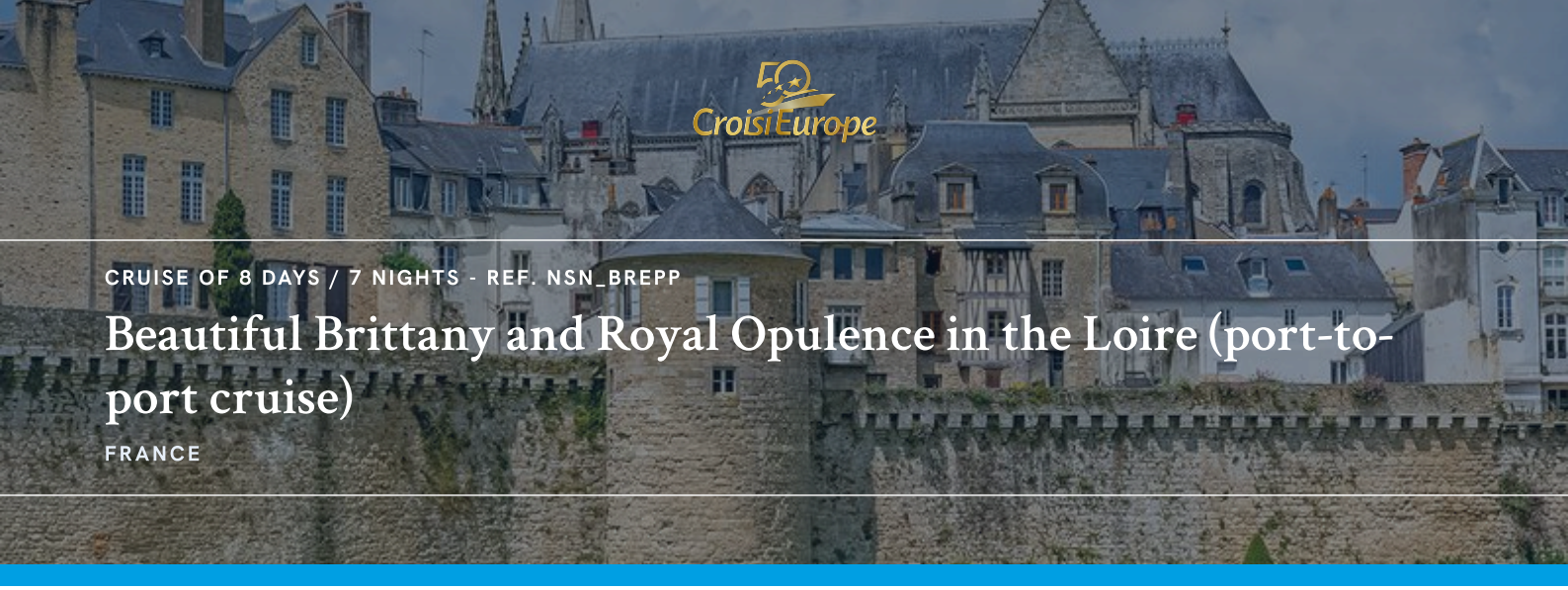

CRUISE OF 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS - REF. NSN_BREPP

Beautiful Brittany and Royal Opulence in the Loire (port-to-port cruise)

FRANCE

Begin your vacation with an exclusive three-day trip through Brittany, a proud French region with a more-than-thousand-year-old heritage that has spread its influence across the area. From the prehistoric megaliths in Carnac to the wave-beaten coasts of the Quiberon Peninsula, set off on a journey through a stunning region shaped by humans and nature alike. Top off your Breton experience with breakfast in a local crêperie and a visit to Auray, a charming village on the Gulf of Morbihan. Then climb aboard for a cruise on the Loire, the royal river with legendary scenery.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Original back-to-back journeys to discover Brittany
- Exclusive to Croisieurope: cruise on board a paddle steamer
- The wild coastline of Quiberon
- Prehistoric wonders in Carnac
- Vannes and its beautiful medieval and Renaissance-style architecture
- The Saint-Nazaire(1,8) shipyard, embodiment of French pride
- The wine route of the Muscadet(1) through the vineyards of the Nantes region
- Wine-tasting in the cellars of the Brissac castle(1-4)

THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - Gala dinner and evening - Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Nantes - Vannes

Our coach will pick you up at the Nantes train station at 3 p.m. or the Nantes Atlantique Airport at 3:30 p.m. to begin the trip through Brittany. We'll arrive in Vannes at the end of the afternoon, where you'll check into the four-star hotel* for dinner and the night.*

DAY 2

Vannes - Quiberon - Carnac - Auray - Vannes

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Included excursion in the morning: The wild coastline of Quiberon. This panoramic tour introduces you to the Quiberon Peninsula by taking you along spectacular coastal roads dotted with quaint seaside towns and sweeping ocean views to the tip of the peninsula, known as Conguel Point. You'll discover the city of Quiberon and pass in front of the first French thalassotherapy center created by Louison Bobet in 1964. Enjoy lunch in Quiberon. In the afternoon, join us for an included guided tour of the prehistoric ruins in Carnac. The beautiful seaside city of Carnac is home to several fields of prehistoric stone alignments containing over 3,000 megaliths. The area is one of the world's most important standing stone concentrations, erected between 7,000 and 5,000 years ago. Your guide will explain all the theories surrounding this mystery, and you'll be able to visit the alignments up close. Before we return to the hotel, enjoy some free time in Auray. Explore the Saint-Goustan fishing port in this charming, typically Breton village. We'll return to Vannes for dinner and the night.

DAY 3

Vannes - NANTES - SAINT-NAZAIRE(6)

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. This morning, the included excursion is a guided tour of Vannes. Discover the medieval city of Vannes and its fortifications during an urban stroll. Our tour guide will recount the city's history within the confines of the old city walls. This is a great way to learn about the beautiful medieval and Renaissance-style architecture. Your tour will bring you to the Jardin des Remparts, ancient washhouses, Poterne Gate, and Connétable Tower. Step back in time while sauntering through the narrow streets lined with half-timbered homes. We'll enjoy lunch in an authentic crêperie. Buckwheat crepes are part of the region's deep heritage. Take part in a genuine cultural experience with a crepe and a bowl of hard cider. After our visit, we'll leave by coach for Nantes, where you'll board our ship at 6 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, welcome cocktail. Our ship will begin to cruise towards Saint-Nazaire.

DAY 4

SAINT-NAZAIRE(6) - NANTES

This morning, join us for the optional CLASSIC / DISCOVERY excursion: tour of Saint Nazaire (8), a town on the sea. We'll visit Escal'Atlantic, a museum that explores the historic ocean liner experience, and the Saint-Nazaire shipyard, one of the largest shipyards in Europe (this excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport in order to gain access to the shipyard).

DAY 5

NANTES

This morning, join us for the optional excursions proposed : - CLASSIC : Guided tour of Nantes and the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany. - DISCOVERY: Nantes, the Machines de l'Île(3), secret courtyards and covered passageways. This afternoon, join us for the optional CLASSIC / DISCOVERY excursion: The Muscadet Wine Route and the medieval village of Clisson, a charming medieval town.

DAY 6

ANCENIS - The Châteaux of the Loire Valley - CHALONNES-SUR-LOIRE(7)

Departure by coach towards the Château d'Azay-le-Rideau. Built on an island in the middle of the Indre River, the structure as it stands today was erected during the reign of Francis I by a wealthy financier, Gilles Berthelot, who sought to combine Italian innovations with French architectural art. Listed as a historic monument, the Château d'Azay-le-Rideau embodies all the refinement of an early French Renaissance château. Continuation to Villandry for lunch. In the afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the gardens of the Château de Villandry: spread over three levels, they combine aesthetics, diversity, and harmony. Then, visit the Château de Villandry. Through its furniture, décor, and atmosphere, it stands as a living testament to French heritage. The estate of Villandry has evolved over the centuries. Acquired by Jean Le Breton, it transitioned from a medieval fortress to a residence enriched with Renaissance elements. In the 18th century, the Marquis de Castellane transformed it into a comfortable and luminous place, reflecting the art of living of the time. In the 19th century, it was saved by Joachim Carvallo and Ann Coleman, who restored it to its Renaissance state. Today, Henri Carvallo continues this legacy by combining preservation with the enhancement of the site. (The coach transfer time is estimated at approximately 4 hours round trip.) We'll return on board in Chalonnes-sur-Loire.

DAY 7

CHALONNES-SUR-LOIRE(7) - Angers(1) - ANCENIS - NANTES

In the morning, join us for the optional excursions proposed: - CLASSIC: Guided tour of Angers, its historic districts and the famous Apocalypse tapestry(5). - DISCOVERY: Tour of Brissac castle(4) and its cellars complete with a wine-tasting session. We'll return on board. We'll spend the afternoon cruising to Ancenis. Tonight is our gala evening. We'll be cruising to Nantes.

DAY 8

NANTES

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

Excursions

Included excursions (1)



DAY TOUR CASTLE OF THE LOIRE

11h Classic JOURNEE

Optional excursions (7)



ST NAZAIRE SHIPYARD AND ESCAL ATLANTIC

4h30 Classic MATIN



ROAD OF THE MUSCADET WINE

5h Classic PM



NANTES THE MACHINES DE L ILE

4h30 Discovery MATIN



Guided tour of Nantes and the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany

4h30 Classic MATIN



ANGERS GUIDED TOUR

4h Classic MATIN



BRISSAC CASTLE

4h Discovery MATIN



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1 day Classic

Our price includes

The extended stay in Brittany (double-occupancy with breakfast and dinner in a four-star hotel*) - lunch in a restaurant on Day 2 and Day 3 - tours of Quiberon, Carnac, and Vannes - the cruise with all meals from dinner on Day 3 to breakfast on the final day - all onboard beverages (not including the special lists) - accommodations in double-occupancy cabin with climate control and shower in private bathroom - all onboard entertainment - assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala evening - Châteaux of the Loire excursion - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change. For the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary. (1) Optional excursions. (2) Subject to availability and favorable weather conditions. (3) The Machines de l'Île are closed on Mondays, it will be replaced by the classic excursion. (4) The Brissac castle is closed on Tuesdays, it will be replaced by the Discovery Angers Excursion (5) Site closed on January 1st, May 1st, November 1st and 11th, and December 25th. (6) The stopover in Saint-Nazaire may be replaced by Paimboeuf. (7) The stopover in Chalonnes-sur-Loire may be replaced by Ancenis. (8) The shipyard tour is only accessible to children aged 4 and over. Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.

Our price does not include

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - cancellation and baggage insurance - transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - personal expenses.

Practical information

REQUIREMENTS

Valid passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.