

# Island of Batz



The island of Batz is one of the islands in the range known as Ponant, separated from the port of Roscoff by a sea channel 2 Kms wide. It is particularly well known for its long white beaches, mild climate and varied vegetation. The sand is so brilliantly white and the colour of the water an extraordinary turquoise blue, you'd think you were in the Pacific, not the Atlantic ! The water temperature is roughly 19°C, suitable for swimming if you just dive in and don't think twice...

The Batz light-house was built in 1836 and serves both the port of Morlaix and of Roscoff. The last light-house man who lived there retired in 1995 and it is now entirely automatic. You can see an amazing view from the top if you brave the 210 steps to go to the top !

The island possesses an amazing tropical garden which was created at the beginning of the last century by Georges Delaselle. Protected from the winds by a collection of ancient Cyprus trees, it has an unusual charm about it. Delaselle planted over 1,800 species of plants from all over the world here.

