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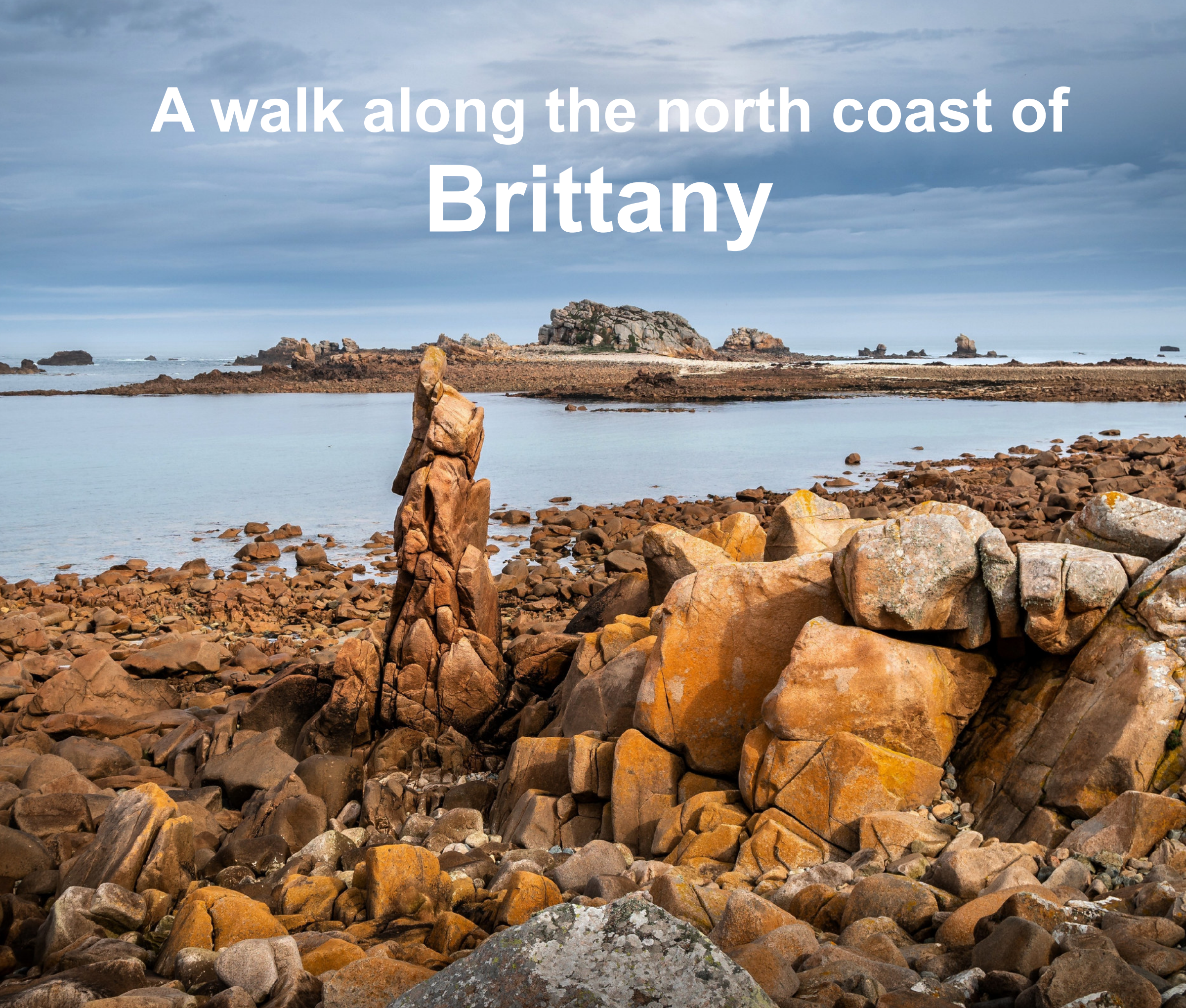

A walk along the north coast of
Brittany

I started my first trip to the coast four years ago, returned in 2024 and again this year, 2026. The pathway follows a lot of the GR34 in Brittany, France. The journey covers a walked distance of 370 miles with approximately another 30 using a Taxi
(I am not a purist!)

For the first couple of journeys I have little narrative and let the pictures give the story. I have also put in pictures of accommodation and the food that I ate to give me a reminder of the moments of the journey ....of no interest to anyone else except myself.

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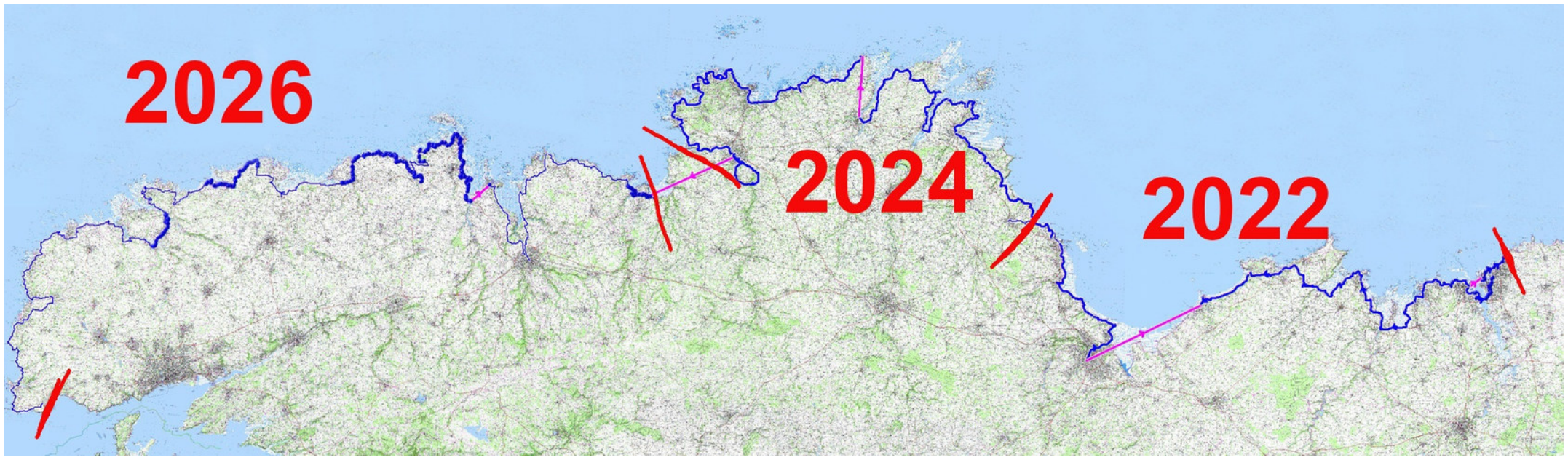

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W	6-Apr	Lancioux	Saint-Cast-le-Guildo	12	Hotel Port-Jacqet, 32 Rue du Port Jaquet, 22380 Saint-Cast-le-Guildo
T	7-Apr	Saint-Cast-le-Guildo	Fréhel	12	Hotel De Diane, All. des Acacias, 22240 Fréhel, France
F	8-Apr	Frehel	Erquy	8	Hotel le Plague, 21 Bd de la Mer, 22430 Erquy, France
S	9-Apr	Erquy	Planguenoual - St Brieuc	5	ibis Gare St Brieuc
S	10-Apr	St Brieuc	Pordic	12	Le Perroquet Hotel: 8 Rue Allenou, 22590 Pordic, France
M	11-Apr	Pordic	Saint-Quay-Portrieux	8	Airbnb 8 b rue des marronniers, Saint-Quay-Portrieux, Bretagne 22410
T	12-Apr	ST-Q-Poni to Brehec	St Malo	5	Airbnb 19 Rue du Four À Tabac, Saint-Malo,
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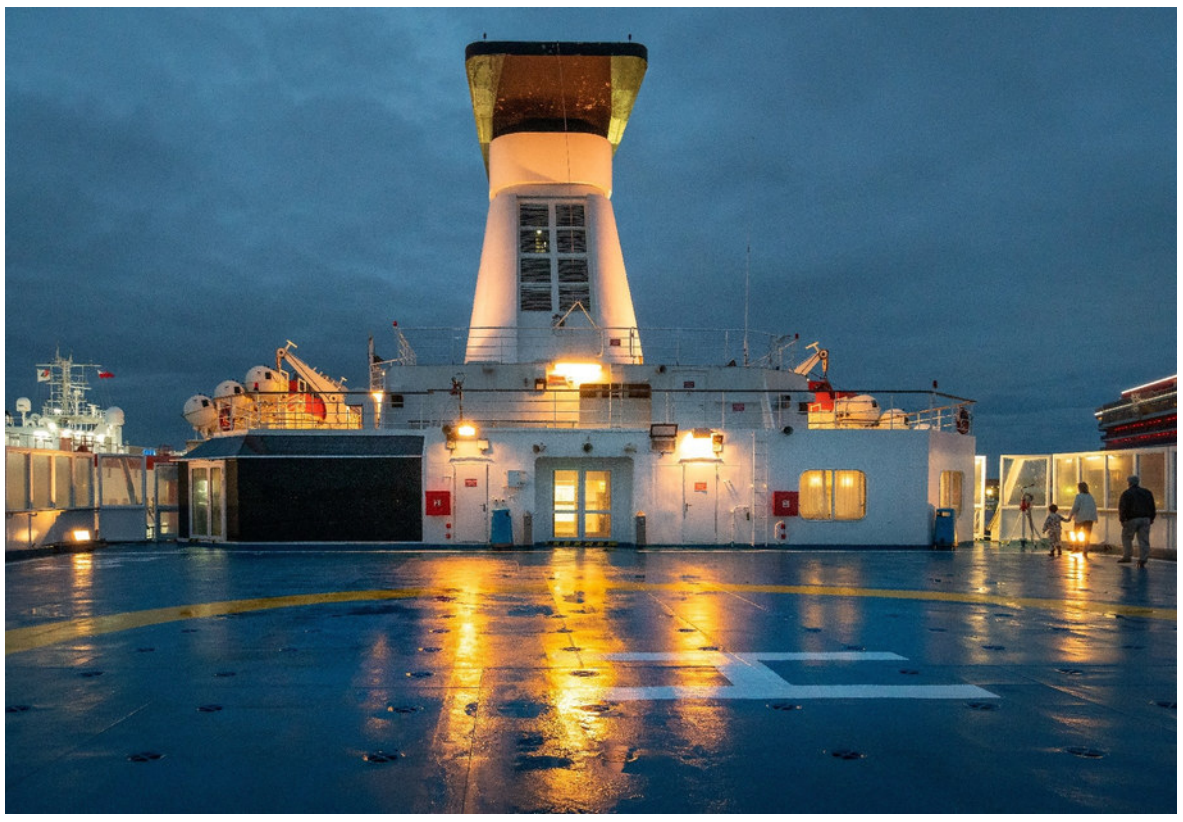

2022

On my first trip in 2022 I was joined by Ian for the first five days. Train to Portsmouth, then the overnight ferry to St Malo. Followed by a quick ferry to Dinard...setting out it all seemed very grey.

CASINO BARRIÈRE

On our first day I had worked out there was nowhere to eat after lunch time. So we tried this excellent place at Saint-Lunaire. I recon one of the best meals I have had on both trips so far. However walking on a big lunch is not to be recommended.

Kasem

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Just occasionally you hit it right for a lunch stop. ….reasonable weather, a bench to sit on, good food, a great view. This was such a day.

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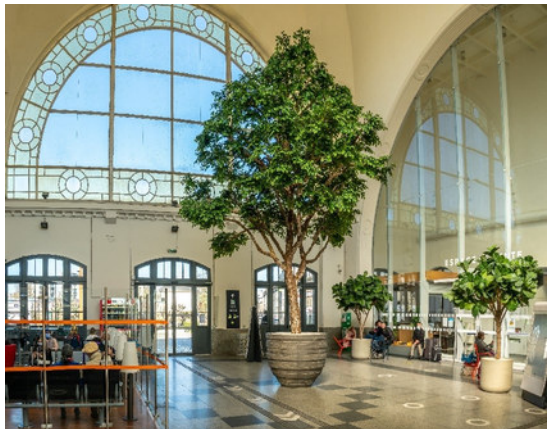

I say goodbye to Ian on St Brieuc Railway station…so he can get the train to Morlaix and Roscoff . I carry on my journey to Plouha

St Brieuc port holds a every sunday...sunny day all of a sudden a lot of people in my life.

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We are in the middle of a French presidential election.

It was one of those days when I was not sure where my food was going to come from (2 years later I am much better at this and plan in detail.) I come across a fish & chip shop in a bay. You don’t get a glass of great rose in a British Chipy!

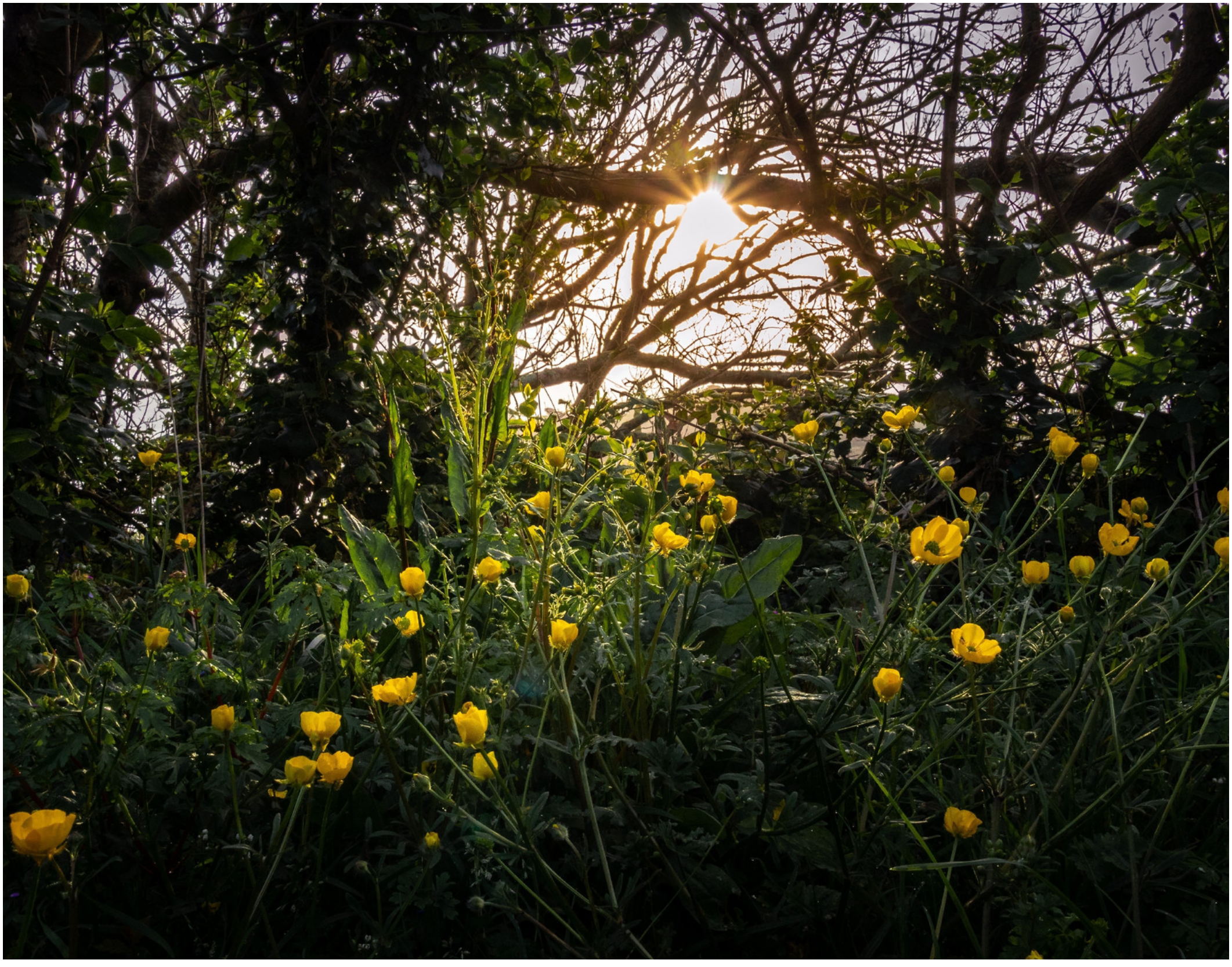
As luck would have it I found a Crepe shop in the evening and completed the 4000 calorie day with a crepe.

During a particularly difficult bit of the pathway I saw another wrinkly ahead, moving quite well. I only discovered as I passed him that he was either blind or partially sighted.

Reaching Saint-Quay-Portrieux I found it difficult to find food on a Monday night.

The café by the casino was open. So I sat in the sun drinking rose until 7pm rolled around and I could get some food.

Scallop, grilled vegetables and barley risotto was one of the best dishes I have ever eaten….helped down with two glasses of rose.



The next morning I had to catch the 10.30 bus from Plouha to get my train from St Brieuc to St Malo. I set off just before first light and walked as fast as I could. In reality not seeing a lot. On my return two years later I decided to get off the bus early to repeat the last six miles so I could see it. Well worth the effort.

Through an amazing bit of miscalculation on my part I had booked an Airbnb for an overnight stay in St Malo….then I discovered the ferry did not go the next day.

So I had an extra day in my life…what to do?. It was a lovely day so I decided to do what I had come to Brittany for…walk.

After a great breakfast in a cafe Joy and I use a lot when getting off the overnight ferries, I then caught the first morning ferry from St Malo to Dinan and walked back to St Malo via the Rance barrage. A great days walking.

On the ferry to Portsmouth the next morning the weather could not have been better… great views of St Malo.

Just to round the trip off I was very pleased with a picture I took in the last light of the day on Portsmouth Station. The lights in the cubicle were just switched on before I took my photo.

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2024	London Waterloo via Guildford	1	On Time
2027	Bristol Temple M	1	On Time
2038	Southampton Ctl	3	On Time

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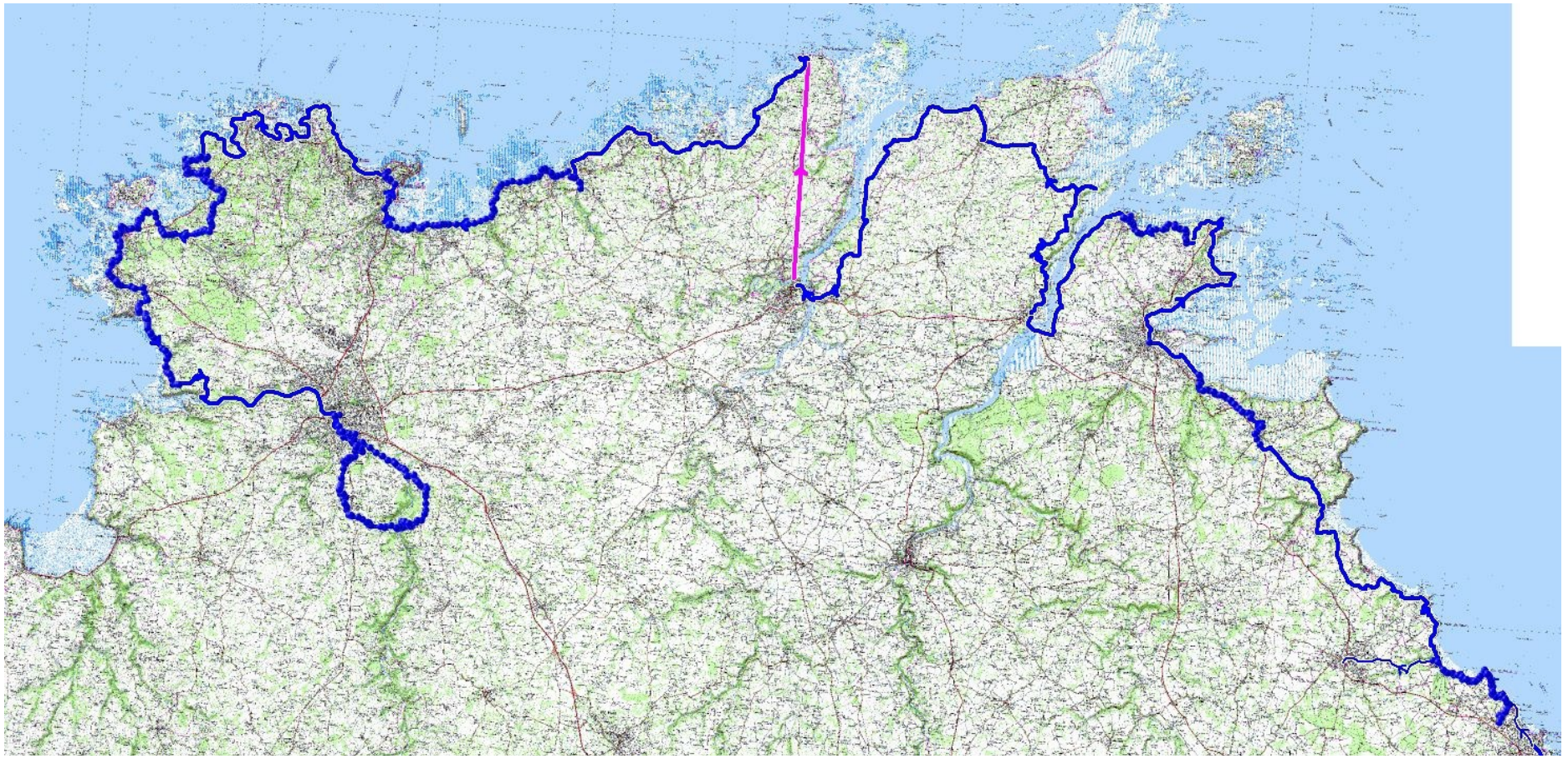

2024

Walking France March 24				Plnd mls	Act mls	Stay
W	13-Mar		Home			Sailing time 20:15 to St Malo
T	14-Mar	St Malo	Plouha		6	9 Plage du Palus, 22580 Plouha, France
F	15-Mar	Plouha	Plouezec	10	9	Bed and Breakfast Le Bercail - Plouézec 21 Kerguilaven - PLOUÉZEC
S	16-Mar	Plouezec	Ploubazlanec	10	13	8 Rte de Lannévez, 22620 Ploubazlanec, **(Be on Time)**
S	17-Mar	Ploubazlanec	Lézardrieux	8	9	Hôtel Le Littoral 8 rue Saint-Christophe 22740 Lézardrieux
M	18-Mar	Lézardrieux	Pleubian	9	10	7 Place du Château, Pleubian, Côtes-d'Armor
T	19-Mar	Pleubian	Tréguier	10	12	21 Rue Ernest Renan, 22220 Tréguier, France
W	20-Mar	Tréguier **Taxi to Porz Bugalé?**	Kergall	9	9	53 rue du moulin 22660 Trevou-Treguignec.
T	21-Mar	Kergall	Perros-Guirec	7	10	Hôtel de Perros.2, boulevard Clemenceau, Perros-Guirec
F	22-Mar	Perros - Guirec	Landrellec	10	10	11 Chem. de Bringuiller, 22560 Pleumeur-Bodou
S	23-Mar	Landrellec	Trebeurden	8	10	120 Rue des Plages, 22343 Trébeurden,
S	24-Mar	Trebeurden	Lannion	9	10	2 Ven. des 3 Avocats, 22300 Lannion,
M	25-Mar	Lannion - Port de Locquemeau	Lannion	10	11	
T	26-Mar	Lannion -St Malo	St Malo		6	Sailing time 20:30 Arrive Portsmouth 07.45
W	27-Mar	Portsmouth				
			TotalMiles	100	125	
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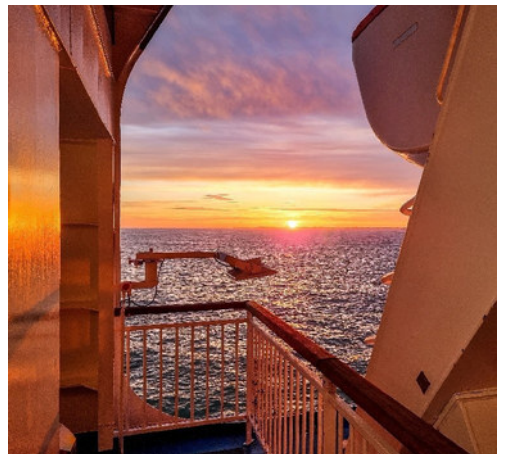

It is 2024, Easter is early so I set off with low expectations for the weather, in actual fact with the exception of a couple of days it is very good….as in dry! I reverse my last journey…Ferry from Portsmouth to St Malo, train via Rennes to St Bieuc, then bus to near Plouha. Having grabbed some food in St. Brieuc I cook at my Airbnb….which I do a lot of on this trip

Rennes Station is new & a great design.

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I revisit the last 6Km of walk from 2022 to Pluha …this time in broad daylight, well worth it.

Another of my many meals straight from the supermarket.

Abbaye de Beauport near Paimpol....a different sort of coastline.

At Porz Éven I had to kill time over my apple and nuts lunch, great fun just sitting there taking in the view.

It’s a Sunday and I know that in the evening the chance of me finding somewhere that serves food is nil. So weeks before I book at this small restaurant in Loguivy for 'The Sunday Lunch'.

Before that I go to a bar where they are celebrating St Patricks day with Leprechaun hats. They were kind enough to sell me some bread for my supper.

After lunch the path up the estuary became a little hard going….not what you want after a big Sunday lunch.

So far the paths had not been too muddy…today there was no way out. I have elected to use walking shoes now….but at times like this I wish I had my boots

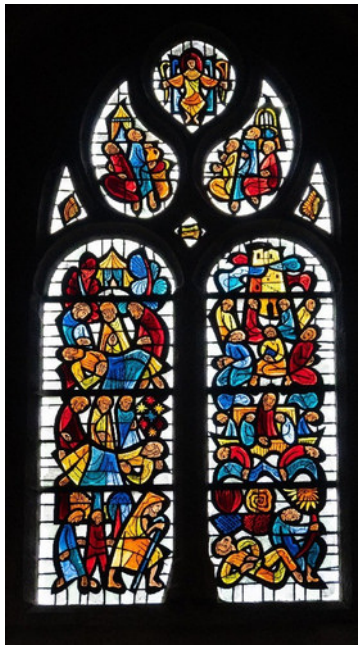
It was now Monday…same problem with food....everything is closed. Being hungry I overbought in the supermarket, but sadly I got through it with the help of half a bottle of red. It was not an exciting town!

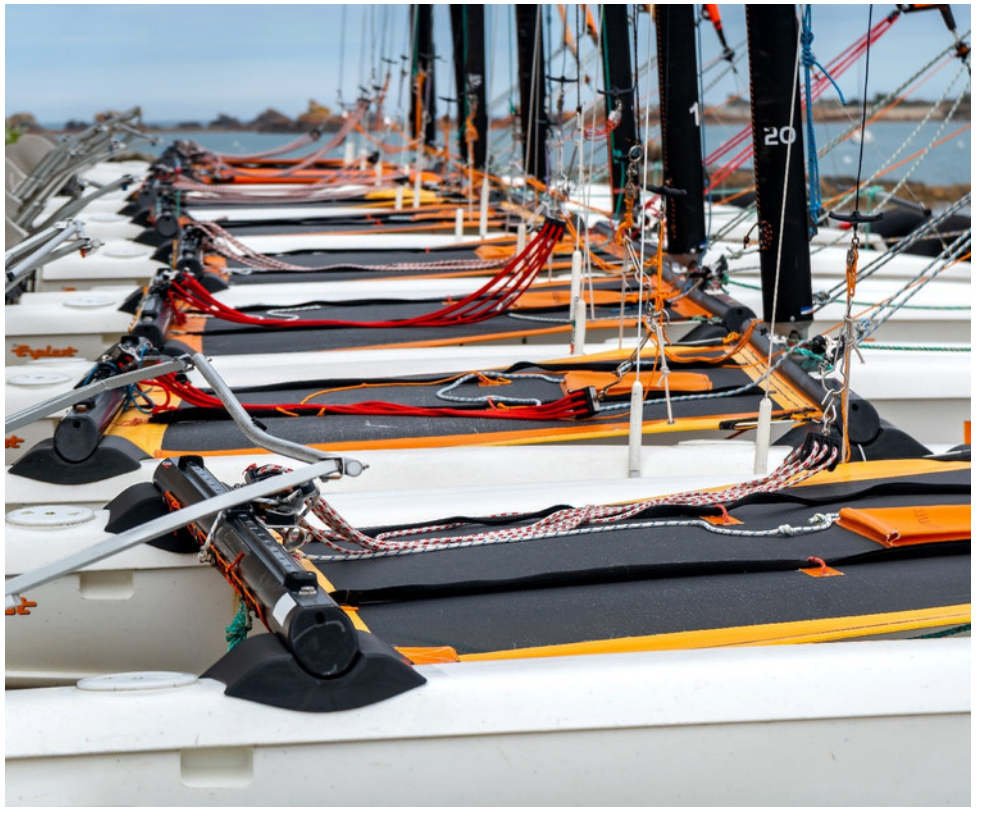
This was the first airbnb I have ever problems getting into....there were so many numbers to call on the door, saved by a passing local who could speak English...I left them a poor review ... a first for me as well.

The main crops in this area are cauliflowers and artichokes. The stench of the cauliflower's being harvested was very strong. That night I had an Airbnb in Tréguier.

On my stroll around I found a huge cathedral in a very small town. It was the usual French musty smelling place, but the windows were magnificent. Apparently the originals were destroyed in the revolution. Outside was an impresive war memorial…called 'Pain'.

I had difficulty getting accommodation the next day so I had a choice of a boring overland road journey or getting a taxi to the north coast. I took the taxi option and very glad I did. The tide was out on the Rose Granite coast and it looked great.





Above is my lunch spot for the day, good seat, great view…OK apple and nuts. For supper I had the left over from the night before. Not the greatest meal but adequate.

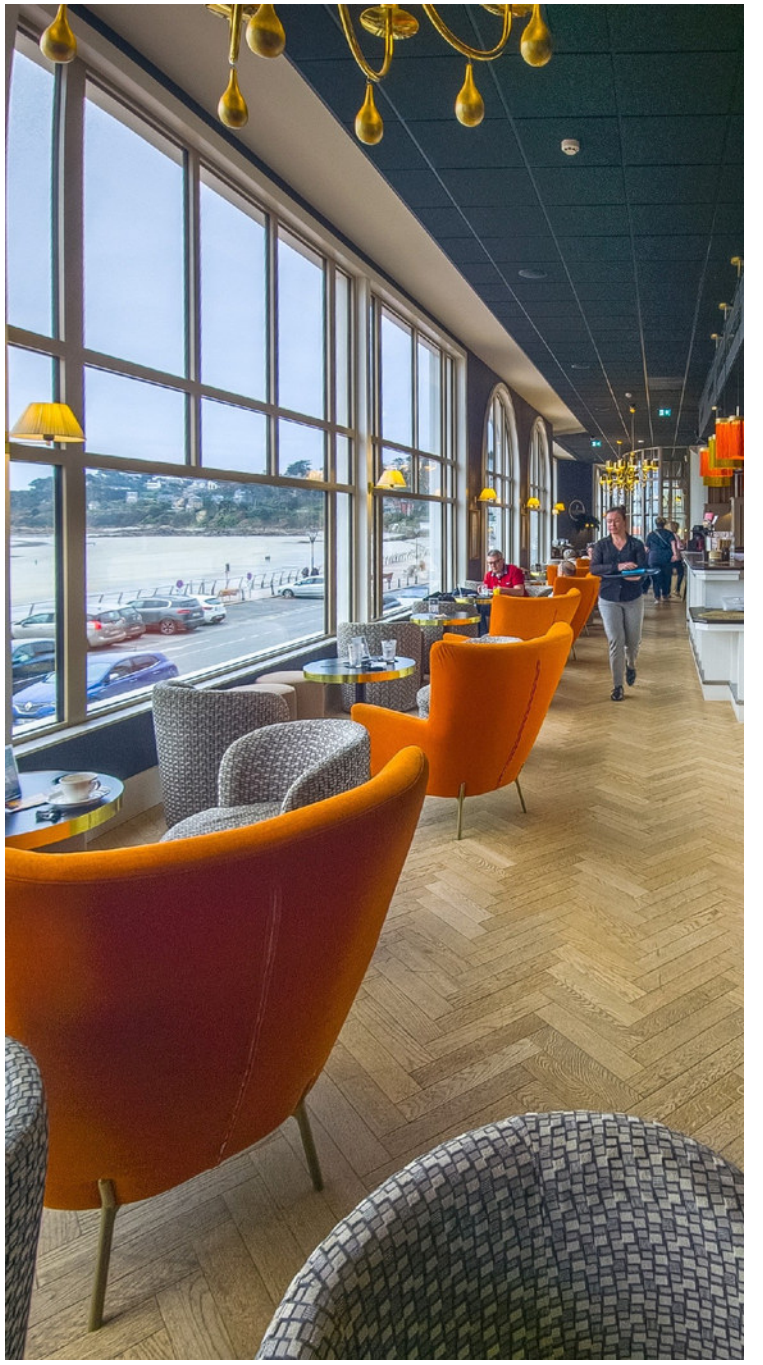
Morning at Plage de Trestel

I have been of the opinion that the difference between a landscape photographer and a travel photographer is that the former goes to a scene with a lot of preparation on light, weather location etc. Whereas a travel photographer grabs what they can when passing….. I am firmly in the latter category.

I had set off walking mid-morning in the glome near Perros-Guirec, when I was suddenly aware of a shaft of light working its way across the sea. Just for once I sat down on a rock and waited for a quarter of an hour for it to collide with a walker on the beach.

I was blessed with low tides during the day on my walk, this provided a lot of short cuts, but like the young man in this picture an ability to spend time poking about.

I found this delaminated plywood from a boat on the same beach…great colour and texture



In Perros-Guirec I stayed at a hotel in the town, but ate in my room with food from the supermarket, breakfast was served in the hotel.
Just down the road I came to one of the few coffee stops that I bumped into on my journey…this time in the Casino.

The first half day of rain….well it gave a different texture to the scenery. The next day I had sun and showers with great skies

Another great Airbnb and ate well after a visit to the local supermarket. These meals were my undoing. It might come as no surprise that three weeks later the doctor was prescribing Ompresole.

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The walk into Lannion was along a great path along the edge of the estuary. Because of the ferry times I had an extra day in Lannion, so took a circular walk south of the town, the scenery was OK but nothing worth recording except a muddy track that could not be avoided.

Getting to St Malo on the train the next morning I had six hour to kill. So I had a great lunch followed by a six mile walk on the beach. What could have been a tedious travel day was turned into a very enjoyable afternoon in St Marlo. I tried to cut back on my food on the ferry, but did enjoy a small third bottle of Rose. A very enjoyable trip.

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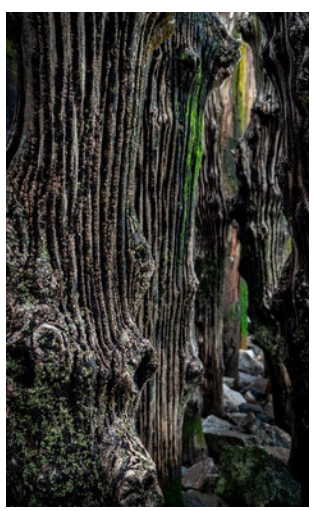
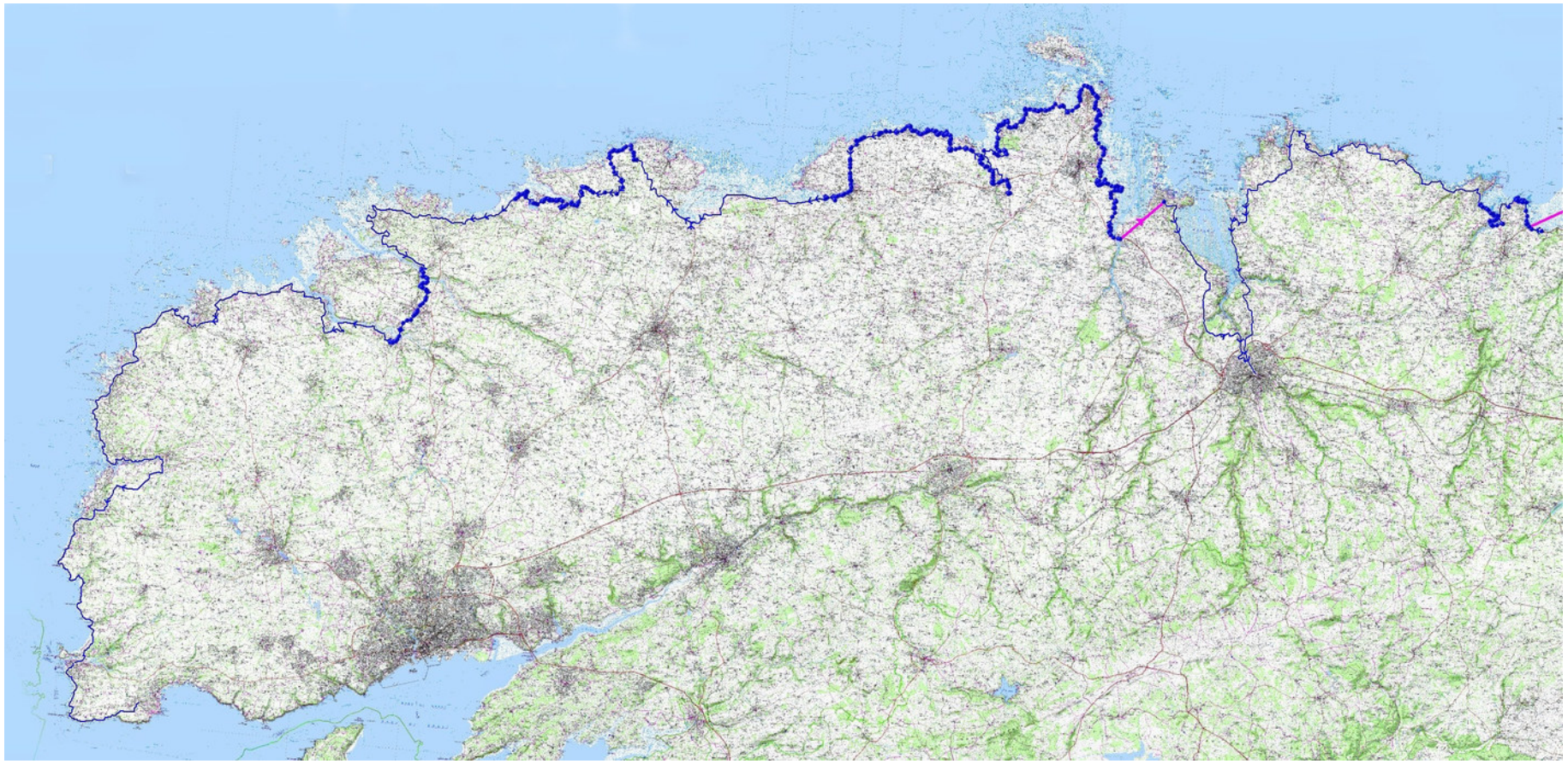




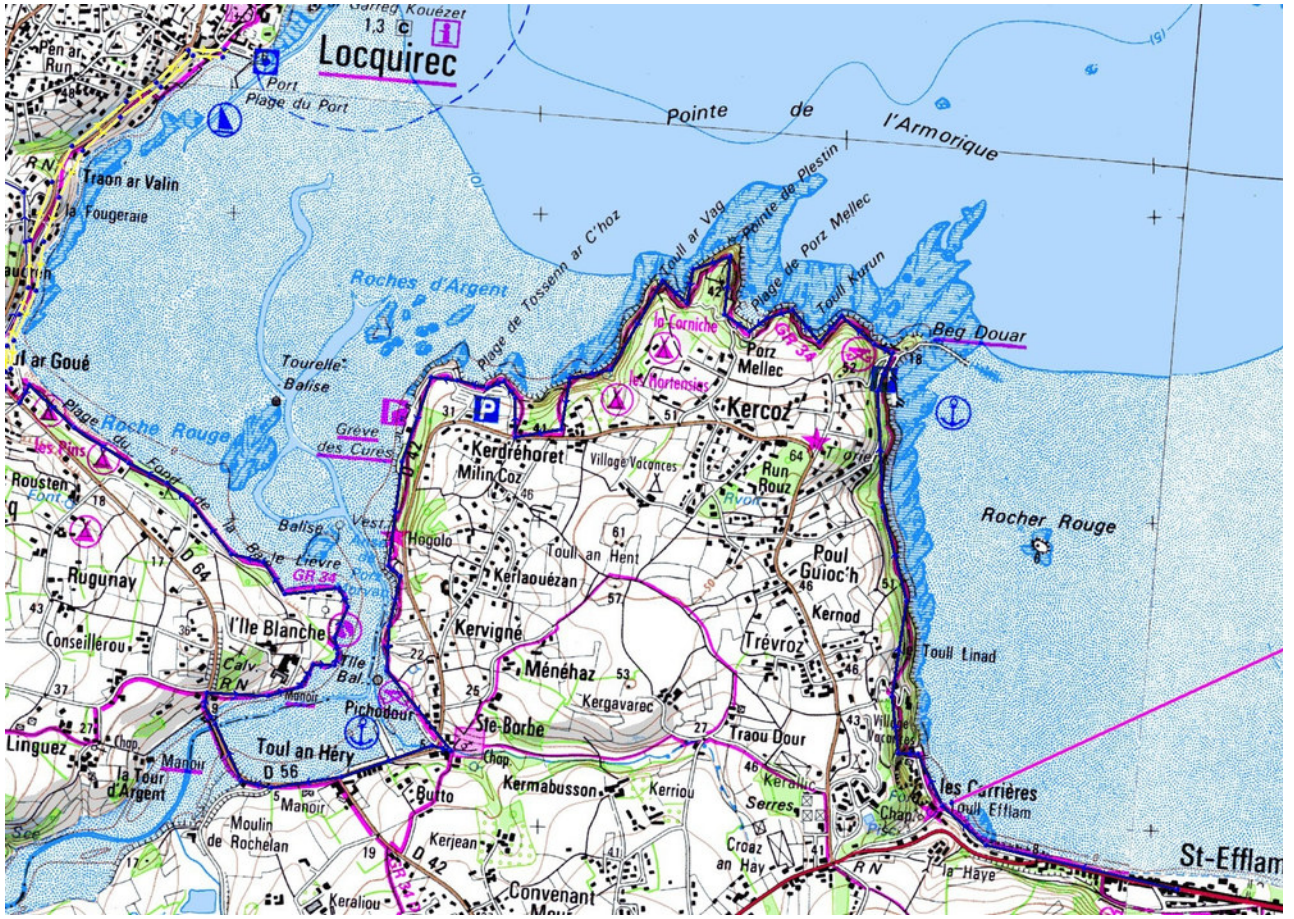
2026

Plage de Saint-Efflam (Near Lannion) to Plougonvelin

Ok you might have noticed I have missed out 15 miles from Lannion for two reasons.

A fair chunk was a diversion around the main road, the other I really couldn't be arsed to mess with all the diversions.

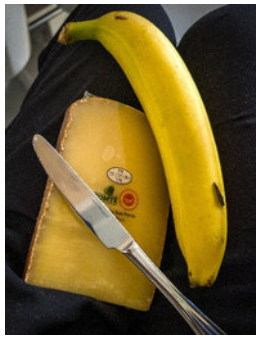
Brittany 2026		Pln Miles	Act Miles	Stay
Home	Portsmouth			
Toilet!	Locquirec	4	**10**	L'Escale Evel er gêr 1a rue du Varcq 29241 Locquirec
Locquirec	Primel	10	**12**	La Cameline, 5 Promenade De La Meloine - Primel,
Primel	Morlaix	13	**14**	Grand Hotel De L'europe, 1 Rue d'Aiguillon, 29600 Morlaix,
Morlaix	Carantec	10	**14**	Hôtel La Baie de Morlaix, 17 bis, rue Albert Louppe, 29660 Carantec,
Carantec	Roscoff	13	**10**	ibis Roscoff Bord de Mer, 17 Pl. Lacaze Duthiers, 29680 Roscoff **(Carfore)**
Roscoff	Plougoulm	12	**11**	Airbnb 190 Rue du Varquez, 29250 Plougoulm **(message 1 hour before)**
Plougoulm	Plouescat	12	**12**	Best Western 8 Rue de Pont-Christ 29430, Plouescat
Plouescat	Kerlouan	12	**12**	Airbnb 71 Lezerider, Kerlouan, Bretagne 29890, **(Intermarché)**
Kerlouan	Plouguerneau	13	**14**	Airbnb 37 Kergoff Uhella 29880 Plouguerneau,**(Intermarché)**
Plouguerneau	Tréglonou	12	**13**	Airbnb - TBA
Tréglonou	Bar al Lan	12	**14**	Airbnb 9 Rue du Salou, 29830 Ploudalmézeau,
Bar al Lan	Brélès	13	**14**	Auberge de Bel Air 1 Moulin De Bel Air 29810 BRELES
Brélès	Le Conquet	14	**14**	Hôtel Au Bout du Monde Place de Llandeilo 29217 LE CONQUET
Le Conquet	Plougonvelin-Brest	6	**7**	Ibis 13, rue de Siam 29200 BREST
Brest	St Malo			

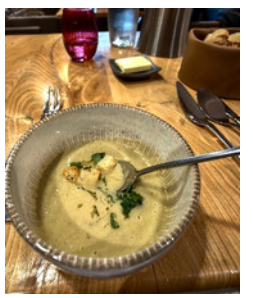


Day 1: Plage de Saint-Efflam to Locquirec 10 Miles

So day one was get off the boat at St Malo, walking 2.5 miles to the railway station, train to Rennes, train to Saint-Brieuc, train to Lanion and finally a Taxi to my jumping off point at Plage de Saint-Efflam.

Then a very pleasant walk to Locquirec. Arriving at 5pm I felt very pleased with my first days organisational efforts. I thought of my father, Neils, advice ‘Plan the work, work the plan’





The hotel I was staying at was not serving dinner, but they booked me into a hotel in the port 1.5 miles away. Normally this is the last thing you want to happen after you have been walking all day… but as I had only walked 6 it was OK. The meal itself was what I came to expect in France on this trip. Fantastic taste and presentation, but very short of calories. However I had a great breakfast the next morning.

Day 2: Locquirec to Primel. 12 miles

My memory of the day is pleasant walking in pleasant scenery with pleasant weather nothing spectacular but an eight out of ten sort of day.

The only downside was when I took my camera off my rucksack belt to remove some clothing I forgot to put it back on so had to walk a mile back to recovery it…. Fortunately it was still there.

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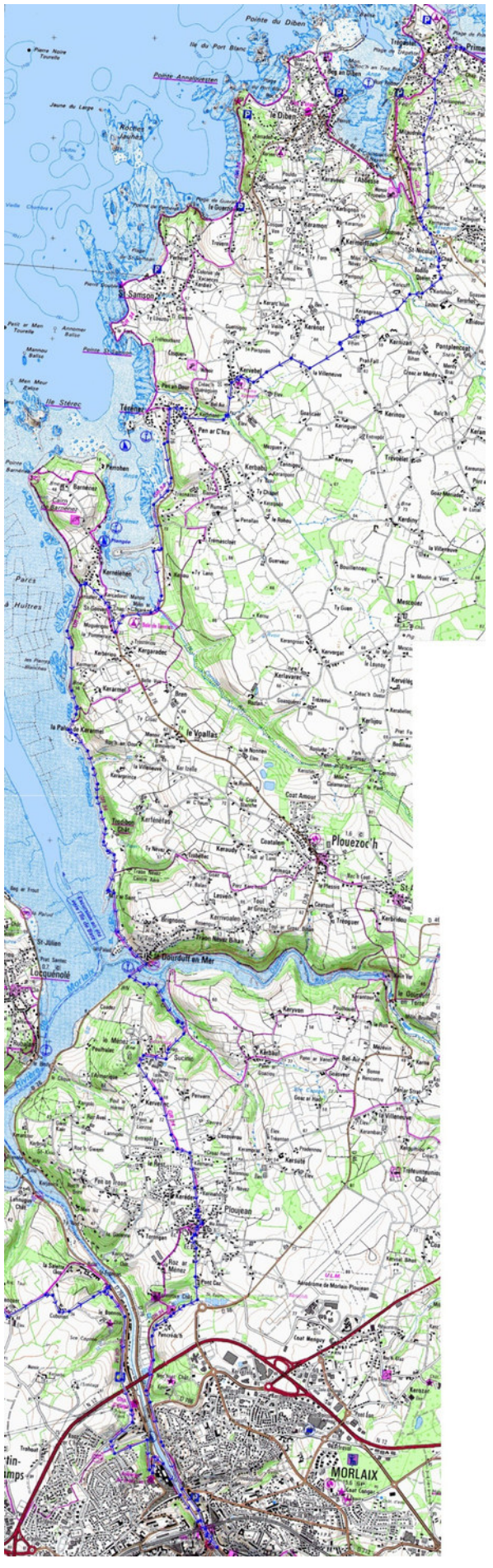
The other win was I stayed at the best hotel for the trip. The place was run by a couple in there early seventies.I was the only resident. The room was OK with a great view, but the food was fantastic. I had what could only be described as a scallop and prawn pasty, but served in the lightest of pastries with a great sauce. Breakfast was also good, with extra food prepared for my lunch.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PERRUCHE
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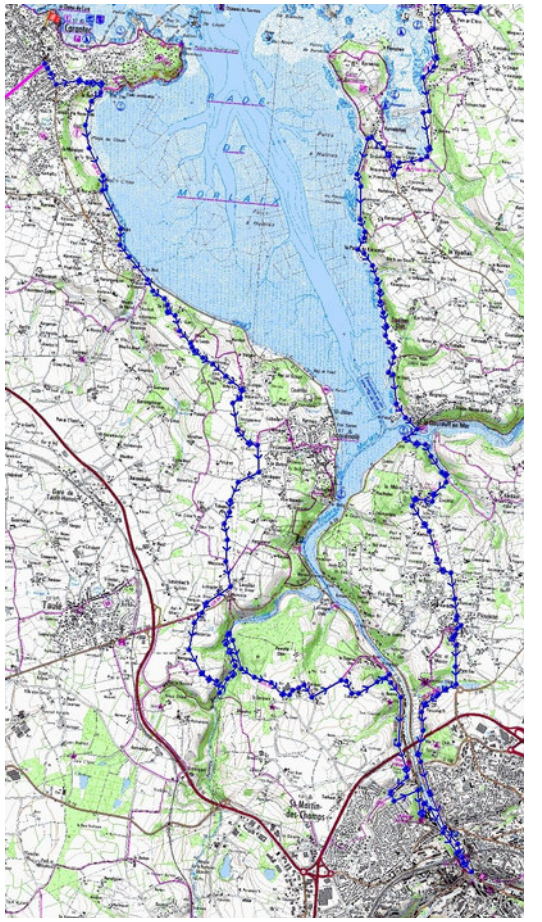
In the evenings I found a new way to amuse myself…AI photo changes. I took pictures on my phone of abandoned stuff, like tractors, cars and boats. However the pictures on this page were of a great mural in Morlaix, I could not resist turning it into something else.

films Kod

In the evening it was fun to have somewhere to go other than where I was staying. So I found a cord for my camera case (A bungee cord in a cycle shop) followed by sitting in the sun with a G&T... very pleasant. My evening meal was a mixed success the starter was a avacado in a sauce which was very good, the main event not so good. Breakfast the next morning was good enough to set me up for the day.

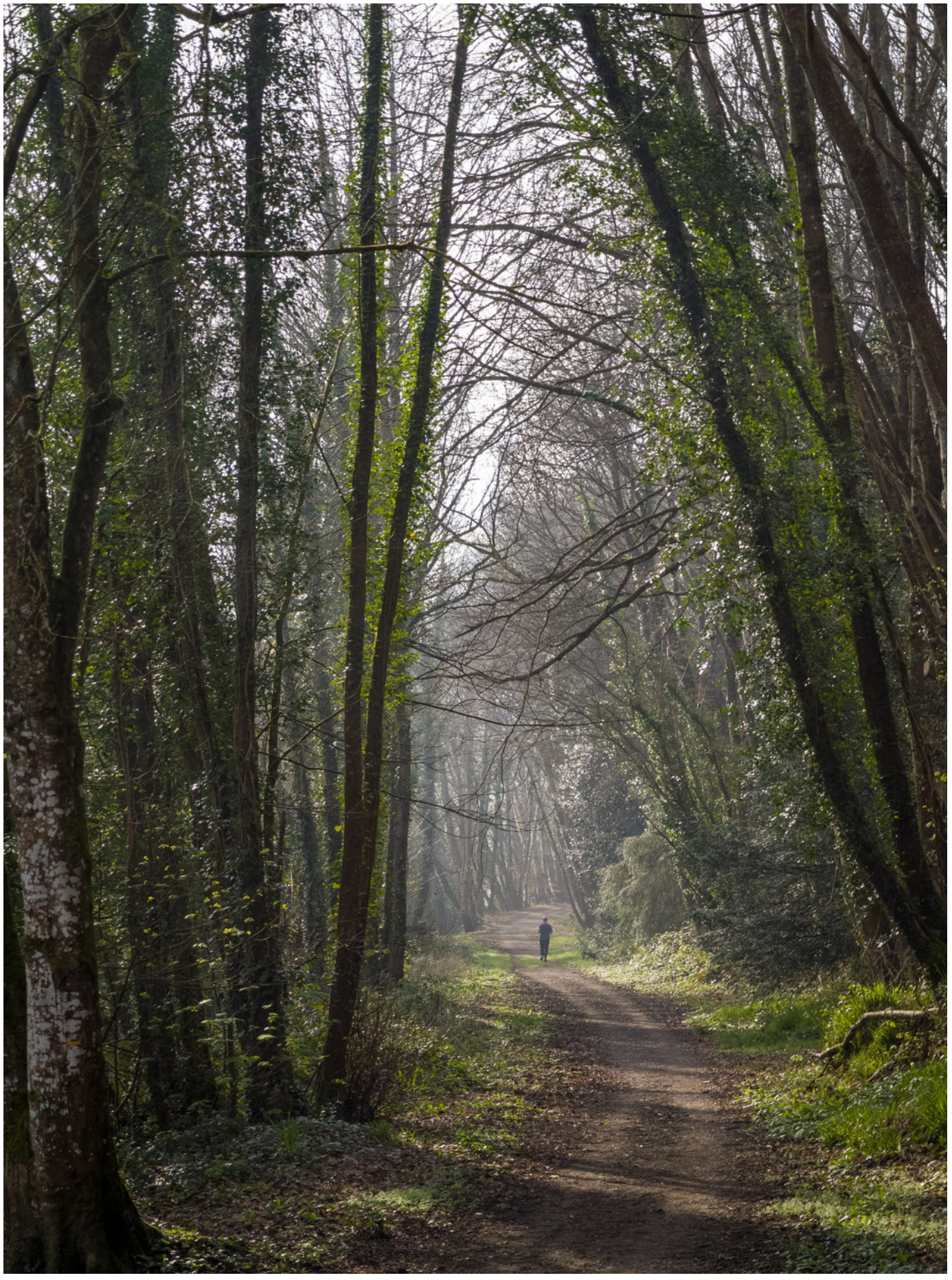
Day 4: Morlaix to Carantec 14 Miles

The reason my planned 10 miles turned into 14 was because of a two mile trek to my evening meal and a very necessary D tour in the day to avoid deep mud along a river. The walk out of Morlaix was better than I expected and took me along a ridge high above the river.



The next third of the route took me inland, followed by a pleasant journey along the coast. I arrived at my hotel by three pm so found a bakery and coffee shop…. Time for more almond croissant sampling.

The few miles to the evening meal café was well worth it as Joy and I had enjoyed the best fish and chips ever in the same bar two years earlier. No batter just a fantastic sauce. The owner assured me it was still good…and so it was.



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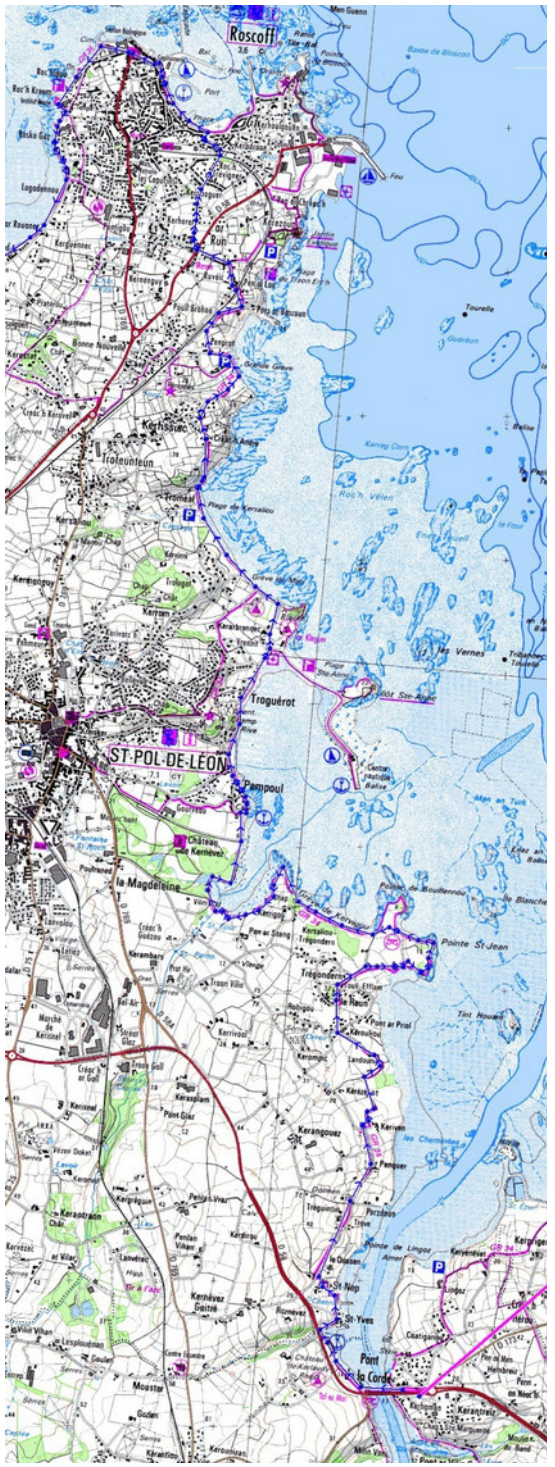
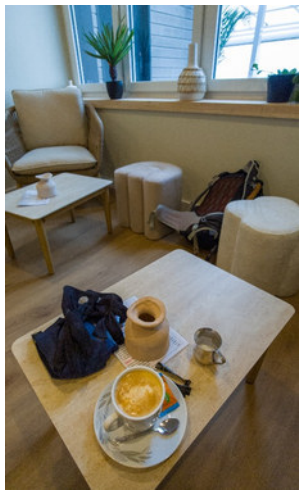
Day 5: Carantec to Roscoff 10 Miles

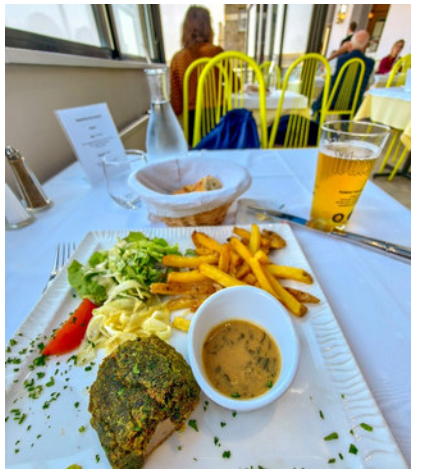


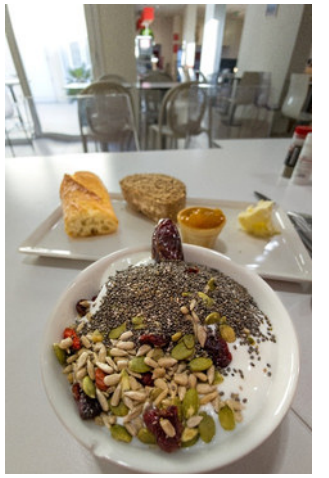
Today I did the reverse of yesterday and took three miles off my planned thirteen by simply getting a taxi to the Pont de la Corde. I worked on the principle I needed a shorter day and I had seen the bit from Carantec to the bridge a few years ago.

Glad I did, as I enjoyed the easier day getting into Roscoff by one thirty. So I went out and had a pleasant lunch followed by a ramble round the town

On the right: Artichokes, nearly as big a crop as cabbages.







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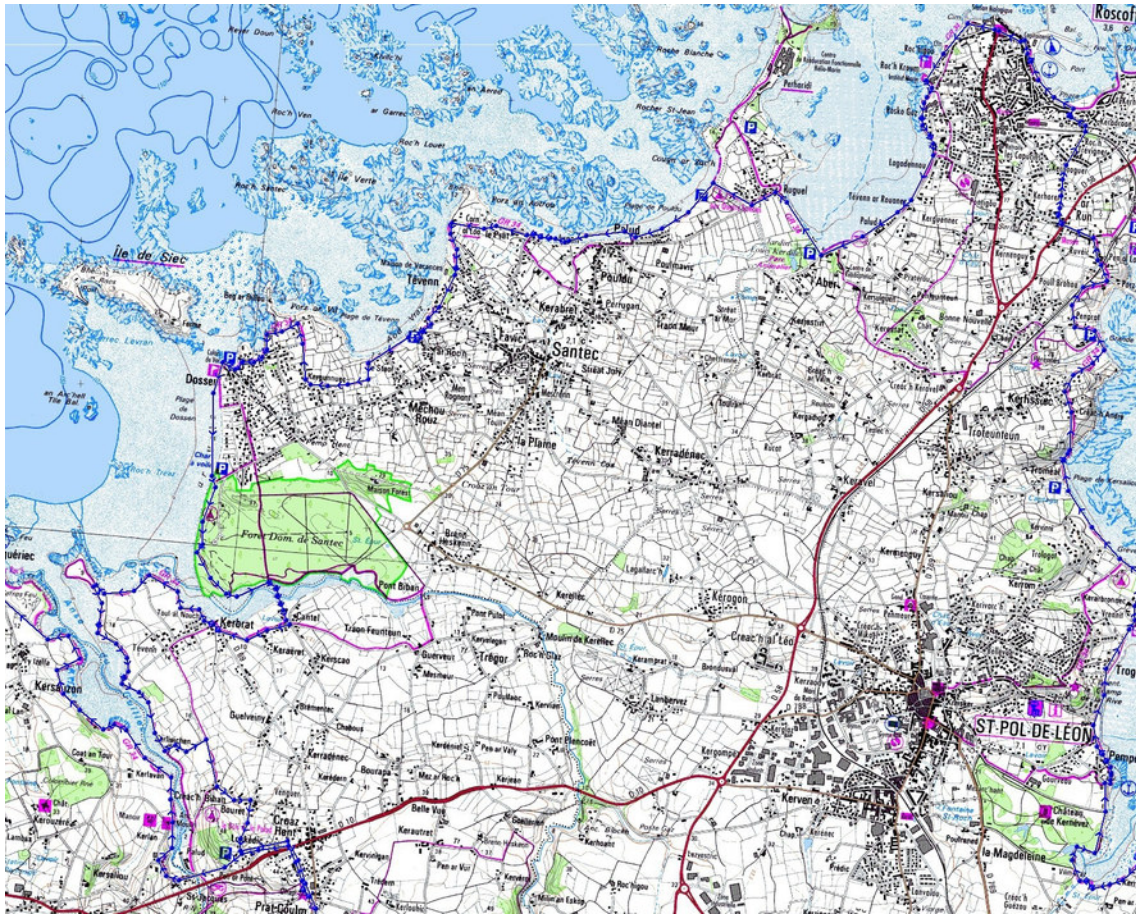
Day 6 Roscoff to Plougoulm 11 miles

A great days walking with big beaches and big skies. Made even better as I was able to get a coffee at mid day. I also managed a quick short cut that saved me 3 miles as the tide was out



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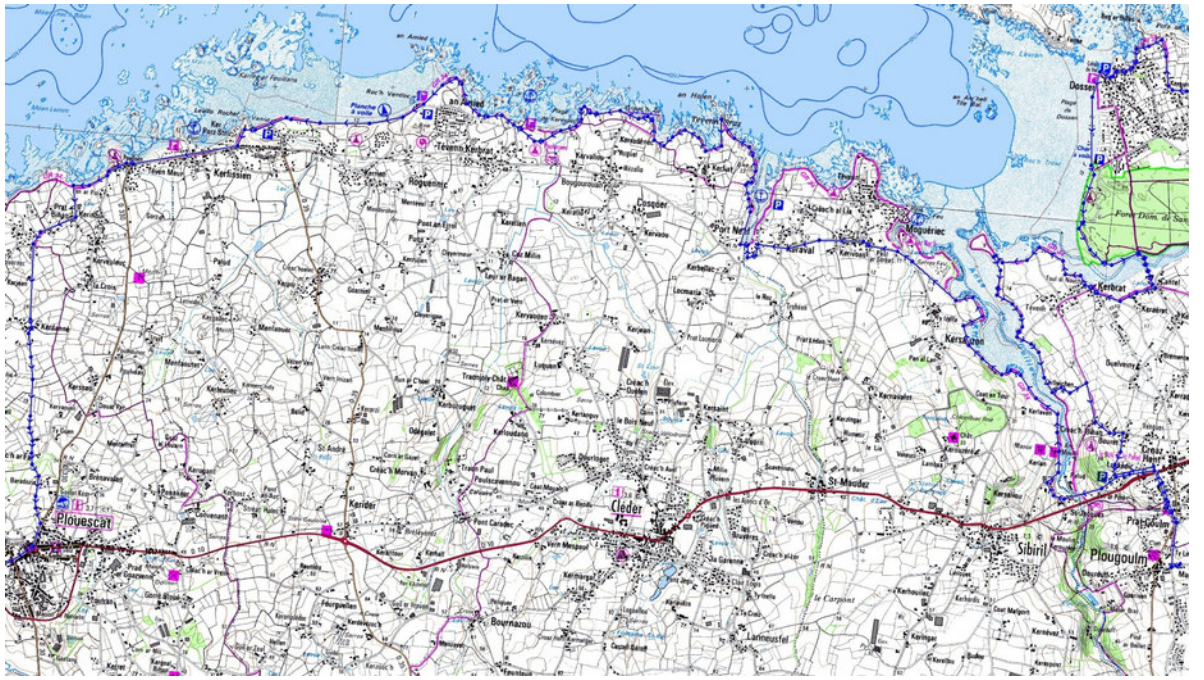
Day 7 Plougoulm to Plouescat 12 miles

I realised that where the sun rose could give me some decent sunrise pictures. So set my alarm good and early, pleased with the results.

Good weather and a great days walking, with coffee available at the right time. On the downside the meal at the Great Western hotel lacked a lot of calories

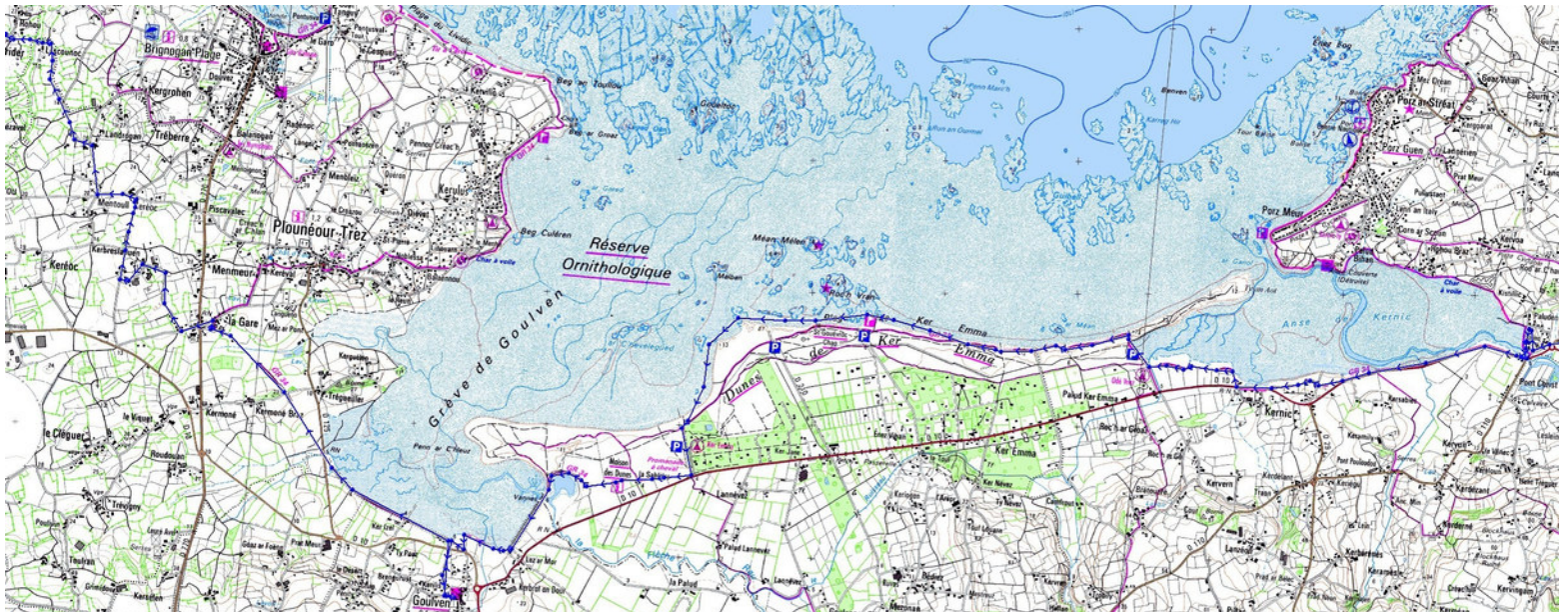


As I passed this pile of discarded vegtables in a field, I thought I could make a great soup out of that lot.

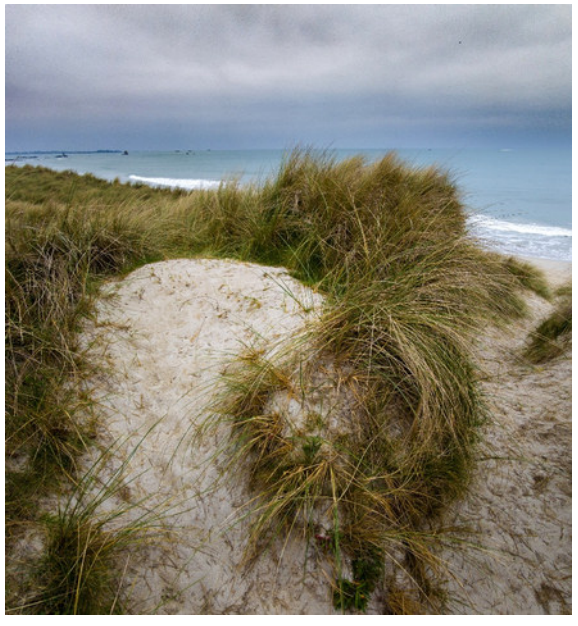
Day 8 Plouescat to Kerlouan 14 miles

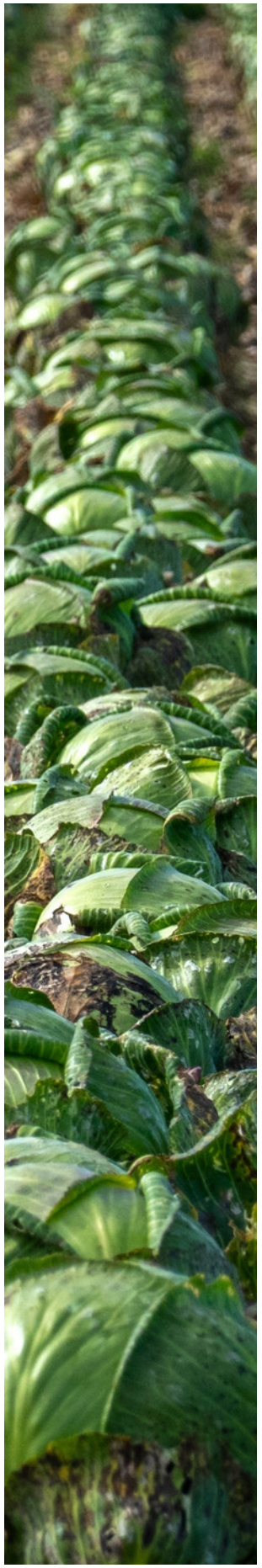
At least breakfast was substantial in the hotel. Also I had visited the supermarket the day before to prepare for a cold evening meal in my Airbnb tonight.

Good weather and good walking and once again a great coffee at lunch time (small de tour)



Unique to France, you see lines of usually older people waist deep in the sea marching along. At first it seems crazy, then you realise it gives them resistance work without stressing joints. Not sure I would want to do it in March



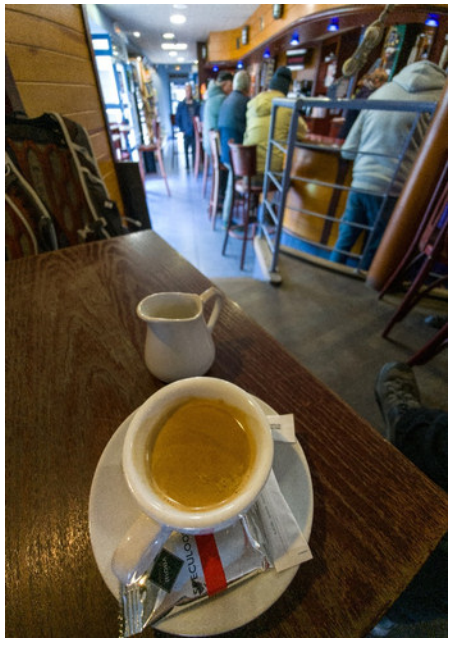


Day 9 Kerlouan to Plouguerneau 14 Miles

During the night a huge storm had blown through, leaving very high winds. I had planned to complete most of todays walk along the coast but after an hour of very hard progress I gave up and moved inland. On the plus side I found a bakery in the village with fantastic almond croissant, and later in the day another coffee. For the second part of the day I returned to the coast, the wind had dropped slightly and it was more sheltered. Another benefit was the clarity of the light.

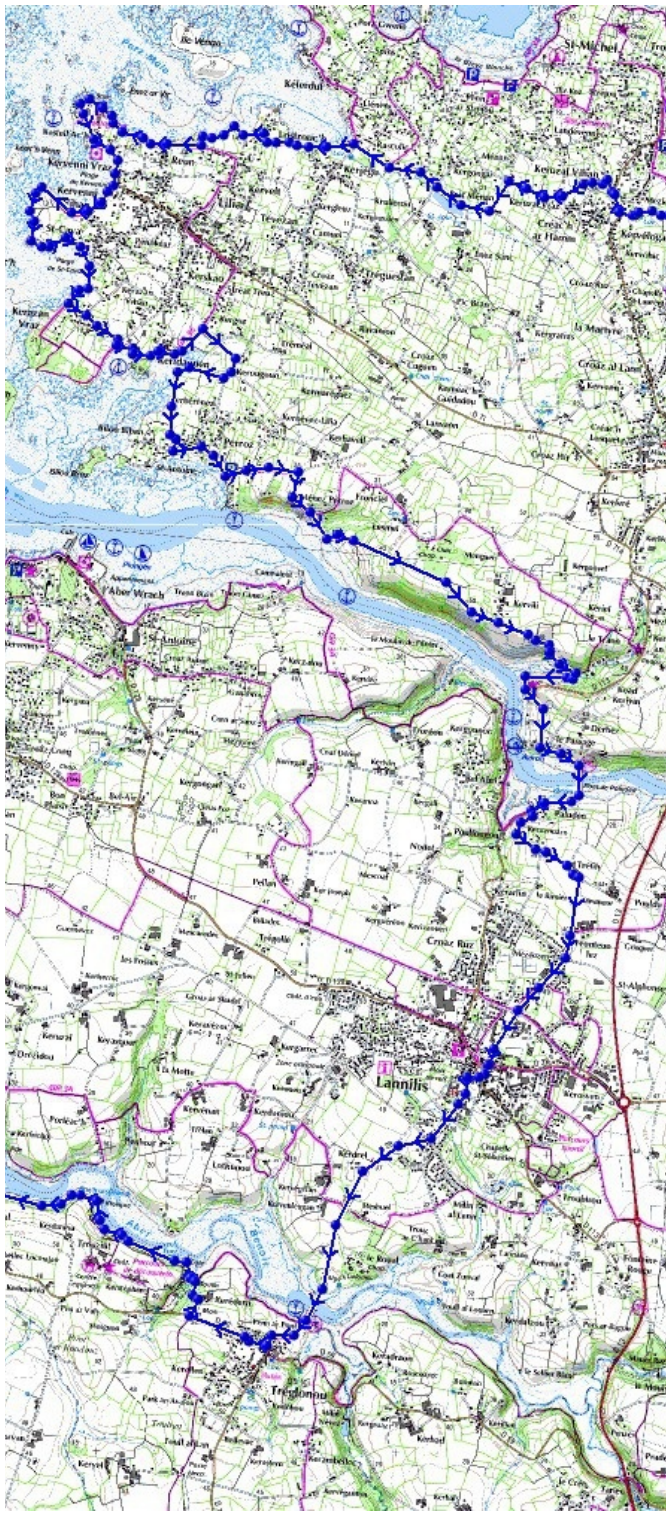
I stayed in an Airbnb with a kitchen so was able to cook some food. The problem at this end of Brittany is there is very little infrastructure for coastal walking. A hard day but with great views.

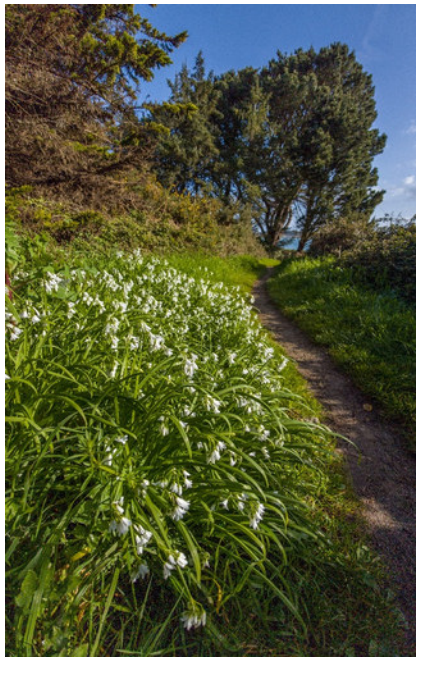
Right: The main crop of the area at this time...cabages, you can smell them as soon as you move back from the coast



Day 10 Plouguerneau to Tréglonou 13 Miles

Windy but pleasant days walking with a coffee and croissant stop in a hotel by the sea (I am getting used to walking into hotels and blagging a coffee. With a coffee and almond croissant stop mid afternoon. More to the point one of the best almond croissants ever…what a win. The room I had in an Airbnb provided an evening meal which was not the greatest, but breakfast was good.





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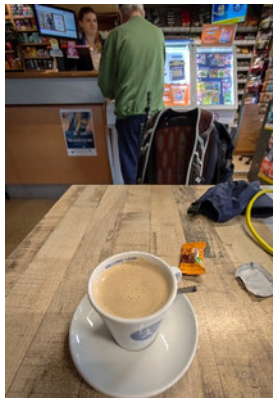
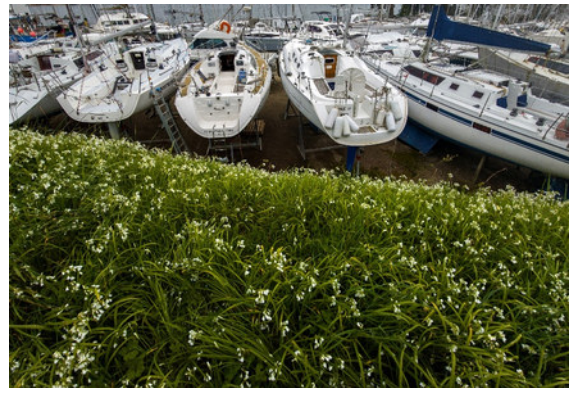
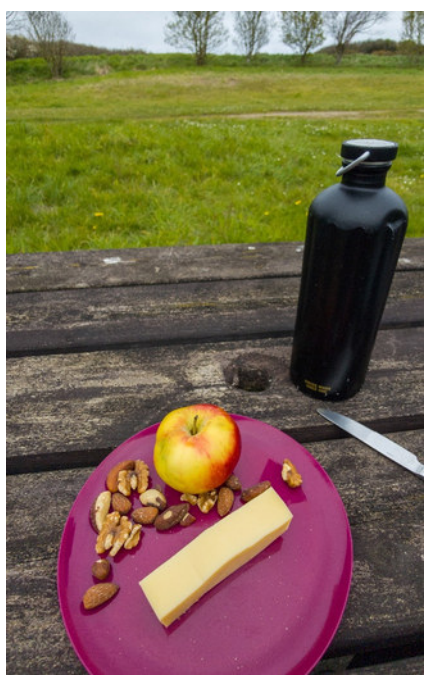
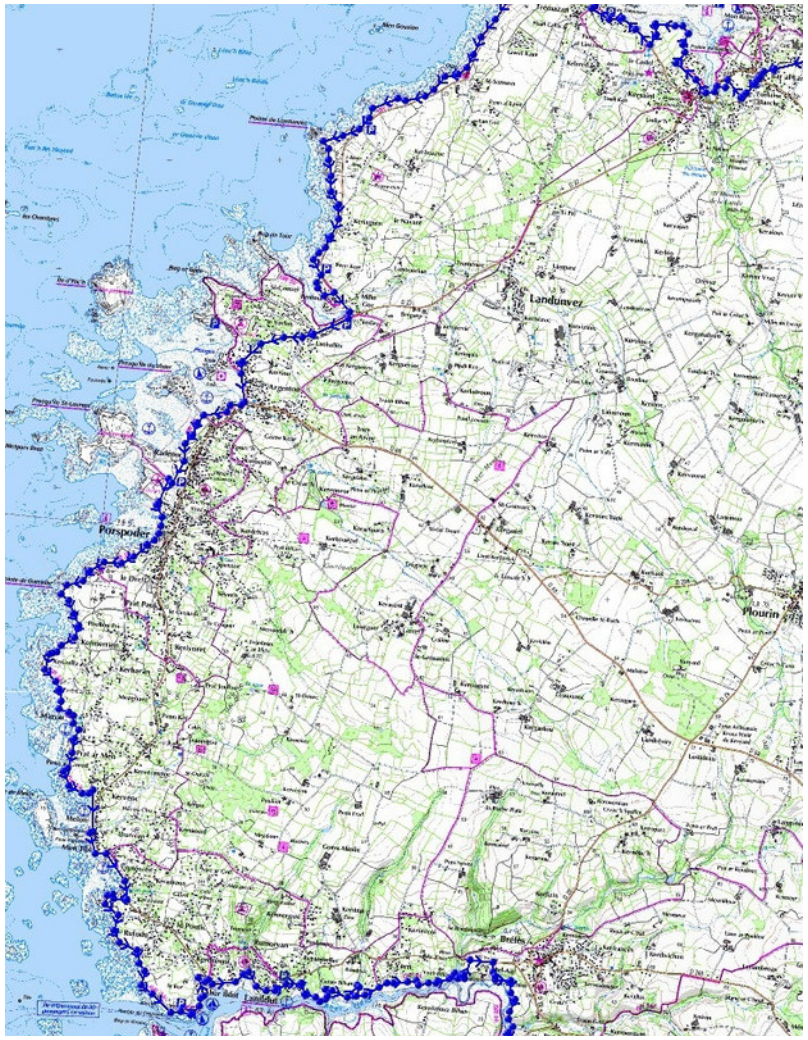
Day 11 Tréglonou to Bar al Lan 14 Miles

Pleasant days walking with the required amount of coffee and almond croissants (‘am I addicted…probably, who cares, they are my favourite SB) A variety of scenery but 14 miles is getting a bit long









Day 12 Bar al Lan to Breles 14 Miles

A varied day with different scenery clear weather, great views, coffee & croissants along the way

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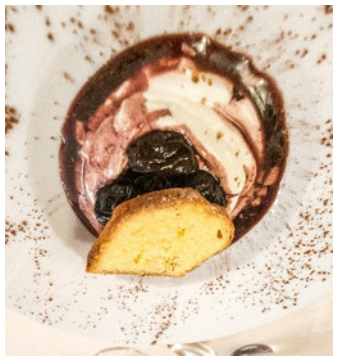
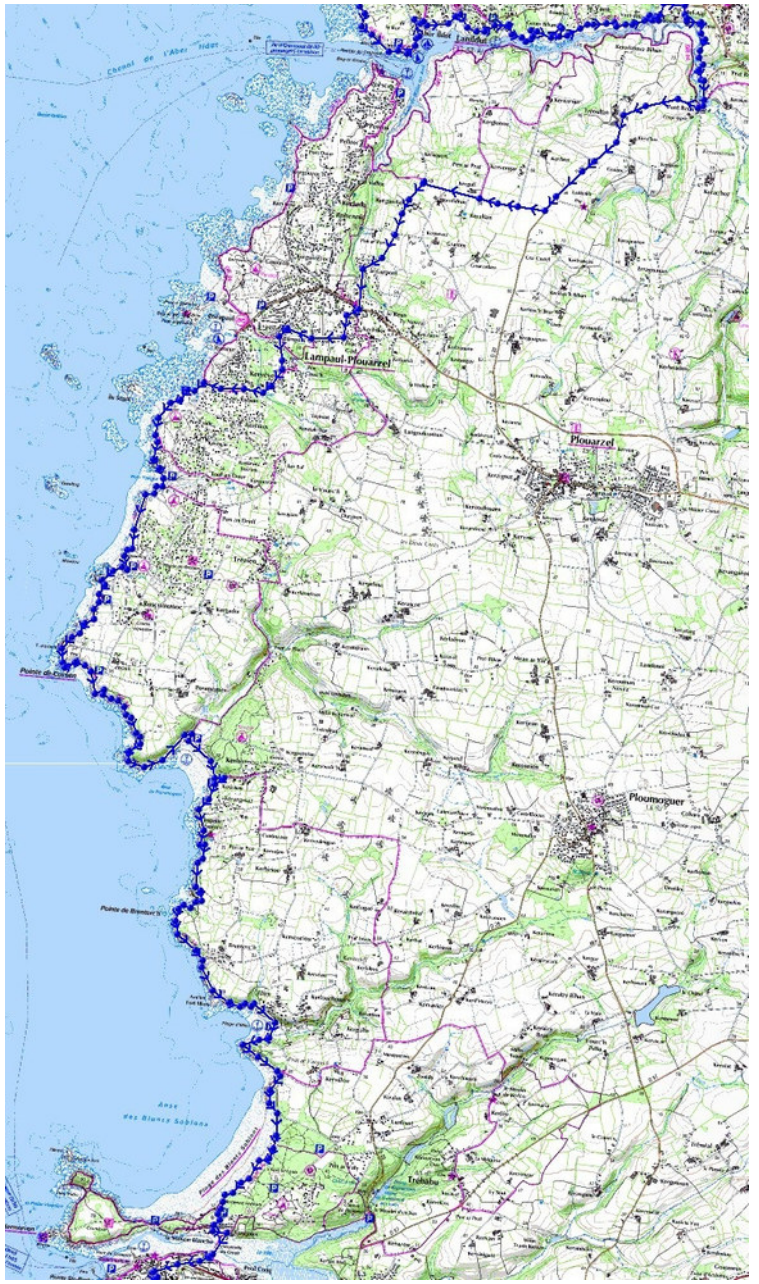


Day 13 Breles to Le Conuet 14 Miles

The last full days walking, but nothing spectacular in the way of scenery. I had to go in land to take a couple of miles off the distance. It was still 14 miles and I was beginning to feel weary. Pulled in a C&AC as well as the second best meal of the trip.



Day 14 Le Conuet to Plougonvelin 7 Miles

On my last day it was important I made it to my destination to catch the lunch time bus to Brest… and the journey home via St Malo. The surprise of the day was a lighthouse with castles and monuments + a four star hotel with coffee. A bus shelter seems a strange end to 14 days of walking, but I was ready for it to end. … but it had been a great trip.

PROCITY

As mentioned earlier, for amusement I would take photos of deralict stuff and then play arround with Ai to turn them into something else. Below are a few examples. ... NB I do not use Ai for my photos!

When I started this journey in 2022 I thought it would be great project to walk all the way around Brittany. That idea was not without risks, if I walked for two weeks every two years I realised I would be well into my eighties to complete the task. This did not worry me, each year I feel I am fit enough to plan next year's walk I am delighted.

However towards the end of my last trip I thought that although the scenery is magnificent, with my time left walking I should try other places. So my walk is in a sense 'Unfinished' …but I am content with that, it was a great experience.

So on to new paths…..

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