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On a cruise...

There are more than ten kilometres of coastline in the town of Lorient. A privileged geographic location that defines the identity of the town. The town never stops. Day and night, various centres of activity come to life, one by one. In the middle of the night, the fishermen land their catches on the quays at Lorient-Keroman. Then, the fresh products are sold at the fish market and sent all around France. A few feet away, the port of Kergroise unloads the Panamax super tankers and other cargo vessels. All day until night falls, pleasure boats, passenger ships and yachts crisscross the bay... Lorient never ceases to surprise with the variety of its activities and very different atmospheres.

Lorient proudly displays a rich maritime heritage. This heritage has always been able to adapt. The old submarine base has been converted into an economic centre devoted to sailing and offshore racing.

Founded in 1927, the port of Lorient-Keroman has modernized to become the 1st fishing port in France by added value. It is a leading economic light with 700 sailors, 130 fishing boats (artisan, coastal and offshore) and 260 companies. This amounts to 5

000 direct and indirect jobs. In order to increase productivity still further, the site has invested in safety, modernizing its installations and equipment.

The cargo port at Kergroise has also been modernized to receive very large commercial vessels. The marina, right in the heart of the town centre, has 345 places on jetties. As for the old submarine base, it now offers 800 meters of jetties for the offshore racing cluster and sailing professionals.

Ranked third in Brittany by the number of inhabitants (190 000), the Lorient borough has fought tooth and nail to preserve its amenities and develop new ones. Its entrepreneurial, cultural and sporting spirit attracts people from miles around.

Lorient town lies at the heart of the borough, offering efficient, welldesigned and progressive infrastructure.