

Pacific Horticulture's Summer Solstice, Brittany, France Tour

June 21 – June 29 2027

w/ optional extension to the Untamed Belle-Île-en-Mer



Meet your guide: Amy Kupec LaRue - Florist, Garden Historian & Tour Guide. Based in Paris for over 30 years, Amy Kupec Larue brings an extraordinary depth of knowledge and passion for the French Art de Vivre to our itinerary. In 1994, she established a premier floral decorating company in Paris, designing for

private clients, the Orsay Museum, and the American Embassy. Since 2005, Amy has channeled her expertise into guiding garden aficionados through the most spectacular public and private green spaces across France—from the hidden residential courtyards of Paris to the historic estates of Normandy, Provence, and the Côte d'Azur. A true authority on botany and garden design history, she has also had the distinct honor of serving as a permanent jury member of the prestigious Bagatelle Rose Commission since 2009.

Monday, June 21: Arrival in Rennes & Historic Thabor Garden

Welcome to Brittany! Upon your arrival at Rennes Airport (RNS). One group transfer, provided for the group's majority of arrivals, to the beautiful **Parc du Thabor** in the heart of Rennes. Any guests arriving outside of this can request an additional transfer to be arranged at cost or arrive by taxi on their own (any pre or post services may be added at request). Late morning arrivals or pre-nights are encouraged so you do not miss the first afternoon's inclusions. Note that arriving outside this included transfer time you will be transferred to the hotel and meet with the group at the welcome dinner.

Spend your afternoon enjoying a guided exploration of this magnificent public garden, which beautifully blends a formal French garden, an English landscape park, a historic botanical collection, and a celebrated rose garden displaying hundreds of unique varieties. Afterward, you will be transferred north to the historic corsair city of Saint-Malo to check into your charming accommodations inside the ancient city walls, followed by a celebratory welcome dinner hosted at the hotel restaurant this evening.



Saint-Malo Accommodation: 4 nights at Maison des Armateurs – A refined boutique hotel combining contemporary luxury with historic maritime decor.

Dinner



Tuesday, June 22: The Topiary Masterpieces of La Ballue & Haute-Bretagne



Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before embarking on a full-day horticultural excursion. Settle into your transfer heading first to the breathtaking Gardens of La Ballue. Discover a playful topiary masterpiece built around a 17th-century château, where dramatic sculpted yew hedges create a theatrical labyrinth of secret outdoor rooms and vantage points overlooking the Couesnon Valley.

After a regional lunch, continue to the expansive Botanical Park of Haute-Bretagne to explore its diverse themed gardens showcasing an immense global plant collection. Transfer back to Saint-Malo for a relaxing evening at leisure.

Breakfast, Lunch

Wednesday, June 23: Christian Dior's Seaside Villa & Iconic Mont Saint-Michel

Following breakfast, your private transfer takes you along the coast to the Christian Dior Museum in Granville. Explore the legendary fashion designer's childhood cliffside villa and its cliff-top gardens, which heavily inspired his iconic fragrances and haute couture vision. After lunch, enjoy a scenic drive to the spectacular Château



de Chantore before crossing the bay to visit the world-famous UNESCO World Heritage site of Mont Saint-Michel. Take time to discover the awe-inspiring medieval abbey crowning the rocky island before transferring back to Saint-Malo.

Breakfast, Lunch

Thursday, June 24: Maritime Charm at Domain de Montmarin & Domain La Bourbansais



Savor breakfast at your hotel before setting off to explore the magnificent Domain de Montmarin. This elegant 18th-century shipowner's estate features exceptional formal French gardens and an untamed romantic English park gently sloping down to the banks of the Rance river estuary.

Following a relaxing lunch, transfer south to Domain La Bourbansais to explore its beautifully preserved classical gardens surrounding a historic castle. Return to your Saint-Malo hotel late this afternoon to enjoy your final night exploring the historic ramparts on your own.



Breakfast, Lunch

Friday, June 25: Fortress Landscapes of La Roche Jagu & The Gardens of Kerdalo

Check out of your Saint-Malo hotel this morning following breakfast and head west deeper into Brittany. Your first stop is the imposing medieval fortress of La Roche Jagu, where you will tour its extensive contemporary eco-gardens terraced beautifully high above the Trieux river valley.



After lunch, transfer to the deeply poetic Gardens of Kerdalo, a world-class romantic valley landscape boasting an extraordinary collection of rare botanical specimens and hidden water features. Afterward, complete your drive to the historic port town of Roscoff and check into your premium oceanfront hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch

Roscoff Accommodation: 4 nights at Hôtel Mercure Roscoff Bord de Mer – Exceptional seaside accommodations offering stunning panoramic views of the Atlantic.



Saturday, June 26: The Exquisite Gardens of Pelinec & Kestellic

After a relaxing waterfront breakfast, your transfer takes you to the internationally acclaimed Pelinec Garden. Set along a sheltered sea inlet, this horticultural marvel is cleverly divided into distinct micro-climatic zones, showcasing a superb English garden, an exotic garden, and water gardens displaying dramatic color harmony. Following a seaside lunch, transfer to the nearby Kestellic



Garden to stroll through an enchanting, wilder subtropical paradise draped across a steep hillside overlooking the Jaudy river. Return to your hotel in Roscoff for an evening at leisure.

Breakfast, Lunch

Sunday, June 27: Exotic Garden of Roscoff, Ferry (15 minutes) to the Ile de Batz for George Delaselle Garden or Alternative visit to Chateau de Rosanbo.

Today we explore the stunning Jardin Exotique & Botanique de Roscoff, a remarkable testament to what dedication and a perfect microclimate can create. Once a coastal wasteland, this site was transformed by a passionate botanical society into a world-class collection of exotic flora thriving amidst massive granite boulders.



After lunch this afternoon presents options (based on ferry timings) between two distinct Breton treasures. A scenic, 15-minute ferry ride across the channel to the car-free Île de Batz to explore the Jardin Georges Delaselle. Created in 1897, this lush botanical oasis is dug directly into the sand dunes, sheltering a world-class collection of exotic palms, cacti, and Southern Hemisphere plants that shouldn't survive at this latitude but flourish thanks to the island's unique oceanic microclimate.

OR

Alternatively, step back in time with a visit inland to the majestic Château de Rosanbo. Overlooking the Brossen Valley, this historic estate showcases the evolution of Breton architecture from a 14th-century fortified castle to an elegant 18th-century residence. Stroll through its magnificent French formal gardens, designed by Achille Duchêne, featuring one of the longest hornbeam vaulted alleys in Europe.

Breakfast, Lunch

Monday, June 28: National Conservatory of Brest & Daoulas Abbey



Savor breakfast before transferring to the National Botanical Conservatory of Brest, one of the world's premier institutions dedicated to preserving endangered island flora. Tour the spectacular climate-controlled greenhouses to discover incredibly rare, rescued species from oceans around the world.

After lunch, continue your journey to the historic Daoulas Abbey County Estate. Walk through the peaceful cloister ruins and discover its highly regarded medicinal herb garden, which showcases centuries of monastic botanical knowledge. Settle in for your private transfer back to Roscoff for our included final dinner with our guide and travel companions and evening along the historic harbor.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Tuesday, June 29:

After breakfast and check-out one group transfer has been included for the guests departing today. Should you not be able to make the arranged group transfer to Rennes Airport, you may request additional cost, an additional transfer, or make your own way by local taxi. This ends our group tour services.

Breakfast

BRITTANY, FRANCE - LAND ONLY TOUR COST FOR June 21 - June 29, 2026

DEPOSIT TO REGISTER FOR TOUR: \$1500.00

COST PER PACIFIC HORTICULTURE MEMBER: \$10,085

COST PER NON-MEMBER: \$10,185

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1500

To become a member of Pacific Horticulture visit:

<https://pacifichorticulture.org/membership-registration/>

TOUR INCLUSIONS: As stated per itinerary. All breakfasts and lunches with wine, water and coffee as well as Welcome & Farewell dinners on the Continent

Entrances fees as per the itinerary

Porterage at the hotel & Gratuities for drivers and restaurants

The services of Tour Lecturer Amy Kupec-Larue & other guides

Tour Facilitator from Sterling Tours and Representative from Pacific Horticulture

Patronage to Pacific Horticulture

Whisper system headsets & final itinerary documents.

NOT INCLUDED: Air, travel insurance, any meals indicated as independent

Personal extras, Housekeeping Tips, Personal Insurance

Tips for Amy - which will be collected (with a thank you card to sign provided by Sterling) the final days of the tour to present to her at our farewell dinner.

WHERE YOU ARE STAYING ON THE BRITTANY GARDEN TOUR



MAISON DES ARMATEURS - Saint-Malo

Arrive June 21, 2027

Depart June 25, 2027

Rooms Refined Rooms



HOTEL MERCURE - ROSCOFF

Arrive June 25, 2027

Depart June 29, 2027

Rooms Sea View Rooms

OFFERED SPECIAL EXTENSION POST TOUR to Belle-Île-en-Mer!

This is a very intimate invitation only from Amy Kupec Larue, as she shares with you her personal corner of paradise off the coast of France, in Belle Ile, which translates to Beautiful Island of course.

Available to the first 10 guests who sign up.

Tuesday, June 29: Ferry to the Untamed Belle-Île-en-Mer



Bid farewell to Roscoff as you check out after breakfast to begin your island extension. Settle into your overland transfer heading south through the beautiful Breton countryside to the coastal tip of Quiberon. Enjoy lunch overlooking the sea before boarding the afternoon ferry bound for Belle-Île-en-Mer, the historic "Beautiful Island" celebrated for its dramatic cliffs and mild maritime climate. Upon docking, transfer directly to your charming boutique property nestled within peaceful landscaped gardens.

Belle-Île Accommodation: 3 nights at Hôtel La Désirade –
A tranquil property with rooms opening straight onto lush, serene grounds.



Breakfast, Lunch

Wednesday, June 30: Hidden Oasis of La Boulaye & The Colorful Capital of Le Palais



Enjoy a wonderful homemade gourmet breakfast before setting off to explore the secret landscapes of Belle-Île. Transfer first to the enchanting La Boulaye Garden, a private hidden estate beautifully integrated into a wooded valley.

Next, visit Le Pépinière de Julie to discover specialized local cultivation techniques.



After lunch, spend your afternoon exploring the island's vibrant capital port, Le Palais, dominated by its massive historic Vauban citadel. Take time to wander the pastel-colored streets and waterfront boardwalks before transferring back to the hotel for a fresh seafood dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Thursday, July 1: Sarah Bernhardt's Cliffside Retreat & Traveler's Garden of Eden

Following breakfast, travel to the rugged northern tip of the island to visit the historic Sarah Bernhardt Museum. Explore the iconic French actress's converted military fort and seaside villa where she escaped Parisian life, surrounded by dramatic wild cliffs and heathland. Settle into a local lunch in the picturesque fishing village of Sauzon.



In the afternoon, transfer to the spectacular Traveler's Garden of Eden (*L'Éden du Voyageur*) for a guided tour with a passionate plantsman, learning how global aromatic and exotic plants have traveled across continents to thrive in this microclimate. Return to the hotel for your final evening.

Breakfast, Lunch

Friday, July 2: Exotic La Laurisylve & Departure via Rennes

Check out of your hotel after breakfast to visit your final horticultural highlight: Pépinière La Laurisylve Garden. Take a fascinating guided stroll through giant bamboo groves, rock gardens, protease, and rare Southern Hemisphere trees that flourish completely frost-free on the island.



Settle into a final lunch in Bangor before transferring to the main port to catch your return ferry to Quiberon. Your private coach will be waiting at the docks to bring your group comfortably back to Rennes Airport (RNS) for your onward departures home.

Breakfast

****Should guests need any additional nights in Rennes or Paris to line up with your needs to acclimate pre tour or your return flights to the USA, please let Sterling Tours LTD know how to assist you. ****

EXTENSION TOUR COST (only available to those on previous group tour)

PER PERSON: \$3470.00

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$550.00



EXTENSION STAY - HOTEL LA DESIRADE - BELLE-ILE-EN-MER

Arrive June 29, 2027

Depart July 02, 2027

Rooms Garden-Facing Rooms

Terms and Conditions

Reservations and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$1500.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Confirmation will be provided upon receipt of deposit. Balance of payment will be due on receipt of an invoice 90 days before departure. The tour price is based on exchange rates in effect as of July 2026 and are subject to adjustment on the final invoice.

Number of Guests - A maximum of 24 guests per tour can be accommodated. A minimum of 19 guests is required to operate the tour at the quoted price. The purchase of non-refundable services outside of tour itinerary (such as airline tickets and travel insurance) before a minimum number of guests have registered is at the sole risk and expense of the guest. We advise you to check in with us prior to your purchase.

Cancellations - All cancellations must be made in writing. As noted, the trips confirmation is covered by guests' nonrefundable deposit of \$ 1500.00 per person. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and is also non-refundable unless a resold reservation becomes available to replace the space of the cancelling guest. If a guest cancels the writing within the deposit stages of the booking, we can refund if their reservation is resold, less the cost of any credit card fees if paid by card. Cancellations will only be considered for a refund when the resale value has been received by Sterling Tours LTD. If registrations are proving to look insufficient to operate the tour, then we reserve the right to cancel the tour. We strongly recommend that you purchase appropriate cancellation insurance which is sold separately of Sterling Tours LTD services.

Hotels - Hotels are shown on your itinerary. Sterling Tours LTD reserves the right to change hotels through any circumstance and the substitute will be of equal quality.

Scheduled Activities - Every effort will be made to provide such services as listed, but where unavoidable circumstances necessitate changes, the best substitute alternatives will be made at the discretion of Sterling Tours LTD tour facilitator, the local escort, and the ground operators without financial compensation to tour members. Some of the gardens included are privately owned and all inclusions are by special arrangement, and for this reason they are also subject to change or substitute for conditions beyond our control.

Service Fees & Taxes – Today there are frequent service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, suppliers, and governments. These fees and taxes are included to the extent possible, but where pre-payments are not allowed for entrance or meals, the amounts concerned must be paid locally by tour members. This information will be stated in the itinerary.

Travel Documents - A passport valid for at least 6 months after the last date of this tour is required for this trip. Americans traveling to France need a biometric passport valid for at least three months beyond their planned departure date, issued within the last 10 years. Upon arrival, travelers must undergo automated border control via the Entry/Exit System (EES) to record biometric photos and fingerprints, replacing manual passport stamps.

Baggage – Sterling is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to your baggage. Again, your own personal travel insurance is strongly recommended to protect against loss. Guests are responsible for airline and government-imposed baggage regulations and fees.

Exclusions – Your arrangements exclude international airfare, passports, visas, excess baggage charges, items of a personal nature such as laundry, communication expenses, room service, meals not specified in your itinerary, optional sightseeing and other excursions, and any items not listed in your documents.

Travel and Trip Cancellation Insurance – We strongly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance. We often refer clients to Travel Guard or ALLIANZ
<https://www.travelguard.com/> OR <https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com/>

Your travel insurance is booked separate of Sterling Tours LTD services, and your choice is your discretion. We do not handle travel insurance.

Physical Capabilities - The tour includes a SIGNIFICANT amount of walking, FREQUENT use of stairs and steeply sloped pathways on uneven or unpaved surfaces. Some of the places we will be visiting can only be seen on foot with no other access possible. Guests with limited mobility MUST consult Sterling Tours LTD prior to signing up for registration.

Responsibility Clause – Sterling Tours – the “Operator”, CEO Michael Lee, planner Shannon Cummins, any included Tour Ambassador from Pacific Horticulture, the local Guide Amy Kupec Laure and/or their agents, act only as agents for the various companies involved in the provided services.

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Please sign or initial on the booking form online, so that you have read and understand our TERMS AND CONDITIONS and return them to us with your booking form.

BOOKING FORM

IMPORTANT: Submitting this form and paying the tour deposit of \$ 1500.00 pp confirms you have read, accepted, and signed the Terms and Conditions for this tour.

Please review and return it to us at registration.

RESERVATION FORM -PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PERSON TRAVELING

Full Name as stated on your passport: _____

DOB: _____

Passport No. _____ Issue Date: _____

Expire Date: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone # _____

HOTEL ROOM - Please mark X on appropriate room type:

Double Room, One Large Bed: Double Room, Two Beds: _____

Sharing room with: _____

Single Room, not sharing: _____

Single Room, willing to share _____

(We will attempt to find a roommate, but if unsuccessful, the single supplement must apply)

Special Food or Physical Requirements:

Planning to arrive early or stay after the tour?
