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From History to Art: Concarneau & Pont-Aven Shore excursion from Lorient

Full-day discovery of Concarneau and Pont-Aven

Morning drive to the fishing port of Concarneau to learn about the rich history of the city, continue to Pont-Aven to discover the landscapes that were cherished by Paul Gauguin

Make it Chateau!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Visit to the Chateau de Kériolet located at the outskirts of Concarneau

Please see the last page for more information

Make it Water therapy!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Enjoy a half-day treatment in a sea water therapy center located in Benodet

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Concarneau & Pont-Aven

9.00 am: Meet your guide-driver at the foot of your ship in Lorient.

Morning drive to **Concarneau**, a town of art and history, **an important fishing port and a seaside resort**.

In the heart of the town, encircled by fortifications, **the Ville Close takes you back through time and invites you to stroll along its shopping streets**.

Visit this **Ville Close** connected to the town by a drawbridge and at the other end a ferry to the village of Lanriec on the other side of the harbor.

On either side of the old walls, lie **the fishing port and marina**, right in the centre of the town.

Strolling along the seafront leads to creeks and fine sandy beaches, which inspire relaxation and water activities in the shelter of one of the most beautiful bays in Brittany.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. We suggest **“Chez Armande”**, a typically Breton house opposite the walled city, with generous portions of traditional cuisine.

After lunch, continue to Pont-Aven, famous for its **Pont-Aven school created by Paul Gauguin and Emile Bernard**.

Two main aspects of the Pont-Aven environment have inspired artists. The first is **the natural setting that presented a more primitive and simple existence**. A stark contrast to the city, the scenery at Pont-Aven gave artists the opportunity to have the freedom of spirit they needed to create from within.

Secondly, the **artists were attracted to the rich heritage and folklore** that existed amongst the peasant lifestyle. The colorful traditions of the culture provided escape from their gray perception of the burgeoning city.

Many of the paintings created at Pont-Aven feature the ancestral costumes of the people, especially Breton women, with their distinct headdress. An example of this is **Paul Gauguin's “La Belle Angele”**, which was presented as a gift to the subject's parents, and rejected outright due to its unconventional composition.





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Visit the Tremalo chapel, surrounded by the verdant “Bois d’Amour” (the Forest of Love), crisscrossed by the Pont-Aven River, and marbled with such historic architecture as the 16th century Tremalo Chapel, Pont-Aven became a **popular retreat location for artists in the 19th century.**

You may wish to taste **the famous “galettes de Pont-Aven”** with a cup of tea before returning to Lorient.

Transfer back to Lorient at the end of the afternoon.





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NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or all year long. We suggest you to check with our Production Managers

This package includes

- Deluxe minivan which can carry up to 6 passengers
- Professional English speaking guide-driver who will chauffeur you on your sightseeing tour and is licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as into museums and monuments
- Découvertes fees
- 24 hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also provide:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites
- Lunch reservations

Make it Optional

Make it Chateau!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue

Visit to the chateau de Keriolet, located on the heights of Concarneau, and learn how the unusual destiny of the imperial Russian princess, Zenaïde Narishkine Youssouпов and her husband, the Earl Charles of Chauveau, is linked to this extraordinary castle, true gem of 19th century architecture dating back to the 15th century.

The chateau was actually built by the great grandmother of one of Rasputin's killers, at 60, for her younger new husband, to buy him political clout in the area.

Throughout the 20th century, the castle has had several owners.

Please contact us for more information and price. Upon request and availability.



Make it Water therapy!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue

Drive to Benodet and enjoy a half-day treatment in a deluxe seawater therapy center. You will enjoy a hydro massage in a bubbling bath with essential oils, a with seaweed wrap, a jet shower and a 20-minute massage. (These treatments can be changed according to your preferences).

You will also have access to the heated seawater pool, sauna, hammam and Jacuzzi.

A half-day to take advantage of the benefits of the Atlantic sea!

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