#)

The GPS in the car did not have this place programmed, so we had a little trouble finding it. We drove a bit to and from before we discovered a sign showing to the place. The road that went there was one-way, so we walked as well.



The end of Er-Grah grave.



This is the great menhir. It is broken into several pieces.



Dolmen, Table des Marchand.



Inside the dolmen.



Inside the dolmen.



Inside the dolmen.



This is in the ceiling in the i dolmen.



The Er-Grah grave from the other side.

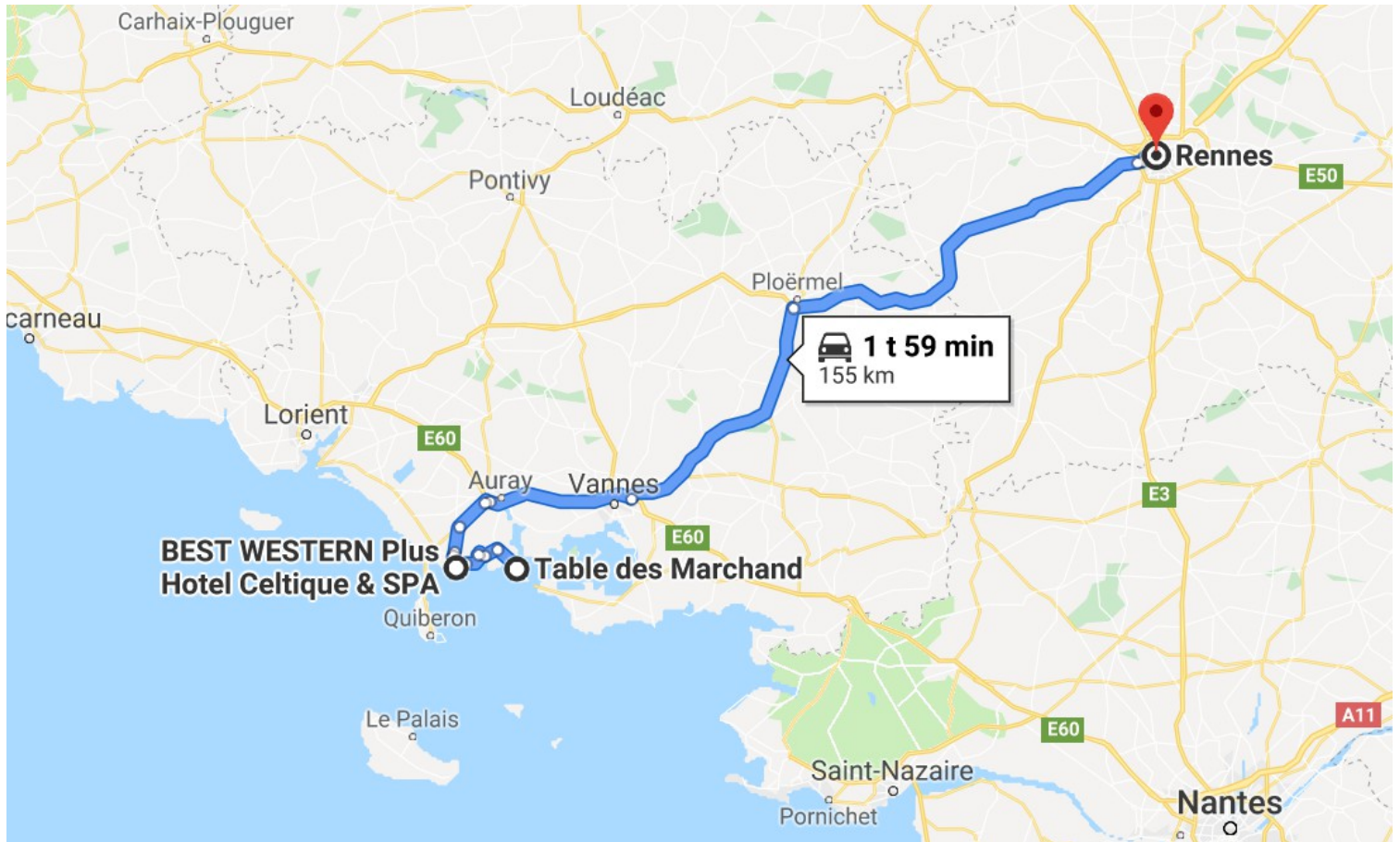


Here I have walked the round.



The next post was to find the hotel. It's called Novotel Rennes Alma. It turned out that the address of this was not in the GPS. We were shown to the Rennes Alma mall. We took several rounds there and asked people where the hotel was. Finally, we asked the right people.

Before going to the hotel we drove to Rennes train station, where we were to return the car the next day. We found the car rental office at the railway station and he who was there explained where to put the car. It was on the 10th floor of a parking house. We hoped for the best. We also bought train tickets for the day after.



The driving route that day was then like this.

On the 16th of May, we continued our tour of France.

First we had to return the car. It was a bit difficult, because the GPS was not up to date and in addition there were road works in the streets in the area. We came to closed streets and one-way traffic everywhere. I just had to take some illegal maneuvers to get to the right place.



Finally we arrived on the train. We had bought seats in 1st class. Very good. Besides, we had chosen a train that went directly, so we didn't have to change trains. The train departed at 12.23. It stopped in Laval, Le Mans, Massy TGV and Varne La Vallee-Chessy. It arrived at the Aeroport Charles de Gaulle TGV at 15.13.



Then we were at the hotel at the airport. It's called [Holiday Inn Express - Paris - CDG Airport](#). Good hotel. To get there, we had to take CDGVAL and get off at the third station.



This is the view from the hotel room.

The next day we took the CDGVAL to the next station, to terminal 1. We were to depart with Norwegian at 11.45 and arrive at Oslo Airport at 14.05.

Then go to Dalen Parkering to pick up the car and drive home to Kongsvinger.