

Discover Rennes and its heritage



Tour of the historic centre

Setting off from the Chapel of Saint-Yves (15th century) where flamboyant Gothic architecture adorns the facade, you will explore the narrow, winding streets lined with colourful half-timbered houses dating back to the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. You will visit the Cathedral of Saint-Pierre (16th-19th centuries), and its decorations inspired by Roman basilicas and the city's defensive heritage, embodied in the twin tower gatehouse of Portes Mordelaises gates—the last remaining vestige of the entrance to the mediaeval town.

The two royal squares designed by the architect of Louis XV stand alongside outstanding townhouses built for members of Brittany's Parliament.



The *Parlement* of Brittany building

After a gourmet break in a *creperie* in the city center, discover the ***Parlement* building**.

Designed by Salomon de Brosse, the *Parlement* building is a key building in the heritage of Rennes, revealing a unique example of 17th century pictorial art depicting the history of Brittany. The great Parisian artists adorned what is now the Court of Justice with sumptuous French-style ceilings, gilded panelling and allegorical paintings. The Main Chamber is the pearl of this exceptional interior decor.

Partially destroyed by fire in 1994, it was immaculately restored and reopened to the public in 1999.

Your schedule:

2.30 pm – 4.00 pm: Rennes city tour with an English speaking guide

4.00 pm – 5.30 pm: Tour of the Parlement of Brittany with an English speaking guide