La Ferme Bretonne

Region: Brittany **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

A Brittany farmhouse for all seasons whether snuggled up by the woodburning fire or playing rounders in the garden, La Ferme Bretonne is such a peaceful holiday home close to the Loudéac Forest and only half an hour from the coast. It's the perfect base for cycling, horse-riding and other rural and beachside adventures as well as pottering around old villages and historic towns.

The owners have created such a welcoming home, having sensitively retained the character of an old Breton farmhouse and furnishing it so warmly with cosy sofas, works of art and personal touches contrasting the exposed wood beams and stone walls. A welcome pack with organic wine, bread and cheese awaits in the traditional French kitchen, such a charming spot for a morning coffee as the light shines through the south-facing windows.

Upstairs you will find five comfortable bedrooms - three doubles and two twins alongside three modern bathrooms (two of them en suite). At the very top of the house beneath the characterful beams, discover another inviting space for relaxing with a glass of wine and music, playing board games and puzzles with family or peeking through the windows to the rural landscapes around you.

Across the three hectares of grounds, where horses graze on the organically managed land, look out for an abundance of wildlife from hares and deer to the occasional wild boar and listen for the nesting owls in the barn. Enjoy a barbecue in the outdoor barn, play table tennis and badminton or have fun with the rugby ball and rounders set. As the night draws in, the stars light up the clear skies above you in this idyllic countryside setting.

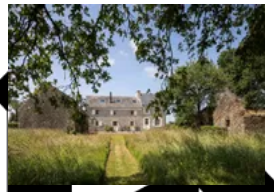
Cycle to the local village to pick up your morning bread or venture a little further to an excellent *boulangerie*, small supermarket and Thursday morning market around 4km away. There's summer canoeing in another nearby village, not to mention some incredible walking, biking and horse-riding trails across the vast Loudéac Forest so close to La Ferme Bretonne.

Gaze at pretty vistas from a café terrace in medieval Moncontour, only 13km away, and visit the stables, blacksmith's forge and horses of the National Stud in Lamballe, a beautiful town also famous for its Breton arts and crafts.

Within a 30 to 45-minute drive you could be admiring the beauty of the Brittany coastline with stunning walks, rocky coves and vast sandy beaches such as the much-loved Plage du Val André, perfect for families with its attractive promenade and amenities. Further inland, Lac Guerlédan is offers seasonal watersports, lakeside activities and tree-top adventures in the wonderful surroundings of Brittany's largest lake.

As mentioned in... (https://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/destinations/europe/france/best-family-holiday-destinations-france/)









Facilities

France250 • Walking/Hiking Paths • Exclusive • Horse Riding • Ideal for Kids • Historical Sites • Cycling • Great Value • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Recommended • Has Discount • Cots (Cribs) • Has Offer • Special Offer • Pets on Request • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Indoor Games • Bicycles Provided • Outdoor Games • Heating • Board games • Badminton • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors

Ground Floor

- Entrance hallway
- Lounge with sofas and chairs, wood-burning stobe, TV with Freeview, Door leads to garden
- Kitchen and walk-in pantry, fully-equipped including range cooker, microwave, toaster, kettle, coffee machine, dishwasher, double sink, two under-counter fridges, 3/4 -size freezer, TV with freeview and large table (for up to 12 guests). Doors lead to south-facing terrace
- Utility room
- WC with sink

First Floor

- Main bedroom with double bed, countryside views and separate dressing room
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with walk-in shower, sink, WC and heated towel rail
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with walk-in shower, sink, WC and heated towel rail
- Family bathroom with walk-in shower, spa bath, two sinks, WC and heated towel rail

Top Floor (open-plan loft space, low ceilings/beams, via open-tread stairs)

- 3 x sofas and music system
- Desk with monitor and printer
- Games table and chairs (x8)
- Curtained off area with large mirror and exercise bike

Outside Grounds

- Gas barbecue
- Barn for under cover barbecues
- Table tennis (in barn or outside)
- Badminton (in barn or outside)
- Rounders
- Rugby
- Croquet
- Adult road bikes (x4)
- 3 hectares of land with the neighbours' grazing horses

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- 2 x TVs with Freeview
- Music system (in loft) for radio, CDs and vinyl
- Music library
- Printer and monitor (for connecting to laptop)
- Board games and puzzles
- Outdoor games
- Road bikes (x4)
- Table tennis
- Dog bed
- Washing machine









Location & Local Information

Just over an hour's drive from St Malo's ferry terminal, La Ferme Bretonne is located in rural Brittany on the edge of the beautiful Loudéac Forest, yet within easy reach to historic towns and some fantastic beaches.

Just off a country lane, surrounded by three hectares of grounds where the neighbours' horses graze, keep an eye out for hares, deer, maybe even wild boar and birds of prey as well as the resident owls nesting in the barn. With only a handful of farms and other houses dotted across the landscape, the lack of light pollution results in starry nights on clear evenings.

This is a great location for keen cyclists who can cycle to local villages or try off-road trails on their mountain bikes across the vast Loudéac Forest, also a wonderful place for horse-riding and walking across its 2500 hectares.

The nearest village is a 5-minute drive away (or follow country paths on foot) where there's a little bar that also sells bread as well as a historic church and a small lake for fishing, walks and picnics. There is an excellent *boulangerie* around 4km away in Plessala, alongside a small supermarket, pharmacy, bar, Thursday morning market and an artisan food producer just outside the village that sells French specialities ready to cook at home. Plouguenast (6km) has restaurants, a petrol station, bank and further shops as well as canoeing opportunities in July and August.

Admire the hilltop views from the small medieval town of Moncontour (13km), the setting for many historic battles. Nowadays you can wander around the narrow lanes, discover the remains of its ramparts and head to the 16th century stained glass window in Saint-Mathurin church, followed perhaps by lunch on a pretty café terrace with vistas.

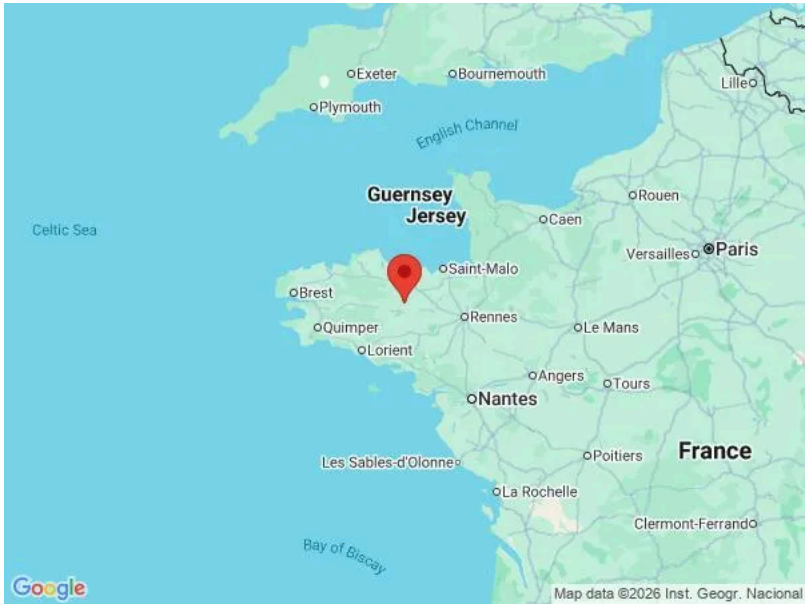
The gorgeous town of Lamballe (29km) is home to the 19th century National Stud – look out for live displays and exhibitions as well as the opportunity to visit some of the stables and the blacksmith's forge. The town is also known for its Breton arts and crafts which you can appreciate as you come across artisan studios and workshops. The Museum Mathurin Méheut is especially worthy of a visit to view the artwork of this early 20th century painter.

For a brilliant day out, there is a great range of beaches from vast stretches of sand to rocky coves. Find some amazing coastal walks around Hillion and Plage de la Grandville, around 30 minutes by car, whilst Plage du Val André (45km) is a popular spot for families with its sandy shores, summer lifeguard, attractive promenade and nearby cafes and restaurants.

Away from the sea, spend the day at Lake Guerlédan (35km), Brittany's largest lake with so many seasonal activities such as canoeing, kayaking, paddle-boarding, sailing, pedaloes, fishing, lakeside beach picnics and walking as well as mountain biking, horse-riding, hiking and more. Guerlédan Parc Aventure offers tree-top adventure courses for varying abilities.

Local Amenities

Nearest Ferry Port	**Saint-Malo (89km)**
Nearest Airport	**Saint-Malo Airport (83km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Airport Rennes Bretagne (86km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Nantes Atlantique Airport (196km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Loudéac/Lamballe (15km/29km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Plouguenast (6km)**









Nearest Shop	**Bakery, pharmacy and small supermarket (4km)**
Nearest Town	**Moncontour/Loudéac (13km/16km)**
Nearest Beach	**Plage de la Grandville (34km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf La Criniere (33km)**

What we love

- A characterful Breton farmhouse with beautiful interiors in such a peaceful setting
- Gaze at the stars in the clear night skies and listen out for the resident owls
- Families will love the puzzles, games and outdoor activities such as badminton, rounders, rugby and table tennis
- Car hire is essential for ease and in order to explore what this region has to offer
- Cycle to nearby villages for fresh bread, groceries and a weekly market
- The nearby Loudéac Forest is perfect for mountain biking, long walks and horse-riding
- You can reach the Brittany coastline within a 30-minute drive

What you should know...

- This charming Breton farmhouse is spread over three floors – there are stairgates at the top of each level but care should be taken as the stairs are slightly steeper than normal.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded one month after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes (except cot linen).

- **Pets welcome?:** Two well behaved dogs may be allowed, on request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €25 per pet per week will apply (payable locally) and they will not be allowed upstairs or on the furniture and dog towels (provided) must be used. Horses may also be accommodated outside in some circumstances, with prior arrangement and subject to an extra charge.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** A cots and highchair can be requested in advance. Please bring your own cot mattress and cot linen. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** No.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. Short stays may be accepted on request approximately end-October to end-March.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable at the time of the security deposit (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Beach towels included?:** No.