

13 June 2011

Gite was lovely & our hosts were very friendly and helpful. Had a great week.

Dora and Gerhannel dadas, Glasgow

30 June to 4 July 2011

To Claire + Richard

Merci beaucoup pour un super séjour! On s'est très bien amusés et le gîte et les environs sont mignons! Merci aussi pour le temps très agréable! On veut bien rentrer dans l'adieu - peut-être avec les parents! On espère qu'on a laissé les choses comme on les ~~ont~~ trouvés. À bientôt!

P.S. There are a few bits left in the fridge - hope you can use them up!

Note to other guests.....

We would really recommend the beaches on the Crozon Peninsula including "La plage l'abbe" and the little coves at "La Pointe de Aman". Also the little town of Morgat has a lovely sea front with plenty of bars + restaurants. The town of Châteaulin is also extremely pretty with a lovely route to walk along.

Enjoy your stay!

23 July 2011

We had 6 great days in Finistere and in this lovely gite. For seafood lovers we would recommend Camaret sur mer and Concarneau.

We also took the drive on p. 110 in "Keyguide Brittany" and would like to recommend two things:

- 1) there are some nice beaches along the road from St. nic to Telguc-s-m
- 2) between Camaret-sur-mer and pointe des espagnols, just after the military "do not enter" zone there is a place that we found very interesting. If you stop by the road and walk a small road to the coastline you will see an old abandoned fort. We went down to the fort by a small path and spent a good hour there exploring the houses and the surroundings.

We went to La Fregate creperie in La Fash several times, great crepes! Be sure to be there when they open at 7, since it is a busy place.

Linn and Ville, Stockholm Sweden.

27th July - 6th Aug 2011

Lovely Gite. Would come back - need to improve on ice making facility. Please visit local bar in Hoperec called 'Tost de' d'vd' don't be put off. very friendly and will make a meal with notice for you - highly recommended. Bar owner called Luc.

You must visit (our choice) Camaret-sur-mer, Morgat, Chateaulin, Huel goat, and Loranne very pretty village. Had excellent weather.

Richard and Claire. Very helpful and informative

[Redacted]  
Buxton, Derbyshire

① September 2011.

As it's only our first time in Brittany and we've been learning our way around, maybe it's a bit early for us to be recommending things for other people! We had the "Rother" walking guide book and followed many km. of the coastal path, visiting some fabulous places - but they were mainly the obvious ones! Next time perhaps, we'll make some discoveries.

In our travels we visited a number of places with other holiday cottages we'd considered, and we must say how pleased we were we'd ended up at Penlan Huella - ideally positioned for visiting the west, the south and the north coasts. Of course we also loved the accommodation itself, and Claire and Richard could not have been more friendly or helpful. We are looking forward to our next visit!

① August 23rd → Sept. 3rd.



3rd - 17th September 2011

Now - where to begin! Our first time in Brittany and we had a wonderful time. Gide was great - everything we needed and more. We travelled as far as Roscoff in the north, Pointe du Raz in the west and Concarneau in the south - visiting lots of lovely places along the way - the beaches we walked along were fantastic - miles of sand and very few people around.

We had some brilliant lunches - one of our favourite places was Ile Tudy which was the only place we visited twice - the Restaurant Le Mahomok ~~and~~ at the Hotel Moderne served very good meals from Plats du Jour at £9 to seafood platters - all absolutely delicious. Afterwards it was a delight to walk along the beach in brilliant sunshine.

On our last day we found the Restaurant Les Dunes, Treguer Vlan Ste Anne la Palud not far from Planévez-Portzay on D107 - not cheap but the food was possibly the best of the holiday - especially the fondant chocolate - a work of art!

All in all a fantastic holiday and we will definitely be back!

[Redacted]  
Droitwich, Worcestershire

1 - 9 October 2011

We had a lovely peaceful week. NST been to this part of Brittany before but we really like it and will definitely come back.

The gite was superb - well done Claire and Richard - you have thought of every detail and we think it's the nicest one we've stayed in.

Here are a few highlights and places to visit

- The river Aulne has lots of lovely spots for canoeing, walking or cycling on the towpath. we especially liked Pont Coblant and Ti Mea and Châteauneuf-du-Faou
- Camaret Sur Mer was good and we especially liked Pen Hir and Pen Hat and the area and lovely beach between
- And we could go on... but these are our favourites and like Arnie we'll "be back"!

Portworthy, Devon

22nd - 29 October 2011

We came to Southern Brittany looking for opportunities to cycle, walk and visit sites of historical interest, and we certainly found them here in abundance! The Gite ~~was~~ is ideally situated and we would definitely consider returning - thanks to our hosts for being so helpful (with weather forecasting!) and making our stay memorable.

We would recommend visits to Port-Launay for a local stroll by the river, a coastal trip to the Crozon peninsula (Carnac not so good out of season) and a trip to Concarneau and adjacent villages. Quimper, Locmouez and all the Parish closes are worth a trip. The Green walking guide was also helpful. Coming here later in the season enabled us to see the amazing Autumn colours, especially as cyclists - it really is a beautiful area. Many thanks!

[Redacted], London.



13th to 18th May 2012

This has been our second visit, so our recommendations arise from both.

The towns we particularly like are Concarneau (walled town), Locronan (time capsule), and Quimper.

We've been twice to the Crozon Peninsula, and still haven't seen all the sights, but pick up

- Menez-Hom (mountain)
- Pentrez-Plage (beach)
- Morgat (seaside town); good crêperie on the sea front called La Bolée.
- Vauban fortress at Camaret.
- Pont de Térénez, spectacular new bridge.

Chocolate lovers should call in to chocolatier Chatillon at Pleyben, near the church.

Lots of beautiful stretches of the Rive Aulne such as

- Port Launcy
- Chateauneuf-du-Faon (below the town)
- Penn-ar-Pont
- Ty-Men (see the rescued barge Victor)

Huelgoal is another attractive area, also the gardens and chateau at Trévarez.

A good restaurant is the Mirabelle at Huelgoal.

Of course, the gîte is very well appointed and managed by Claire & Richard.

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2nd June - 9th June 2012.

Back again! as promised! We've had a peaceful week although the weather has been a bit challenging! We have enjoyed most of the Diamond Jubilee on TV. Our real challenge has been picking our moments to go out in an unseasonal week of rain and high winds.

Places to recommend on this trip:

Pont-Aven - very attractive, busy town full of art galleries, old houses and dominated by a rushing river.

Pointe du Raz - in a Force 6-7 - spectacular

Plage d'Eckmuhl at St. Guénolé - a good climb with a wonderful view.

Still more to see on future visits and favourites to go back to.

Devon

June 2012



23 June 2012

Thanks for a really wonderful, comfortable gîte we have had a very pleasant stay - despite the Breton weather. It's become a little bit like home here. Thanks to Claire + Richard for the welcome, the wine, mille bûches, eggs ... on our arrival - We enjoyed the friendly animals - Monsieur le chat, the chickens who came to visit daily and Sean - the first person to wrestle a frisbee from him wins a slice of foreign Amman.

June - 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012

We have had a fantastic time here in Brittany. The weather has been varied but we have only had one day that was completely washed out. We would recommend two of the walks in the Walking Book. The first was walk 22 in Chataaulin and the second was walk 36 in Douarnenez. We also really enjoyed the day in Locronan. Port Aven was very pretty + we would recommend going on Tuesday when the market is there, as this is very lively. On the wet days we enjoyed the 'Maison du Cidre' at Argol + the 'Maison des Vieux métiers vivants' - also at Argol (cards 31 + 32).

Richard + Claire have been fantastic hosts. They have given us really helpful advice + have been very friendly. The gîte itself has been extremely comfortable + spacious.

Many thanks for a lovely holiday.

We enjoy walking in this beautiful countryside & can recommend: -

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Trail 15 - good views along the coastline, covered by wild thyme & heather - v. pretty & although some steep climbs, well worth it. Went on to Caravel - lovely seaside town plus lots to see - from the cliffs above - Aligremets de Lagatjar, the ruins of a chateau & remains of German gun placements.

Trail from Loperec - follow the yellow route 12 km. Although the first few kms are on the road, once on the tops - views are fantastic all around. Went on to Playber in the afternoon - church v. interesting & guided tours are available.

Walk from Châteauneuf du Faou - Circuit P.R. no 2 12 km Pass-ar-Pont. Copy in the basket here - easy to follow. Had a good tour at the end - we were lucky enough to see an embroidery exhibition showing old Breton costumes, hats etc & paintings by local artist in the Tourist Office. Rain put an end to the day!

Two walks around Playber - Saint Laurent starting just behind church - lovely countryside & easy walk. Sadly Chapelle was locked? & Pont Coblan 8 km. Lovely part of the Nantes Brest canal & the return wonderful views towards Monts d'Arrée & the Montagnes Noires. At the end of the walk, it's just good to sit & watch the swallows & enjoy the tranquillity by the canal.

Our last day - we were hoping to do Menez Hon but as sky was black, we opted for 2 walks from Gouézec both well signposted & straightforward. Particularly recommend the climb up to 'La Roche du Feu' as there are fantastic views for miles in 360° radius.

We have made good use of our time here - P.umpet was lovely town & when the rain set in, we spent a few hours in the Musée des Beaux Arts - They have a wonderful collection of paintings there.

Thank you to Claire & Richard for your care & hospitality - the gîte was warm & comfy.

Good luck with your venture - we are v. envious!

Bournemouth

Guide Randonnées en Centre Finistère - available from newsagents in towns

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We have had a very enjoyable week here, and due to unbelievably good weather conditions we have had plenty of opportunities to explore the great outdoors! These have included: 1) swimming at some beautiful beaches - we recommend pen-hal (near Camaret) and Ile Evodey.

2) Cycling (locally - although the deep valleys make for some challenging hills!)

3) Walking - we recommend walks 32 (Pointe du Van) and 17 (Menez meur) from the walking book.

We also managed to visit a few towns along the way. We would recommend Camaret, Quimper, Port-Aven, Huelgoat, Chateauxrev-de-Faou (where we managed to hit the Jazz festival).

Also, very important to us is filling our stomachs which we seemed to do very well!

In particular we found some good local restaurants including Hotel 'Le Relais de la Place' in Le Faou and 'la Blanche hermine' in Pleyben.

A big thank you to Claire and Richard for being so welcoming and helpful, it was lovely meeting you both. You have a wonderful, well-equipped gite in a peaceful and pretty location. A highlight for me has been trying to tempt your chickens inside, we have had them pecking at the door a few times. Fortunately for you I have not managed to lure in monsieur le Chat. And Richard, I hope that one day you get your bear.

Many thanks,

(Malvern, Worcestershire)



ust - 1st September 2012

A lovely gîte with very kind owners. We felt at home straight away; especially thanks to the home comforts, food & wine provisions on arrival - thank you! We have decided to keep a diary of our week:

Sunday 26th

Went to Huelgoat, a lovely riverside town in which a triathlon was taking place! "The Chaos" is a must-visit; a seemingly random formation of huge smooth rocks, beneath which the river runs and around which houses and restaurants are positioned. Plenty of walking. I (Michelle) was in heaven when we discovered a bookshopcafé!

Monday 27th

Went to Concarneau, where there is a walled town. It was market day so be sure to arrive early enough! Plenty of delicious ice-cream to be had within the walled town. Live music added to the atmosphere as we walked all around the ramparts - great views. There are boat rides up the bay (ferry) if you'd like to see some different views.

Tuesday 28th

Went to Camaret sur-mer, a very nice coastal town. You can walk up to an old fort on the cliff. The beach has lovely white sand. Stopped at Pointe de Pen-Hir where there is a tall monument. At the Pointe du Toulinguet there are megalithic stones and the ruins of a poet's mansion which got destroyed during the war. At Crozon we stopped to try out a maze → fun for adults and children alike! Finished off the day by visiting Ménez-Hom, where there's a magnificent 360° view of the surrounding scenery.

Wednesday 29th

Went to Le Faou; a sweet little town. Then stopped at Daoulas to have a walk around the old Abbey. Bypassed Brest and headed for Plougonvelin, where we stopped at the Salon du Thé for a delicious cake. We walked around the fort up on the hill. If you're brave enough you can do a zip-wire style jump over the roaring sea... Only open June-September though. We then went up the lighthouse at Pointe Saint-Mathieu and explored the ruins of the Abbey there. We got a 2 lighthouse visit ticket deal and went on to climb the Trézien, which is a little further inland, therefore a little less windy! Magnificent views.

Thursday 30th

Fantastic market this morning at Pont l'Abbé. Get there early as parking fills up! We then went on to a gorgeous little seaside town called Ile-Tudy... Perfect for lunch overlooking the sea. Saw a lovely little ceramic art gallery with some pretty jewellery items. Then went to Saint Guénolé to see if we could watch the sailing boats coming in on the horizon between 3-5pm, but we'd missed them. There were, however, plenty of massive crashes of waves on the rocks which proved a popular photographic subject amongst tourists. We then had dinner at Bénodét → the estuary. Plenty of restaurants to choose from with great views.

Friday 31st

Visited Douarnenez, a large fishing port town with lots of interesting shops. We thought the market would be on but it was just a small fresh produce one → great fruit! Large market is on Saturdays. The highlight of our day was Locronan, a stunning and pretty village with fantastic local artisans selling their wares. The "objets d'écrivains" shop, run by a poet, has gorgeous fountain pens and poetry for sale. The leather smith was very friendly and helpful → he adjusted a bracelet I liked to fit me better. Plenty of pottery & paintings, and an impressive glass blowing studio. Pop into the marriage spoon (and dogs) shop, where the woodworker is more than happy to tell you about the history of the spoon. We then spent half an hour on Pentrez-plage soaking up some rays and paddling before seeing the 360° views atop the Montagne Saint-michel, where there is a well-preserved chapel.

Fantastic week which went too fast! We would love to come back and explore more. Thanks so much Claire and Richard for such a comfortable stay!

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We have simply loved our first visit to Brittany & couldn't have picked a better area for our first visit, this place has it all; the lovely forests, rivers and "Mont's D'aree" inland & the tranquil Heulgoat (great for restaurants with lovely views) & if you're feeling energetic make the effort to climb over the large boulders at the bridge end, the paths are endless.

Also Cameret-sur-mer a must-see little resort, so pretty with lots of restaurants overlooking the harbour.

We only went to Pleyben once but seems to be the best place locally for restaurants (lots of creperies)

Locranan was a delight so quaint & picturesque, ancient medieval town.

The market on Tuesday am at Pont Aven; worth a visit just because such a pretty town, the market runs beside the river & there are also boat trips.

If you want to get above it all and find dramatic 360° views of the Crozon Menez Hom is a must; as is the dramatic coastline of the Crozon peninsula.

We had a lovely meal in the hotel near the quiet lovely cove at Beg Meil; warm microclimate here with palm trees and very peaceful beach. I could go on but you will find your own special places!!

(Weatherhead, Surrey)



7 October

Though based in France, this was my first visit to Brittany. As would have its reputation, it rained for the better part of the week-end. The region is beautiful nonetheless! We made it to Camaret-sur-Mer and Crozan. Beautiful!

Otherwise, the gite was perfect - the wood burning stove + large space made it the ideal location for us to have a real break from the stresses of everyday life - Thanks so much for this much needed repos in a beautiful + peaceful environment!