

*7 days in*  
**BELLE ILE**



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# EMBLEMATIC SITES



# DAY 1

## *Welcome to Belle Ile! It's time to switch to island mode.*

Once you've unpacked, head straight to one of Belle-Île's 58 beaches to dip your toes in the water! Families will love Kérel and Herlin beaches (Bangor), Ster Vraz (Sauzon), Grands Sables (Locmaria), and Bordardoué (Le Palais). Thrill-seekers should check out Donnant Beach, while romantics can escape to one of the many secluded coves tucked away from view.

# DAY 2

## *Market day and climb up the Grand Phare lighthouse*

### **Morning:**

After breakfast, it's time to stock up on delicious local produce! Bangor market is THE place to be on Sunday mornings in Belle-Île: vegetables, fresh fish, cheese, rotisserie, galettes for sale... everything you need for a delicious picnic!

### **Afternoon:**

Visit the Grand Phare de Belle-Île, one of the most powerful lighthouses in Europe. After climbing\* the 247 steps of this stone giant, discover the most breathtaking view of Belle-Île! After this climb, it's time to rest and enjoy the beach!

\*During the season and on certain holidays as part of a guided tour

### **Evening:**

Head to the Aiguilles de Port Coton, immortalised by Claude Monet, for an unforgettable sunset!



*Le Palais*



*Aiguilles de Port Coton*



*Pointe des Poulains*

# DAY 3



*You are expected at the great Sarah's house!*

## **Morning:**

Head to Sauzon, a charming and picturesque fishing port, often hailed as one of the most beautiful in Southern Brittany. Stroll along its delightful promenade before setting off on the GR340 hiking trail towards La Pointe des Poulains (5.5km – about 2 hours). This leisurely walk, free from major difficulties, offers stunning views of wild coves, hydrangea groves, and an endless horizon of sea.

## **Afternoon :**

To better understand and appreciate the island's natural riches, visit the Maison du Littoral\*, an educational and fun place that's not to be missed! Next, enter the elegantly restored fortress\* belonging to the tragedienne Sarah Bernhardt, to immerse yourself in the delicate atmosphere of the early 20th century. Tide permitting, the tour ends at the Phare des Poulains\*, which houses an exhibition on marine and terrestrial biodiversity.

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# DAY 4

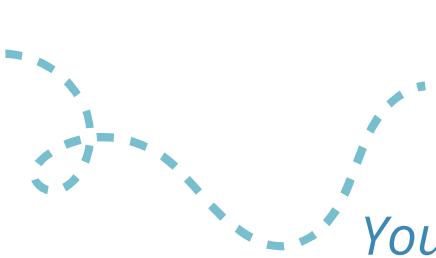
*Locmaria, it feels like the South...*

## **Morning:**

Head south to Locmaria, where you will find the oldest religious building on the island, the Notre-Dame-du-Bois-Tors church. You'll find a few artists and craftspeople in and around the village, so don't hesitate to pop in and see them. Stroll through the narrow streets of the village centre to discover pretty stone houses before heading to Pointe du Skeul, which offers a magnificent view of the ocean.

## **Afternoon:**

Take the coastal road to Grands Sables beach and its 2 km of golden sand. Why not try your hand at paddleboarding? At the end of the day, continue along the coastal road to Belle Fontaine.



# DAY 5

*You learn something new every day...*

## **Morning:**

As a true Breton by adoption, it's time to discover Belle-Ile from the sea! Set sail on a boat trip with experienced and passionate skippers. The Marine Protected Area is home to rare flora and fauna. Get up close to the coves and marvel at these unique maritime landscapes!

## **Afternoon:**

Take a trip to Le Chtal, the island's recycling centre, and maybe you'll find some treasures. (*open in the mornings during summer*)

## **Evening:**

Stroll along the quays and through the streets of Palais after eating at a restaurant or one of the various takeaway outlets... And to round off the evening, the bars are often lively, so don't hesitate to pop in. (*night market on Wednesdays during summer*)

# DAY 6

*A gentle day*

## **Morning:**

Discover Le Palais, the island's small capital, by taking a stroll through the historic centre and passing through the town walls. At the end of Le Palais harbour, you can discover the work of glassmakers in the Fluïd workshop-boutique, and you will find many other artists in the centre.

## **Afternoon:**

How about a trip to the centre of La Ruche? Beekeeper Quentin Le Guillou will introduce you to the Belle-Ile black bee, an endemic species that is as beautiful as it is fragile. Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of bees, with a tasting of honey products to boot!

# DAY 7

## *From valleys to beaches, walking the GR340 trail*

### **Morning:**

Equipped with your best walking shoes and loaded with zero-waste picnic baskets, enjoy a 100% nature walk. Head to Bangor, in the heart of the island. Take the Stang Per valley for a moment of contemplation surrounded by lush vegetation and birdsong! Arrival at Kérel beach... Will you be able to resist its crystal-clear waters?

### **Afternoon:**

Once you've finished your picnic, take the GR340 to Herlin beach. Relatively challenging – there is a significant elevation gain – this is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful hikes along the coastal path. The breathtaking landscapes follow one after another and the ocean stretches as far as the eye can see. You arrive at Herlin beach at the end of the day for a well-deserved rest!

# DAY 8

## *Departure day! Souvenir shopping, pleasure shopping*

Market day in Le Palais! The perfect opportunity to treat yourself to 100% local products: biscuits, preserves, niniches, chocolates, clothing brands, beer and whisky.

Stop by the Tourist Office to share your ideas and suggestions, and leave with our brochures and exclusive boutique products!

Time for one last ice cream at the harbour, and then it's already time to leave... Have a safe journey home and see you soon!



*Aire marine*



*Herlin*



*Locmaria*

# CONTACT

The Tourist Office is available to provide any further information you may require.

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