



Aux portes de la baie

Stay advices

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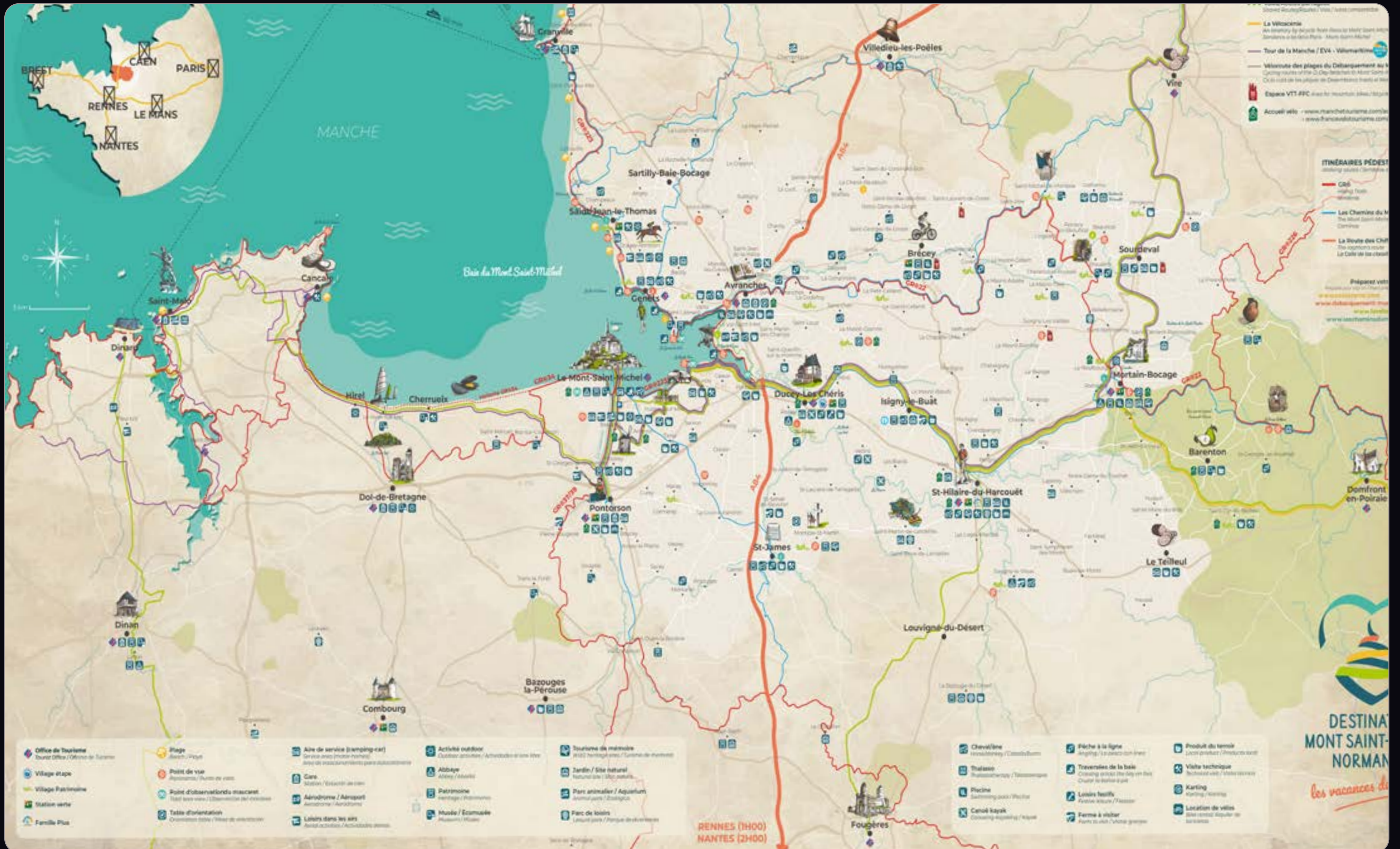
In this booklet, we've put together some suggestions for your visit, so that you can get organized during your stay.

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Map of the region





The Mont-Saint-Michel



1 Pontorson

Elected "Cité des Prés Salés", this dynamic commune is located 10 kilometers from Mont-Saint-Michel (10 minutes by car).

You can be reached on foot or by bike via the greenway along the Couesnon river.



2 Beauvoir



Cross this village, ideal for eating and strolling through the local producers' shops.

Visit the Moidrey mill and admire the panorama of the bay then why not organize a horseback riding, Segway or quad outing.

A stop at the Alligator Bay animal park will seduce you for its originality.

3 The Mont-Saint-Michel

This site is known worldwide for its heritage and architecture in a dream setting, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The village and its shops will guide you to the Abbey and its 1000 years of history.

You can contemplate the immensity of the bay.

To optimize your visit, consider arriving early in the morning or late in the afternoon. There are fewer tourists there and you can admire the amazing colors reflecting on the bay.

Walk the narrow streets, the ramparts, admire the wonder at your own pace and opt for a self-guided tour of the Abbey.

For history lovers, choose a guided tour with a guide who will tell you the secrets of the wonder.

Remember that crossing the shifting sands of the bay with an approved guide will ensure you have an unforgettable experience.

The Mont can also be seen from the sky...





The bay of the Brittany side



1

The polders

From Pontorson, reach Saint-Malo by the coast and cross the polders.
This land was once submerged and now cultivated.

To satisfy your curiosity about the local riches, consider a stop at the polder house and visit the Chappe telegraph.

Then admire these colorful landscapes from the balcony of the bay in Roz-sur-Couesnon.



2

From Cherrueix to Saint-Benoit-des-Ondes



It is 20 km of nature in the heart of the White Marsh.

On foot, by bike, on horseback or by the road of the mills, the gold of the bay will be revealed before your eyes.

Stop at « La Maison de la Baie » to choose how to experience the vastness of the bay's landscapes and its exceptional biodiversity.

Board the marine train to be guided and discover mussel farming or shellfish farming.

Let yourself be carried by the wind in a sailing boat or learn to fish on foot and discover some tasty treasures by taking a walk on these sandy areas as far as the eye can see.

3

Cancale

Voted a Remarkable Site of Taste, it's a natural gem to be savored.

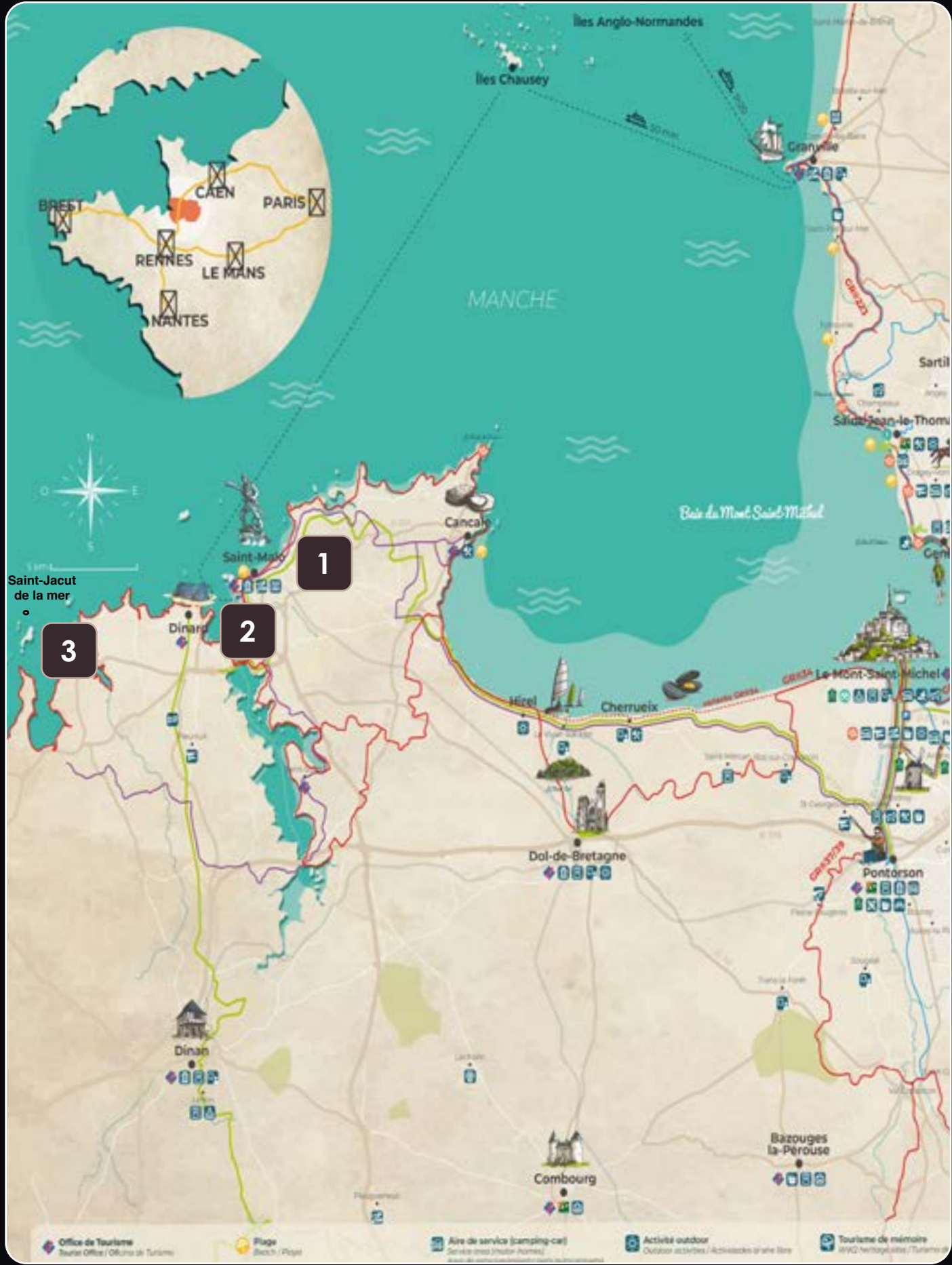
Learn about oyster farming at the marine farm, and sample oysters from this pretty fishing village right on the harbor or served in top restaurants.

Stop off at the Pointe du Grouin, and hike the famous "Sentier des douaniers" hiking trail.



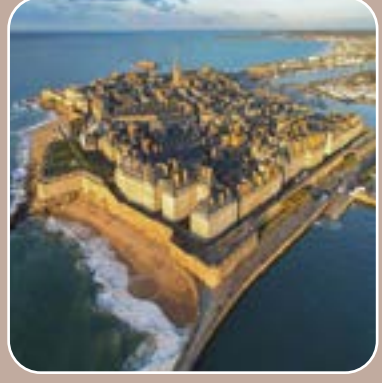


The emerald coast



1

Saint-Malo



Surrounded by its imposing walls, enter the corsair city, where history, emotions and strolls are the order of the day.

Take a walk into the cobbled streets of Intra-Muros. Walk around the ramparts to discover islands accessible at low tide, seawater pools and sandy beaches. Embark on a magnificent sailboat or opt for a mini-train ride.

Travel back in time to the origins of Saint-Malo at the cité d'Aleth and overlook the Rance at the Parc des Corbières.

Don't forget to reach the « Pointe du Grouin in Cancale to discover the wild coastline, passing by the Pointe de la Varde nicknamed the "tower of happiness" and the sculpted rocks.

2

Dinard

This seaside town boasts magnificent villas with Mediterranean gardens overlooking the sea.



Succumb to the charm of Dinard... Between the beach of the Prieuré, the Pointe du Moulinet and the promenade au clair de lune.

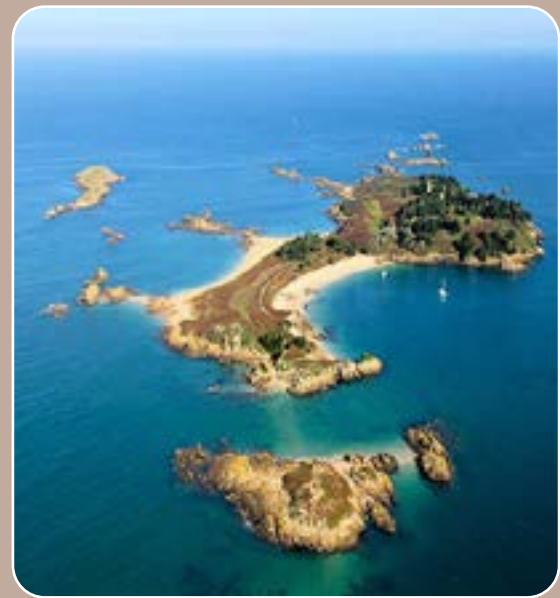
You can admire the river the «Rance» and Saint-Malo.

Walk the path of customs officers and reach the beaches of Saint-Lunaire and Saint-Briac.



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Saint-Jacut de la mer

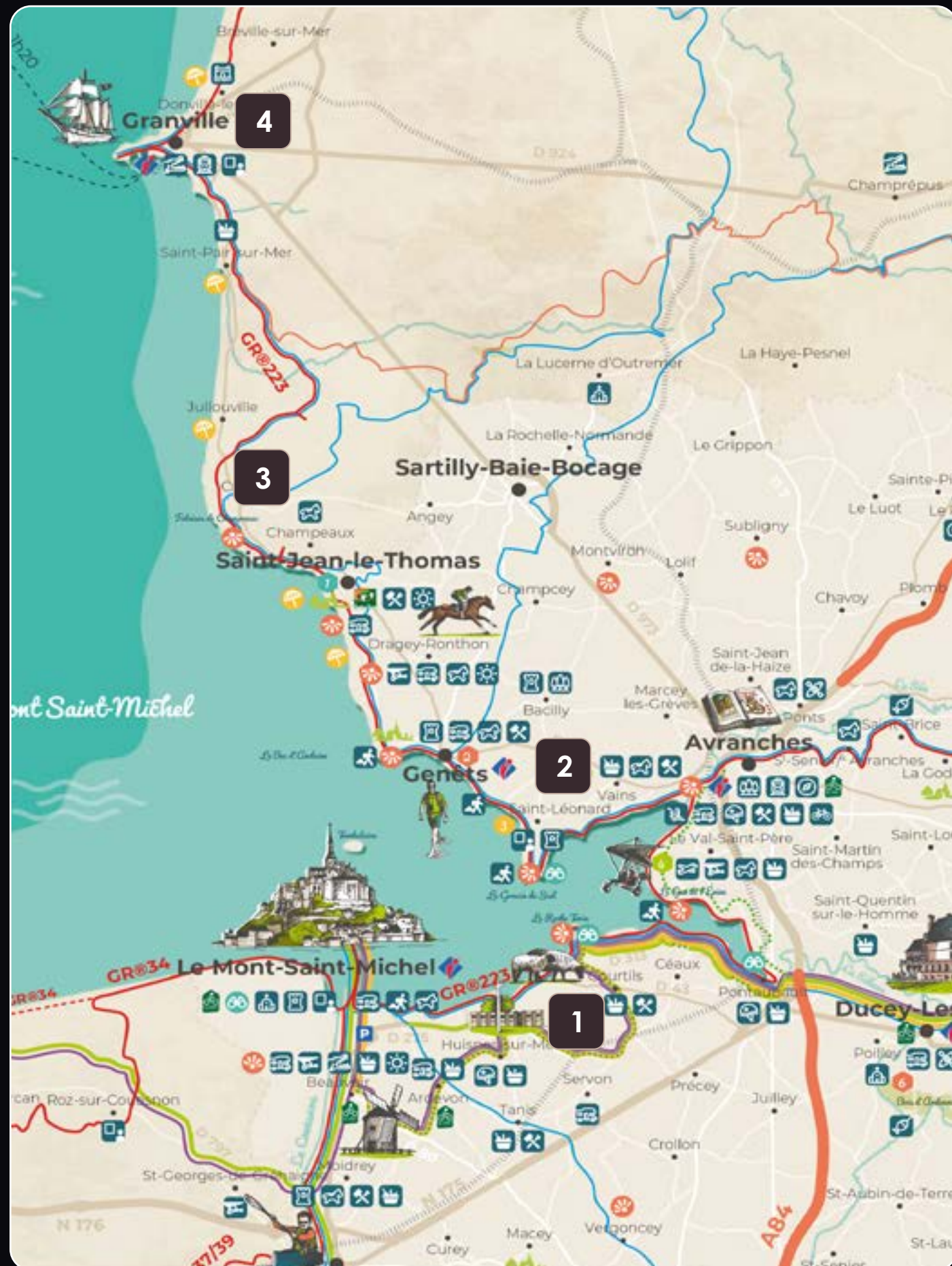


Want to end the world... Follow the GR34 and discover this jewel of the emerald coast: The peninsula of the Ebihens.

Walking or fishing. Water activities or discovery of this ornithological reserve.



The bay on the Normandy side



1 The Salt marshes

Taking the road to the coast you will walk along the fields of salt meadows or graze sheep. Do not hesitate to venture there in compliance with the regulations.

Must-see spots: Huisnes-sur-mer and its German cemetery, the «Roche Torin», Pontaubault, and the «Gué de l'épine» among others allow you to continue your journey while admiring the Mont in all its facets.



2 Vains/Saint-Léonard



Passage through this small fishing village.

Break discovery of local products from the farm Caraméuh.

Visit of the bay ecomuseum.

Then take a breath of fresh air at the «Pointe du Grouin du Sud», an ideal vantage point for photographing Mont-Saint-Michel and observing the phenomenon of high tides.

3 From Genêt to Jullouville

Departure for the crossings of the bay with a guide at «Bec d'Andaine».

Head to Dragey-Ronthon and its large equestrian centre before arriving at the great beaches of Saint-Jean-le-Thomas or Jullouville.

The «Champeaux» cliffs are a great place to take a stroll, and always offer magnificent panoramic views.



4 Granville



This fortified town, surrounded by ramparts on the upper part, is also the departure point for the islands of Chausey and the Channel Islands.

Its beautiful sandy beaches, characterful houses and port, not to mention the museum of the famous couturier Christian Dior and its garden, make Granville a pleasant destination.



On the way to Fougères



1

Saint-James

Visit the Saint-James workshops and leave with your iconic sailor sweater before heading to the American cemetery, a symbol of remembrance.



2

Maen-Roch



Take a course in sorcery at wizard school, the «Château Rocher Portail».

It's time to stock up on cookies at Mère Poulard's factory outlet.

3

Le Chatelier

Stroll through the 5 continents in the botanical park of Haute Bretagne.

Rich in color throughout the seasons, take a whiff of nature.



4

Fougères



Welcome to Fougères city of art and history.

Visit the fabulous medieval castle.

Wander along the banks of the Nançon and let yourself be guided on the discovery trail to the public garden.

Enjoy a breathtaking panorama.



Romantic Brittany



1

Sougeal/Bazouges



Go to meet the fauna and flora in the «Marais de Sougéal», a haven of serenity and biodiversity.

Discover Bazouges-la-Pérouse: Small city of character, source of inspiration for artists for a poetic walk.



Visit the Ballue castle and its remarkable gardens, then the hoof museum. Taste the Pommé.

Finally, make a stop at the forest of Villecartier space for nature lovers dedicated to leisure for the whole family.

2

Combourg

Take a stroll along the shores of lac and explore this town classified as a Green station.

Visit the Château de Combourg and let yourself be guided into the heart of this romantic fortress.



3

The Ile et Rance Canal



Discover an exceptional site, a remarkable example of human genius along the eleven locks at Hédé-Bazouges.

This splendid green places offers you a bucolic setting for hiking, cycling or boat.

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Bécherel

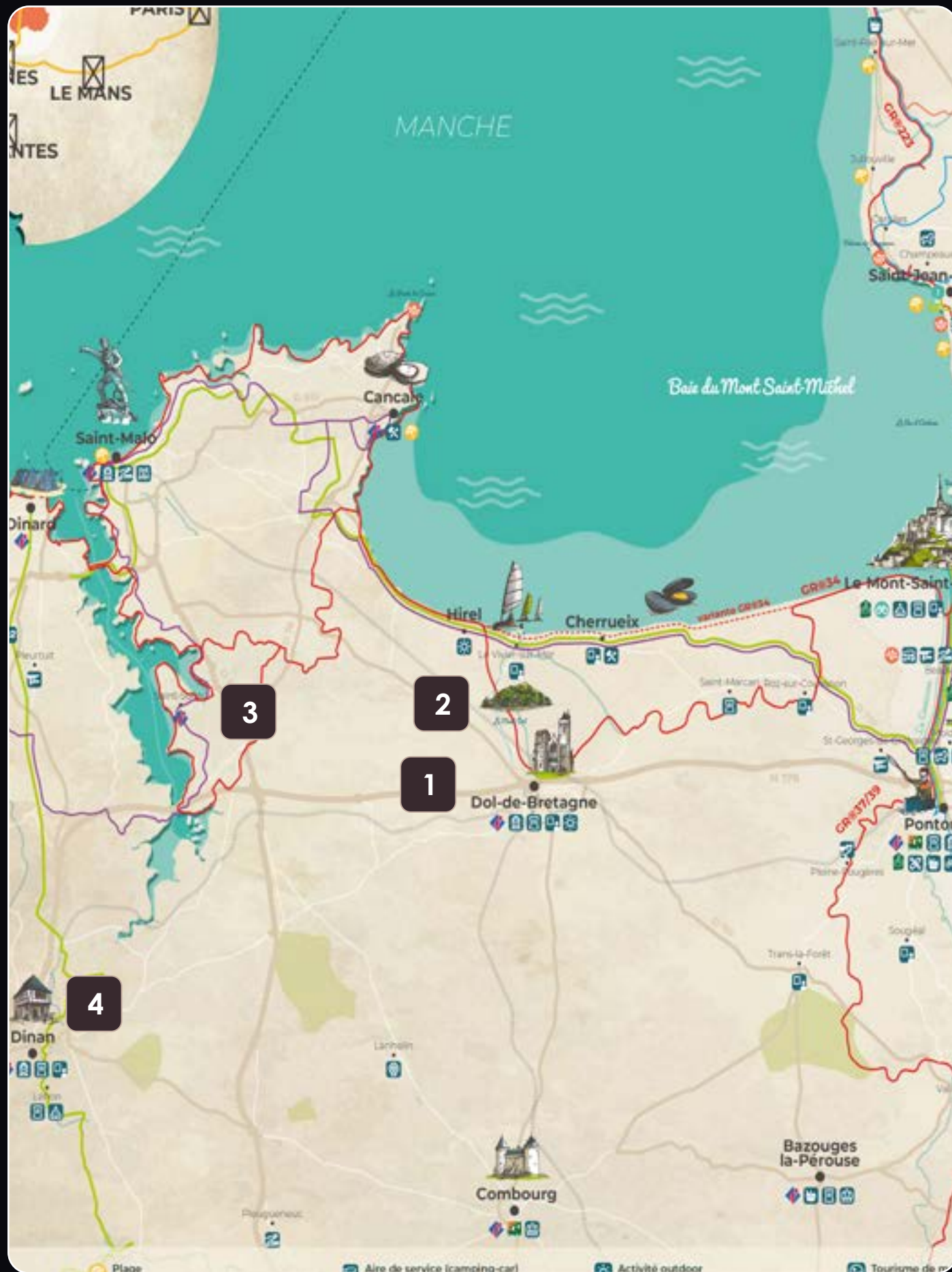


Bécherel is a small town of character, where the atmosphere is perfect for second-hand booksellers and enthusiasts.

This city is also a stage on the route of castles in upper Brittany. Visit the Caradeuc castle and its park nicknamed «Versailles Breton».



Toward the valley of rance



1 Dol-de-bretagne

Starting at the gigantic «Menhir du Champs Dolent», «Dol la mystérieuse» promises a journey through time, steeped in history.

Stroll along the «Grande Rue des Stuarts», admire these old houses with coloured wooden frames until you reach the promenade of the moat and in front of you stands the Saint-Samson cathedral which tells its story.

Visit the cathedraloscope.



2 Mont-Dol



A mountain of legend!

Do not miss the Tertre mill at the top of Mont Dol.

A granite rock 65 meters high where it is said that Saint-Michel and the devil would have fought there.

You will be amazed by the 360° view of the bay of Mont Saint-Michel and the marsh.

3 Saint-Suliac

Vary your pleasures and multiply your discoveries by exploring an estuary that unites land, sea and river in its bed.

Listed as one of France's most beautiful villages, take a stroll through the ruelles and let yourself be guided.



4 Dinan



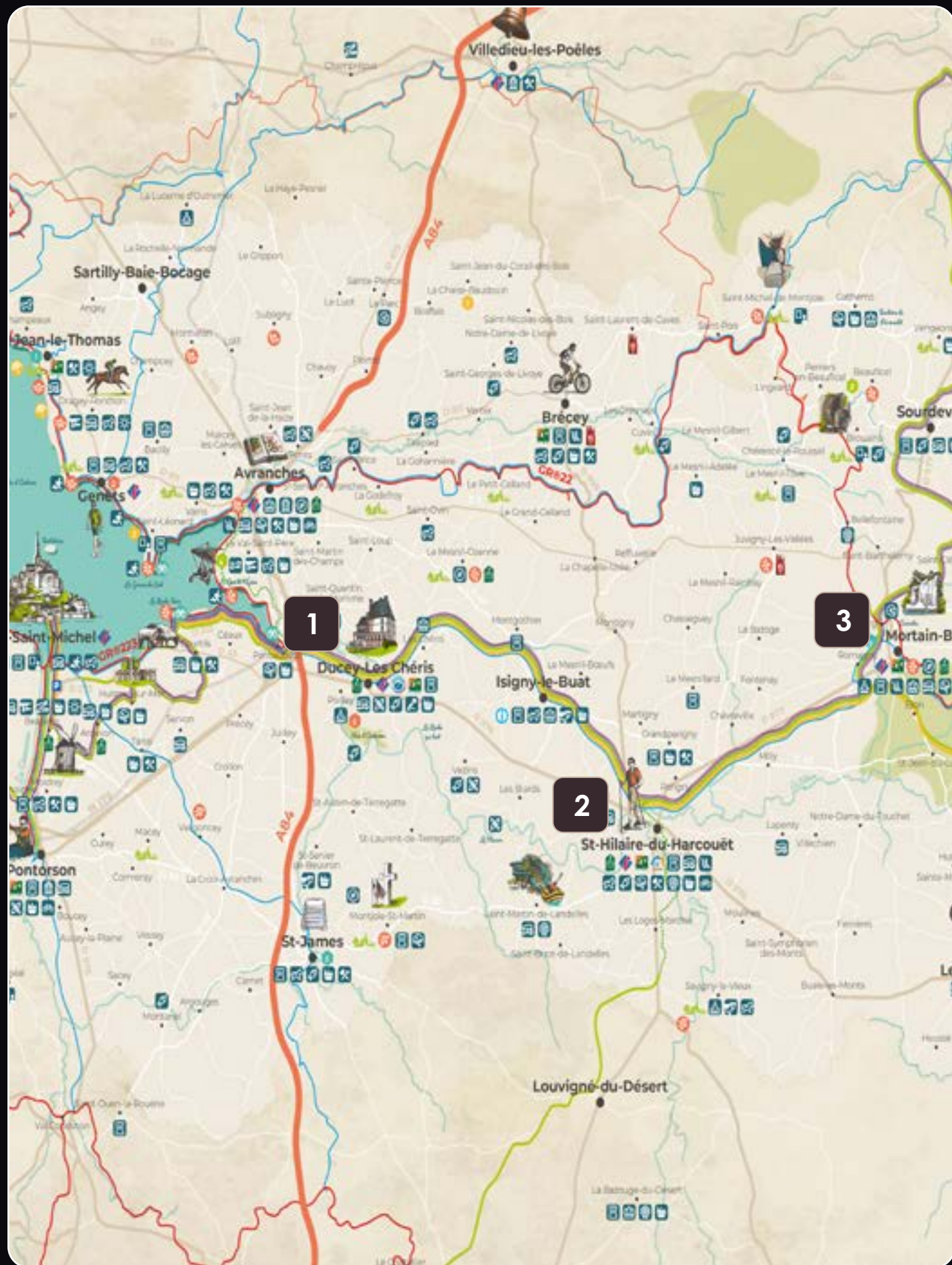
This medieval Breton city protected by 3 km of ramparts overlooking the Rance Valley will seduce you.

Discover its half-timbered houses, and take the famous Jersual street to the port.

Enjoy a picturesque landscape and visit the castle.



Toward the Norman Bocage



1

Ducey

Tourist step city, Green resort and Town in bloom, and bordered by the Sélune, Ducey opens the doors to a wonderful stop for relaxation and discoveries.

Discover the Montgomery's castle and its enigmas, majestic building classified as a Historic Monument at the foot of which you can walk along the river and reach the Ardennes wood.



2

Saint-Hilaire-du-Harcouët



The town has been awarded the "Green Resort" label, with its lake and lush greenery.

It's also a palette of colors to be savored at the big weekly market on Wednesday mornings.

For an attractive family outing, consider the Ange Michel's park.

3

Mortain-Bocage

Mountain air in Normandy!

Walk between waterfalls and rocks to catch a glimpse of Mont-Saint-Michel, and let yourself be carried away by the legend of the Gobelins and the fairies.

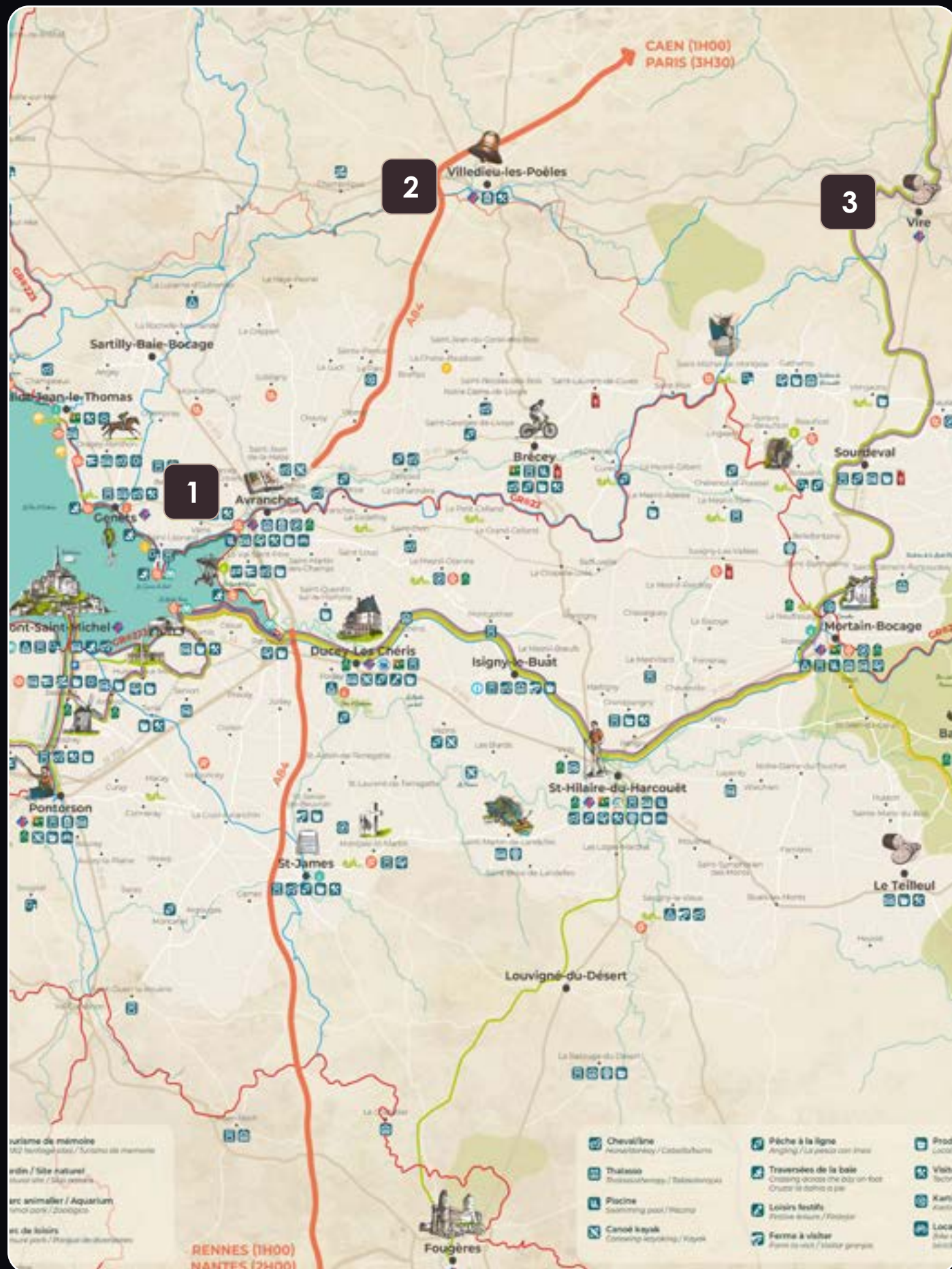
A little further east, walk the trails from King Arthur's forest to Fosse Arthour.





The Normandy countryside

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1

Avranches

This city of the Manuscripts located in front of the bay of Mont-Saint-Michel is a place of memory and story of the second world war.

Discover the Scriptorial, then stroll to the garden of plants to enjoy the panorama.



2

Villedieu-les-poêles

A medieval town remarkable for its exceptional sites along the banks of the Sienne river.

With its washing machines, its famous Bell Foundry, the Copper Workshop, its small cobbled streets and typical houses of the South Channel, visit Villedieu, it is to plunge back into several centuries of history.



3

Vire

It is the country of natural sensations located halfway between Mont-Saint-Michel and the landing beaches.

A natural wealth of landscapes adorned with green for hiking and blue for family water sports.

A very rich heritage to discover through castles, manors, churches, chapels and museums.

Not to mention feast your taste buds with the famous andouille of Vire.





What to do when it rains ?



Brittany side

We have selected some activities for you to do during your stay if the weather is not great.



The Marine Train



The Ville Prêtre Farm



The Telegraph of Chappe



The Castle of he Rocher Portail



The Grand Aquarium

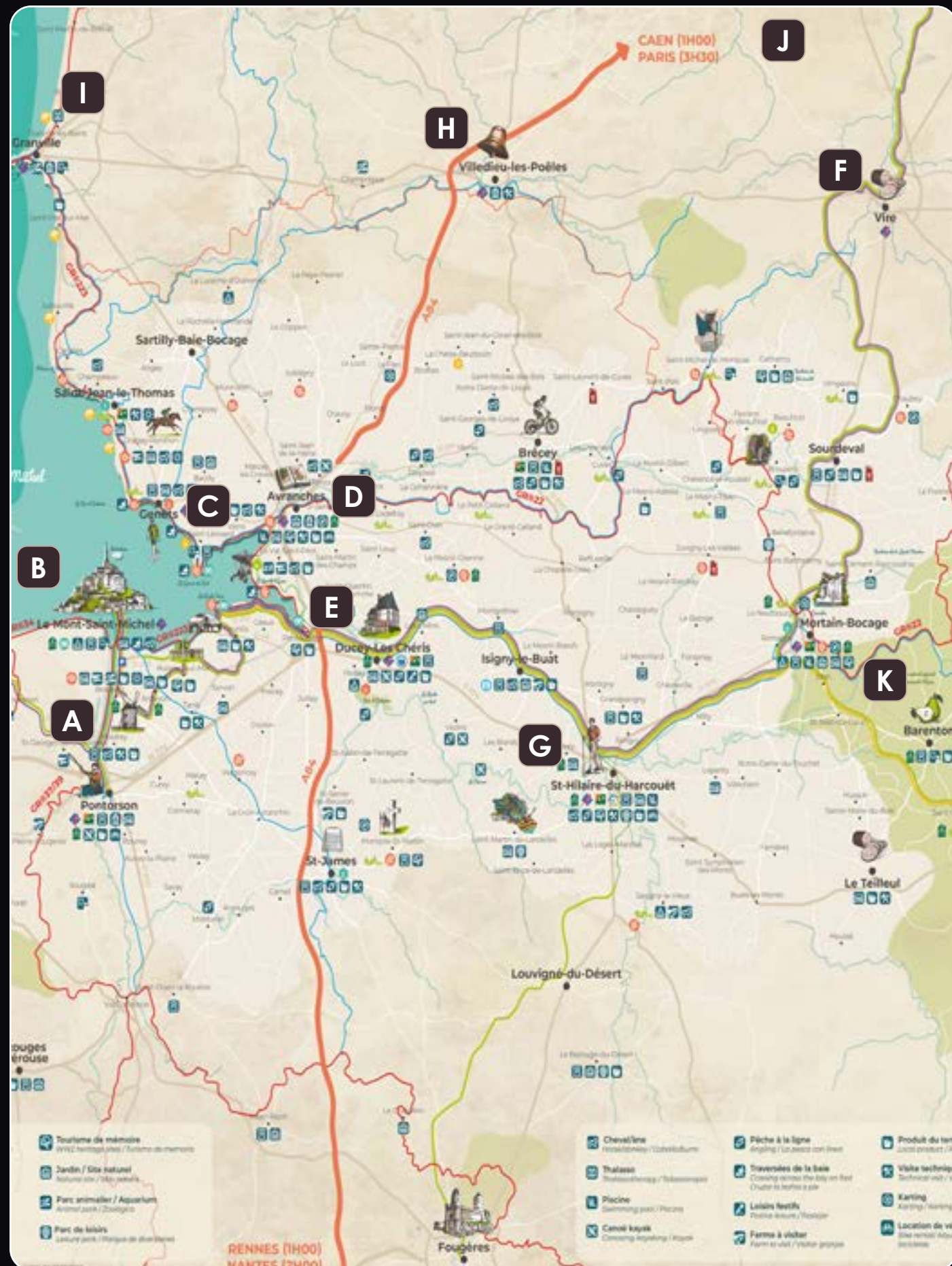


The Castle of Combourg

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| B | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The House of Polders- The Telegraph of Chappe <p>(Roz-sur-Couesnon, Saint-Marcen)</p> | F | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Grand Aquarium- The Micro Zoo- Max Adventure- The 39/45 Memorial- The Museum: Memory and Heritage of Terre Neuvas- Visit to see how Crackers are made <p>(Saint-Malo)</p> |
| C | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Marine Train- The House of Local Products and Gastronomy <p>(Cherrueix)</p> | G | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Castle of Combourg <p>(Combourg)</p> |
| D | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Saint-Samson Cathedral- The Cathedraloscope- The Bay House of Mont-Saint-Michel <p>(Dol-de-Bretagne, Le Vivier-sur-Mer)</p> | H | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Mother Chicken: Factory Shop- The Castle of the Rocher Portail <p>(Maen Roch)</p> |



What to do when it rains ?



Normandy side

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Alligator Bay



The Cara-Meuh Farm



The slate Quarries Underground



The Christian Dior Museum



The Montgomery Castle



The Museum of Vire

A

- Alligator Bay
- The Producers' shops
- The Mill of Moidrey
(Beauvoir, Pontorson)

B

- Mont-Saint-Michel Abbey
+ 4 Museums
(Mont-Saint-Michel)

C

- The Bay Ecomuseum
- The Cara-Meuh Farm
(Vains, Saint-Léonard)

D

- The Scriptorial
- The Church of Our Lady of the Fields
(Avranches)

E

- The Montgomery Castle
(Ducey-les-Chéris)

F

- The museum of Vire
(Vire)

G

- The Church Saint-Hilaire
(Saint-Hilaire-du-harcouët)

H

- The Bell Foundry Cornille Havard
(Villedieu-les-Poêles)

I

- The Christian Dior Museum
- The Museum of Modern Art
(Granville)

J

- The Slate Quarries Underground
(Caumont-sur-Aure)

K

- The Poiré Museum
(Barenton)



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Have a nice stay!