

Douarnenez, Brittany, France

One of Brittany's most authentic fishing towns, Douarnenez sits at the edge of a mythic bay, its three harbors brimming with maritime history, world-famous pastries, and the legend of a drowned city beneath the waves.

Tender port

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: French / Breton

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Port de Rosmeur

Walk to center: 5–10 min uphill from tender pier

Best For: Authentic Breton culture, maritime history, coastal walks

Don't Miss: Kouign-Amann — invented right here in 1860

Getting around: Taxi €3–6 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Port-Musée Maritime Museum** — One of France's finest maritime museums, split across an indoor gallery and a living 'floating museum' in Port-Rhu where you can board and explore...
- Les Plomarc'h — Gallo-Roman Ruins & Coastal Path** — A 15-minute walk east of the tender pier leads to this protected headland with one of Europe's best-preserved Gallo-Roman fish-salting works, where...
- Île Tristan at Low Tide** — A tidal island just off Port-Rhu, accessible on foot across a sandbar at low tide.
- Kouign-Amann & Sardine Trail** — Douarnenez invented kouign-amann in 1860 — caramelised, buttery, impossible to resist.
- Plage des Sables Blancs, Tréboul** — Cross the pedestrian footbridge over Port-Rhu into the resort quarter of Tréboul (25–30 min walk) to reach Brittany's finest local beach — fine white...

BEST WALKS

- Rosmeur to Port-Rhu Maritime Museum** 1.5 km · 15 min · Easy–Moderate — From the tender quay at Port de Rosmeur, follow the waterfront west past colourful fishermen's houses, then cut through the old town to Port-Rhu.
- Coastal Path to Les Plomarc'h** 1.2 km · 15 min · Easy — Head east from the tender pier along the Sentier des Douaniers coastal path (GR34).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		57°	47°	10d
Jun		67°	57°	11d
Aug		68°	59°	12d
Sep		67°	58°	11d
Oct		61°	54°	15d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:27AM–9:07PM · Jun 6:17AM–10:18PM · Aug 7:12AM–9:30PM · Sep 7:54AM–8:29PM · Oct 8:37AM–7:28PM

Currency: Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the tide table before heading to Île Tristan. The sandbar path floods quickly — pick up the day's schedule at the tourist office near the port.
- Wear proper shoes. Douarnenez is steep and cobblestoned throughout. Flip-flops are a recipe for a twisted ankle on the climb from the tender pier.
- Eat a kouign-amann here — this is where it was invented. Any good boulangerie in town will have one; it tastes best still slightly warm.
- Pick up sardine tins as souvenirs. Douarnenez was once France's sardine capital, and illustrated vintage-style tins make excellent (and delicious) gifts.
- Brittany's weather is famously changeable. Sunshine, rain, and wind can all happen within the same hour. Bring a light waterproof layer no matter the forecast.
- Carry some cash (Euros). Cards are widely accepted, but small bakeries, market stalls, and cider bars often prefer cash.

Douarnenez, Brittany, France — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 chapelle Sainte-Hélène | 16th-century chapel offering panoramic views of the bay. | 2 Port-musée | Explore historic boats and Douarnenez's rich maritime heritage. |
| 3 Douarnenez | Picturesque fishing port town, famous for sardines. | 4 Plage des Sables Blancs | Beautiful sandy beach for swimming and sunbathing. |
| 5 Plage de Kervel | Quiet, picturesque beach perfect for nature walks. | 6 Chapelle Sainte-Anne-la-Palud | Ancient chapel, site of a famous annual religious festival. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |