



Bandit Masters Golf Trip: Vannes 2017

- Thursday 7th Sept: overnight ferry, Portsmouth 20.15hrs > St Malo 08.15 Friday 9th AM.
- Friday 8th to Tuesday 12th Sept: 5 rounds of golf.
- Hotel: Marebaudiere, Vannes, 4 nights, 4 twin rooms B&B.
- Tuesday 12th Sept: overnight ferry, St Malo 20:30 hrs > Portsmouth 07.45 Wednesday 13th AM

Friday 8th Sept 10.50: Golf de Cicé Blossac

Close to Rennes, this course opened in 1992 and is very much in the American style. Suitable for all golfers, it's an easy walk and has wide open fairways and large, generous greens. The clubhouse, with its restaurant and bar, has an authentic country club atmosphere, and beside the lake a new hotel has been built for those that prefer the convenience of staying on site rather than in Rennes, even though the city is only 9 miles away.



Saturday 9th 10.50: Val Queven

Designed by Yves Bureau, the Quéven-Lorient course runs around the gently undulating Scorff valley, with holes beautifully landscaped around oak and chestnut trees. There's not a lot of water to worry about but there are plenty of bunkers and the relatively large but tricky greens. The clubhouse is warm and welcoming and has panoramic views. Our opinion: A good challenge with the back 9 wrapped around outside the front 9. Worth a visit. Favourite Hole: 13th.



Sunday 10th 14:10: St Laurent

This Michel Fenn design hosted the French Professional Championships in '88 and '89 along with the National Open in '95. The tree-lined fairways are fairly generous and not too long, making this a very enjoyable rather than daunting challenge. You can warm up with 9 holes before tackling the championship course. After your round a modern clubhouse awaits you. Our opinion: A championship venue not to be missed. Favourite Hole: 6th.



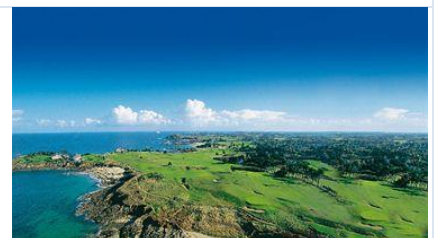
Monday 11th 10:50: Barden

This delightful seaside course skirts the pretty estuary of the River Auray, not far from Vannes, and is a relatively forgiving and very pretty course. There are open parkland fairways bordered by oak, pine and gorse as well as a sprinkling of sand and water to keep you on your toes; there's also some good practice facilities. You'll be well looked after at the 19th hole and whilst here, try to visit Carnac's standing stones, Auray's delightful old port or the medieval charms of Vannes - just some of the many delights of this corner of Brittany.



Tuesday 13th 13.00: Dinard Golf Club

This stunning links may remind you of classic British (more specifically, Scottish) courses such as Turnberry or Royal Montrose and with very good reason. Founded by the British and designed by a Scot, Tom Dunn, Dinard is the second oldest course in France (after Pau, in Aquitaine), dating back to 1887. With pot bunkers and tight lies on sandy turf fairways edged with gorse and heather, this is a must play, especially as most of the time you're down by the shore. Not the longest, at a little over 5,800 yards, it is nevertheless an ever interesting and intricate challenge. Small, well defended greens mean you have to be on your mettle to score well, especially when the wind blows, which it usually does.



Maps & Distances

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