

DISCOVER THE SEASIDE VILLAS

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14 Historic and contemporary villas

Avenue de Bourgneuf

How can the charm of an old residence be preserved while adapting it to contemporary lifestyles? Various villas in this district offer particularly successful examples of adaptation, with an opening onto the garden.



13 The term 'brevinoise'

Impasse Mozart

Built at the end of the 1950s, the villas on Impasse Mozart present a stunning ensemble. With a Basque style that is simple, livable, and recognizable, they gave rise to the term «Brevinoise» for their volumes.



12 When modernity makes its entrance

Allée du Grand Trait

Still in the Neuville district, several constructions adopt a resolutely modern style, such as the Villa Chupin by architect Wogensky or the Villa Constellation by architect Denion. Many villas feature a single-sloped roof.



11 Around the Vieux Logis

24, Avenue du Grand-Trait

In 1890, Auguste Testard de Marans acquired an old hunting lodge and fifty hectares of plantation. He named this forest «Neuville Forest», which later became covered with old chalets.



10 Le Relais Normand

Avenue Saint-Hubert

A remarkable example of the regionalist movement, the Relais Normand features wood paneling (or rather cement cladding), an overhanging roof and a division of space. It was designed by Louis Lepage, the most famous architect of the interwar period in Saint-Brevin.



9 Villa la Johannee

Villa La Johannee, Corner of Avenue Saint-Hubert and Avenue de Bourgneuf

Built in 1926, Villa La Johannee disregards traditional architecture, which creates a hierarchy between the richly decorated main facades and the purely functional service facades. Designed by architect Louis Lepage, the house reflects its first occupants' desire for picturesque surroundings and an escape from everyday life.



8 The 'Little Train' line

Avenue de la forêt

In 1906, the Petit Train railway line was established between Palmboeuf and Pornic. The railway line stopped at the Mindin ferry and then served the districts of Saint-Brevin over a distance of 8 km. The old railway line no longer exists, but it has left its mark on the landscape.



