



FROM MES TO THE CHARMING LITTLE TOWN Mesquer / Piriac-sur-Mer

  21 km  1 hour 45

 **Departure:** Place de l'Hôtel - Mesquer

 **Arrival:** Marina - Piriac-sur-mer

Types of route

- Route on quiet roads and cycle paths
- Vélocéan route

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Facing the ocean and its jagged coastline, this exploration offers a range of colours and landscapes. From the salty flavours of the small port of Kercabellec to the rural atmosphere of the wooded countryside, the route ends at the marina in Piriac-sur-Mer. Here, take a well-deserved break to stroll between the typical houses whose hydrangea bushes and heavy stone walls evoke Brittany.

TO SEE ON THE WAY..

• **The port of Kercabellec**

Until the beginning of the 19th century, the harbour of Merquel was home to the port of Mesquer at Kercabellec. In 1841, the port of Mesquer boasted '50 buildings for large tonnage used in long and short coastal navigation', most of which were devoted to the transport of salt. In recent years, Kercabellec has undergone some modern developments. Only the small building of the harbour office and the Kercabellec sinking basins reserved exclusively for wooden boats still bear witness to the maritime activity of past centuries. Today, oyster farming occupies a key role in Kercabellec where many oyster farmers have chosen to set up their production sites and breed these ever so popular molluscs

• **The Bôle de Merquel and its point**

The Bôle de Merquel is a collection of salt marshes, meadows and dunes. It is a significant nesting area for the common tern, and a colony settles here every spring. Respect the fauna and flora of this sensitive natural area by staying on the paths and not picking flowers. The Pointe de Merquel is an ideal place for a Sunday stroll, offering visitors two orientation tables for a panoramic reading of the landscape and a lookout point that is ideal for bird watching.

• **The Pointe de la Croix headland**

There are no crosses here but you can expect an exceptional panoramic view out to sea and along the coastline. On a clear day, you can see behind Ile Dumet from port to starboard: the Rhuys peninsula (Sarzeau), Pénerf, Damgan, the mouth of the Vilaine and the beach at Lanséria. Some people will remember that at the time of the Rogations (religious festivals), the parishes of Mesquer and Piriac-sur-Mer used to meet for a celebration on the border of the two communes and erect a temporary altar and cross in this place.

• **The 'Petite Cité de Caractère' (charming little town) of Piriac-sur-Mer**

Piriac-sur-Mer has a very old architectural heritage. There are houses in the town centre, some of which are over 300 years old, which is why Piriac-sur-Mer was awarded the 'Petite cité de caractère' label in May 2002. Over the centuries, the town has built up its historical heritage: as early as the 6th century, the port of Piriac became an important place for its salt and wine trade. In the 18th century, Piriac experienced an economic boom thanks to cod fishing off Newfoundland. The 20th century saw the beginning of the first tourist activity in the town.



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• **Dumet Island**

Dumet Island, located 6 km off the coast of Piriac-sur-Mer, is the only island in the Loire-Atlantique region. 600 m long and 150 m wide, it benefits from a strategic location, close to the mouth of the Vilaine, which earned it the privilege of witnessing many naval battles. Abandoned by its last inhabitants in 1986, it has belonged to the Conservatoire du Littoral (French coastal protection agency) since 1994 and has been an important breeding site for gulls ever since.

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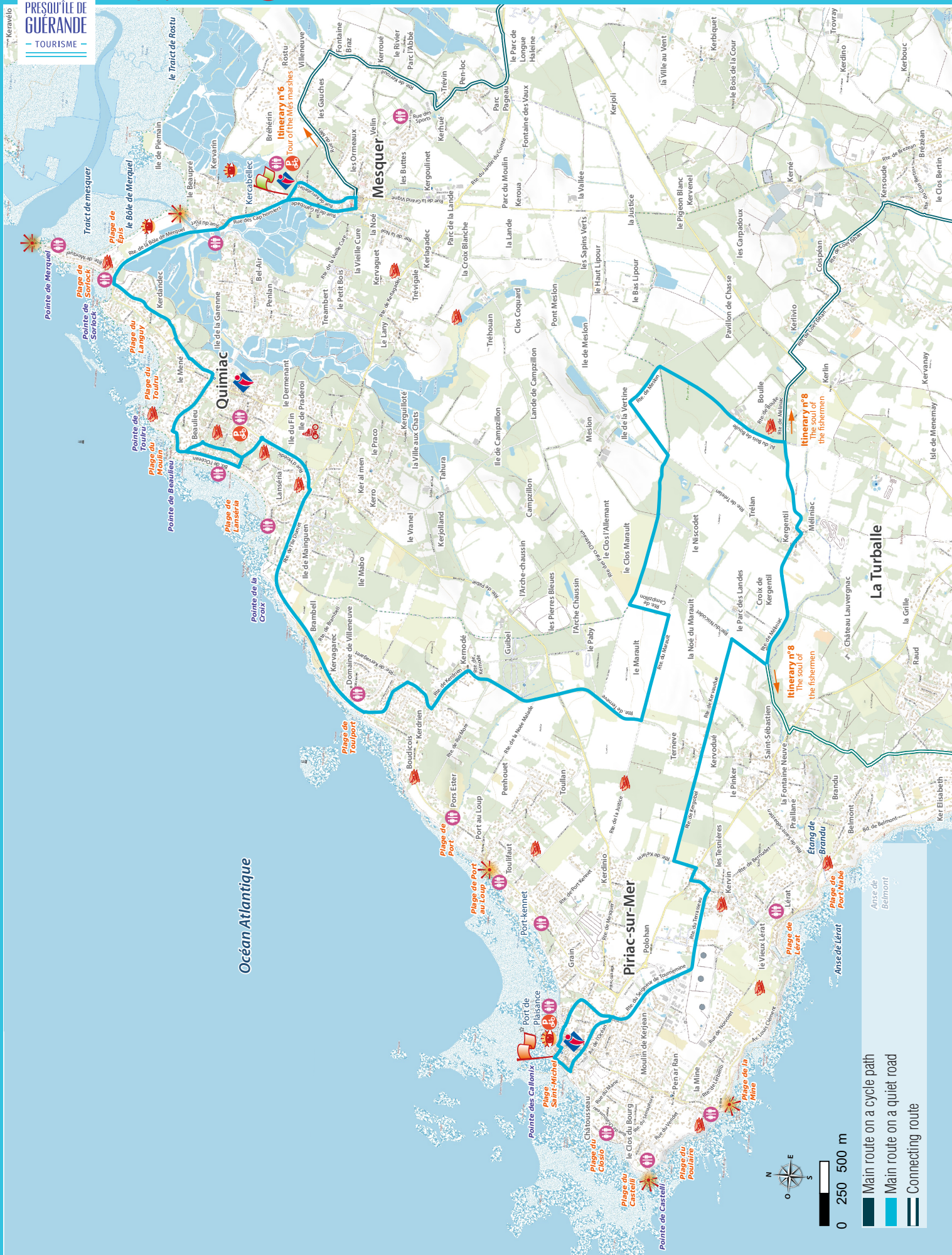
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Océan Atlantique

0 250 500 m

- Main route on a cycle path
- Main route on a quiet road
- Connecting route