

## **Tourism in Guingamp**

- Kath So we're producing a programme all about Guingamp.
- Teacher Absolutely. Great place to produce programmes from.
- Kath Indeed, it is, it's lovely. I haven't been for ... so what are we going to be doing today?
- Teacher Er, the students, hopefully they're going to be taking you around, and showing and introducing these things to you and describing these things to you and giving you the opportunity of learning a bit more about this wonderful city in which we live. But of course it gives you the opportunity of speaking to them in English and it gives them, of course, the opportunity to communicate with you in English. To me, I think it's a situation where everybody wins. The students here want to learn English and as the land of business, there's more and more and more English - whether or not that's right or not is not the case, that's a stated fact. There's a need to speak English and the better their level of English the better it is for them, and the more we can do to support that, the better it is for us as well.
- Kath Thank you very much.
- Cavin My name's Cavin Shakesheave from Spotlight on Brittany. We're out on a tour and we're the guests of the people of the students of the local college. And our first part of the tour is ... if you'd like to introduce yourself, madame ...
- Lauren Hi everybody, my name is Lauren, and this is Ardice, and we are going to present you now the fountain of Guingamp, which is la Plomee. Its name comes from the Breton word \*\*\*plumaine, which mean 'piece of lead'. Er, this fountain was created in 1626 at the bottom of the square. And then at the end of the sixteenth [ie 17th] century it migrated up to its present location. This fountain is made up three brasses in the shape of a cone, as you can see.
- Pauline My name is Pauline. I am going to present you the house said to be the Duchess Anne's house. This house is the highest of the rue Notre Dame. I have to explain you who is Anne de Bretagne. Do you know who is she? She was a queen. Anne de Bretagne was born in 1477 and died in 1514. Her father, Francois II, didn't have ... didn't have son, so he allowed her [ie his] daughter to marry with Charles VII.

Cavin Charles VII?

Pauline Charles VII. Erm, from this wedding, thanks to this wedding, Brittany is a part of France. Em, Anne de Bretagne is [ie was] the Queen of France. And then in 1499 she ... she became the Duchess of Bretagne. Once again ...

Fanny So, I'm Fanny. Um, I'm going to present you the Basilica of Guingamp. It's the ... the oldest monument in Guingamp - it's over 800 years old. It was founded by Etienne de Penthièvre. And it started out with the chapel. It's a mix of a few styles. It's the Roman [ie Romanesque] style, and then the Gothic style, and then the Renaissance. The Romanist Church decided to dedicate it ... to dedicate it to ... to the Virgin Mary. And then we're going to see inside. That's the king, and from what they say, that's the one that doesn't have a head ...

Eloise My name is Eloise. You are now standing at the front of ... er, the Town Hall. It was before the former Augustine monastery. Em, the Carmelite nuns took the former hospice, which was built in the fourteenth century by Charles de Blois. And ... um ... they created ... um ... the Augustine monastery, and ... er ... the Hospice was built between ... er ... 1699 and 1709, with rocks coming from the demolition of the Castle of Guingamp. And ... um ... then it was a military hospital ...

Cavin This is Cavin Shakesheave for Spotlight on Brittany, I'd like to thank all the people who've taken us round, and could we give them a round of applause to show our appreciation. (Applause) Thank you so much.

Elaine And if you could just tell us your impression of the tour of Guingamp.

Visitor Excellent. It was very good. Very good indeed. And the presentations were excellent, and the information passed was extremely interesting, and it was nice to see part of the town which we've passed through many times, especially to the tax office (laughter). It was very good, very good.

Elaine Did you see parts of the town that you wouldn't normally, perhaps?

Visitor Yeah, we normally come round it, you know, following the roads through.

Elaine Was there any one place that impressed you particularly?

Visitor The prison. I wanted to leave her there, you know (laughs).

Elaine Would you like to introduce yourself.

Colin Yeah, my name's Colin. I live in Bulat Pestivien. I've been in France for 22 years.

Elaine So can you tell me your impression of today's visit to Guingamp?

Colin Oh I've really enjoyed it, I thought it was good. I've lived in this area since I've been in France. I've learnt a lot more about Guingamp this afternoon than I've learnt in the last 22 years. Quite impressed, really.

Elaine What particularly impressed you, perhaps, the most?

Colin Bits of Guingamp that I've walked past many times and never noticed, like the jail , le maison de duchesse Anne ... Just the whole thing really.

Elaine And the students?

Colin The students were good, very good.

Kath What are you aiming to do, Fanny, when you finish your degree?

Fanny I want to ... I'm going to Mexico to go to ... to business school. And then I want to be a business manager, or something like that. I don't quite know yet. I'm working on that part, but yeah.

Kath Yeah, it's a tough question.

Fanny Yeah. In a few years, I'll call you back.

Kath What's your name?

Lauren Lauren.

Kath What would you like to do?

Lauren Later I want to work in tourism, so maybe in business tourism. I'm actually looking for a master in tourism. I don't know yet where I'm going to go. We'll see later.

Kath Sorry, I've not got my glasses on, so I can't read your writing ...

Ellice That's okay. Ellice.

Kath How many years have you been studying so far?

Ellice Um, three years altogether. Three years we are studying the languages and to work about the business tourism. And it's very interesting. And, you know, we went in an Erasmus trip last semester so we really improve our language, in English and in German and in Spanish and it was really great, so ... yeah.

Kath So you all speak more than one language, don't you?

Ellice Yeah.

Kath You speak English, what are the other languages that you're majoring in?

Ellice German, Spanish, Chinese, Italian. Yeah.

Kath So you're very clever then? (Laughter) Thank you very much for today. And I'm sure when people hear about it they'll want to come and visit Guingamp.

