



Bandit Masters Golf Tour: La Baule 2014

- Saturday 13th Sept: Ferry Portsmouth 20:15 > St Malo 08:15 (Sunday 14th)
- Hotel: Mecure Majestic, La Baule
- Sunday 14th Sept to Thursday 18th: 5 rounds of golf.
- Thursday 18th Sept: Ferry 20:30 - arrive at Portsmouth 07:45 (Friday 19th).

Sunday 14th @ 12:42: Golf Barrière La Baule: (Courses allocated on the day)

Glenn Hoddle's England squad were based here for the 1998 World Cup, and, knowing how fussy those top flight footballers can be, that means it has to be right up there with the very best. West of Nantes, in the Brière national park, La Baule boasts two 18 hole championship courses and a nine hole lay out, making 45 in total ... not forgetting a covered practice area and two putting greens. The thatched roofed clubhouse overlooks the outdoor swimming pool. The original Peter Alliss and Dave Thomas design, since revamped and expanded, played host to the French Open so some holes offer the chance to follow in the footsteps of Nick Faldo and Seve Ballesteros. The old Red (now Lucien Barrière) course winds through mature woodland, skirts a huge lake around the turn and boasts impressive bunkers; while Blue (renamed Diane Barrière-Desseigne) is even longer and equally challenging with narrow fairways and some treacherous water hazards, particularly on the closing stretch. The resort of La Baule, on the Atlantic coast, a popular destination for French and foreign visitors alike, boasts Europe's longest beach at 12 kilometres. Free trolley hire when playing this course. Our opinion: Many world stars have played here. A great course - follow in their footsteps! Favourite Hole: 18th.



Monday 15th @ 10:40: Golf de Savenay (6835 yds, par 73)

Between Nantes and St Nazaire, this is a spectacularly beautiful course on the edge of the Brière marshes and close to the beaches of La Baule. It has a very varied terrain with chestnut woods, open valleys and water. If you play in the morning you might be faced with a cool mist as an added hazard. Our opinion: A real gem worth a visit. Favourite Hole: 10th.



Tuesday 16th @ 11:00: St. Jean de Monts (6465 yds, par 72)

This course occupies an exceptional coastal site. The first 9 holes are threaded through a thick pine forest and in parts are some of the tightest fairways you will encounter. You then tackle the second 9 which are pure links with several holes running along the coastline. It is certainly one of the best courses in western France with the course in great condition and excellent modern facilities. Our opinion: A must play course. Fantastic fun! Favourite Hole: 5th..



Wednesday 17th @ 10:42: Pornic (6684 yds, par 72)

At the heart of the seaside resort of Pornic this 18 hole golf course has plenty of variety to offer, with the first 5 holes set in hilly and wooded landscape with wide fairways whilst the remainder is far more like a links course with undulating fairways, water hazards and very well defended greens. This course, with its seaside location, guarantees you a summer atmosphere throughout the year. Our opinion: Certainly worth the effort. A real gem. Favourite Hole: 12th.

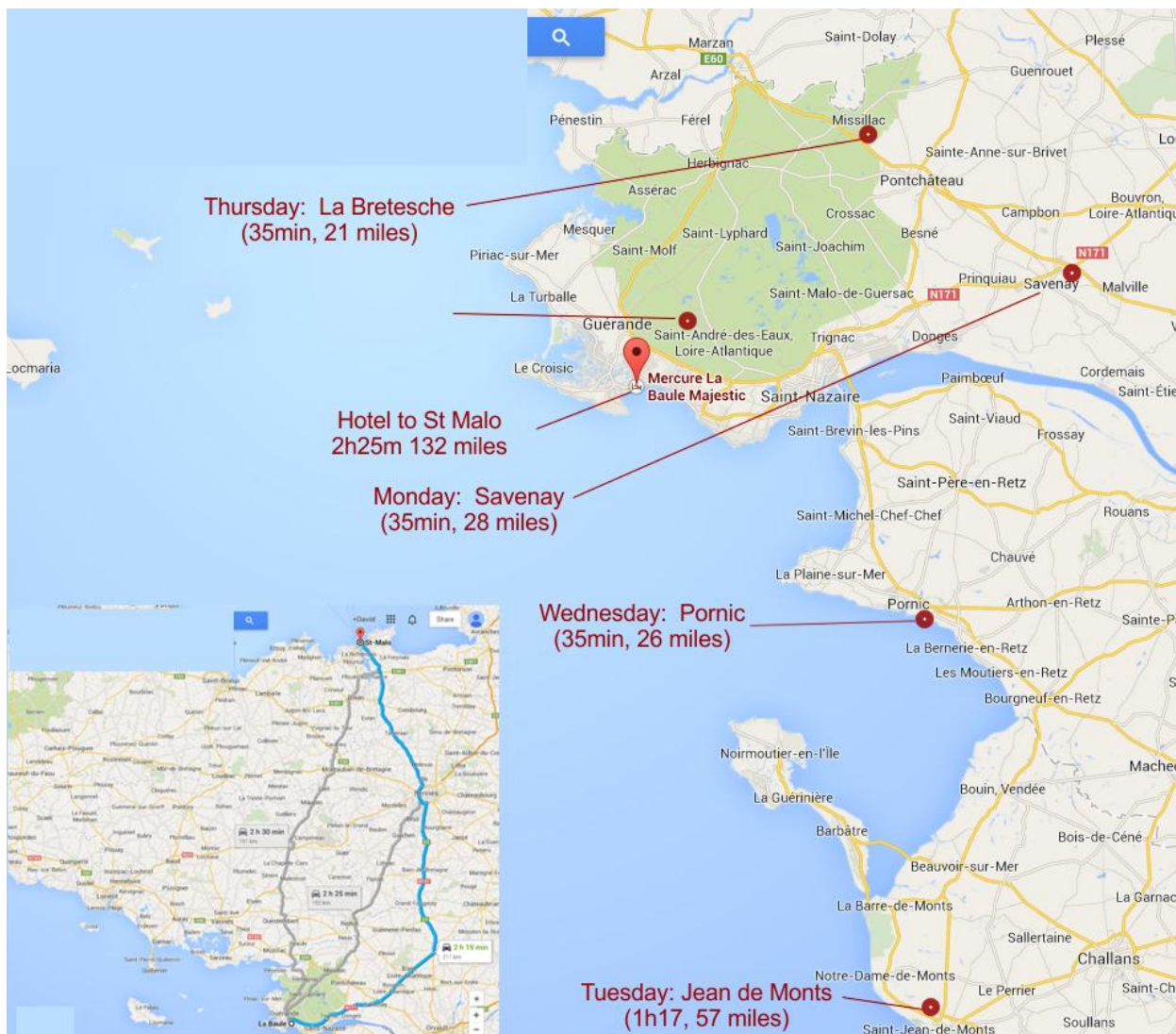


Thursday 18th @ 10:32: La Bretesche (6578 yds, par 72)

Laid out by the legendary Henry Cotton nearly 50 years ago this is a special golf course due mainly to its spectacular setting and immaculate condition. At Missillac near St Nazaire, at the mouth of the mighty river Loire, the focal point is a fairytale château with turrets, towers, battlements, drawbridge, moat and tranquil lake. And surrounding this imposing centrepiece is a great forest with colourful hydrangeas and rhododendrons skirting the narrow fairways traditionally cut in a cross hatch chessboard style. The velvet greens are well protected by pristine white sand bunkers, but it's a fair test and, as it's fairly flat, good for walking. Hit it straight, stay out of the trees and you should be fine ... just don't forget to drink in those views of a château that could be straight out of a Disney film. Our opinion: Everything about La Bretesche is top class. Favourite Hole: 9th.



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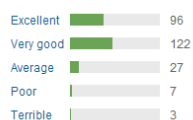
I was pleasantly surprised by the quality of this recently renovated hotel which is situated right on the famous La Baule beach. The bath rooms and the beds seem brand new. Excellent lunch and nice ocean views from many of the rooms. Reasonable price / quality ratio.

Stayed June 2014, travelled on business

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