

MEDITERRANEAN

SIGGY AND HEATHER | TRIP AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN | TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2013

Bonjour Detour

It poured overnight and continued to rain as we started our trek to Brittany. Today was going to be a driving day where we could see some of the Loire valley and get into the eastern part of Brittany. However we had not reckoned on the dreaded French road “deviations” - all eight of them. Even when we were not on one, we were confronted with signs telling us that the road would be closed in early July for some bike race that stops the nation. At the end of the day the distance from Chinon to Josselin, as the crow flies, is only 160 kms. In fact we covered twice that distance. It was Emily that eventually got us through because Heather’s Citymaps2Go did not cover some of the area. Go Emily go! We think most of the detours were due to flood damage. Apart from last night’s rain this area has apparently had more than its fair share of wet weather of late.

We did not get to see much of the Loire, but despite this, the trip was interesting. The area we crossed was undulating and very green with lots of vineyards and large areas of broad acreage cropping. We noticed more and more of the distinctive French Limousin and Charolais beef cattle. They looked in terrific nick.

Each of the villages we drove through had their church with spire (usually called “Notre Dame”) but were not generally of the “chocolate box” type seen in the southern regions. By the time we arrived at our campsite near Ploermel the sun had started to peep out and we are prepared to investigate this interesting area tomorrow.



Bridge just across from our camp site complete with Breton local



There will always find a rose bush or two in a vineyard



SNAPS

La Banette
La Banette moisson
La Banette 1900 tradition
Le Banneton 1900 tradition
La Banette aux fruits
La chocolâtée de Banette
Le Pain sportif
Le Pain Briare
Le Pain complet
Le Pain 6 céréales
Le Pain au seigle
Le Pain de campagne
La Banette de pays
La Banette Coeur de lin

Et bien sûr
Leurs viennoiseries
Et leurs pâtisseries

CHOOSE YOUR BREAD



Back yard of Brissac Chateau - tallest chateau in France



ONE OF THIS REGION'S MANY ABBEYS



Have baguette, will eat!



FLOWER SHOW