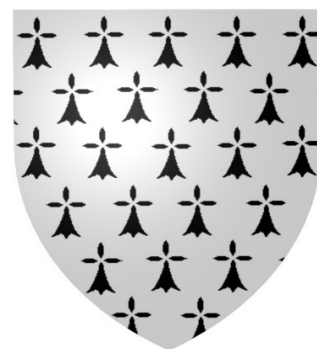
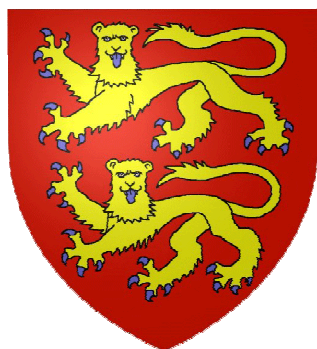
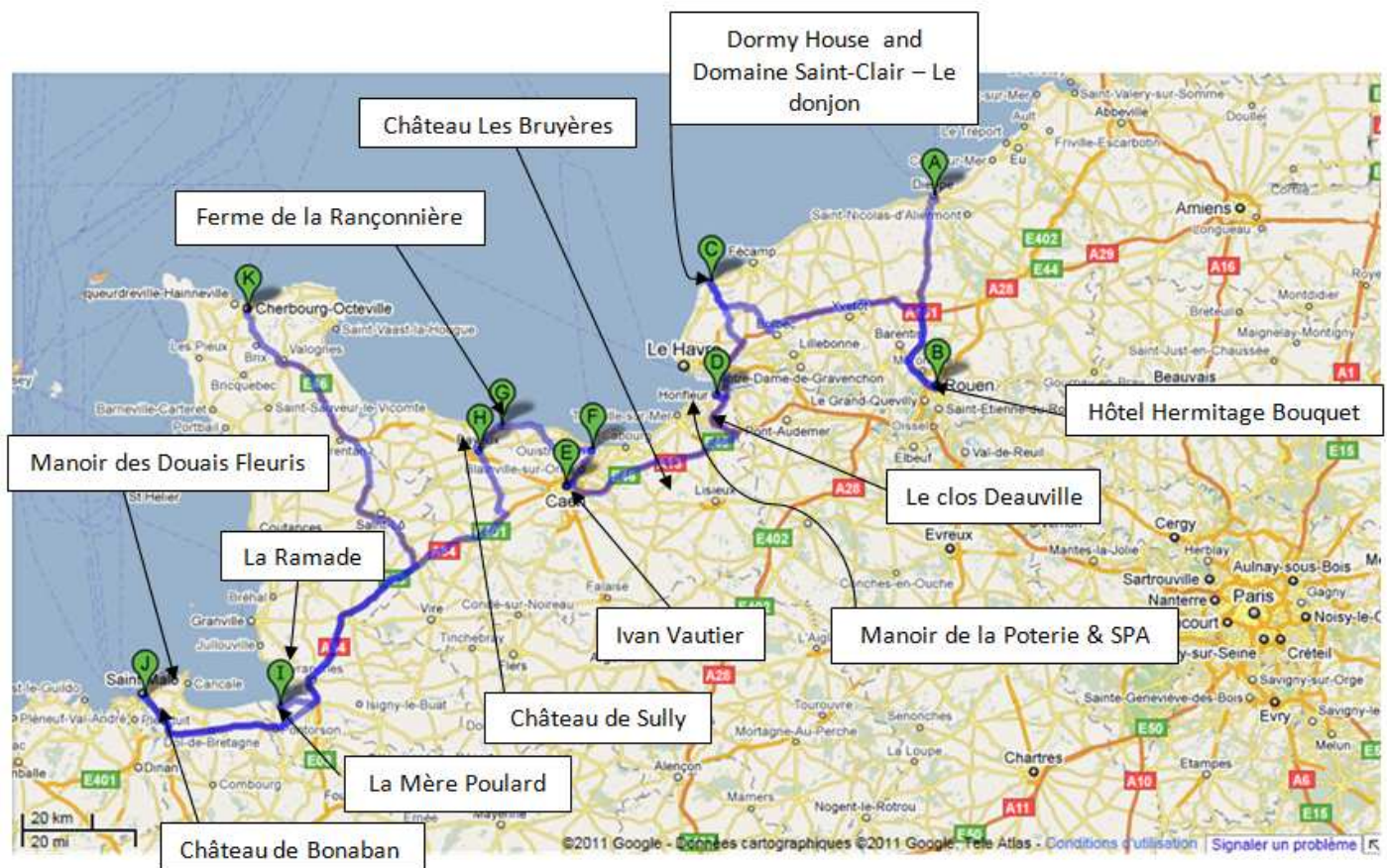


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## 1) Route Map :



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| A. Dieppe   | D. Honfleur, Trouville, Deauville. | G. Arromanches.       | J. Saint-Malo. |
| B. Rouen.   | E. Caen.                           | H. Bayeux.            | K. Cherbourg.  |
| C. Etretat. | F. D-Day Beaches.                  | I. Mont-Saint-Michel. |                |

## 2) Route description :

From Dieppe to Saint-Malo, here is a route that takes you through many of the two regions' most impressive attractions and places of interest. The route we suggest highlights the rich wealth of historic sites, natural phenomena, charming towns and quaint villages inland and along this pretty coastline.

### Rouen :

50 minutes from Dieppe, 40 miles by road (A151)

#### Local attractions and activities:

- **Jewish temple underground:** Some of the oldest Jewish constructions in Western Europe.
- **Ville de Rouen:** Cathedral and historic centre of Rouen.

- **Musee Janne D’Arc:** A visit to this museum is the occasion to understand another point of view on this legendary character. Who really was the woman who feared the English crown, revered by the French and led thousands of men into battle?

- **Jardin des plantes:** 3000 species under glass and 5000 in the open air are waiting for you in one of the most recognized botanic parks in the country.

- **Castle and sculpture park:** In a superb bulding erected from the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the Château de Vascoeuil is one of the most highly reputed cultural centres in the region. It houses the musée Michelet, which holds a collection of numerous souvenirs of the historian Jules Michelet. You can see his office which has been reconstructed at the top of the castle tower.

- **St Wandrille Abbey and Cloister:** This 700 year old cloister opens its doors to the public to let you see its architectural treasures like the South Gallery, the only visible one dating back to the 14C, situated along the church nave, and the tombstones of Jean, bailiff of Fontenelle in the 13C and of abbot Jean of Brametot.

- **Lillebonne:** Lillebonne is a living museum. This is as if you were traveling through history. Each period seems to blend with the others. The Roman theatre goes back to the Middle Age castle which protects the 20<sup>th</sup> century town hall.

### Hotels:

#### **HÔTEL ERMITAGE BOUQUET**

##### ADDRESS:

58, rue Bouquet.  
76000 ROUEN Rouen (76000)

##### DESCRIPTION:

This beautiful 19th century mansion, located near the station on the road to Mont Saint Aignan, is an ideal base for discovering historical Rouen, in particular the cathedral and the "Big Clock". Fully-equipped featuring Louis XVI style furniture, you are sure of a superb stay here.

##### RATES:

10 Rooms: from **94 to 130 EUR**  
3 Suite/apartment(s): from **135 to 168 EUR**



##### RESTAURANT TARIFFS:

Price of breakfast: **13 EUR**

### Etretat:

83minutes from Rouen, 65 miles by road (A29)

### Local attractions and activities:

- **Chateau de Sassetot, Empress Sissi’s summer house (12 miles North East from Etretat):** It is difficult to imagine the Empress in others places than the Austrian palaces. Actually, one of the place she preferred was the Château de Sassetot located on the on Côte d'Albâtre. Gourmets will also enjoy discovering the gastronomic cuisine served by Cédric Cottin.

- **The Aval Cliff (Etretat):** Often compared with Durdle Door in Dorset, this is the perfect spot from which you can take home the best pictures. To the left, the massive arch of Manneporte, to the right, the Aiguille and on the other side, the Amont cliff. Colour variations will also give you a real natural light show completed at night with light effects.

### Hotels:

#### **DORMY HOUSE**

Etretat (76790)

##### DESCRIPTION:



This is an unforgettable haven looking out onto the sea with the village of Etretat at its feet. The cliffs provide a fine setting, with the building seemingly clinging on to them, with lush, green swathes of countryside below it. In the dining room, behind vast bay windows providing fine views, a transatlantic atmosphere reigns.

RATES:

61 Rooms: from **100 to 195 EUR**  
Suite/apartment(s): from **270 to 320 EUR**  
Half board supplement: **45 EUR**

RESTAURANT TARIFFS:

Price of breakfast : **16.5 EUR**  
Menu: from **25 to 72 EUR**

**DOMAINE SAINT CLAIR - LE DONJON**

Address:

Chemin de Saint Clair  
Etretat (76790)

DESCRIPTION:

This is a truly outstanding location, overlooking the river Etretat. A tree-lined estate where a garden, and two 19th century buildings take pride of place. "Le Donjon" is a small Anglo-Norman château and the Villa is a cosy seaside residence. In the château, the 19th century furnished rooms pay tribute to the personalities of the Second Empire and the Belle Epoque. Cuisine mixing Mediterranean and Norman flavours can be enjoyed in the lounges looking onto the Channel.

RATES:

21 Rooms : from **90 to 340 EUR**  
4 Suite/apartment(s) : from **280 to 550 EUR**  
Half board supplement : **70 EUR**

RESTAURANT TARIFFS:

Price of breakfast : **14 EUR**  
Menu : from **35 to 85 EUR**



**Honfleur, Trouville, Deauville:**

50 minutes from Etretat, 28 miles by road (A29) and (D39)

**Local attractions and activities:**

- **Le Pont de Normandie:** This bridge is not only an amazing feat of architectural engineering. It is also a work of art designed by Yann Kersalé, called "Rhapsody in Blue and White" that can't fail to impress you.

- **Old Honfleur:** Honfleur breathes the calm and artistic spirit which has given its reputation to this little fishing village that you can enjoy by strolling on the quays or by drinking a bowlful of cider at one of the many terraces that shelter the port. Artists, cafes and fishing boats all set with Honfleur as a wonderful back drop.

- **Deauville/Trouville:** Casinos, marinas, hotels, shopping centres and the harbour master's offices have made the reputation of these two towns. Their charming promenades along beaches and past the hotels will remind you of some famous films.

- **Côte de Grâce:** This famous site is more magnificent when the sun is out. The calvary is the ideal view point from which to enjoy sights over the Seine Estuary, Le Havre harbour and the Ponts de Normandie and de Tancarville. Built during the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Notre-Dame-de-Grâce is dedicated to Canadians originally from Normandy, in memory of the many settlers who set off for Canada from this point on the coast.

**Hotels:**

**LE CLOS DEAUVILLE SAINT-GATIEN**

ADDRESS :



4, rue des biroleurs.  
14130 ST GATIEN DES BOIS.

DESCRIPTION:

This estate benefits from the seaside atmosphere of neighbouring Deauville and Honfleur and the revitalising effects of the countryside. Contemporary and traditional styles dovetail to provide a perfect location where you can get away from it all. Three pools, including one indoor, with sauna, hammam and whirlpool bath and a fitness room. The delicate cuisine carefully blends local traditions and the fruits of the sea to ensure a memorable eating experience.

RATES:

58 Rooms: from **81 to 194 EUR**  
Half board supplement: **44 EUR**

RESTAURANT TARIFFS:

Price of breakfast : **13 EUR**  
Menu: from **18 to 75 EUR**

**MANOIR DE LA POTERIE & SPA**

ADDRESS :

Chemin Paul Ruel  
14113 HONFLEUR

DESCRIPTION:

Situated between Honfleur and Deauville, this charming Norman Hotel with Louis XVI, Directoire, Louis XV, Sea-faring and contemporary style furniture provides generously sized and comfortable bedrooms with sea or countryside views. A cosy lounge for a perfect retreat in front of the log fire, a generous and creative cuisine and 270 different wines that guests may enjoy with their meal. "Les Thermes" of the Manoir : an invitation to a sensory trip with indoor heated swimming-pool, hammam, sauna, bubble bath, fitness room. With Carita and Decleor, get away from it all under the expert hands of their qualified Beauticians : Relaxation and rejuvenation.

RATES:

23 Rooms : from **147 to 248 EUR**  
1 Suite/apartment(s): from **258 to 325 EUR**

RESTAURANT TARIFFS:

Menu : from **33 to 75 EUR**  
Price of breakfast : **21 EUR**



**Caen:**

44 minutes from Dieppe, 37 miles by road (A13)

**Local attractions and activities:**

- **Chateau:** William the Conqueror built this stronghold to reinforce his legitimacy as Duke of Normandy during the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Today this castle remains a big attraction, housing the Fine Art Museum and the Normandy museum.

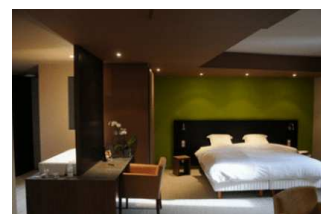
- **Musée des Beaux-Arts de Caen:** This fine art museum offers a chronological, thematic and geographical journey through paintings of the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> century. It boasts noteworthy pieces from 17C Europe and a gallery dedicate to 18C portrait and landscape artists (such as Delacroix, Courbet).

- **Musée de Normandie:** Housed in the former governors' residence, this museum boasts archaeological and ethnographic collections dedicated to Normandy's history and popular traditions.

- **Mémorial de Caen:** Impressive, affecting, solemn are some adjectives that could qualify the Memorial. This building occupies the site of the command bunker of the German General W. Richter, who fought against British and Canadian troops on 6 June 1944. This "museum for peace" is a place of history and reflection.

- **D-Day Landing Beaches:** After having visited the Memorial, you could realize by yourself how the beaches have become the biggest venue for contemplation. The time seems to stop still at the day of landings. Seagulls themselves look silent and aware of what happened 70 years ago.

**Hotels:**



## IVAN VAUTIER

### ADDRESS:

3 avenue Henry Chéron  
Caen (14000), located near to Deauville

### DESCRIPTION:

The outcome is cheerful, intense cuisine coming to life behind a large window pane. There is no compromise on the extensive selection of local products from land and sea. The hotel's hospitable approach extends into guest rooms and suites that feature the same contemporary spirit.

### RATES:

19 Rooms: from **98 to 260 EUR**  
Suite/apartment(s): **260 EUR**

### RESTAURANT CLOSED:

Sunday (din) and Monday

### RESTAURANT TARIFFS:

Price of breakfast: **14 EUR**  
Menu: from **26 to 77 EUR**

## CHÂTEAU LES BRUYÈRES

### ADDRESS:

Route du Cadran  
Cambremer (14340) located near to Deauville

### DESCRIPTION:

A tree-lined avenue leads to the château that has watched over this place since the days of the French Empire... This is the Pays d'Auge, a land of orchards and stud farms, whose many pleasures are distilled in this retreat. The apple orchard provides home-made cider; the aromatic garden perfumes the restaurant, whose veranda looks out over the old cider press. The bedrooms, including those in the half-timbered manor house, face directly south into the 25-acre park with its kitchen garden and swimming pool. Noble materials, works of art and a thousand places to relax: the terrace, the garden, a hot-air balloon ride, a cooking lesson, or a massage.

### RATES:

13 Rooms : from **95 to 225 EUR**  
1 Suite/apartment(s) : from **235 to 400 EUR**  
Half board supplement: **75 EUR**



### RESTAURANT:

Menu : from **42 to 85 EUR**  
Price of breakfast : **20 EUR**

## **Bayeux, Arromanches:**

62 minutes from Caen, 29 miles by road (D514)

### **Local attractions and activities:**

- **Bayeux:** Full of history, this typical Norman city can't be missed. From the Roman period to D-day's period, Bayeux has known a rich evolution.
- **Arromanches-les-bains:** No D-Day discovery trip is complete without a visit here to the artificial harbour and it remains a pleasant seaside resort.
- **German battery:** One of the scenes of The Longest Day took place in the backdrop of this noteworthy battery. It shows you the German army's ability to protect the coast and how difficult it must have been to destroy these strongholds.
- **British cemetery and Memorialegasus:** The memorial is a tribute to the British involvement in the battle. After having seen the victories of those troops, you would realize the price it costed them with the rows and the rows of gravestones.
- **Normandy American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-Mer:** 9 386 Carrara marble crosses are aligned in this cemetery. Quiet, this American territory has become a pilgrimage venue for many.
- **Bayeux Tapestry - Centre Guillaume-le-Conquérant (William the conqueror):** The famous Bayeux tapestry is housed in a museum that will give you a better appreciation of what could have been the life during this dark period under William's reign.

- **Conservatoire de la Dentelle de Bayeux:** Behind the façade of this residence, known as the “House of Adam and Eve”, lace-makers continue Bayeux’s tradition of needlepoint work.

- **National Stud:** This stud specialises in the Normandy cob, the trotting horse and the French saddle horse. There are eight stable blocks around a central courtyard which contain about 100 stallions.

### Hotels:

#### **FERME DE LA RANÇONNIÈRE**

**ADDRESS:**

Route de Creully.

Crepon (14480)

**DESCRIPTION:**

Situated in a peaceful little Bessin village, this wonderful listed 13th century manor stands close to the Normandy landing beaches, in the land of William the Conqueror. Its fortified walls hide a vast terrace where guests can enjoy an aperitif. The restaurant, like the bedrooms, evokes Medieval times.

The ideal base for exploring the history of Normandy.

**RATES:**

35 Rooms: from **60 to 180 EUR**

1 Suite/apartment(s): from **180 to 200 EUR**

Half board supplement: **30 EUR**



**RESTAURANT TARIFFS:**

Price of breakfast: **12 EUR**

Menu: from **24 to 40 EUR**

#### **CHÂTEAU DE SULLY**

**ADDRESS:**

Route de Port-en-Bessin

Sully (14400) located near to Bayeux

**DESCRIPTION:**

Between Bayeux and the Normandy landing beaches, this 18th century château is a shining example of traditional French hospitality. Regional cuisine and delicious seafood, three acres of greenery for gentle strolls, tucked away in the park are a 16th century dovecote and a chapel with listed frescoes. The swimming pool is in a glass house. A fitness suite, sauna, bubbling bath, tennis court and billiard table are also available for guests to enjoy.

**RATES:**

23 Rooms: from **130 to 190 EUR**

Suite/apartment(s): from **240 to 420 EUR**

Half board supplement: **68 EUR**

**HOTEL CLOSED:** from 05/12 to 14/01

**RESTAURANT CLOSED:** closed for lunch from monday to saturday



**RESTAURANT TARIFFS:**

Price of breakfast: **19 EUR**

Menu: from **39 to 85 EUR**

### **Le Mont-Saint-Michel:**

85 minutes from Bayeux, 76 miles by road (D275)

#### Local attractions and activities:

- **Le Mont-Saint-Michel:** Mont Saint Michel’s position, history and architecture itself make this a “marvel of the West”. The mysteries that shroud it defy the imagination: moving sands, sudden mists, tides that run in “at the speed of a galloping horse”.

- **Mont-Saint-Michel bay:** The bay of Mont-St-Michel is bordered by around 100km of coastline. The islands, cliffs, beaches and dunes here form a series of ecosystems home to numerous species of flora and fauna. To make the most of your time, make sure you visit the Maison de la Baie in Genêts

**- Library of Avranches - Museum of the Manuscripts of Mont-St-Michel:** This centre devoted to the conservation of the manuscripts of Mont-St-Michel is home to several rooms that show the geographical, historical and cultural background related to the documents, the history of the Mount, the masterpieces being chronicals and texts from Antiquity and the Middle Ages, treaties on Roman and Canonical law, botany, music, astronomy, medicine and the lives of saints.

### Hotels:

#### LA RAMADE

##### ADDRESS:

2, rue de la Côte  
Marcey Les Greves (50300) located near to Avranches

##### DESCRIPTION:

A romantic location, enhanced by views of the bay of Mont-Saint-Michel. This mansion standing between the sea and the countryside hides a delicate décor behind its solid granite façade. Very comfortable, spacious rooms with a view of the Avranches hills.

##### RATES:

11 Rooms : from **75 to 126 EUR**  
1 Suite/apartment(s) : from **160 to 230 EUR**

HOTEL CLOSED: from 28/12 to 04/02 and from 20/11 to 30/11



##### RESTAURANT TARIFFS:

Price of breakfast : **11 EUR**

#### LA MÈRE POULARD

##### ADDRESS:

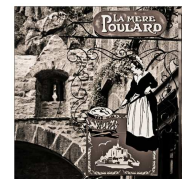
B.P.18 - Grande rue  
Le Mont-Saint-Michel (50170) located near to Le Mont St Michel

##### DESCRIPTION:

Mont-St-Michel is home to this 19th century inn where Annette Poulard has been paying homage to Normandy and Brittany for over 70 years through her legendary recipes. One of the most famous of them is omelette cooked on a wood fire in the large fireplace.

##### RATES:

27 Rooms: from **160 to 245 EUR**  
1 Suite/apartment(s): **360 EUR**  
Half board supplement: **83 EUR**



##### RESTAURANT TARIFFS:

Price of breakfast: **18 EUR**  
Menu: from **35 to 75 EUR**

### Saint-Malo:

49 minutes from Mont-Saint-Michel, 32 miles by road (N176)

### Local attractions and activities:

**- Saint-Malo:** Encircled by its strong granite ramparts, this corsair city was destroyed in August 1944, but has been so well restored that its centre exudes an austere yet characterful harmony. A busy port and renowned seaside resort, Saint-Malo offers a relaxing blend of thalassotherapy, sailing clubs and fine sandy beaches. The island of Grand Bé, the Fort national and Sillon beach are all appealing attractions.

**- Vallée de la Rance:** The Rance is a river of mysterious origins that once knew the formidable power of the spring tides but is now harnessed by a tidal power station (left bank). The estuary is a superb stretch of water whose banks are rich with a varied heritage of history and legend.

**- Pointe de la Vicomté:** This fine estate, divided into lots, is gradually becoming one of Dinard's most attractive districts. The watch path leading from avenue Bruzzo offers splendid glimpses of the harbour, River Rance estuary and the tidal power station.



## Hotels:

### CHÂTEAU DE BONABAN

#### ADDRESS:

La Gouesniere (35350) located near to St Malo

#### DESCRIPTION:

This is truly a château straight out of a fairy tale with its white turrets, slate roofs and superb park. You can spend hours sitting looking at it from the lakeside, taking in all the beauty of its 18th century architecture. Superb views of the bay of Mont Saint-Michel too. The owners have managed to equip the rooms with all modern facilities and preserve the high ceilings and exposed beams. The restaurant is located in one of the château's lounges giving onto the terrace and the huge formal garden. Superb cuisine.



#### RATES:

15 Rooms: from **120 to 235 EUR**

2 Suite/apartment(s): from **235 to 400 EUR**

Half board supplement: **50 EUR**

RESTAURANT CLOSED: Wednesday

#### RESTAURANT TARIFFS:

Price of breakfast: **15 EUR**

Menu: from **30 to 50 EUR**

### MANOIR DES DOUETS FLEURIS

#### ADDRESS:

Chemin de la vallée

Les douets Fleuris

Cancale (35260) located near to St Malo

#### DESCRIPTION:

This 17th century granite mansion embodies the Breton personality right through to its generously-proportioned rooms ensuring a warm atmosphere totally suited to seaside breaks. Downstairs, the lounge awaits you for a refreshing cup of tea or an evening spent relaxing by the fireside. Enjoy a peaceful break here and take advantage of the large garden and the stretch of water next to the picturesque port of Cancale and the sandy beaches of the Emerald Coast.



#### RATES:

7 Rooms: from **79 to 160 EUR**

3 Suite/apartment(s): from **120 to 180 EUR**

Half board supplement: **37 EUR**

HOTEL CLOSED: from 01/02 to 15/02

RESTAURANT CLOSED: from 01/02 to 15/02 Monday and Thursday

#### RESTAURANT TARIFFS:

Price of breakfast: **12 EUR**

Menu: from **29 to EUR**

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