



VISIT CONCARNEAU

Discover Concarneau, its medieval Citadel and its coastal promenade, where seaside architecture meets the ocean. Former stronghold of Brittany, the « Ville-Close » bathes its ramparts in the calm waters of the Marina and the fishing harbour.



THE VILLE-CLOSE AND ITS RAMPARTS

The Ville-Close is the historic heart of Concarneau. A defensive fortified city, surrounded by granite ramparts, the earliest traces of which date back to the 13th century. The Ville Close is home to the oldest houses in the town, featuring gabled roofs and timber frames. Today, about a hundred residents live all year-round within the ramparts. The Maison du Patrimoine (Heritage House), a 15th-century building, serves as the starting point for exploring the fortifications. A vibrant place, the Ville Close boasts numerous shops and restaurants. Concerts and performances are held at the Carré des Larrons.



THE CORNICHE

The corniche, a 2.5-kilometer coastal route from the marina to the Sables Blancs beach, is an essential walk. With its coves, white sandy beaches, sailing schools, bars, restaurants, and a thalassotherapy centre, there is a wide range of seaside activities for everyone!

THE CABELLOU

The Cabellou Peninsula, a residential area with century-old pines, offers a peaceful living environment. It is favoured by hikers exploring the GR34 trail. Along the paths, preserved coves and family-friendly beaches where stunning rock formations reveal themselves. Cabellou is also a popular spot for rock pooling! Its fort, classified as a historical monument, provides a unique panoramic view of the bay and, further out, the Glénan archipelago.



HERITAGE COURSES

From the Ville-Close to the tip of Cabellou, via the corniche, come to discover or rediscover the districts of Concarneau.



THE FISHING MUSEUM

Discover life aboard a fishing vessel! As a pioneer in preserving maritime heritage, the Fishing Museum showcases an extensive collection of boats, working tools, and models that help bring to life the history of fishing in Concarneau. The experience is truly immersive with a visit of an actual trawler, the Hémérica, moored at the museum's dock.

THE MARINARIUM

With over 160 years of scientific research, the Concarneau Marine Station—part of the National Museum of Natural History in Paris—is the oldest biological station still in operation in the world. Within its walls, the Marinarium invites visitors to explore the local marine biodiversity. Its motto is: knowing, understanding, and managing the sea to better respect it.



THE KERIOLET CASTLE

Overlooking the town, the castle is a stunning example of neo-Gothic architecture, recounting the extraordinary destinies of the Russian imperial princess Zénaïde Narischkine Youssouпов and her husband, Count Charles de Chauveau. Set in magnificent woodlands, Keriolet, with its distinctive architecture, offers a visit that feels like stepping back in time!~

THE LITTLE TOURIST TRAIN

Come aboard the Little Tourist Train to discover Concarneau. Take a guided tour through the history of the fishermen, canneries and painters. Along the Corniche, Gauguin and Flaubert will tell you all about their Concarneau. Written commentary in English, German, Italian, Spanish and Dutch. The Little Train is parked opposite the Ville-Close's bridge every day from April to September. On Monday and Friday mornings, it departs from the Tourist Office.




~ LEGEND

-  Tourist Office
-  1 Bus Station
-  2 Ville Close and ramparts
-  3 Heritage House
-  4 Fishing Museum
-  5 Passage Ferry
-  6 Little Tourist Train
-  7 Marina
-  8 Marinarium
-  9 Coastal road
-  10 Spa Center
-  11 Keriolet Castle
-  12 "Atlantide" swimming pool
-  13 The Cabellou Peninsula
-  14 Police Station
-  15 Post Office
-  Boat departures
-  Picnic table
-  Campervan Parking area
-  Car Parks

BOAT TRIPS

From April to September, boat trips allow visitors to discover the Bay of Concarneau, the Glénan Archipelago, and the Pointe de Beg-Meil. Bookings are available at the Tourist Office. During the summer, sea fishing trips are also organised.

~ HIKES

-  **GR 34, THE COASTAL TRAIL**
19 km of coastal trails overlooking the sea, rocks, or rugged coastlines.
-  **2.5 km** Sables Blancs > Ville Close (Oh40)
-  **5 km** Le Passage > Plage de la Belle Etoile (1h)
-  **3 km** Plage de la Belle Etoile > Moulin du Minaouët (Oh45)

GREENWAY

Starting from the town center of Concarneau and following old railway lines, the Greenway No. 7 leads all the way to Roscoff (147 km).

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