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Cleaner and greener, Saint-Malo is a love letter to a modern, vibrant Brittany region

She's the largest hybrid vessel ever to enter service: she's a canvas for a vibrant region that reflects the name of the company. And she wears the name of one of our most glamorous destinations, a name steeped in maritime history.

Welcome Saint-Malo, Brittany Ferries next new vessel. She starts service on the company's Portsmouth-St Malo route on 12 February 2025.

If Bretagne (launched in 1989) was a love letter to a region's heritage, Brittany Ferries Saint-Malo is a vision of the future. Cleaner and greener, she will be the fourth new vessel to join the fleet between 2019 and 2025, all part of the biggest fleet renewal programme in the company's history.

Just like a hybrid car, Saint-Malo will be powered by cleaner LNG (liquefied natural gas), by batteries or a combination of the two. That means lower emissions at sea, and zero-emissions when maneuvering and while berthed in port.

Like sister ship Guillaume de Normandie, Saint-Malo will be shore-power ready. When infrastructure allows, she will be plugged-in to the grid during calls. She therefore offers a new standard of sustainability and will be a better neighbour to those who live and work around ports. As well as powering systems on board (meaning engines can be turned off) the grid will also feed batteries, re-charging them during layovers.

Sustainability is key. But so too is the onboard experience. Brittany Ferries contributed €231 million to the Brittany region through tourism last year. So it's no surprise that the new ship will present a floating homage to the region, hosting fabulous restaurants, art, spacious cabins and a beautiful lounge. Passengers will feel they are in Brittany the moment they step on board. Thanks to the ship's flexibility and carefully designed schedules, the company hopes to boost passenger numbers by 41,000 each year.

Comfort and accessibility are at the heart of the offer. Saint-Malo will feature a more spacious garage, wider interior spaces and more comfortable beds than the ship she replaces. Her ten decks house 387 cabins, 28 of which will be pet-friendly. Her capacity is for 1,290 passengers

Specifications:

Length	194.7 m (45 m longer than her predecessor)
Beam	Beam 27.8 m
Draught	Draught 6.6 m
Gross tonnage	36,721 UMS
Decks	10
Passenger decks	5
Speed	23 knots
Passenger capacity	1,290
Crew	110
Passenger cabins	387
Pet cabins	28
Car & truck decks	1,143 lane-metres for trucks : 1392 linear metres for cars
Engines	2
Power	13 740 KW
Battery power	Battery power 11.2 MWh

A step forward towards a more sustainable future

Powered by a combination of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and electricity, Saint-Malo operates like a hybrid electric car. She can run on gas, battery-power or a combination of the two.

Emissions reduction (compared with an equivalent vessel powered by diesel)

Shore power and hybrid operation	~ 15% energy efficiency gain
LNG power versus traditional fuel	~ -10/15% greenhouse gas emissions
Overall reduction in greenhouse gases	~ -25%

from LNG to LNG-electric hybrid

Saint-Malo's propulsion system is similar to that of Salamanca and Santoña, two LNG-fuelled ships that joined the Brittany Ferries fleet in 2022 and 2023. Two Wärtsilä 12V46 DF main engines provide power, each rated at 13,740kW. The ship is also fitted with battery-powered electric propulsion motors, each rated at 4,800kW. Three LNG generator sets, each producing 1,680 kW.

A ferry with largest battery capacity

Electricity stored in batteries is used for departure and arrival. This means Saint-Malo produces no emissions when entering and exiting harbours. The ship is thus a far better neighbour to those working in and around ports. Saint-Malo boasts a huge battery capacity of 11.2 MWh which can be charged from shore during port calls (when infrastructure allows).

Energy efficient propulsion

Operating a large ferry at low speed generally means poor engine efficiency. This is a reality for voyages at night on long stretches of water, such as those served by Brittany Ferries. One solution is to stop one of the two engines, as two in service creates significant over-consumption. The problem with this is that stopping one engine also stops the propeller it serves. That has the effect of creating drag (braking) below the water line.

However, Saint-Malo can operate efficiently even at low and medium speeds. That's because a single combustion engine directly drives the propeller to which it is coupled and the second propeller via an electric motor. Thus, one combustion engine operates two rotating propellers, optimising energy and reducing drag even at low speeds. Efficient propulsion coupled with hybrid technology reduces fuel consumption, and therefore atmospheric emissions, of up to 15% when compared with a conventional vessel.

A third bow thruster

Saint-Malo benefits from a long, slender hull that supports hydrodynamic performance. She is extremely manoeuvrable in all weather conditions too, thanks to three bow thrusters. Two of these have a power output of 2,400 kW: the third develops a power output of 600 kW. When manoeuvring in port, the vessel is equipped with an intelligent panoramic camera system that presents the bridge with a 360 degree view of the ship.

Optimal operation

Innovative hybrid technology also makes it possible to optimise fuel consumption of natural gas engines. Batteries are used to adjust operation of internal combustion engines to their most efficient speed. This point of 'optimal operation' (the lowest consumption in relation to the highest power output) tends to occur at high engine loads. So, when engine load is low, it can be asked to charge the batteries by increasing its power. Electricity stored in this way can then be reused if additional power is required further down the line.

Fine lines, smooth ride

Like Galicia, Salamanca and Santoña (the first three "E-Flexer" class ships in service in the fleet), Saint-Malo benefits from a longer, slender hull, enabling it to achieve improved hydrodynamic performance. Friction-reducing silicone paint smooths the hull's passage through water, helping further reduce fuel consumption and atmospheric emissions.

Anti-roll stabilisers have already proved their worth in rough seas in the Bay of Biscay. The same system has been installed on Saint-Malo, promising passengers an extremely comfortable crossing.

LNG (liquefied natural gas)

Stored on board in two tanks of 550 m³ each, at around -150°C in liquid form, natural gas gives ships about one to two weeks' operation in range, depending on the sailing schedule. Emissions of sulphur oxides (SO_x), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), as well as particulates are virtually eliminated. Alongside unsightly funnels smoke. What's more, in gaseous form, the fuel requires no purification. As a consequence there is no oily waste to be recycled on land. Another advantage is that, for the same mass, it contains more energy than conventional fuels, quite literally more bangs for your buck.

Biofuel trials

The next major step in Brittany Ferries' environmental journey is the replacement of fossil fuels with fuels derived from biomass. In 2024, Brittany Ferries carried out the first tests of biodiesel and then liquefied biomethane, fuels with a near-zero carbon footprint (from well-to-wake). Synthetic fuels, produced from renewable hydrogen, will be able to supplement decarbonised energy sources in the future.

Plug-in power

When infrastructure allows, Saint-Malo can be plugged-in when the ship is alongside. The capacity of this shore connection is of particular interest to Brittany Ferries. In addition to a 'simple' shore connection (which obviates the need for running engines to power systems on board), it allows batteries to be recharged. This helps realise the full potential for hybrid ships. It also makes planning for 100% electric vessels a more realistic option. Portsmouth will be the first Brittany Ferries port to be equipped with plug-in power (2025) as part of the Sea Change project supported by UK government. This will be followed by Saint-Malo in 2027. When the hybrid vessel is connected to the quayside on both sides of the Channel in 100% electric mode (and while re-charging batteries) it will not emit any greenhouse gases or other harmful pollutants.

A greener future

In designing new ships, Brittany Ferries always looks ahead to the potential imposition of new regulations. LNG fuelled vessels will require no modifications in the years ahead to meet increasingly tight environmental rules.

That includes Salamanca and Santoña which were launched in 2022 and 2023 respectively, and Saint-Malo and Guillaume de Normandie (sister-ship and fellow hybrid) in 2025. These ships are already designed to run on sustainable maritime fuels such as e-methane, reflecting Brittany Ferries' commitment to sustainable travel and energy transition.

An expression of Breton heritage

With over 50 years' experience in ferry transport and tour-operating, Brittany Ferries is committed to promoting the destinations it serves. The aim has always been to immerse passengers in regional culture, to inspire them to see and learn more, to enrich themselves and, by consequence, the regions in which they stay.

Saint-Malo is the first Brittany Ferries ship to bear the name of the eponymous corsair town, beloved by Brits, who comprise 85% of all passengers travelling with the company. Through its meticulous design and attention to the smallest details, the ship proudly presents a showcase for the modern, vibrant Brittany, in all its artistic, historical, cultural and gastronomic glory.

Brittany - deeply embodied

A contemporary interpretation of Brittany's heritage features throughout the new ship's interior, with accents and highlights that are instantly recognisable.

Motifs of black and white, for example, have been inspired by the distinctive Brittany *gwenn ha du* flag. Hints can be found throughout the ship, in particularly in the *Breizh Ma Bro* bar, the focal point of the ship for travellers. An extensive glass roof presents a stylised version of the flag, surrounded by a white ceiling separated by fine black stripes.

Traditional costume colours, in deep reds and midnight blues, complement accents of gold adorning sofa furnishings, armchairs and walls of the *Breizh Ma Bro* bar. All contribute to a warm, contemporary design.

Quirky portraits of crew members wearing traditional costumes, staged in contemporary style by photographic duo Klunderbie, give the traveller a resolutely modern take on a historic theme.

Breton landscape is reflected in the decor of 387 cabins and their corridors. Pink and grey granite, shades of blue and green and the distinctive Breton 'glaz' invite you to glide along the coast, then head inland. They bring their own personality to restaurants too: Le Littoral, with its land and sea theme in shades of blue and beige; Le Jardin, with its cameo of greens reflecting diversity of market garden crops.

The stylised ermine symbol (stoat tail) adorns carpets, cabin numbers, illuminated signs and glass.

Gallery – heritage, identity and modernity

In the ***Heritage, identity and modernity*** gallery space, Brittany and Brittany Ferries take the traveller on a stroll through the magnificent paintings of Scottish artist Alexander Goudie. Goudie was the man whose vision for Bretagne (Saint-Malo's predecessor) led to the creation of more than 300 works illustrating 20th century Brittany. His work in pottery paint and pencil, transferred from Bretagne to Saint-Malo, are set to a history of the company, reinforcing links forged over decades with the region's people and its culture.

When one talks of people, one Breton name stands head and shoulders above others: Brittany Ferries founder Alexis Gourvennec. In this same gallery, visitors will find a statue of the man, now heralded the patron saint of travellers, Saint Alexis.

It is a miniature of a monumental statue on display at La Vallée des Saints. Saint Alexis takes his place alongside hundreds of other statues in this veritable Breton Easter Island. Saints past and present live-on in the form of giant stone monoliths, reflecting those who helped shape the past and present.

From the moment you board, the richness of the region floods your senses. Cabins and corridors, for example, feature photographs by artist Kimberly Poppe, taking visitors on a journey to remarkable places in Finistère, Côtes d'Armor, Morbihan and Ille-et-Vilaine.

Each cabin features a photo of the *Plage du Sillon* in St Malo. Mile-upon-mile of sweeping golden sands beloved by families, and which play host to the highest (and often spectacular) tides in Europe (15 metres).

Saint-Malo Tourism reveals *8 Trèsors (Eight Treasures)*

Joëlle Croc, director of customer experience and on-board Sales, and her teams have worked enthusiastically in partnership with Destination Saint-Malo, Baie du Mont-Saint-Michel, to offer travellers a unique tourist experience.

‘The magnificent area stretching from the corsair city of Saint-Malo to the bay of Mont-Saint-Michel, so beautifully named the *8 Trèsors*, immediately inspired us to create the link between the name of the ship, Saint-Malo, and the town’s hinterlands in Brittany. It’s a way for us to inspire our passengers to discover the region from their first steps on board and to make them want to come back for more.’

Destination Saint-Malo, Baie du Mont-Saint-Michel

Rozenn Enel-Rehel, Head of Communications for Destination Saint-Malo, Baie du Mont-Saint-Michel agrees with Croc. He is delighted with this collaboration:

‘The launch of Saint-Malo in 2025 marks the culmination of a rich collaboration between Brittany Ferries and Destination Saint-Malo Baie du Mont-Saint-Michel. For many months, the company and tourism office worked together to ensure that the latest addition to the fleet reflects the identity of the region from which it takes its name.

Brittany Ferries was won over by the *8 Trèsors* concept, which highlights the human, natural and heritage treasures of Destination Saint-Malo Baie du Mont-Saint-Michel. They took inspiration from this to name the 34 commodore cabins and the exclusive VIP lounge. The presentation of each of these treasures, featuring immersive map and superb visuals, provide an ideal starting point for exploring the area upon disembarkation.’

A wide range of tourist information designed in collaboration with the tourist offices of Brittany and the Saint-Malo *Baie du Mont Saint-Michel* area is also available to passengers in the heart of the relaxation area, La Plage.

The artistic journey continues with music and dance

Brittany Ferries has collaborated with Galician musician Carlos Nuñez, a virtuoso of Celtic music. His unique hymn, *Mare Brittanicum*, is a homage to the Celtic regions of the four countries served by the company.

The hymn is part of a symphony, *Celtic Sea*, commissioned by Brittany Ferries, and composed as a tribute to Brittany and Normandy in France, Galicia and Cantabria in Spain, and the coasts of Ireland and Cornwall in England.

Passengers are now woken by the delicate notes of flute and Celtic harp that characterise this delightful hymn. Beyond cabins, each departure and arrival is accompanied by music from the symphony, an aural journey through Celtic lands, the perfect soundtrack to any journey

Dancing is another expression of art on board. Travellers can enjoy Breton and Celtic dance lessons given by crew of Saint-Malo by the *Bleuniadur Ensemble*, from Saint-Pol de Léon, Finistère. For those who are so inclined, the promise of a Fest Deiz atmosphere in the Breizh Ma Bro bar area awaits.

Local flavours, menus from land to sea

Saint-Malo's three restaurants celebrate Breton gastronomy. Menus and dishes, inspired by land and sea, have been carefully curated by head chef Patrice Pantalini in Roscoff, headquarters of Brittany Ferries. On Saint-Malo these are brought to life by head chef and his talented team.

Locally-sourced produce comes from the *Prince de Bretagne* Breton cooperative, a tribute to the company's farmer-shareholders. Shellfish, meat and fish from local French regions, as well as products sourced from the company's four destinations complete menus.

On-board services, an enriched travel experience

New spaces & services

Recognised and frequently awarded* for comfort and quality of service, Brittany Ferries takes particular pride in catering for all types of passengers. A contemporary experience inspired by the very latest trends in cruising, hotels and catering: that's what families, couples, freight drivers and friends can expect.

Passengers travelling solo, in groups and those with mobility or other health issues are not forgotten: the aim is always to deliver a pleasant and comfortable crossing, in optimum safety.

A larger garage for improved accessibility

Freight drivers and holiday makers have access to a much larger and wider vehicle deck than Saint-Malo's predecessor. In fact there are more than 1,200 lane-metres of parking for vehicles. Greater space between lanes makes it easier to park, and to access one's vehicle particularly when alighting with awkward bags to take on board, or for those with mobility issues.

Improved lighting and better directional signage will help passengers find their way around and also to remember where they have parked. Four lifts and six, wide staircases serve upper decks and public areas.

A huge choice of cabins, including pet friendlies

The ship's 387 cabins promise superior comfort levels. Beds are either 90 or 160 cm wide (80 cm for the fold-down berths), and berths are equipped with high quality linen and towels. All have en-suite bathrooms and are air conditioned.

- **NEW** An in-cabin VOD (Video-on-demand) service is available free of charge on cabin TVs. This service is also available for personal smartphones or tablets, and provides access to French and British television channels, as well as more than 40 films in various languages and a selection of French and British newspapers and magazine programmes.
- **EXCLUSIVE - The Admiral Suite** is the height of luxury. With its 27 m² space, this cabin is a tribute to the founder of Brittany Ferries, Alexis Gourvennec. A queen-size bed and interior decoration with images of our founder, combine comfort and elegance. Four portholes offer a panoramic view of the sea. Like Commodore cabins, Admiral occupants have access to *the 8 Trésors private lounge*.
- **MORE COMMODORE CABINS** 34 Commodore cabins are available on board Saint-Malo. Depending on configuration, these can accommodate up to three people. Each is named after a tourist site in the Saint-Malo and Mont Saint-Michel Bay area. Le Petit Bé, Les Quatre-Salines and the Moulin Beauchet are just some of the 34 attractions featured. Beautiful imagery and inspirational text tempt the occupant to see and experience more. A map in the *8 Trésors lounge* guides passengers to the location that bears the name of their cabin.
- Complimentary **Phytomer products** are included in en-suites underlining a renewed focus on wellness and well-being when travelling by sea.
- **NEW PET FRIENDLIES** 28-specially designed pet-friendly cabins have been included on the ship. It's a first for the Portsmouth-St Malo route. Each cabin features a vinyl flooring that accommodates cats and dogs. Each pet-friendly base provides direct access to a dedicated exercise area on the outer deck. Cabins are available in interior or exterior configuration (with and without portholes) as

Commodore, accessible cabins (for those with reduced mobility) or in classic (2 and 4-berth) configuration. Saint-Malo brings to seven, the number of Brittany Ferries' ships offering pet friendly cabins. Each year around 100,000 pets are carried by the company.

- **NEW** 'Allergy-friendly' cabins with vinyl flooring and corridors for those who need it.
- **NEW 4 MAXI-CABINS** for six people, for travelling with friends or family, equipped with a double bed and four singles.

Fine dining and a renewed experience

The pleasure of enjoying dinner on departure from Portsmouth, breakfast on arrival or lunch on return from Saint-Malo, is one of the best things about travelling this route. Saint-Malo preserves this special experience – and improves it with three restaurants designed to suit all tastes and budgets.

NEW Le Jardin restaurant-counter (188 seats) is Brittany Ferries' new concept. Seasonal cuisine is offered à la carte. Here, locally sourced vegetarian dishes are at the heart of the menu, available as light bites or in gourmet recipes.

The C-Club lounge is a 100-seat lounge-restaurant with a panoramic view. It is the most impressive place to enjoy a gastronomic experience at sea when travelling with Brittany Ferries. On an evening crossing, for dinner, refined dishes, hot and cold starters, langoustines, local specialities, a selection of cheeses and sweets can be accompanied by a fine wine, or a fine vintage chosen by Brittany Ferries. A generous breakfast buffet is served in the morning.

During the day, the C-Club serves sweet and savoury snacks, hot drinks, soft drinks and wines. Cheers!

TIMELESS Le Littoral opens the door to fine dining. It's an airy 345-seater brasserie with sea views offering a menu of French favourites, to suit all tastes. A range of prices suits all budgets too.

The menu changes with the seasons, and varieties of local produce. A carefully selected list of French wines promises some fine discoveries to complement the a meal.

THE BAR

The *Breizh Ma Bro* (Bretagne mon pays or *Brittany my place*), welcomes passengers on deck eight. It's a large, bright and friendly piazza during the day - the focal point of the ship.

The atmosphere is one of Breton fest deiz and fest noz, day or night celebrations, moments of joy and sharing, combining music, dance and conviviality. Guests will be carried along by the warm atmosphere, entertained by singers, musicians and magicians who take to the stage to put on a show. With a capacity of 236, an *accueil chalereux* comes as standard.

A cosier 100-seat lounge – an extension to the bar area - offers travellers more privacy. With a superb sea view too.

NEW La Plage is a large gallery opening onto a lounge facing the sea and its large outdoor terrace inspired by the beaches of Brittany. Generous, comfortable sofas, high tables and small, neatly-designed spaces offer more privacy. In summer, a pop-up bar offers hot drinks and smoothies.

New wellness room by phytomer

Exclusively on board Saint-Malo, Phytomer will offer face and body treatments. An iconic brand founded in Saint-Malo, it will cocoon clients in a sea of well-being facing the sea itself. It promises a relaxing experience with treatments and massages.

Relaxation and outdoor sports activities *en pleine air*

A large terrace invites you to relax with a 360° view of the sea and the horizon.

For young and old alike, there are areas dedicated to activities and games on the theme of the sea and ocean conservation. Sports enthusiasts have a dedicated area with access to an out-door apparatus course.

The Explorers, for the under-tens, welcomes the youngest visitors with activities linked to the sea and its destinations. Little sailors will discover digital and traditional games designed for body and mind.

Games Planet is an arcade-style space for all ages, with a selection of vintage games to keep teenagers amused during the day or evening.

The Boutique remains a particularly popular spot on board. The ship's timetable, whether departing in the evening or on a day crossing, makes shopping one of the great pleasures of Saint-Malo's passengers.

The 250 m² boutique offers a wide range of products at Duty Free prices or at low prices exclusive to travellers. The shop hosts biggest French and international brands, with a selection of tobacco, spirits, wines, perfumes and cosmetics, confectionery, ready-to-wear, leather goods and gifts.

The kiosk, at the entrance to the shop, includes a small delicatessen and regional produce corner where you can stock up on gourmet gifts or grab a sandwich or soft drink.

Ends