

IVW Holiday - St Malo, Brittany Sunday 23rd – Friday 28th May 2027 inclusive



We are delighted to share our plans for next year's club holiday to Brittany – a Celtic land closely aligned to Devon and Cornwall where the locals speak Breton as well as French.

Based in the stunning granite walled city of **ST MALO**, at the estuary of the river Rance, with its beaches, yacht marinas and working port. Opposite St Malo you will find the attractive old resort town of Dinard.

We plan to recce fully in early April next year and hope to offer a selection of long and short walks each day, some along the Emerald Coast (named as such due to the colour of the sea) and some among forests and woodland. Plans include

- Crossing the Rance estuary by boat to Dinard and exploring both sides of the estuary
- The coastline to the east around Cancale, its oyster beds, and (hopefully) fabulous views of Mont St Michel as, like some impossible dream or mirage, it floats on the sea a few miles away
- Saint- Briac- Sur -Mer – coastline and countryside to the west much visited by the 'Peintres de la Cote d'Emerald' over the years

- A small inland port, rising through cobbled lanes to place you in the heart of a medieval town replete with timber framed and wood slat houses. This is Dinan and once been you'll never forget it.

We plan to keep the holiday to a fairly compact area so as to avoid lengthy and complicated drives to and from walks. Many roads will be quiet and we'll aim for easy parking places.

We have provisionally booked a group meal for Thursday 27th May – more details much nearer the time.

Travel

Brittany Ferries offer plenty of options:-

The easiest way is from Portsmouth straight into St Malo. Currently sailing overnight from the UK (excl Tuesday) and day sailings (excl Wednesday) on return, but with very attractive departure and arrival times.

Other options with relatively short drives once into France are Caen and Cherbourg. Otherwise, there's the Calais option although that's a much longer drive, of perhaps 5 or 6 hours, with opportunity for further visits en route.

Train is possible - Eurostar to Paris, taxi or metro to Gare Montparnasse, then 2.5 - 3 hours by TGV direct to St Malo –but you really will need transport on some of the walk days

Group size

For practical reasons we are limiting the group size to 35 including leaders.

Cost of the holiday

£45 per person including the cost of the Rance estuary ferry.

BOOKING*

MONDAY 17/08/26 Booking opens for those who Volunteer with IVW and their IVW partners - Committee members, Walk leaders, Event organisers and Footpath maintenance.

FRIDAY 21/08/26 Booking opens to the IVW membership.

MONDAY 31/08/26 Booking opens to the IVW Affiliate members.

Please email carolynlightfoot41@gmail.com to request a place. Once confirmed, payment details to the IVW Social account will be forwarded**

*As spaces are limited, we ask that you walk on the majority of days if you book a place.

** You agree to being contacted by email for the St Malo holiday and group meal details.