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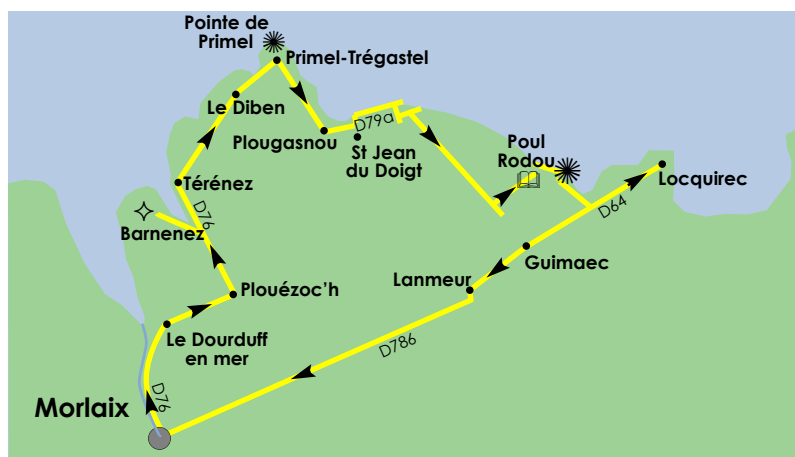
TOUR 1 (approx. 60kms)

The tour starts and finishes in Morlaix

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Medieval city centre	Interesting churches
Unique historic houses	Unusual café
Impressive viaduct	Pretty seaside town
Real ale brewery	Coastal path walks
Megalithic cairn	Exceptional coastal views

This north eastern corner of Finistère is part of the old territory of Trégor. It has a singularly attractive coastal landscape, from the vast Bay of Morlaix liberally sprinkled with rocky islands and lighthouses to many fine beaches further along the coast. Walking the GR 34 at any point here will provide excellent views of the Channel. With an historic city to explore and the contrasting delights of a typical Breton seaside resort, this tour should have enough variety for anyone to enjoy at least one relaxing and entertaining day out.



MORLAIX (TO - 02 98 62 14 94)

Morlaix has a small city centre with cobbled streets and half-timbered houses, as well as good shops, cafés and restaurants. There is an excellent Saturday morning food market in Place Allende. Further out in the commercial

district of St Martin there is a hypermarket and shopping mall (follow signs to Géant), if this is a desired leisure activity.

In Morlaix, park beyond the viaduct. The docks were on this spot before they were filled in as commerce declined at the end of the 19th century. In Morlaix's long, colourful history, the river and port were crucial to lucrative European trade (in cloth and tobacco, amongst many other commodities), piracy and violent spats with the English, which inspired the clever pun of its motto: SI ILS TE MORDENT, MORLAIX (= mords les) - if they bite you, bite them back!

The city is now dominated by the pink granite viaduct, nearly 60m high, built in the 1860s by engineer Victor Fenoux for the Paris/Brest railway. The lower tier is accessible in the company of a town guide or at certain times of year. Evocative stepped passageways called **venelles** give access to the steep hillsides enfolding the city centre: excellent views reward the climb. The friendly tourist office beneath the arches of the viaduct in Place des Otages has a leaflet for exploring the city by these routes.

For a fascinating glimpse of Morlaix's social and commercial history, visit **No.9 Grand'Rue**, a wonderful house of a unique architectural type, often called 'pondalez'. This remarkable



The old tobacco factory and riverside



Half-timbered houses on the Market Place