



Camping le Châtelet,

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Campsite Information

Camping le Châtelet, St Cast

Camping le Châtelet is a gem, set amidst rolling heathland with breathtaking sea views. The site is small and beautiful and has been carefully developed to make the most of its setting. Some of our emplacements look across the bay, to the ancient hilltop Fort la Latte. The towns of St Malo and Dinard are both around seventeen miles to the east.

Arriving at Camping le Châtelet

On arrival go to the Canvas reception, your Canvas couriers will be here to meet you between 4pm and 8pm.

Early/Late Arrivals

Please note if you arrive before 4pm, your accommodation may not be ready. If you arrive between 8pm and 10pm, you will find directions to your courier and/or accommodation at the Canvas reception. Arrivals after 10pm cannot be admitted on site. 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 9am the following day. Please telephone your couriers if you know that you are going to be late.

Reception

In low season reception is open 9am to midday and 2pm to 5.30pm, and in high season it is open 9am to 7pm.

Barrier

The barrier is closed between 10.30pm and 7am. Should you wish to depart early in the morning or arrive back late at night please leave your car outside the barrier.

Currency Exchange

This facility is not available on site. The nearest exchange facility is at the Crédit Agricole bank in St. Cast.

Safety Deposit Boxes

Safety deposit boxes are available at reception; please see your courier for details and prices.

Telephone

There is one card-operated and one coin-operated phone on site and phone cards are on sale at the campsite reception.

Web/Email Access

There is Internet access at reception, at a cost of €4 for 30 minutes. WiFi access is available across the site for €10 per week.



Shopping

The small on-site shop sells basic groceries and produce as well as fresh bread and croissants. It is open 9am to 10.30am in low season and 8.30am to midday and 5pm to 7.30pm in high season.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machines and tumble dryers (tokens are on sale at reception, price €4 each), iron hire, free hot showers, baby room, baby bath and standard toilets.

Post

There is no post box on site but letters and postcards left at reception will be posted after 4pm. Stamps can be bought at the reception.

Eating and Drinking

Bar: The on site bar offers fantastic views of the Bay of Frésnaye and is open from 7pm to 10.30pm in low season and 6pm to midnight in high season. You will also find pool tables and satellite TV in the bar.

Takeaway: The takeaway is open from the end of June, and serves a range of popular meals and snacks between 5.30pm to 9.30pm in high season.

Entertainment

During high season the campsite staff provide a varied programme of entertainment including live music, cabaret, cultural evenings, karaoke and sports competitions. Please ask on-site for an animations programme.

Recreation

Swimming: There is a large covered main swimming pool and a separate children's pool on site. These are surrounded by a sun terrace, hedges and fragrant flowers and are solar heated. The pools are open daily from 10am to 7pm. No T-shirts, lilos or beach balls are allowed in the pool. Swimming lessons are available in high season for €10 per lesson.

Games Room: The games room is equipped with table football, pinball machines and video games.

Fishing: Carp fishing is permitted at the small lake on site lake, remember to bring your equipment.

There is a children's playground on site and there are also facilities for table tennis, boules, badminton, football, tennis and volleyball.

Hoopi's Club

Hoopi's Club is available 6 days a week and is full of fun activities for all those aged between four and 11 including Parachute Games, Harry Potter Days and Water Games. Ask your Hoopi's courier for more details about the weeks programme or see the noticeboard outside Hoopi's tent.

Canvas Active

Canvas Active is available at Camping le Châtelet. Canvas customers have researched walking routes and cycle rides, as well as golf courses in the local area. For further details please see the activities booklet available to download from the Canvas Holidays website or the Local Information Folder in your Canvas Holidays reception.

Rules and Regulations

- Silence on site between 10.30pm and 9am.
- 10km/h speed limit on site.
- No driving on site between 10.30pm and 7am.
- Swimming trunks are compulsory in the swimming pool.
- Shoes are not to be worn in the pool area.
- Rubbish must be recycled in the designated bins.

Local Information

Beaches

Both Fresnaye and Pissotte beaches are accessible directly from the campsite, but care should be taken on the steep narrow path to Fresnaye. The largest beach in the area, St. Cast, with its long, sweeping sands is just a short drive away, and Plage de la Mare can be reached by means of a delightful stroll along a coastal path.

Shopping

Supermarket: The nearest supermarket is Intermarché on the road between St. Cast and Matignon, which is open 9am to midday and 2pm to 7.30pm Monday to Saturday, 9am to midday on Sunday. Super U in Matignon is considered to be the best supermarket in the area and is open 9am to 7.30pm Monday to Saturday and 9am to midday on Sunday.

Souvenirs: There are numerous gift and souvenir shops in St. Cast, St. Malo, Dinan and Dinard.

Local Markets

Monday: St. Cast (high season) and St. Servan
Tuesday: St. Malo and Dinard
Wednesday: Matignon and Paramé
Thursday: Dinan
Friday: St. Cast, St Malo and St. Servan
Saturday: Dinard and Paramé
Sunday: Cancale

Facilities

Petrol: There is an Esso garage in St. Cast but cheaper fuel is sold at the Intermarché supermarket.

Chemist: The nearest chemist is on Rue Jacques Cartier in St. Cast.

Bank: There are branches of Crédit Agricole and Crédit Mutuel in St. Cast, both with cash dispensers. La Poste and Intermarché also have cashpoint machines.

Post Office: La Poste is at 2, Rue de la Colonne in Matignon.

Tourist Information: The nearest tourist information office is at Place Charles de Gaulle in St. Cast. It is open daily Monday to Saturday from 9am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 7.30pm in high season, 9am to midday and 3pm to 6pm in low season.

Web/Email access:

You can access the Internet in a bar called Le Maryland's in St. Cast. Free when you buy a drink.

Distances

Beach,	300 yards.
St Cast,	0.5 miles.
St Malo,	22 miles.
Grand Aquarium, (St Malo),	22 miles
Rennes,	57 miles.

Local Transport

The nearest train station is in Lamballe, which is connected to St. Cast by SNCF buses.

Doctor

There is a doctor's surgery at 7, Rue de la Résistance in St. Cast. Tel: 02 96 41 89 97.

Dentist

There is a dental surgery at 30, Blvd de Vieux Ville in St. Cast. Tel: 02 96 41 81 25.



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:

La Marmite: In St. Cast. Traditional local fare is served at this small and friendly restaurant. Set menus are available and there is a special children's menu.

La Casa: In St. Cast. This upbeat pizzeria is reasonably priced and ideal for a family meal out.

Hotel-Restaurant Printania: In Dinard. This magnificent terrace restaurant looking over towards St. Malo serves succulent seafood dishes with set menus available.

Panoramix: In Ploubalay. Fantastic views of the whole Emerald Coast can be enjoyed from the top of this converted water tower. Traditional Breton specialities are available as well as fresh salads and seafood. Dine indoors or on the panoramic terrace.

Restaurant des Dunes: In St. Cast. Highly recommended by previous visitors for excellent service and the high standard of cooking. Traditional Breton cuisine using fresh produce is the chef's forte.

Nearby

Le Fort La Latte is a romantic 13th century castle. Perched on a rocky headland, across the bay from St. Cast, the castle is accessible by drawbridge. Turn right out of the campsite, through Matignon and then follow the signposts for Fort La Latte.

Out and About

Dinan is an ancient and admirably preserved walled city which overlooks the Rance Valley. It is a city of art, history and culture and possesses one of the richest architectural heritages in Brittany.

Activities

Windsurf and dinghy hire (as well as tuition) is available from the Centre Nautique at the port in St. Cast. There are excellent riding stables near

Intermarché, 'Le Centre Équestre du Bois Bras'.

Horses are available for adults and children, and for both beginners and experienced riders. Previous customers recommend the hacks through the woods as being very enjoyable and good value for money.

Family Fun

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

Local Towns

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.

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 Chateaubriand is buried.



Regional Information

Brittany

Brittany is one of the most distinctive and beautiful regions in France, with a unique character and 1200km 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. The interior of the region is a captivating blend of forest and woodland, vast moors covered with yellow broom, purple heather and pasture. Brittany's history stretches back to pre-Celtic tribes who littered the landscape with megalithic monuments. In the west, you can see Dolmens (communal tombs) and Menhirs (standing stones), the remains of a civilisation dating from Neolithic times. Many of them are decorated with engravings of idols, symbols or animals. Although Brittany became a part of France in 1532, Bretons still cling to their Celtic heritage through language, folklore and custom. This is a region of deep religious feeling intertwined with myths and Arthurian legend.

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. 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. There are many traditional cakes with butter (in generous measure), a prime ingredient of most recipes. Try the famous kouign-amann (a puff pastry cake layered with sugar), or quatre-quarts (a light sponge cake often mixed with fruit, almonds and raisins). Cider, made from apples or pears, is the main drink, with the best coming from Fouesnant and Beg-Meil.

Things to do and see

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

Family Fun

Cobac Park • A great day out for the children with pools, animals, fairground rides and other amusements. In Lanhélin, on the D73, 8km northwest of Combourg (open daily, *A).

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 • An aquarium with hundreds of different species of fish. In St. Malo (open daily, *A).

Océanopolis • A fabulous crab-shaped aquarium and research centre, where you can discover a great variety of marine life. In Brest (*A).

Reptile House • See the snake charmer hypnotising a spitting cobra, pet a very large tortoise and have a python draped around your neck if you wish! In Beauvoir near Mont St. Michel. (*A)

Paimpol steam train • In summer the restored steam train operates between Paimpol and Pontrieux through the very scenic Trieux Valley. The train was restored to former glory after 59 years of service and is now a historical monument. Trips depart from Paimpol station. (*A)

Le Châteaubriand boat trip • The restaurant ship leaves from the Barage de la Rance port in Dinard. Enjoy a meal and great views of the scenic Rance valley from deck. It's best to reserve in advance – Tel. 02 99 16 35 32. (*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, the 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 until Sept.

Combourg • A small, attractive, lake-side town with a massive 11th century château where the romantic writer Viscount Châteaubriand grew up. You can visit the château (*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 the regional 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 the local history museum (open daily, *A).

Mont-St-Michel • Over the border in Normandy is the island of Mont-St-Michel, 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.

Dol-de-Bretagne • Standing on the remains of a cliff, this ancient town still has 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 1000 years of history. To the north of the town is Mont-Dol where, according to legend, St. Michael battled with Satan.

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.

Morlaix • Take a walk along the Grande Rue to admire the charming 15th century timbered buildings some, called lantern houses, in an elaborate local style. La Maison de la Reine Anne is the best of these. The Saturday market held in Morlaix is worth a visit. Every Wednesday evening during summer months, you can see 'Les Arts dans la Rue' when the town is packed full of entertainers such as jugglers, fire eaters and musicians. From Morlaix you can drive round some of the best Calvaires in the area: St. Thégonnec, Guimiliau, Lampaul Guimiliau, Landerneau, La Martyre, Sizon, Commana, and Pleyber-Christ. You can also drive along the D788 to Trébeurden, visiting the Dolmen stones and covered alley of Kerguntuil and the St. Uzec Menhir on the way - a lovely drive along the coast.

Paimpol • A charming fishing port and good base for exploring the area. Along the coast at the Pointe de l'Arcoquet you can take a boat trip to the Île de Bréhat, a beautiful and peaceful island with an abundance of flowers and a great variety of birds. Cars are not permitted on the island but you can rent bikes from the ferry port.

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