



Bandit Masters Golf Trip: Des Ormes 2013

- Sunday 8th September: Ferry Portsmouth 20:15 > St Malo 08:15 (Monday).
- Hotel: Des Ormes (5 nights).
- Monday 9th to Friday 13th: 5 rounds of golf.
- Saturday 14th September: Ferry St Malo 10:30 > Portsmouth 18:20.

Monday 11.30: Des Ormes, Epiniac 35120 Dol-de-Bretagne.

Much appreciated for its pretty, tree-lined fairways, Les Ormes provides a varied challenge in a lovely location. Even off the back tees, this course is not long but big hitters are checked by the clever fairway lengths and water hazards and small, subtle greens with a number of three-hundred-year-old trees and several holes around the chateau. Well-run and a lovely 'only in France' chateau clubhouse. Easy walking. Ten miles north-east of Dinan and 18 miles South-East of Dinard.



Tuesday 11.06: St Malo Le Tronchet, Domaine de Saint-Yvieux, 35540 Le Tronchet.

With lots of TLC and investment, Saint Malo golf has blossomed into a verdant and very enjoyable course. The lakeside and forest setting would grace any course but particularly befits this American target-golf design. Although the fairways are large, there are hazards aplenty and lots of water, huge bunkers and well-placed trees so it's quite a tricky course. A good design and much-liked. Easy walking. Ten miles south of Saint Malo and five miles north-east of Dinan.



Wednesday 11.00: Dinard, 53 Boulevard de la Houle, 35800 Saint-Briac-sur-Mer.

One of the great links of France and backed up by a classic clubhouse. Designed by the renowned Willie Dunn in 1887, the course opens up gently enough and then hits you with some superb holes along the coast. Dinard golf is short (but still too long when the wind blows!) and you need to hit the ball low from tee to green to get round with your scorecard intact. This is a lovely track and the views are sensational. Try and play here midweek as the keen members like to play at the weekend. Easy walking. Five miles west of Dinard.



Thursday 11.06: Val Andre, Rue de la Plage des Vallées, 22370, Pléneuf-Val-André.

A perfect combination of links and terrific parkland. Generous fairways provide some relief but the wind and crafty greens certainly don't! It is very important to get your yardages right at Val Andre but this is made difficult by the expansive and mesmerising views. Very well-maintained, this course is worth the drive wherever you are staying and do try to play early to take advantage of the seafood on offer in the nearby step-back-in-time resort. Hilly in parts. Two miles from Pléneuf Val Andre and 28 miles west of Dinard.

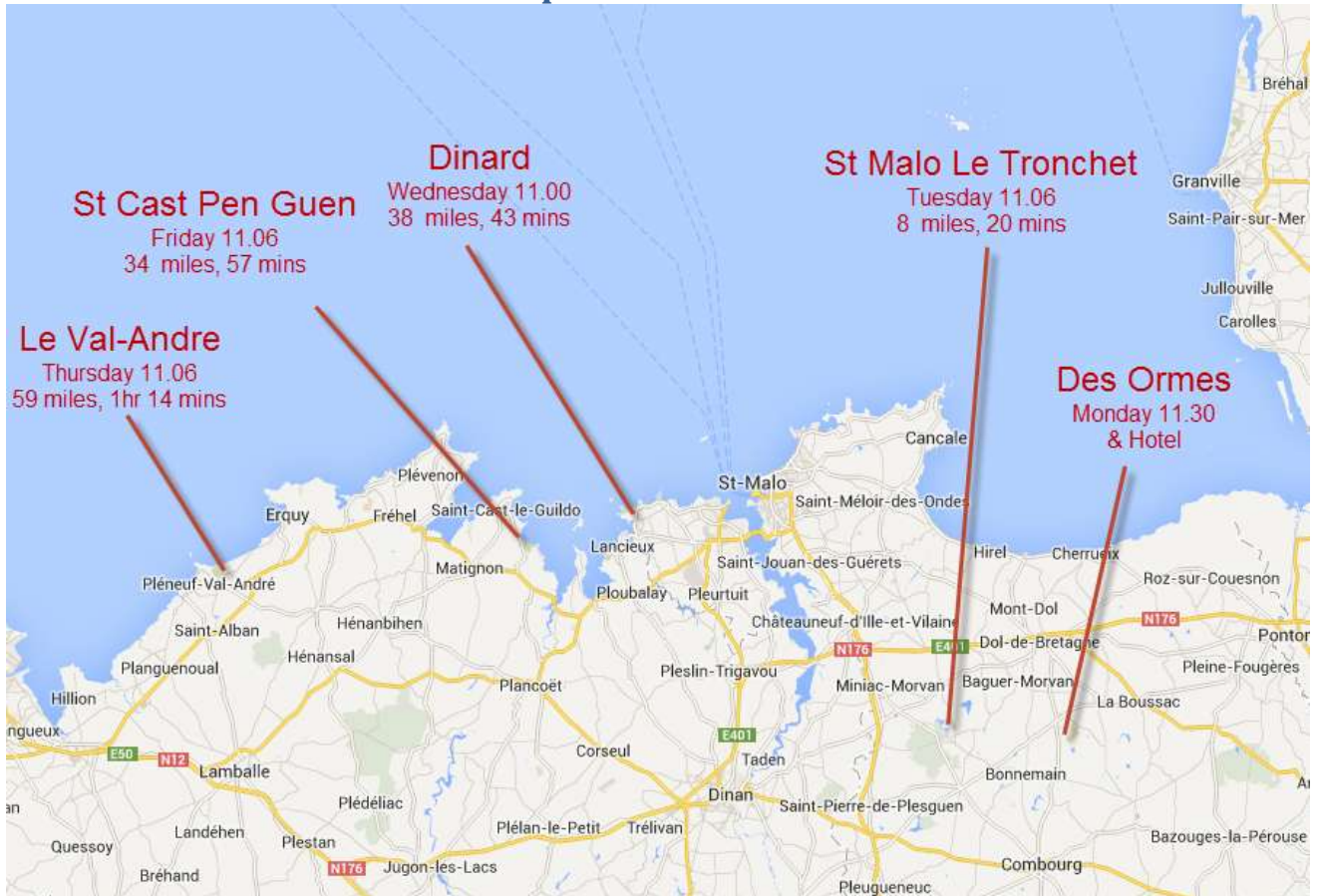


Friday 11.06: St Cast Pen Guen, Route du Golf, 22380 Saint-Cast-le-Guildo.

Can't find anything in English, so here's a Google translation of the club's website www.golf-st-cast.com: Golf de St. Cast Pen-Guen sea is omnipresent and gives this place an absolute charm. The sea is visible from every hole. The last three along the beach of Pen Guen, adding a little more magic to the place. Its length may seem short, but its technical expertise, including some narrow fairways lined with cypress Lambert make housing difficult game and if we add the small size of its greens, the course is not allowed to tame easily. And the novice player to the player confirmed, everyone can find his pleasure.



Maps & Distances



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