

Pink Granite Coast Scenic Drive

Trébeurden | Trégastel | Ploumanac'h | Perros-Guirec | Plougrescant

Route	Trébeurden to Plougrescant, along the Corniche Bretonne
Distance	About 25 miles (40 km) end to end
Driving time	About 1 hour, allow a full day with stops and the walk
Nearest airport	Rennes (RNS) about 2 hours, or Brest (BES) about 1h30
Roads	Toll-free throughout
Best time	May to September, and golden hour year-round
Car hire from	£20 a day in the quiet season

The Route, Stop by Stop

1. Trébeurden (5 miles / 12 min to Trégastel)

The Western gateway. Le Castel granite chaos faces Île Milliau, walkable at low tide. Wide beaches. Parking: main beach.

2. Trégastel (3 miles / 8 min to Ploumanac'h)

Twelve beaches, the Île Renote peninsula and named rocks. Calmer than Ploumanac'h. Aquarium for families. Parking: Plage du Coz-Pors.

3. Ploumanac'h (3 miles / 8 min to Perros-Guirec)

The jewel. France's favourite village, the pink Mean Ruz lighthouse, Saint-Guirec beach. Arrive early, car park fills fast. Parking: port of Ploumanac'h.

4. Perros-Guirec (13 miles / 25 min to Plougrescant)

The resort capital and start of the Sentier des Douaniers coastal walk (8 km round trip, 2.5 hrs). Sept-Îles boat trips. Parking: Trestraou beach.

5. Plougrescant (End of the route)

The Côte des Ajoncs: the famous house between two rocks, the Gouffre chasm and Pointe du Château. Wilder and quieter. Parking: signed near the sites.

The Best Walk

The Sentier des Douaniers (Customs Officers Path) between Perros-Guirec and Ploumanac'h is the classic walk, about 8 km round trip and 2.5 hours, threading through the giant pink boulders. Walk it in the morning at high tide for the best light and colour.

Where to Eat

Ploumanac'h: Restaurant des Rochers over the port; Ossa Bar a Galettes for crepes.

Perros-Guirec: Le Sextant and the Trestraou waterfront bistros.

Local specialities: oysters, mussels, galettes, Breton cider, kouign-amann.

Note: many kitchens close between about 2pm and 7pm. Time your lunch.

Driving Tips

Drive on the right. Roads are toll-free and follow the coastal Corniche Bretonne. Lanes narrow around the headlands and villages, so a small car helps with parking. Limits: 50 km/h in towns, 80 km/h rural, 110 km/h dual carriageways, lower in the wet. Watch for priorite a droite. Car parks at Ploumanac'h and Perros-Guirec fill early in summer, so start before mid-morning. The rocks look best at high tide.

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