



Domaine des Ormes,

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Campsite Information

Domaine des Ormes, Dol de Bretagne

Domaine des Ormes has been transformed from a rundown chateau into one of France's finest campsites with a 'five red tents' award from Michelin. The medieval town of Dol-de-Bretagne is only 4 miles from site, and the sandy beaches of St Malo are 15 miles away with the delightful Dinard a little further but well worth a visit.

Arriving at Domaine des Ormes

On arrival go to the Canvas reception, your Canvas couriers will be here to meet you between 16.00 and 20.00.

Early/Late Arrivals

Please note if you arrive before 16.00, your accommodation may not be ready. If you arrive between 20.00 and 22.00, you will find directions to your courier and/or accommodation at the Canvas reception. Arrivals after 22.00 cannot be accepted onsite. Please note that if you do arrive late and cannot be admitted onto the campsite, you have full responsibility for finding alternative off-site accommodation. A Canvas courier will be available on site from 09.00 the following day. Please telephone your couriers if you know that you are going to be late.

Reception

The campsite reception is open from 08.30 - 20.00 in low season and 8.30 to 21.00 in high season.

Barrier

The barrier operates by means of an electronic wristband, which will be issued to you upon arrival in exchange for a deposit of €20. The wristband can also be used as an electronic wallet which you can charge with euros to save carrying money around. The barrier is closed between 23.00 and 07.00. Should you wish to depart early in the morning or arrive back late at night, please leave your car outside the barrier.

Currency Exchange

Currency and traveller's cheques can be exchanged at reception. There is a small fee for this service.

Safety Deposit Boxes

Safety deposit boxes are available at the campsite reception for €10 per stay - please check further details with your couriers.

Telephone

There are seven coin and card-operated telephones on site. Phone cards are available from the campsite reception.

Web/Email Access

Internet access is available at four points on site, operated by a French phone card available from the campsite reception for €6 per half hour and €10 per hour. There is also free WiFi access on site.

Shopping

The on-site shop sells a range of basic groceries and produce as well as fresh bread and croissants. International newspapers are available in high season. The shop is open from 08.00 to 20.00 in low season and 08.00 to 22.00 in high season.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machines and tumble dryers (€4.50 for a washing token and €4.50 for a drying token, available at the campsite reception), iron hire (€4.50, with a

small deposit), free hot showers, baby bath, wash cubicles with hot water and standard toilets.

Post

There is a post box on site and stamps are sold at the campsite reception.

Eating and Drinking

Bar: A converted water mill houses the bar, which is open from 11.00 until 01.00 in high season. There is satellite television. The bar is very lively in the evenings as it is the location for all of the evening entertainment, including discos and karaoke.

Piano Bar: This is a more relaxed location. It is situated above the restaurant and makes the ideal place for a quiet night out. Please ask on site for opening hours.

Takeaway: Various snacks such as burgers, chips, pizzas and chicken are available. Open daily from 12.00 to 14.00 and 18.30 to 22.00.

Restaurant: The ivy-clad restaurant has a reasonably priced, cosmopolitan menu and special children's meals are available. Food is available from 18.30 until 23.00 in low season and from 18.30 until 23.30 in high season. It is recommended that you book a table in advance as the restaurant does tend to get very busy, especially in high season.

Entertainment

The campsite staff organise a varied programme of entertainment in high and low season, throughout the day. Activities include live music, cabaret, quizzes, cultural evenings, karaoke and sports competitions. There is a weekly children's club for 4 to 12 year olds and a mini-circus is held every fortnight.

Recreation

Swimming: The amazing aqua park has two separate swimming pools, a wave pool, a children's pool and paddling pool, six water chutes, a Jacuzzi, a solarium, a sauna and a waterfall. The complex overlooks the lake and is open from 09.00 to 21.00 (one pool and slides open 10.00 to 18.00). The pools are heated, although you should note that only one of them is supervised and that a responsible adult should accompany children.

Tennis: Tennis courts can be booked for €7.50 for an hour. Equipment is provided free of charge.

Cycling: Bicycles are available for hire on site. Prices start at €7.50 for the hire of a children's bike for the day and €16 for an adults bike. A small deposit is also required per bike.

Golf: The site has its own 18-hole golf course, a handicap certificate is required to play. A round costs from €48 in low season and €47 in high season. If you don't have a handicap certificate, then there is also a pitch and putt, a driving range and a 'mini' course (€4 for adults and €2.50 for children). Further details

are available from the Golf Hut or from your Canvas couriers.

Horse Riding: Horse riding and pony rides are available on site. Prices start at €17 an hour.

Fishing: Fishing is available free on most lakes, but you will require a permit for some of the lakes. Please enquire at the Golf Hut which lakes you will need a permit for. Basic rods are available for hire on site at the price of €8 per half day, and rods with reels for €11 per half day. You can also buy bait and floats etc from the Golf Hut as well.

Paintball: €22 for two hours and 100 balls, or €40 for 4 hours and 400 balls. Extra balls are also available.

In addition, there are facilities on site for table tennis, fishing, cricket, bouncy castle, trampolines, football, volleyball, badminton, aqua aerobics and basketball. There is also a games room and children's playground. The Hotel complex also has a sauna, jacuzzi and solarium.

FamilyExtra

FamilyExtra hosts fun filled activities for the whole family with sessions tailored to different ages. The sessions offer something to suit everyone and include activities such as Waterwalkerz, Canvas Olympics, Raft building, Tatty Bumkin for toddlers and Aqua Olympics. The whole family can join in, or Mum and Dad can relax while the children are off having fun - it's up to you. FamilyExtra is available between 17 May - 3 September. Please ask your FamilyExtra couriers for details of the weeks activities.

Canvas Active

Canvas Active is available at Camping Château des Ormes. Canvas customers have researched cycle rides, golf courses and fishing in the local area. For further details please see your activities booklet, downloadable from the Canvas website.

Rules and Regulations

- Silence and no driving on site between 23.00 and 07.00.
- 10km/h speed limit on site.
- No alcohol permitted in the games room.
- Please use the recycling system provided



Local Information

Beaches

The scenic beach of Rotheneuf is only around 30km from the site. It is sandy and safe for children and generally not too crowded.

The sandy beaches of St Malo are also very attractive although parking can be difficult in high season. Cancale is 25km away and also has a nice selection of beaches, some quiet coves and some more open sandy beaches.

Shopping

Supermarkets: You will find branches of Super U and Intermarché in Dol de Bretagne, open from 09.00 to 12.30 and 14.00 to 18.30 Monday to Saturday and is closed on Sundays. Super U does not close for lunch in high season. The nearest hypermarkets are Carrefour and Cora on the outskirts of St Malo.

Souvenirs: There are some gift shops in Dol de Bretagne and Combourg but St Malo is probably the best place for souvenir hunting.

Local Markets

Monday: Combourg and St Servan.

Tuesday: Dinard and St Malo.

Wednesday: Pontorsan and Paramé.

Thursday: Dinan.

Friday: St Servan and St Malo.

Saturday: Dol de Bretagne, Dinard and Paramé.

Sunday: Cancale.

Facilities

Petrol: There is a filling station in Dol de Bretagne but fuel is cheaper at Super U.

Chemist: The nearest chemist is at 42, Rue des Stuarts in Dol de Bretagne.

Bank: There are branches of Crédit Agricole, Crédit Mutuel and Banque Populaire in Dol de Bretagne. All these banks have cash dispensers although there is also a cash machine on the campsite, which you can find in the campsite reception.

Post Office: There are post offices in both Dol de Bretagne and Epiniac. The Post Office in Dol de Bretagne is open 8:30-12:25 and 13:50-17:30.

Tourist Information: The tourist information office in Dol de Bretagne is located within the Hôtel de Ville.

Web/email access: in addition to the Internet access available onsite, there is a Cyberdol in Dol de Bretagne. Open 10:00-19:00.

Distances

Epiniac: 3km (1.8 miles)
Dol de Bretagne: 8km (4.8 miles)
Combourg: 11km (6.6 miles)
St Malo: 32km (19.2 miles)



Local Transport

There is a train station in Dol de Bretagne with trains to Rennes approximately once every two hours. From Rennes there are connections to Paris, Nantes and Brest.

Please check in the Canvas reception or the campsite reception for timetables of local transport.

Doctor

There is a doctors surgery in Dol de Bretagne. Tel: 02 99 48 02 99.

The doctor will visit you on site if necessary. Please enquire at the campsite reception or ask your Canvas courier for assistance.

Dentist

There is a dental surgery in Dol de Bretagne. Tel: 02 99 48 02 41.

Emergency Services

There is a two-digit phone number for emergency services:

Police	17
Fire	18
Ambulance	15

Eating and Drinking

You may like to try these restaurants and bars, which have been recommended by Canvas customers and couriers in previous years:

L'Embuscade: In *St Léonard*. This comfortable, cosy restaurant serves generous portions of very reasonably priced food. There are set menus and vegetarian options available.

Domaine des Ormes: At the entrance to the campsite. Traditional French cuisine created by one of France's top chefs. Set menus and a children's

menu are available. The bar terrace overlooks the site swimming pool.

Le Saint Samson: In *Dol de Bretagne*. This restaurant, with its attractive walled courtyard, serves regional specialities plus meat dishes cooked over a wood-burning stove. The owners, Marie-Noëlle and Eric Doleu will make you very welcome. Children especially enjoy the crêpes and galettes, which are cooked at your table.

Activities

All manner of water sports are available along the coastline, such as windsurfing, kayaking, dinghy and catamaran sailing and water skiing.

Family Fun

Visit the Menhir de Champ Dolent, near Dol de Bretagne which, according to legend, the Gods sent from the sky to separate two quarrellers. This prehistoric monument rises 9.5 metres above, and reaches 5 metres below the ground.

The Château de la Bourbansais is located between St Malo and Rennes. Visit the château, a listed building, and wander through the ground to meet various wild species of animal that live in the attached zoo.

Nearby

Dol de Bretagne stands on the remains of a cliff, still surrounded by its original ramparts. For extensive views, walk along the Promenade des Douves on the northern part of the ramparts, or climb the tower of the massive Cathédrale St-Samson. The picturesque Grand-Rue des Stuarts is lined with medieval houses. The museum Cathédraloscope offers a unique insight into the way in which cathedrals have been built, giving a beautiful vision on 1,000 years of history.

To the north of the town is Mont-Dol where, according to legend, St Michael battled with Satan. From here there is an extraordinary panoramic view of the entire bay.

Dinan is an ancient and admirably preserved walled city that overlooks the Rance Valley. It is a city of art, history and culture and possesses one of the richest architectural heritages in Brittany. Take a trip by boat down the river Rance from Dinan on the floating restaurant 'Châteaubriand' - you must book a table in advance.

Regional Information

Brittany

Brittany is one of the most distinctive and beautiful regions in France, with a unique character and 1200kms of coastline. In Breton it is called the land of Armor (the sea). Long beaches of soft sand and rocky headlands combine with a multitude of smaller coves, often with interesting rock pools. This is also the land of Argoat (the forest). The interior of the region is a captivating blend of forest and woodland, vast moors covered with yellow broom, purple heather and pasture. Brittany became a part of France in 1532, but Bretons still cling to their Celtic heritage shared with the Irish, Scottish and Welsh through language, folklore and custom. This is a region of deep religious feeling intertwined with myths and Arthurian legend. Breton Pardons are religious festivals, devoted to the local patron saint, involving traditional costumes, processions and fairs. At these events and in some of the small villages, you will see the traditional Breton women's lace headdress or coiffe being worn, each area having its own characteristic design. These celebrations are great fun, full of colour and often include dancing to traditional music.



Eating & Drinking – Regional Specialities

Brittany is, of course, famous for its pancakes (crêpes and galettes). Galettes are made with buckwheat flour and are eaten with savoury fillings. As a dessert, try a crêpe stuffed with fresh fruit, or smeared with chocolate or kirsch. Quimper lace pancakes are a speciality. If you like fish and shellfish, Brittany is the best place to be. A delicious dish is homard à l'armoricaine, lobster flambéed in cognac and served in a tomato and wine sauce with onions, garlic and herbs. Try Coquilles St. Jacques, scallops in white wine sauce with piped potato, and Cotriade the regional fish stew. Cider, made from apples or pears, is the main drink. Brittany also produces lambig a kind of brandy made the cider, and chouchen, a honey-based mead.

Things to do and see

*A • An admission charge is payable for these attractions.

Family Fun

Leisure Parks

Cobac Park • A great day out for the children with pools, animals, fairground rides and other amusements. In Lanhélin, on the D73, 8km north-west of Combourg. Expect to pay around €15 per person (Open daily, *A).

Labyrinthe du Corsaire • Set in 11 hectares, discover four different routes through the maze to master one of the biggest labyrinths in Europe. There are activities along the way too – inflatables, a mini farm, games and riddles. In Saint Malo. (Open daily, *A)

Wildlife Attractions

Le Château de La Bourbansais • This 16th century castle, 35km north of Rennes, has extensive and beautiful gardens containing a small zoo and games areas. Tour the castle with its fine collections of porcelain and tapestries (Open daily, *A).

Le Grand Aquarium • One of St. Malo's biggest attractions is home to thousands of fish from every ocean. You can watch sharks being fed and get closer to the more placid animals in the touch pool. A new addition is the Nautibus, a four man submarine that allows you to explore the ocean first hand (Open daily, *A).

Reptile House • Admire a snake charmer hypnotising a spitting cobra, pet a very large tortoise or have a

python draped around your neck! Previous Canvas customers highly recommend the Reptile House. Find the Reptilium in Beauvoir, near Mont St Michel. (Open daily, *A)

Museums

Musée de Dol de Bretagne • Discover the history of Dol de Bretagne ranging from the mammoth hunters of the Neanderthal era right through to the writers Balzar, Victor Hugo and Châteaubriand. Portrayed in statuettes and various models of the different eras, it makes fascinating viewing for both adults and children. (Open daily, *A).

Places of Interest

Cap Fréhel • A nature reserve on the Côte d'Émeraude where you can walk round the cape or climb the lighthouse for a spectacular view. To the east of Cap Fréhel, Fort La Latte stands on a rocky promontory in a romantic setting. This 14th century stronghold is one of the most memorable in Brittany. It is privately owned but visitors are welcome for guided tours from May-Sept.

Combourg • A small, attractive, lakeside town with a massive 11th century château where the romantic writer Viscount Châteaubriand grew up (*A). On the Route Châteaubriand there are 19 châteaux and monuments open to the public, including those at Combourg, Montmuran and La Bourbansais. You can get more details from Tourist Information Offices.

Dinan • Well worth a visit, this lovely medieval market town with its half-timbered houses and cobbled streets, is surrounded by 600-year-old ramparts. Climb the clock tower, the Tour de l'Horloge, for an excellent view (*A). There are also good views from the Jardin Anglais, behind the Basilique St-Sauveur. The Château de Dinan has a two-story tower and a 14th century keep which now contains a local history museum (Open daily, *A).

Dinard • An elegant seaside resort with three sandy beaches. You can take a boat trip to Dinan, St-Malo and Cap Fréhel. The Musée de la Mer displays nearly every known species of Breton bird and sea creature (Open daily, *A).

Mont-St-Michel • Over the border in Normandy the island of Mont-St-Michel is a famous landmark. The awe-inspiring abbey church, known as the Marvel, is visible from all around the bay. To avoid crowds visit off-season or midweek. Between May and

September a tour, Les Imaginaires du Mont-Saint-Michel, lets you explore the abbey by night.

Rennes • The capital of Brittany has a lovely old quarter full of 15th century half-timbered houses and cobbled streets. Tour the ornately decorated salons in the Palais de Justice. Visit the Musée de Bretagne, which reveals the history of the region from Neolithic times onwards and the Musée des Beaux-Arts which houses one of the country's best collections of paintings (*A). If you are visiting at the beginning of July you will enjoy the week long festival, Les Tombées de la Nuit.

St Malo • After being nearly wiped out in World War II, this busy fishing port and seaside resort has been restored to its former glory. The interior of the walled citadel is best explored on foot. Climb the ramparts for a splendid view of the town and coastline. The Château de la Duchesse Anne houses the Musée de la Ville, devoted to local history (*A). The Quic-en-Groigne tower has a collection of historical waxworks (Open daily, *A). At low tide you can walk to the Île du Grand Bé where the 19th century author Châteaubriand is buried. To the east of St Malo, at Rothéneuf, you can see a collection of grotesque figures carved in the rock.



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