Titan Science Meeting

St. Jacut de-la-Mer, Brittany, France, June 20-23, 2011

The Meeting will be held at the Abbaye Saint-Jacut-de-la-Mer which is located on the Channel coast in Brittany, France. See below for a map.

Participants will stay at the Abbaye, all meals will be offered there as well (except on Wednesday, June 22 if you come to the tour to Mont St. Michel - on that day you will have dinner there).

For more info please visit their web site (in French) on http://www.abbaye-st-jacut.com

Travel Access

By plane:

Two alternatives are possible when arriving by plane, either to fly into Paris and from there by train to Saint Jacut, or to fly directly to the nearby small airport of Dinard-Pleurtuit, located ~14 km from Saint Jacut. One route exists between London Stansted and Dinard using <u>Ryanair</u>. Note: Ryanair do not fly to Dinard on Sunday June 19!

By car:

Travel by car is possible, with the added benefit of local mobility. The venue is located ~4-5h west of Paris.

By Train:

The nearest train station is Saint Malo, at roughly 25 km distance from the Abbaye. Direct trains (TGV) run between Paris Montparnasse and St. Malo with an average travel time of 3 h.

Train times between Paris Montparnasse and Saint Malo are as follows on Sunday (June 19) and Thursday (June 23):

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Paris Montparnasse	Saint Malo	Via	
08:05	11:13	direct	
09:05	12:22	Rennes	
10:05	13:03	direct	
11:05	14:40	Rennes	
12:40	16:54	Le Mans	
14:05	17:19	Rennes	
15:05	17:58	direct	
16:05	19:20	Rennes	
17:05	20:22	Rennes	
18:05	21:19	Rennes	

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Saint Malo	Paris Montparnasse	Via	
12:12	15:18	direct	
12:50	16:13	Rennes	
14:50	18:23	Rennes	
15:50	19:13	Rennes	
16:40	20:03	direct	

All trains between Paris and St Malo are at least in part TGV trains (direct trains are TGV, those via Rennes or Le Mans are TGV between Paris and that location and a non-TGV for the second leg to St Malo).

We recommend that you book your tickets ahead of time online since there is a small risk that buying the ticket on the day of travel may not work since your train of choice may already be fully booked. One way of reserving tickets or checking timetables is via the <u>SNCF web site</u> (in French). In theory the <u>TGV Web site</u> (in English) should work too, but in practice it doesn't always (but do try!)

The only downside of booking ahead of time is that you have to commit to a specific train. If you buy online in some cases you can print out your ticket yourself and in some cases you have to go to the ticket machines in the train station, slide in the card you used to make your online booking, enter your card pin number and if all goes well the tickets are printed out.

Note that all tickets except those you printed out at home will need to be stamped on the train station in the yellow machines at the start of the platform. Failing to do so may result in a fine when the tickets are checked on board. If you rush onboard and forgot to do it, but remember that you forgot, you need to immediately look for the train conductor and tell him/her yourselves that you didn't stamp your tickets. Don't wait until they find you.

Transportation between St Malo and St Jacut:

A bus or Taxi can be taken to travel from Saint Malo train station to Saint Jacut. Here are the options explained in more detail:

(1) Shuttle bus

We have organised two shuttle buses between St. Malo and St. Jacut:

- Departure Sunday, June 19 at 18:15 from St. Malo train station to St. Jacut
- Departure Thursday, June 23 at 11:00 from St. Jacut to St. Malo train station to allow everyone to catch the 12:12 train to Paris (see schedule)

The buses will be made available at no extra charge, so do make use of them!

(2) Taxi

A typical taxi ride from St Malo to St Jacut takes around 30 mins.

The simplest option is to arrive and look out for taxis at St Malo station, there should be several taxis waiting there, depending on the time of arrival, but it's not guaranteed.

If you want more guarantee to find a taxi you may want to book a taxi ahead of time to meet you at the station when you arrive - see below.

Expect to have to pay your taxis by cash (more info on prices is given below)

Here are two alternative taxi companies:

(a) Allo Taxis Malouins

Tel. +33 2 99 81 30 30 (from within France: 02 99 81 30 30)

http://www.allo-taxis-malouins.com/accue.htm

This is a company local to St Malo, so closest to the train station. They run "standard" (regular sized) taxis, make sure you ask them to take you to the Abbaye in St Jacut (not simply "St Jacut").

Normally they are at the station, but if not then you can call them once you arrive at the above number. That's also the number to call if you want to book ahead of time. You can also book using the web site above (click on link "reservation" and make sure you enter in the big white box that you want pick-up at St. Malo train station).

The fare for a one-way trip is roughly €35 (weekdays, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.) and €55 (rest of time)

(b) Taxi Gauden

Tel. +33 2 96 27 23 18 (from within France: 02 96 27 23 18),

Email: porchetphilippe@hotmail.fr

This company is located closest to St. Jacut, which means that it's a good company to use for your return pick-up from St. Jacut to St. Malo (or elsewhere). It also means that if you don't find their taxi at the St. Malo station you need to allow ~30 min time for them to arrive (provided they are free to come). It's best to book them ahead of time via phone or email, especially for pickup at St. Malo.

The company runs mini buses that can sit up to 8 people, so the best option when traveling in a group (and splitting the fare for example).

The fare for a one-way trip is roughly €40 (weekdays, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.) and €55 (rest of time)

(3) Public bus

The bus service is Line 14 from St Malo to St Jacut - click <u>here</u> for an online schedule (the bus does not run on many days, including Sundays, and has only few services per day)

In case you need any emergency help on location, please call Ingo Mueller-Wodarg on +44-7973-271816

Map of the surrounding area:

