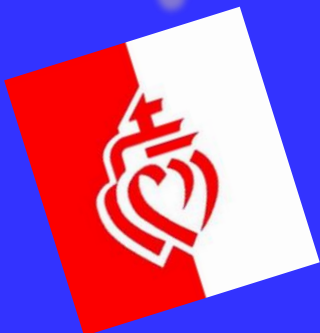


New Forest Chapter Euro Trip 2024



Bak two
SKOOOLE!



Welcome to the New Forest Chapter 2014 European Trip to St Jean de Monts, Vendée

Bontempo La Yole
13 Chemin Des Bosses,
85160 - Saint Jean De Monts

This guide book contains lots of useful information about your trip

Please keep it with you, as it includes an itinerary for each day of your holiday and important contact information.
Have fun and ride safely!



Trip plan in summary

May 2024

Thu 16th	Evening/overnight travel to St Malo
Fri 17th	Ride to Châteaubriant & on to Bontempo campsite + Group evening meal
Sat 18th	Ride-out to supermarket. Day off. + Disco & karaoke
Sun 19th	Ride-out to Noirmoutier + Party Night with live band
Mon 20th	Ride-out to La Roche-sur-Yon + Barbecue with mates
Tue 21st	Group photo, then ride to St Malo for the ferry

About Bontempo La Yole

Situated on the Côte de Lumière in the Vendée region, with it's 140 km of fine beaches. This beautiful part of the Atlantic coastline benefits from exceptional sunshine conditions. The bathing waters of the Vendée are renowned for their quality.

A 4 star holiday village boasting open spaces and nature conservation, Bontempo is ideally located 1.8 km (15-20 minute walk) from the nearest beach (which has free parking). Near the beach is a local supermarket, small shops, snack bars and a restaurant.

The campsite aquatic parc has an indoor pool with a jacuzzi, outdoor pools (one heated) with slides and a separate children's paddling and play pool.

The nearby town of St Jean de Monts has a great range of shops, cafés and restaurants, as well as a Ferris wheel and a daily covered market. There is a food market on Saturday mornings.

Holiday Checklist

Essential:

- Tickets & passports
- Driving licence
- Crit'Air (emissions control) sticker if you plan to ride into a major city eg Lille, Paris, or other operating Clean Air Zones
- High-vis jacket or waistcoat for each rider
- Reflective stickers on helmets
- Original motorcycle log-book (V5)
- Puck for parking on grass
- Spare keys & bulbs
- Spare glasses if you require them to drive
- Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC)
- Private health insurance
- Travel insurance & breakdown cover
- European motorcycle insurance cover
- ICE cards (keep in jacket pockets)
- Notes of any medical issues
- Electrical plug adapter
- Credit card and cash (euros)
- UK sticker
- Disable speed camera information on Sat Nav
- Mobile phone charger
- Wet weather gear
- Sun screen
- Shopping bag (supermarkets don't give bags)



Optional:

- Your 'Bak Two Skoole' fancy dress outfit
- Hair dryer
- Insect repellent
- Tea bags, coffee, coffee filters
- Tea towels, J-cloth

Opening times at Bontempo

Pool: 10 am - 8 pm

Shop: 8:30 am - 12 noon
4 - 7 pm (T.B.C.)

Bar: 11 am - midnight

Lunch at restaurant & takeaway:
12 noon - 2pm

Dinner at restaurant & takeaway:
6 pm - 10 pm

Reception:
8:15 am - 12:30
1:30 - 6 pm (order bread, croissants at reception by 5.30 pm previous day)

Gates closed:

10:30 pm - 7:30 am

Motorbikes are able to ride around the gate to enter, but **please do not ride in the campsite after 10.30 pm**: leave your bike by reception.



St Jean de Monts

Protect your bike!

Your bike security is YOUR responsibility. If you feel you need disc locks, chains, spare keys or any other security device, remember to pack them!

Outward travel

All times in this brochure are local

Thursday 16th May

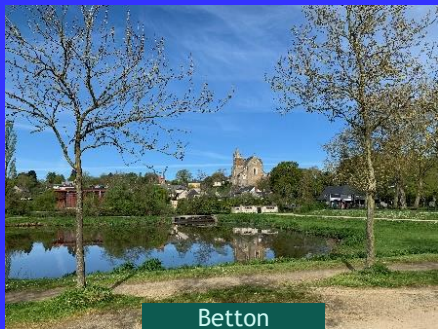
6:00 pm

Meet at North Harbour Tesco (off M27 Junction 12) PO6 4SR - **with full tank ☺**. Park up at far right corner. Register. Briefing at 6:20. Ride to ferry terminal.

Check in at ferry terminal IN YOUR BRITTANY FERRIES GROUP (note: this is different from the group you might be sharing with at the campsite).

8:15 pm

Ferry sails. **Please note: ferry uses UK time but has French plug sockets.** There is a café, restaurant, self-service cafeteria and bar.



Betton



Bontempo

Friday 17th May

7:15 am UK time/
8:15 am French time

Ferry docks at St Malo (ferry wake-up call ~1 hour before). Breakfast available at self-service on Deck 7 or 'express' coffee/croissant at cafe on Deck 8.

DRIVE ON THE RIGHT!!

Ride individually to assembly area: after Passport Control, turn hard right into car park just before the roundabout. Register.

9:15 am

Leave for pre-booked coffee stop at the 'Buvette du Pont' in the picturesque town of Betton.

Then to Châteaubriant for a fuel stop (for all) and lunch.

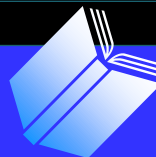
In the afternoon we have another tea/coffee stop.

6:00 pm

Arrive at Bontempo. Welcome drinks. Collect envelope with keys, wrist-bands, site-map, free wifi code

8:00 pm

Group evening meal in restaurant by pool



Saturday 18th May

Free day - ride to supermarket & petrol station; karaoke & disco



From
8:15 am

Collect pre-booked
croissants, baguettes etc
from reception

10:00 am

Meet at ride assembly area
for ride to petrol station &
supermarket

From
7pm

Karaoke & disco in the bar

Places to visit: self-guided touring suggestions

Saint-Gilles-Croix-de-Vie (15 minutes)

A few km south of St Jean de Monts, this is a busy port and lively town with a beautiful sandy beach. Known for sardine fishing still today. Walks along the river, shops, cafés, restaurants, gift shops and historic streets. Market Saturday & Sunday 8 am-12.30.



Sallertaine (25 minutes)

Sallertaine is famous for being on a French TV show. Stroll round this historical arts and crafts town, visit the flour mill and the heritage museum. Take a guided canoe trip to discover the marshes - daily, 2pm, €21.50 pp, book at www.laroutedusel.com

Apremont (35 minutes)

Above this picturesque village tower the remains of the Château d'Apremont and the water tower from which there is a superb view. Swim or paddle in the largest lake in Vendée, or take in the view from the restaurant by the lake.



Sunday 19th May

Ride-out to Noirmoutier & Party Night

10:00 am	Meet at ride assembly area
10:30 am	Leave for Noirmoutier. Fuel stop for all on return ride to campsite, ready for tomorrow's ride
4:00 pm	Approximate arrival back at campsite
7:30	Meet in Bar, wearing your 'Bak Two Skoole' fancy dress (optional): quiz, games, prizes, live rock band

Taking a scenic route we will ride over the bridge to the island of Noirmoutier, and across the island to the picturesque port town of Noirmoutier.

There is a colourful traditional French Sunday market with food products, arts, crafts and clothing.

Visit the castle: you can wander round the courtyard which is free and open all day. The museum closes at lunchtime.

We return in plenty of time to get ready and have dinner before Party Night!





Monday 20th May

Ride-out to La Roche-sur-Yon

We will ride into the centre of La Roche-sur-Yon for lunch at one of the many cafés and restaurants. In the Place de Napoléon, you can see (and play with!) the famous ‘animaux de la place’ - mechanised metal animal sculptures which you can operate.

There will be a fuel stop ready for the return journey on Monday before we return to Bontempo.

Make sure you have some provisions for the evening communal Barbecue.

10:30 am	Meet at ride assembly area
11:00 am	Leave for La Roche-sur-Yon. Fuel stop for all on return to campsite, ready for tomorrow's ride
4:00 pm	Approximate arrival back at campsite
7:00 pm	Communal Barbecue for everyone at the BBQ area near the pools



Tuesday 21st May

Group photo and return journey

Before departure: clean whole holiday home; take linen & towels & keys to reception; take rubbish & recycling to bins beside ride assembly area

9:00 am	Meet at ride assembly area. Register. Group photo. Briefing.
9:30 am	Leave for St Malo, Gare Maritime du Naye. Coffee stop at Pornichet. Fuel stop for all, then lunch at Ploermal.
5:45 pm	Approximate arrival at St Malo ferry port.
8:15 pm French time	Ferry sails. (Ferry uses English time).
7.45 am English time	Ferry docks (ferry wake-up call ~1 hour before). Make your way home individually.

Riding in France

For the most part, riding in France is straightforward once you remember to ride on the right-hand side of the road.

Many road signs are similar to those in the UK, but there are a few things you need to be aware of, in particular: 'Priorité à droite' (priority to the right) is the default: at intersections, you must give way to vehicles approaching from your right, unless otherwise indicated.

You must disable your SatNav's speed camera location facility. All helmets must display reflective stickers on the front, rear and sides. You cannot ride with earphones. You must carry one reflective jacket.

Speed limits	Dry kph (mph)	Wet kph (mph)
Motorway (unless urban)	130 (81)	110 (68)
Dual carriageway & urban motorway	110 (68)	100 (62)
Other roads	80 (50)	70 (43)
Built-up area	50 (31)	50 (31)
Town centre (with speed humps)	30 (19)	30 (19)

French road signs



You have priority: anyone approaching from right or left should stop



End of your priority zone: traffic joining from your right has priority (even on a roundabout) = 'priorité à droite'



At the next junction you have priority



At the next junction you DO NOT HAVE PRIORITY = 'priorité à droite'



STOP means STOP!
You may get fined if your wheels do not stop rolling



'Cédez le Passage' = Give Way



Start of emissions control zone - you must have a Crit'Air sticker, and your vehicle must comply with local zone restrictions



Once you pass a town sign you are in a 50 kph zone even if you haven't passed a speed sign



On leaving a town and passing the above sign, the 50 kph zone has ended



Speed camera sign - where you see one of these there WILL BE a speed camera in approx 500m



End of emissions control zone

Buying fuel and using automated pay machines in France

Most supermarket petrol stations in France have an automatic pay-at-the-pump machine, taking credit cards. Some machines are fussy so bring >1 card if you can. Don't use a prepaid card as they will take a deposit of €129 which may not be refunded immediately. Some PFSs also have a staffed pay kiosk during working hours. Usually the kiosk ('caisse') is closed at lunchtimes and on Sundays. It is likely you will need to use automated machines for petrol or shopping at some stage, and although most have an option to select English language, some don't, so here is some useful vocabulary



French	English
ESSENCE	Petrol
GAZOLE/GASOIL	Diesel
SANS PLOMB 95 SP95-E10	Ordinary unleaded petrol
SANS PLOMB 98 SP98	Premium unleaded petrol
CAISSE	Pay kiosk, till
TICKET (pronounced teekay)	Receipt



What you see on screen

Most machines in France can display in English. However, you may have to go through two or three screens to get to the one with the language choice. Look on-screen for 'Français/English', or 'Fr/En' for short.

If paying at the pump, you will need to put in your card and PIN and select your fuel type before you can serve yourself with fuel.

You will need to press the green 'V' button for Validate/Enter or the red 'A' button for Annul/Cancel after every selection

French	English
EN SERVICE	In service
HORS SERVICE / HS / EN PANNE	Out of order
PAYEZ / PAIEMENT À LA CAISSE (SEULEMENT)	Pay (only) at the pay kiosk
PAYEZ / PAIEMENT À LA POMPE (SEULEMENT)	Pay (only) at the pump
CHOISIR / CHOISISSEZ (VOTRE) LANGUE	Choose (your) language
INSÉREZ / INTRODUISEZ (VOTRE) CARTE	Insert (your) card
POUSSEZ LA CARTE JUSQU'AU FOND	Push your card in fully
FAÏTES / COMPOSEZ (VOTRE) NUMÉRO / CODE	Enter (your) PIN
PENSEZ À VALIDER	Remember to press 'V'
CODE BON	PIN is correct
PATIENTEZ S'IL VOUS PLAÎT / PATIENTEZ SVP	Please wait
TRAITEMENT EN COURS	Processing
PAIEMENT ACCEPTÉ	Payment accepted
CARTE REFUSÉE	Card refused [try another]
REPRENEZ VOTRE CARTE	Take your card
AVEC TICKET?/SANS TICKET?	Choose: with receipt/without receipt
VEUILLEZ DÉCROCHER LE PISTOLET ET VOUS SERVIR JUSQU'À €129	Take nozzle & fill up to a max of €129
DISTRIBUTION EN COURS	Fill up now
PRENEZ VOTRE TICKET	Take your receipt

Useful French words and phrases

Basic shopping and ordering in cafés and restaurants

English	French
I would like/we would like ...(eg a baguette, some milk, another glass, half a kilo of apples)... please	Je voudrais/nous voudrions ...(eg une baguette, du lait, encore un verre, un demi-kilo de pommes) ... s'il vous plaît
Do you have ...?	Avez vous ...?
Anything else? No, that's all, thanks	Autre chose? Non, c'est tout, merci
I am gluten free/dairy free	Je suis intolérant au gluten/aux produits laitiers
May I have ... the menu/the wine-list?	Puis-j'avoir ... la carte/la carte des vins?
I would like my steak bloody/very rare/rare/medium/well done	Je veux mon bifteck bleu/saignant/à point/bien cuit/très bien cuit
The bill please	L'addition, s'il vous plaît
Could you call us a taxi to go to ... please?	Pourriez-vous nous appeler un taxi pour aller à ..., s'il vous plaît?



Drinks

a small black coffee: **un café**

a decaff coffee: **un déca**

an americano: **un café allongé or un café américain**

black: **noir**

a white coffee: **un café au lait or un grand crème**

some hot/cold milk: **du lait chaud/froid**

some sugar: **du sucre**

a tea with lemon: **un thé au citron**

a hot chocolate: **un chocolat chaud**

an orange juice: **un jus d'orange**

a jug of tap water: **une carafe d'eau**

a mineral water: **de l'eau minérale**

some fizzy water: **de l'eau gazeuse**

a coke/ a diet coke/ a coke zero: **un coca cola / un coca light / un coca zéro**

a glass of (dry) white wine: **un vin blanc (sec)**

a glass of red wine: **un vin rouge**

a glass of champagne: **une coupe de champagne**

a beer: **une bière**

a draught beer: **une pression**

a shandy: **un panaché**

with ice/without ice: **avec de la glace/sans glace**



What's on the menu?

La carte is the menu. Le menu or La formule (de midi) is a fixed price (lunchtime) menu usually offering a starter - une entrée, a main dish - un plat, and a dessert - un dessert. Le plat du jour is the dish of the day. Une dégustation is a tasting menu. Gratuit and offert both mean free

abats offal	citron lemon	glace ice cream	pavé thick steak
agneau lamb	coquilles Saint Jacques scallops	(also = ice)	pintade guinea fowl
ail garlic	crème cream	grillé grilled	piquant spicy
aïoli garlic mayonnaise	crevettes prawns	haricots beans	poêlé pan-fried
aloyau sirloin	croque madame ham & cheese	homard lobster	pommes de terre potatoes
ananas pineapple	toastie with egg	huitres oysters	porc pork
anchois anchovies	croque monsieur ham & cheese	langoustines Dublin bay prawns	potage/soupe soup
andouille chitterlings	toastie	lardons bacon bits	poulet chicken
au four baked	crudités raw veg	legumes veg	ris sweetbreads
bar/loup sea bass	foie liver	magret breast	riz rice
bifteck steak	fraises strawberries	maison homemade	romsteak rump
biologique/bio organic	framboises raspberries	morue/cabillaud cod	rosbif roast beef
boeuf beef	frites chips	moules (marinières) mussels (in white wine)	rôti roast
cerise cherry	fromage cheese	oeuf egg	saucisse sausage
champignons mushrooms	galette savoury pancake	oignons onions	saumon salmon
cheval horse		pâtes pasta	terrine pâté
			thon - tuna
			truite - trout
			veau - veal



Numbers

1 un • 2 deux • 3 trois • 4 quatre • 5 cinq • 6 six • 7 sept • 8 huit • 9 neuf • 10 dix • 11 onze • 12 douze • 13 treize • 14 quatorze • 15 quinze • 16 seize • 17 dix-sept • 18 dix-huit • 19 dix-neuf • 20 vingt • 30 trente • 40 quarante • 50 cinquante • 60 soixante • 70 soixante-dix • 80 quatre-vingts • 90 quatre-vingt-dix • 100 cent • 200 deux cents • 1,000 mille • 2,000 deux milles



Contacts and emergency information

New Forest Chapter European Crew

In case of emergency please contact one of:

Stewart Stuppell: +44 7738 115 637 John Monks: +44 7974 765712

Harley-Davidson Harley Assist

(for those with the Harley Assist cover):

In the UK: 0800 587 9832 In Europe: +44 (0)208 603 9832

Nearest Dealership

Harley-Davidson La Roche-sur-Yon

Address: 160/162 rue Jacques Yves COUSTEAU, 85000 MOUILLERON le CAPTIF, France

Open Tue-Sat 9-12 am and 2-6 pm

Phone: +33 (0)2 51 48 25 80

<https://hd-larochesuryon.com/>

Brittany Ferries

Reservations & enquiries (from within the UK): 0330 159 7000

Portsmouth Port (from within the UK): 0330 159 7003

St Malo Port (from within the UK): +33 2 99 40 64 41

112 - The European Emergency Number

Call 112 in any emergency requiring an ambulance, the fire brigade or the police. The emergency number is reachable from fixed and mobile phones, free of charge, everywhere in the EU

Local supermarkets & petrol (see separate map)

U Express (15 mins walk from Bontempo) - no petrol

150 Av. de la Pège, 85270 Saint-Hilaire-de-Riez, France

Monday-Saturday:

9 am - 1 pm & 3-7.30 pm

Sunday:

9 am - 1 pm

Super U (10 minutes ride from Bontempo) - has petrol station, pharmacy & other shops

Le Clos De La, Route de Challans, Rue de la Dechaume, 85160 Saint-Jean-de-Monts, France

Supermarket:

Monday-Saturday:

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Sunday: closed

Petrol station: open 24/7

