

## DINAN TOWN OF ART AND HISTORY

Dinan is without question one of the most beautiful medieval towns in Brittany. Former seat of the Dukes of Brittany, girdled by the longest ramparts in the region, poised nearly 250 feet above the river Rance, Dinan is above all the realm of half-timbered houses.



**> TOUR OF THE RAMPARTS,**  
which enables you to appreciate the walls which extend for nearly two miles and include the Keep, 10 watch-towers and four monumental gateways and from where you get wonderful views over the surrounding countryside.  
*(orange circuit) Duration 2 hr*

- (A)** Start at the Tourist Office
- (B)** The Castle (14th) - Museum of Dinan
- (C)** The Wicket gate (13th)

- (D)** Coëtquen tower (15th)
- (E)** The Saint Louis gate (1620)
- (F)** Penthivèze tower (15th)
- (G)** The Cardinal's Tower (15th)
- (H)** Sainte Catherine's tower (13th)

- (I)** The Jerzual gate (13th - 14th)
- (J)** The Governor's tower (15th)
- (K)** Saint Malo's gate (13th - 15th)
- (L)** The Grands Fossés walk (15th - 18th)

- (M)** The Beaumanoir tower (15th)
- (N)** The Lesquen tower (15th)
- (O)** Saint Julian's tower (14th)
- (P)** Brest gate (14th)
- (Q)** The Petits Fossés walk (15th - 18th)

- (R)** Beaufort's tower (13th)
- (S)** The Constable's tower (15th)



**> TOUR OF THE OLD DINAN,**  
which leads you past the main sites and monuments of the historic centre along picturesque lanes flanked by half-timbered houses and down to the port of Dinan by means of the famous rue du Jerzual.

*(purple circuit) Duration 1 hr  
30 - 2 hr*

- (1)** Start at the Tourist Office
- (2)** Place du Champ Clos and Place Du Guesclin

- (3)** The Clocktower (15th) and the Rue de l'Horloge
- (4)** L'Apport (houses from 15th to 17th)
- (5)** The Place des Merciers and the Place des Cordeliers
- (6)** Saint Malo's Church (15th - 19th)
- (7)** The Cordeliers Convent (15th)
- (8)** The Rue du Jerzual
- (9)** The Governor's House (15th - 16th)
- (10)** The harbour



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& PAYS  
D'ART  
& D'HISTOIRE**

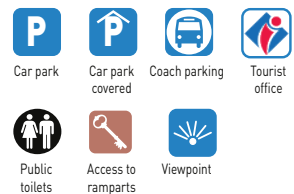
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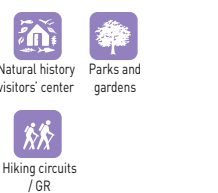
**LEISURE**



**PRATICAL INFO**



**NATURE**



**Towards Dinard  
St-Malo**

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**RUE CARNOT**

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**PLACE GAILLE**

**PLACE DUCLOS-PINOT**

**ESPLANADE DE LA RÉSISTANCE**

**MINI GOLF DU VAL COCHERET**



### Dinan Castle

Built in the late 14th century by John IV, Duke of Brittany, Dinan Keep is an outstanding princely residence which, thanks to its complex architecture and sumptuous décor, rivals the royal Château de Vincennes. A fortress then a prison, the castle is today a key element in the mediaeval town and the focus of an ambitious restoration and development project.

- Rue du Château 22100 Dinan  
Phone: 02 96 39 45 20  
[www.chateaudedinan.fr](http://www.chateaudedinan.fr)
- Open from April to December.
- New discovery area in Coëtquen tower with a trail focusing on warfare at the end of the mediaeval era.



### Half-timbered houses

With over 130 half-timbered houses, Dinan has retained the old-world charm of its historical centre. Built between the 15th and 18th centuries, these magnificent residences, with their corbels, porches and shop windows, reflect the quality of dwellings at the time. Two houses deserve a particular mention – Maison de la Mère Pourcel and Maison du Gouverneur.



### Clock Tower

The second half of the 15th century was a prosperous time for Dinan. The bourgeoisie became wealthy through trade and crafts and gradually rose as a political force. To mark this growing power, a «communal tower» was built in the 1470s. It became a belfry in 1507 when a bell and clockwork were added, and this Tour de l'Horloge hosted council meetings until the Revolution.

- Rue de l'Horloge 22100 Dinan  
Tél: 02 96 87 02 26  
[www.dinan.fr](http://www.dinan.fr)
- Open from February to October.



### Ramparts

Dinan's fortifications, which were built in the late 18th century by the Dukes of Brittany, are today the longest mediaeval walls north of the Loire Valley. Strengthened in the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries, the town wall now features 2.7 km of curtain walls, 10 towers and 4 gates, and features fascinating examples of developments in military architecture.



### Saint-Sauveur Basilica

Mentioned in texts dating back to 1123, Saint-Sauveur Basilica is a composite building that has survived the centuries. At the end of the 15th century, Flamboyant Gothic architects added two transepts and a choir to the early Romanesque parts. In amongst the impressive altars and altarpieces from the classical era, there is also a small monument that holds Bertrand du Guesclin's heart.



### Rue du Jerzual

Dinan's legendary Rue du Jerzual and Rue du Petit Fort have linked the harbour and the upper town for 10 centuries. Lined with many half-timbered houses, they are still home to art and craft workshops today. Between the two streets, Jerzual gate marks the former boundary between the mediaeval town and its outskirts.



### Dinan harbour

Nearly a thousand years have passed since the Lords of Dinan built the old bridge, which marks the point where the maritime Rance meets the River Rance. Thanks to its ideal location, Dinan harbour rapidly became a major economic centre in the north-east of Brittany. The town traded with England and Flanders then, later, Spain and the Americas. Devoted exclusively to pleasure boating since the 20th century, the harbour is an ideal spot for a stroll at the foot of the mediaeval town.



### Saint-Magloire Abbey

Founded in the mid-9th century, Saint-Magloire de Léhon rapidly became a major spiritual centre in Brittany. The religious institution was reformed in the 17th century and underwent significant alterations that changed the appearance of the buildings. Today, Saint-Magloire Priory in Léhon forms a complete architectural ensemble featuring the areas required for conventual life – priory church, cloister, refectory, kitchen, press room, infirmary, hostel, bakery, oven, etc. Its gardens offer an idyllic setting for strolling along the banks of the Rance.

- Open from May to September (every day in July and August).



### The gardens

Although famous for its walls and monuments, Dinan also has beautiful gardens. As well as the English Garden in the 19th century and was part of a major decorative programme, as can be seen on the choir chevet and transepts. It has been closed for restoration since 2010 and will open its doors again in 2017.



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02 96 87 74 00



## SITES TO VISIT

Dinan - Vallée de la Rance

Continue your journey with a trip to Dinan harbour and the neighbouring towns. Fall for the charm of Léhon, one of Brittany's most beautiful Small Towns of Character. With its wealth of heritage, nature and outdoor activities, you'll not be short of ideas for days out in the Rance Valley.

• **MUSÉE YVONNE JEAN-HAFFEN**  
103 rue du Quai  
22100 DINAN  
Phone: 02 96 87 90 80 / 02 96 87 58 72  
www.dinan.fr  
Opening : consult the website.



• **SAINT-MAGLOIRE ABBEY**  
Place d'Abstatt  
22100 LÉHON  
Phone: 02 96 87 40 40  
www.mairie-lehon.fr  
Opening : consult the website.



• **LÉHON CASTLE**  
Bourg de Léhon  
22100 LÉHON  
Phone: 02 96 87 40 40  
www.mairie-lehon.fr  
Open all year.



• **MAISON DE LA RANCE**  
Quai Talard - Port de Dinan  
22100 LANVALLAY  
Phone: 02 96 87 00 40  
www.dinan-agglomeration.fr  
Opening: consult the website.



## GREAT IDEAS

For exploring the river rance

The Rance Valley, a delightful, multifaceted journey across water and history. Starting out as a peaceful canal before becoming a winding river then a maritime estuary, the Rance has shaped the valley. It carves out varied landscapes, is very much part of its towns and villages, accompanies hikers and is home to protected wildlife and flora.



## TRIPS ALONG THE RIVER RANCE

From Dinan harbour:

• **JAMAN V**  
13 rue du four  
22100 LANVALLAY  
Phone: 02 96 39 28 41  
www.vedettejamaniv.com



• **COMPAGNIE CORSAIRE**  
Rue du Quai  
22100 DINAN  
Phone: 0825 138 100  
www.compagniecorsaire.com



• **DINAVIG**  
Rue du Quai  
22100 DINAN  
Phone: 06 21 14 16 70  
dinavig.com



• **CLUB CANOË KAYAK DE LA RANCE**  
13 rue du four  
22100 LANVALLAY  
Phone: 02 96 39 01 50  
dinanrancekayak.fr



• **BALADES SUR RANCE** 6 KM AWAY  
Écluse du Châtelier - Port de la Hisse  
22100 SAINT-SAMSON-SUR-RANCE  
Phone: 06 70 80 24 17  
balades-sur-rance.com



## HIKING

Dinan  
Vallée de la Rance

With over 250 km of inland and coastal paths and circuits, nature lovers are spoilt for choice! Come and discover our rich natural and architectural heritage by following paths that will take you past river banks, along the maritime and River Rance, and through forests, fields and villages! A map of hiking trails is on sale at the Tourist Information Centre. Don't forget to ask for a copy when you arrive.

From our region, which is set at the crossroads of two Green Ways (no. 2 and 3), you can reach Dinard, St. Malo, Rennes and the Gulf of Morbihan via a safe trail that is reserved exclusively for hiking, cycling and rollerblading.

## ABOUT THE GR®34C TRAIL

The GR34C trail — an alternative to the legendary GR34 customs trail that runs along the Breton coastline — connects up to the customs trail in Dinan by following one of the most stunning estuaries in Brittany, the Rance Valley. This tidal river features outstanding wildlife, fauna and landscapes that will delight budding walkers, serious hikers and young families.



## V2 and V3 Green Ways

The flat terrain, picturesque setting and numerous stop-off points are perfect for experienced cyclists and families alike. Two wonderful itineraries pass through Dinan harbour and then follow a former railway line and the valley towpaths, halfway between Rennes and the sea. The V2 Green Way covers 107 km from St. Malo to Rennes and continues towards Arzal. The V3 connects up Saint-Malo and Sarzeau.



## Bretagne Gyropodes

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