

## **Travelling to Roscoff for the International 2017 Maple Symposium**

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### **Introduction**

Roscoff is a coastal town in the Brittany region, north western France. This paper sets out the ways to get to there, (and back, if you are not joining the Post Symposium Tour), by Air, Rail, or Road from Paris, and by Sea from the UK or the Republic of Ireland.

As some delegates may wish to travel out to Roscoff early, timetables have been provided for arrival dates in Roscoff from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October onwards.

### **By Air**

The nearest airport to Roscoff, is Brest, which is about 35 miles, 56 kilometres from Roscoff. Direct flights are available from Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG) airport, which is the main international airport for Paris, and also from Paris Orly airport. CDG is approximately 17 miles, 28 kilometres northeast of central Paris, whilst Orly is 14 miles, 22 kilometres, to the south of central Paris.

Delegates staying in central Paris before the Symposium may find it easier and cheaper to travel to Roscoff by rail, which is covered later in this note.

However, it is anticipated that some delegates will be flying in to CDG or Orly, and will require information about connecting flights to Brest.

A coach transfer has been arranged to meet the 10:20, (arriving Brest 11:35), and 16:40, (arriving Brest 17:50), daytime flights from CDG on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October only. Delegates wishing to make use of either of these two coach transfers should have included that in their registration information when they registered on the Maple Society website to attend the Symposium.

Delegates arriving on other days or flights will have to make their own arrangements to transfer from Brest to Roscoff. Travelling time by car or taxi from Brest is about 50 minutes. The Golden Tulip Hotel/Hotel Thalassonic can make arrangements for a transfer to the hotel if booked in advance direct with the hotel. Please contact the hotel directly if you require a transfer, contact details are given at the end of this note. The cost of transfers arranged through the hotel are the responsibility of the traveller.

Set out below is the timetable for all direct flights from Paris Charles de Gaulle and from Paris Orly to Brest between Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

| Operators            | Flight No        | Depart Paris<br>Charles de Gaulle | Depart Paris<br>Orly | Arrive<br>Brest |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Friday 20th</b>   |                  |                                   |                      |                 |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5360/AF7360 * | -                                 | 07:00                | 08:10           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5362/AF7362 * | -                                 | 09:15                | 10:25           |
| Air France           | AF7736           | 10:20                             | -                    | 11:35           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5366/AF7366 * | -                                 | 12:20                | 13:30           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5376/AF7376 * | -                                 | 15:05                | 16:15           |
| Air France           | AF7738           | 16:40                             | -                    | 17:50           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5370/AF7370 * | -                                 | 18:40                | 19:50           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5374/AF7374 * | -                                 | 21:30                | 22:35           |
| Air France           | AF7732           | 21:35                             | -                    | 22:45           |
| <b>Saturday 21st</b> |                  |                                   |                      |                 |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5362/AF7362 * | -                                 | 09:15                | 10:25           |
| Air France           | AF7736           | 10:20                             | -                    | 11:35           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5366/AF7366 * | -                                 | 13:10                | 14:20           |
| Air France           | AF7738           | 16:40                             | -                    | 17:50           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5374/AF7374 * | -                                 | 20:15                | 21:20           |
| Air France           | AF7732           | 21:35                             | -                    | 22:45           |
| <b>Sunday 22nd</b>   |                  |                                   |                      |                 |
| Air France           | AF7736           | 10:20                             | -                    | 11:35           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5368/AF7368 * | -                                 | 10:30                | 11:40           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5366/AF7366 * | -                                 | 13:00                | 14:10           |
| Air France           | AF7738           | 16:40                             | -                    | 17:50           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5370/AF7370 * | -                                 | 18:25                | 19:35           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5374/AF7374 * | -                                 | 20:50                | 21:55           |
| Air France           | AF7732           | 21:35                             | -                    | 22:45           |
| <b>Monday 23rd</b>   |                  |                                   |                      |                 |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5360/AF7360 * | -                                 | 07:00                | 08:10           |
| Air France           | AF7736           | 10:20                             | -                    | 11:35           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5366/AF7366 * | -                                 | 12:20                | 13:30           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5376/AF7376 * | -                                 | 15:05                | 16:15           |
| Air France           | AF7738           | 16:40                             | -                    | 17:50           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5370/AF7370 * | -                                 | 18:40                | 19:50           |
| Hop/Air France *     | A5 5374/AF7374 * | -                                 | 21:30                | 22:35           |
| Air France           | AF7732           | 21:35                             | -                    | 22:45           |

Tuesday 24th

|                  |                  |       |       |       |
|------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Hop/Air France * | A5 5360/AF7360 * | -     | 07:00 | 08:10 |
| Air France       | AF7736           | 10:20 | -     | 11:35 |
| Hop/Air France * | A5 5366/AF7366 * | -     | 12:20 | 13:30 |
| Hop/Air France * | A5 5376/AF7376 * | -     | 15:05 | 16:15 |
| Air France       | AF7738           | 16:40 | -     | 17:50 |
| Hop/Air France * | A5 5374/AF7374 * | -     | 21:30 | 22:35 |
| Air France       | AF7732           | 21:35 | -     | 22:45 |

\* = Combined/Code Sharing flight

**N.B.** Delegates intending to fly in to Brest other than on the 10:20 or 16:40 flights from Paris Charles de Gaulle on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, are reminded that they will need to make their own arrangements to get from Brest airport to Roscoff.

For the benefit of Symposium attendees who will not be joining the Post Symposium Tour, the timetable for the return journey to Paris from mid-afternoon on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and all day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October is given below. Delegates will need to make their own arrangements for transfer from Roscoff to Brest.

Delegates intending to return to Paris from Brest by air are also reminded that the two Paris airports, CDG and Orly are about 25 miles, 40 kilometres, apart when arranging their onward travel by air from Paris.

| Operator         | Flight No.       | Depart<br>Brest | Arrive Paris<br>Charles de Gaulle | Arrive Paris<br>Orly |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Thursday 26th    |                  |                 |                                   |                      |
| Hop/Air France * | A5 5369/AF7369 * | 14:15           | -                                 | 15:30                |
| Air France       | AF7733           | 18:35           | 19:50                             | -                    |
| Hop/Air France * | A5 5375/AF7375 * | 17:10           | -                                 | 18:25                |
| Hop/Air France * | A5 5373/AF7373 * | 20:40           | -                                 | 21:50                |
| Friday 27th      |                  |                 |                                   |                      |
| Air France       | AF7737           | 06:15           | 07:35                             | -                    |
| Hop/Air France * | A5 5361/AF7361 * | 06:45           | -                                 | 08:00                |
| Hop/Air France * | A5 5363/AF7363 * | 08:50           | -                                 | 10:05                |
| Air France       | AF7739           | 12:25           | 13:45                             | -                    |
| Hop/Air France * | A5 5369/AF7369 * | 14:15           | -                                 | 15:30                |
| Air France       | AF7733           | 18:35           | 19:50                             | -                    |
| Hop/Air France * | A5 5375/AF7375 * | 17:10           | -                                 | 18:25                |
| Hop/Air France * | A5 5373/AF7373 * | 20:40           | -                                 | 21:50                |

\* = Combined/Code Sharing flight

Bookings can be through your normal travel provider or direct with Air France, [https://www.airfrance.com/indexCom\\_en.html](https://www.airfrance.com/indexCom_en.html) or with HOP <http://www.hop.com/en/> if flying back to Orly.

## By Rail

The French rail company, SNCF, run modern, high speed, TGV trains from Paris to Morlaix, the nearest main line station to Roscoff, where connection is made either with a local train or bus to complete the journey to Roscoff. The bus is run by SNCF, and leaves from outside Morlaix station.

Like many capital cities, there are several main line stations in Paris. The trains for Morlaix/Roscoff depart from Montparnasse station in Paris. The nearest Métro /Underground/Subway station to Montparnasse Main Line station is Montparnasse Bienvenue. It is on Métro lines 4, 6, 12 & 13. The Main Line, (Grandes Lignes), Montparnasse station is about a 10 minute walk from Montparnasse Bienvenue Métro station, and there is a well-lit and well signposted underground walkway, Follow the signs for "Grandes Lignes" (Main Lines). However, the walkway involves SEVERAL SHORT FLIGHTS OF STAIRS, which can be awkward to negotiate with bulky luggage. The alternative is to leave the Métro station, come up to street level, and walk at street level down either the Rue de l'Arrivée or the Rue de Départ, passing the Tour Montparnasse skyscraper, and the Main Line Montparnasse station will be in front of you It is a large modern building. Access to platform level is via escalators, stairs, or lifts (elevators) as it is above street level.

Once at the main line Montparnasse station, allow at least 10 minutes to get to your carriage. It is a large station and the French TGV trains can be very long, sometimes consisting of 2 shorter trains travelling to different destinations.

There are various shops, bars and restaurants in the station and nearby if you want to eat or drink before boarding, or buy some refreshments to consume on the train. There should be a buffet or restaurant car in the train from which it is possible to buy light meals, snacks and refreshments.

Each train has a unique service number, like the flight number for an airline flight, which is shown on the departure boards, and on the illuminated information signs on each carriage. If a train does consist of two halves going to different destinations both service numbers will be shown on the destination boards in the station concourse, but the carriages of the portion of the train going to a particular destination will show only the service number for that destination. If your train does consist of two halves going to different destinations, make sure that you board the carriages going to your destination as it is not possible to move between the two halves of the train when it is in motion between stations. None of the trains listed in the timetable below terminate at Morlaix, but Morlaix will be listed as one of the stopping points on the departure boards.

You must validate your ticket, ("compostez votre billet"), by inserting it in to the yellow validation machines, to be date stamped, which are near or at the entrance to each platform before boarding the train, or you may be fined! **N.B.** You do not need to validate "print-at home-e-tickets", they don't fit in the machines.

Luggage can be placed in overhead racks above your seats, or between the seats, or in luggage racks at the end of each carriage. If using the luggage racks at the end of a carriage, it is advisable to lock your

suitcases.

The timetable below lists all the services between Paris and Roscoff via Morlaix between Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. First and Second class accommodation is available between Paris and Morlaix, Second class only between Morlaix and Roscoff. Bookings can be made online using the SNCF website, <http://www.sncf.com/en/passengers> or a UK based booking agent, Trainline, <https://www.trainline.eu/>

Paris-Roscoff train timetable for Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup>.

| Service No.   | Montparnasse Depart | Morlaix Arrive |           | Train/ Bus | Service No. | Morlaix Depart | Roscoff Arrive |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Friday 20th   |                     |                |           |            |             |                |                |
| 8607          | 07:40               | 11:03          | change to | Bus        | 11951       | 11:15          | 11:45          |
| 8609          | 09:56               | 12:59          | change to | Train      | 55035       | 13:15          | 14:02          |
| 8617          | 12:56               | 15:59          | change to | Bus        | 32113       | 17:15          | 17:47          |
| 8623          | 14:56               | 17:59          | change to | Bus        | 32121       | 18:10          | 18:47          |
| 8629          | 16:56               | 20:03          | change to | Bus        | 32125       | 20:10          | 20:47          |
| 8635          | 17:44               | 21:00          | change to | Bus        | 32129       | 21:00          | 21:37          |
| Saturday 21st |                     |                |           |            |             |                |                |
| 8607          | 07:40               | 11:03          | change to | Bus        | 32139       | 11:10          | 11:47          |
| 8609          | 09:56               | 12:59          | change to | Train      | 55033       | 13:07          | 13:54          |
| 8615          | 11:56               | 15:07          | change to | Bus        | 32117       | 15:20          | 15:52          |
| 8623          | 14:56               | 17:59          | change to | Bus        | 32119       | 18:10          | 18:42          |
| Sunday 22nd   |                     |                |           |            |             |                |                |
| 8275          | 09:56               | 12:59          | change to | Train      | 55033       | 13:07          | 13:54          |
| 8615          | 11:56               | 15:07          | change to | Train      | 55039       | 15:20          | 16:07          |
| 8623          | 14:56               | 17:59          | change to | Bus        | 32119       | 18:10          | 18:42          |
| 8631          | 16:56               | 19:59          | change to | Bus        | 32127       | 20:10          | 20:42          |
| Monday 23rd   |                     |                |           |            |             |                |                |
| 8607          | 07:40               | 11:03          | change to | Bus        | 11951       | 11:15          | 11:45          |
| 8609          | 09:56               | 12:59          | change to | Train      | 55035       | 13:15          | 14:02          |
| 8623          | 14:56               | 17:59          | change to | Bus        | 32121       | 18:10          | 18:47          |
| 8631          | 16:56               | 19:59          | change to | Bus        | 32125       | 20:10          | 20:47          |
| Tuesday 24th  |                     |                |           |            |             |                |                |
| 8607          | 07:40               | 11:03          | change to | Bus        | 11951       | 11:15          | 11:45          |
| 8609          | 09:56               | 12:59          | change to | Train      | 55035       | 13:15          | 14:02          |
| 8623          | 14:56               | 17:59          | change to | Bus        | 32121       | 18:10          | 18:47          |
| 8631          | 16:56               | 19:59          | change to | Bus        | 32125       | 20:10          | 20:47          |

For the benefit of Symposium attendees who will not be joining the Post Symposium Tour, the timetable for the return journey to Paris from mid-afternoon on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and all day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October is given below.

| Service No.   | Train/ Bus | Roscoff Depart | Morlaix Arrive |           | Service No. | Morlaix Depart | Montparnasse Arrive |
|---------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Thursday 26th |            |                |                |           |             |                |                     |
| 32122         | Bus        | 14:10          | 14:42          | change to | 8626        | 15:04          | 18:47               |
| 55034         | Train      | 15:50          | 16:37          | change to | 8634        | 16:56          | 20:04               |
| 32130         | Bus        | 18:30          | 19:02          | change to | 8646        | 19:52          | 23:04               |
| Friday 27th   |            |                |                |           |             |                |                     |
| 32104         | Bus        | 07:10          | 07:42          | change to | 8606        | 07:52          | 11:04               |
| 32108         | Bus        | 08:50          | 09:27          | change to | 8610        | 09:44          | 13:04               |
| 11950         | Bus        | 12:30          | 13:00          | change to | 55830 *     | 13:47          | 15:25               |
|               |            | At             | Rennes,        | change to | 8222 **     | 15:35          | 17:04               |
| 32122         | Bus        | 14:10          | 14:42          | change to | 8630        | 14:56          | 18:04               |
| 55034         | Train      | 15:50          | 16:37          | change to | 8634        | 16:52          | 20:04               |
| 32130         | Bus        | 18:30          | 19:02          | change to | 8646        | 19:52          | 23:04               |

\* Arrival time is at Rennes, the destination for this train, where you change for the Paris train.

\*\* Departure time is from Rennes.

For further information about rail travel in Europe, see the website "seat61", <http://www.seat61.com>.

## By Road

Roscoff lies on the north coast of Brittany, in the department of Finistere. It is approached via the D58 and is approximately 350 miles. 560 kilometres, from central Paris.

For those travelling by car, there are two main routes from Paris, a northern route via Caen, and a southern route via Le Mans. Travelling time will depend on traffic and weather conditions and the chosen route. Between 5 hours 30 minutes and 6 hours driving time, plus time for stops for rest, meals, etc. should be allowed for the journey.

Both routes converge east of Saint Brieuc, and continue via Guingamp and Morlaix. From Morlaix the route follows the D769, D58, and D769 again, which leads into the centre of Roscoff. Morlaix is about 35 minutes from Roscoff by car.

French autoroutes/motorways are toll roads, with toll stations (Péage) at intervals along them as well as certain entrance and exit roads. For more information about using toll roads in France see <http://www.autoroutes.fr/en/payment-methods.htm>

It is possible to go by coach from Paris to Roscoff, with a change at Morlaix. There is a daily service leaving Paris, Gare Bercy, at 07:00, arriving Morlaix at 15:55. However there can be a long wait at

Morlaix for the connecting bus to Roscoff of up to 2 hours depending on the day, giving a total journey time of up to 12 hours. The cost is not significantly cheaper than the train.

There is just one direct coach every day from Morlaix to Paris, Gare Bercy, departing Morlaix 10:00, arriving Paris 18:55. Local buses or a taxi would need to be used to get from Roscoff to Morlaix.

## By Sea

Ferries to Roscoff run from Plymouth in the UK, and from Cork in the Republic of Ireland. They are operated by Brittany Ferries. The services from Plymouth to Roscoff and Cork to Roscoff are all overnight sailings. The sailings from Roscoff to Plymouth and Cork are all daytime services.

Whilst the ferries are vehicle ferries, they also take foot passengers without vehicles. If travelling by ferry to Roscoff for the Symposium without a car, it is a modest walk, about 25 minutes, from the ferry port at the eastern side of Roscoff to the Hotel Golden Tulip/Hotel Thalassonic on the western side of the town, see the map at the end of this note.

Shown below is the timetable for sailings from Plymouth to Roscoff, arriving between Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

| <u>Depart Plymouth</u> |       | <u>Arrive Roscoff</u> |       |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Date                   | Time  | Date                  | Time  |
| Thursday 19th          | 20:45 | Friday 20th           | 08:00 |
| Friday 20th            | 22:00 | Saturday 21st         | 08:00 |
| Saturday 21st          | 22:00 | Sunday 22nd           | 10:00 |
| Sunday 22nd            | 22:00 | Monday 23rd           | 08:00 |
| Monday 23rd            | 22:00 | Tuesday 24th          | 08:00 |
| Tuesday 24th           | 22:00 | Wednesday 25th        | 08:00 |

There is only one sailing each week from Cork to Roscoff, in October. It leaves Cork on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 16:00, and arrives at Roscoff at 07:00 on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

For the benefit of Symposium attendees who will not be joining the Post Symposium Tour, the timetable for the return journey to Plymouth between Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October are shown below.

| <u>Depart Roscoff</u> |             | <u>Arrive Plymouth</u> |       |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------|
| Thursday 26th         | 16:30       | Thursday 26th          | 21:30 |
| Friday 27th           | No Sailings |                        |       |
| Saturday 28th         | 15:00       | Saturday 28th          | 20:10 |

The weekly service from Roscoff to Cork departs Roscoff on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 20:30, and arrives in Cork on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 09:30.

All the above times are local times.

Full details of the ferry services are available on the Brittany ferries web site <http://www.brittany-ferries.co.uk/ferry-routes>

## Hotel Contact Details and Location in Roscoff

The hotel which will be the base for the Symposium, hosting both the Maple “Red Listing” Workshop, and the Symposium Dinner, is the “Hotel Golden Tulip Roscoff - Hotel & Spa”, which, until recently, was known as the Hotel Thalassonic. It will also be the pick up and drop off point for the coaches taking delegates to and from the Symposium venues.

Concessionary rates have been arranged for delegates at this hotel.

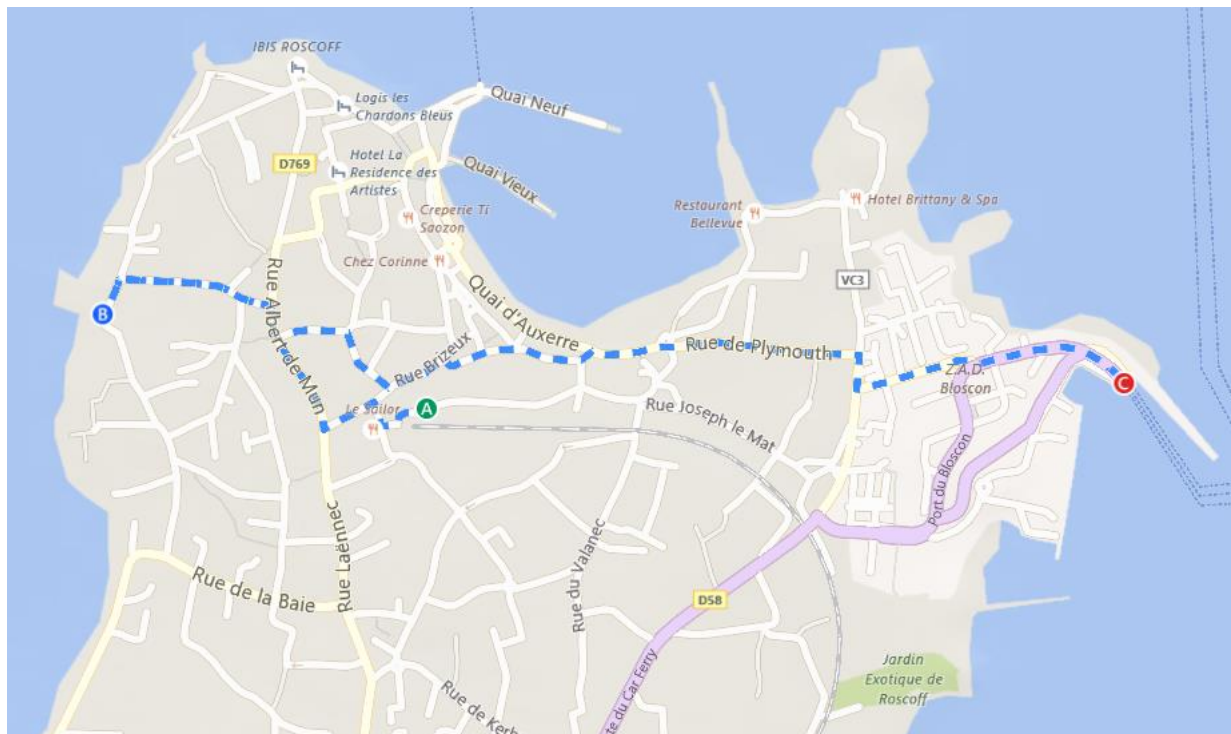
The contact details for the hotel are:

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The map below shows the location of the train station, **A**, the Golden Tulip Hotel & Spa/Hotel Thalassonic, **B**, and the ferry terminal, marked **C**.



Map (© Here and Microsoft Corporation, 2017)

The Hotel has an unsupervised 50-place car park for its clients, located 150m from the hotel. For more information about car parking, please contact the hotel direct.

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