



PAIMPOL

BREHAT



Blue Flag 2015



An historic port in town

An unbeatable stopover on the north Brittany coast, Paimpol is a port full of character right at the heart of the “City of the Icelanders” and has managed to guard its architectural heritage over the years, earning in 2015 the award of Port d’Interet patrimonial (Port of heritage interest). This tidal basin, with marina, fishing and oyster farming interests, is alive all year round. It is accessed by a lock which is open 2.5 hours before and 2.5 hours after high tide, 365 days a year, day and night. 12 metres wide and 60 metres long, the lock, as in days gone by, can watch the passing of schooners and three masters, especially every two years during the Festival des Chants de Marins. Its diversity is its strongpoint and today it has become the favoured stop off for pleasure craft, ideal to spend a few days break. Paimpol offers you a pontoon mooring right in the heart of town.

Protected from winds, swells and currents enjoy your stay in comfort, with numerous shops, pubs and restaurants just two steps away from the pontoons. Live it up with a whole host of festivities (nautical events, concerts, various shows...) or stroll around the market on Tuesday mornings. Paimpol is also an important point for discovering the surrounding area. Let the Tourist Office on the port guide you, whether it be on foot or bicycle (Footpath 34 passes the port), by train (the station is 400m from the pontoons) or by bus (several “Tibus” bus routes to destinations such as Saint Brieuc, Lannion, Guingamp...); when it comes to discovering the wonders of our region on the landward side you are really spoilt for choice.

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Capacity
 330 places and around 40 pontoon places reserved for visitors.



The Brehat Archipelago, a pearl in the ocean

Paimpol could also be a port of call between two anchorages on the Brehat archipelago. This island will enchant you with its creeks, its islets and its pink granite. You can anchor to the south in front of the beach of “Guerzido” and the port of “la Chambre” and also to the west at “la Corderie” following the prevailing winds.

The archipelago is made up of essentially two islands (318ha) at the north and the south, surrounded by 96 rocks and islets. Nicknamed the “Island of Flowers” due to its particularly gentle climate and the lushness of its vegetation, the exploration of its furrowed paths bordered with flowers from the Mediterranean will evoke a thousand perfumes of holiday memories: echium, agapanthus and geraniums from Madeira.

Return to the anchorage and let your self be intoxicated by the sea breeze and by the scent of coconut radiating from the sun soaked gorse.....

A little bit of etymology: “Brehat” comes from Old Breton; “Bre” meaning hill and “kad” meaning combat which gives “Bre ar c’had” the hill of the battle; a battle which undoubtedly took place in the 10th century at the time of the Norman invasion.

