

Tour in Normandy with Marguerite

7 days / 6 nights in 2017



DAY 1

Travel **by coach** from Paris to **Normandy**. Lunch on the way (to be added, depending on flight arrival timetables).

Guided tour of Honfleur. You will discover the stunning **Sainte-Catherine church** with its independent bell tower. Your guide will show you the impressive timber frame of the Greniers à Sel, formerly salt warehouses. You will then walk around old areas: **Enclos, Vieux Bassin, Lieutenance, Faubourg Sainte-Catherine**. This charming and authentic city is most enjoyable.

Dinner and night in a 3* hotel in Honfleur.

DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel.

Guided tour of Trouville : discover Trouville's architectural heritage, villas, mansions and seaside casinos which launched the fashion for sea resorts during the first half of the XIXth century, and still contribute today to Trouville's charm and authenticity.

Sea trip on Gulf Stream II, another way to discover Trouville's seafront, mansions and hill, as well as Deauville's coastline.

Lunch at the Château du Breuil : welcome to the reception pavilion with its traditional timbering where you will enjoy all gastronomic Norman specialities.

Visit of the distillery and Calvados tasting : discover the famous Calvados distillery of the Château du Breuil. After seeing the cider-press you will visit the distillery and the Orangerie (cellar of the Château). A Calvados tasting will be offered to you at the end of the visit.

Visit of the Basilique Sainte Thérèse, Lisieux : Episcopal palace, Bishop's gardens, mansions of the canons and dean. Life of major figures of Lisieux, half timbering architecture. Visit of the Basilique Sainte Thérèse, one of the largest churches built during the XXth century. Relics of Sainte Therese are kept in the transept.

At the end of the day, drive to your 3* hotel in Caen. Free time in Caen. Dinner and night at the hotel.



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DAY 3

Breakfast at the hotel and departure at 8:30 for the Caen Memorial.

Guided tour of the **Caen Memorial**. The circuit through the Memorial tells the terrible history of the XXth century, from the origins of WWII to the end of the Cold War. Caen, a martyred city, was bombed and almost destroyed during the summer of 1944 and the Liberation and deserved that we pay homage to its suffering. Discover the various stages of WWII from the rise of Nazism and fascism, the Shoah to the Normandy landings..... Many movies allow a comprehensive visit of the period. A specific area is dedicated to the Cold War and press cartoons.

Your guide will now take you to the D Day landing beaches.

Lunch and **visit of Arromanches**, famous for the Mulberry harbour built by the Allies immediately after D Day to allow the landing of heavy equipment. Although located in the middle of Gold Beach, the area was spared by the core fighting because the beach and communication ways had to be protected to allow the setting up of the harbour which operated from June 14th, 1944.

Visit of the **American Cemetery, Colleville sur Mer**, located at the top of the cliff overlooking famous Omaha Beach. A unique location of remembrance with 9387 graves all looking west, towards the USA. Free time at the Visitor Centre, before moving on to Vierville and Saint Laurent sur Mer beaches.

Pointe du Hoc. This German artillery battery, part of the Atlantic Wall, is located at the top of a 30 metre high cliff overlooking the sea, and was assaulted on June 6th and 7th, 1944 by Colonel Rudder's Rangers. Remains are still standing and give an idea of the violence of the battle which took place there. The Pointe du Hoc is a memorial for many Americans, and is a symbol of the GIs' sacrifice.

Dinner and night in a 3* hotel in Bayeux.

DAY 4

Breakfast at the hotel and departure at 8:30 for the Cap de la Hague.

Cap de la Hague... a tip of land crisscrossed by small dry stone walls, with a small fishing harbour and stone built houses solid enough to resist strong winds. The lighthouse guides seamen through dangerous Raz Blanchard. Alderney can be seen on the horizon line and beckons to travellers.

Guided coach tour : discover cliffs amongst the highest in Europe, fantastic views, sheltered hamlets, charming little harbours.....

Lunch at Nez de Jobourg and visit of the Biscuiterie Artisanale, Sortosville en Beaumont.

Afternoon tea at the **Maison du Biscuit** for a relaxing break and shopping for biscuits and gourmet foods.

Back to the coach to head to Granville. Free time in Granville.

Dinner and night in a 3* hotel in Granville.

DAY 5

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for **Villedieu les Poêles**, visit of the bell factory and brass workshop.

The Bell Factory : craftsmen will explain the manufacturing process, a mix of tradition and modern technology, from clay moulds to final product. The bells are sold to churches worldwide.

Brass workshop : a 15 minute video will present all details about brass in Villedieu. You will meet one of the craftsmen, who will comment work in progress in the workshop and the advantages of brass for fine cooking.



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Lunch in a restaurant at Villedieu.

Visit of a typically French workshop : Les Tricots SAINT JAMES close to the Mont St Michel. Discover a unique knowhow and history. Since 1889, Tricots St James have manufactured the genuine Breton seaman's sweater and give you the opportunity to visit the factory. The company is listed Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant and keeps the French tradition of knitting well alive.

Dinner and night in a 3* hotel in Pontorson.

DAY 6

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the **Mont Saint Michel**, one of the region's marvels. From the VIIIth to the XVIIIth centuries, the Mont St Michel was a major pilgrimage site, and is a key witness of the history of western Middle Ages.

The site is fascinating, the architecture is unique and visitors always enjoy its mystery and beauty.

Guided tour of the medieval Village and Abbey : the Benedictine Abbey is one of the outstanding examples of medieval architecture, both military and religious.

More than 20 rooms can be visited in this national monument featured on the Unesco Worldwide Heritage List. You will marvel at the architectural wonders in the church, the cloister, the monks' dining room and walk, the gardens and the western terrace overlooking the bay. After visiting the Abbey, you will look out over the bay as you go down the ramparts path or the sentry walk.

Lunch at the Mont Saint-Michel, intra-muros.



Guided tour of Saint Malo (one and a half hours): explore this Corsair town created during the XIIth century by Bishop Jean de Chatillon. Discover monuments such as the Château des Ducs de Bretagne, Chateaubriand's birthplace, fortifications, cathedral..., historic characters such as corsairs Surcouf and René Duguay-Trouin, Jacques Cartier as well as Anne de Bretagne... and its bay featuring the Cézembre, Grand Bé and Petit Bé islands and the Conchée, Petit Bé and National forts.

Dinner and night in a 3* hotel in **Saint Malo**.

DAY 7

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Paris airport.

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Tariff (per person)

Tariff and programme subject to availability and modification until first instalment.

Basis (minimum per coach)	50	40	30	20
Adult	1 052 €	1 083 €	1 133 €	1 238 €

Prices include :

Coach circuit from Paris and return
6 nights in 3* hotels, according to programme, breakfast included
Visitor's tax
Full board, from day 1 dinner to day 7 breakfast
Guided tours (comments in your language) and site visits according to programme
Hotline 24h/24

Prices do not include :

Single accommodation: please ask
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