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DISCOVER NORMANDY – PRIVATE DAY TOUR & FULL PROGRAM



From Paris by car driving time :

- Bayeux : 2h45
- Caen* : 2h20
- Etretat : 2h40
- Mont Saint Michel : 3h30
- Rennes : 3h30
- Rouen* : 1h30

From Paris Train Station to :

- **Caen** all Normandy sites available
- **Trouville** excursion to Normandy landing beaches, Flower coast and Etretat/Fecamp.
- **Rennes** excursion to Mont Saint Michel
- **Rouen** excursion to Normandy landing beaches, Flower coast and Etretat/Fecamp.

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Day 1 - Giverny & Rouen

- ❖ In the morning departure with your driver guide from Paris center or Paris CDG airport
- ❖ Departure for Normandy – Stop for a visit of **Giverny** (closed from November to April)

Bequeathed to France's Academy des Beaux-Arts by the artist's son Michel in 1966, Claude Monet's property at Giverny has since undergone major restoration. With its pink render on the outside, the house where the leader of the Impressionist school lived from 1883 until 1926 has regained the colorful interior and intimate charm of those bygone days. Several of its rooms are now devoted to the artist's precious collection of Japanese prints, hung in accordance with the instructions of the Master of Giverny.

- ❖ Continue with a visit of **Rouen**

Rouen is set over the banks of the river Seine, and is the capital of Normandy, established by the Celts. Rouen is famous for being the scene of Joan d'Arc's trial and execution. The historic Old City (mostly restored) is on the Right bank. Rouen is also the capital of the Upper Normandy region, and is a lively city with plenty of bars, cafés and restaurants to relax in

- ❖ Arrival at your hotel in Honfleur by the end of the Afternoon
 - ❖ Hotel recommended – Ferme de St Simeon





Day 2 - Etretat & Fecamp

❖ 9am departure for a visit of Etretat and Fecamp

Etretat is found in the Seine-Maritime department of Normandy, 20 kilometres north of Le Havre. The town is on the Normandy coast, and is renowned for its 70 metre high picture postcard white cliffs, and the arches and tunnels in the cliffs that jut out to sea, and a large rock needle. Both the cliffs and village are the scenic highlight of the region and not to be missed if you visiting this part of Normandy.

Apart from the cliffs there are three main 'formations':

- the falaise d'aval and the aiguille ('downstream cliff and needle);
- the manneporte, a second natural rock arch;
- the falaise d'amont ('upstream cliff'), a think rock that juts into the sea

Fecamp is situated between cliffs and has a medium sized pleasure boats harbor and a fishing harbor. There are several shopping streets, museums, restaurants and a cathedral.

Fecamp is the home of the Benedictine liquor which is still made there. There are several large German bunker complexes in the cliffs.

❖ 5pm – End of the tour at your hotel

❖ Hotel recommended – Ferme de St Simeon





Day 3 - Flower coast Deauville/Trouville & Caen Memorial

- ❖ Check out from your hotel
- ❖ 9am departure for a visit of **Deauville and Trouville passing by the flower coast**

You will take the coast road out of the town and pass through the seaside villages along the way, complete with their old whaling stations, such as Trouville, Villers sur Mer and Houlgate. If you wish you can follow in the footsteps of the American Film Festival at the “Planches de Deauville”, or visit the sumptuous casino to be found in this holiday town.

The arrival of the first train here in 1863 gave this “Little Sister of Cannes”, as the town is known by the French, the nickname “21st Quarter of Paris” as it soon became a favourite holiday destination for the Parisiennes

- ❖ In the afternoon visit of **Caen Memorial**

The Memorial, has set itself beyond being a simple place of remembrance to become a wonderful observatory for peace, a place bringing together news, reflection and culture for the some 350,000 visitors who come every year. The visit of the Dailai Lama in April 1997 stands witness to the international reputation of the Museum for Peace.

- ❖ 5pm – End of the tour at your hotel
 - ❖ Hotel recommended – La Cheneviere





Day 4 - Normandy Landing Beaches

❖ 9am departure for a visit of **Normandy Landing Beaches**

Departure for a full day to relive all instants that made Normandy, on June 6th, 1944, the most important battlefield of the 20th century history. From Bloody Omaha to Gold Beach, you will get your fill of emotions, through various sites, on the roads taken by our liberators during the Overlord Operation, while appreciating the story of our guides.

The Pointe du Hoc battlefield, which remained intact after the rangers' assault, will carry you away to the heart of the fierce battle conducted by the first wave on the orders of the colonel Rudder.

❖ 5pm - End of the tour at your hotel

❖ Hotel recommended - La Cheneviere





Day 5 - Mont st Michel

- ❖ Check out from your hotel
- ❖ 9am departure for a visit of **the Mont ST Michel**

Follow the legends of the rock such as the two Gods fighting to the death on the Mont-Saint-Michel and the Mont Tombe, places that have been considered sacred by the inhabitants since the third century B.C. The first sanctuary, which turned the site into a Christian place of pilgrimage, was built by Saint Aubert, bishop of Avranches in 708 A.D. This was done because the bishop had received visions from St Michael ordering him to build the sanctuary on the site, and to dedicate it to him. As the centuries went by, with increasing numbers of pilgrims coming to pay homage and leave an offering, the sanctuary grew rich and a monastery was founded.

As well as this, the sanctuary was being continually expanded and made ever grander, following the different architectural styles of the times which turned the Mont Saint Michel into what it is today, an Abbey on the scale of which the world has no equal. From the ramparts of the medieval town walls, built to protect the town from invaders, you can admire the magnificent view of the bay and the surrounding salt marshes.

- ❖ 5pm – End of the tour at your hotel
 - ❖ Hotel recommended – Hotel Ermitage





Day 6 - St Malo

- ❖ Check out from your hotel
- ❖ 9am departure for a visit of **St Malo**

Walled and built with the same grey granite stone as Mont St Michel, ST-MALO was originally in the Middle Ages a fortified island at the mouth of the Rance, controlling not only the estuary but the open sea beyond. In later centuries it became notorious as the home of a fierce breed of pirate-mariners, who were never quite under anybody's control but their own; for four years from 1590, St-Malo even declared itself to be an independent republic. The corsaires of St-Malo not only forced English ships passing up the Channel to pay tribute, but also brought wealth from further afield.

- ❖ Around 4pm - departure for Rennes to take TGV train to Paris
- ❖ **TRAIN RENNES - PARIS - End of Services**



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DAY TOUR IN NORMANDY







Full Day From to

Departure from Paris

- ❖ Day tour Flower Coast : Deauville, Trouville & Honfleur
 - ❖ Day tour Etretat & Fecamp
 - ❖ Day Tour - D Day Normandy Landing Beaches
 - ❖ Day Tour Mont St Michel
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- ❖ Departure at 7am from your hotel in Paris / Return at 7pm
 - ❖ Private tour with an English speaking driver guide in a Mercedes Viano from 2 to 6 guests maximum
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- ❖ For more information on the tours – please look at our 5 nights / 6 days tours

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SHORE EXCURSION

Departure from Le Havre & Honfleur

- ❖ Day tour Flower Coast : Deauville, Trouville & Honfleur
- ❖ Day tour Etretat & Fecamp
- ❖ D Day Normandy Landing Beaches
- ❖ Day Tour Vallée D'Auge

Departure from Saint Malo

- ❖ Day tour Mont Saint Michel
- ❖ Day tour Brittany Coast : Saint Malo, Dinard, Dinan

- ❖ Departure at 9am from your Ship / Return at 5pm
- ❖ Private tour with an English speaking driver guide in a Mercedes Viano from 2 to 6 guests maximum

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OUR FAVORITE HOTELS







FERME ST SIMEON HONFLEUR

Once a favourite refuge for impressionist painters, La Ferme Saint-Siméon is celebrated for its bucolic surroundings and beautiful channel light. Monet and Courbet would come here and work on their colours, and Baudelaire would flee the melancholy of Paris in search of inspiration. This farm, a stone's throw from the old harbour of Honfleur and the Impressionist Museum, has now been restored throughout and provides an outstanding spa with beauty and relaxing treatments based on organic ingredients such as milk and Normandy apples. "Oh, Saint-Siméon", exclaimed the painter Eugène Boudin in one of his journals. Indeed it is hard not to love the place, and even harder to leave it behind.

LA VILLA LARA BAYEUX

The Villa Lara is a 4 star brand new boutique hotel in the historic centre of Bayeux, nested in a very quiet and arbored square facing the 11th century majestic cathedral and along the Aure River, the famous Bayeux Tapestry is 2 minutes away. The 28 elegantly appointed rooms in a French style with 8 different colour schemes, all the furniture is made by Moissonnier a well-known company founded in 1885, its French cabinetmaking skills have been passed on down the generations, bringing the past to life with light touches... suggesting without imposing... breathing new life into traditions to make the present feel magical again, and creating jewellery for the hotel while cultivating an offbeat style: such is the spirit of Moissonnier today.





LA CHENEVIERE - BAYEUX

Château La Chenevière combines the charms of an old house with the conveniences of a cosy English manor, accompanied by an exquisite fresh cuisine reflecting the changing of the seasons.

La Chenevière is an 18th century château situated between Omaha Beach, where the American forces landed on D-Day, and the historic town of Bayeux, famous for its tapestry depicting William the Conqueror.

Standing in its own parkland, the hotel embraces the graceful mannerisms of a bygone era and the warmth of an English country house. The dining room, overlooking the park, has a certain grandeur on an intimate scale, while classic cuisine allows you to explore all the distinctive flavours of Normandy, accompanied by an exceptional wine list.

L'ERMITAGE – MONT ST

Situated in the Bay of Mont Saint Michel, l'Ermitage is only four kilometres away from this UNESCO World Heritage renowned site, also known as the 'Wonder of the West'. This coaching inn dating back to the XIX century was refurbished and extended in 2011, 1100 years after the signing of the peace treaty by the Viking Rollon and the King of the Franks which lead to the creation of the Duché de Normandie. L'Ermitage with its seven spacious suites and its private terraces is all about understated elegance. L'Ermitage is the quintessential luxury hotel in the bay. With its luxurious and cosy interiors, l'Ermitage is a calm, friendly and relaxing place. The hotel offers a personalised service dedicated to make your stay exceptional and memorable.