



# NORMANDY

Destination guide



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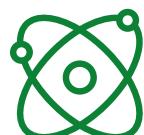
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# An introduction to Normandy

In terms of destinations close to the UK that offer a distinct new cultural experience and huge volumes of educational content, you'll have to work hard to find a place more fitting than Normandy.

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and Caen are made  
all the more vivid"**

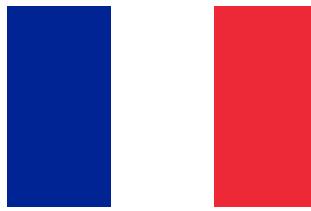
From the colonisation of the peninsula by the Vikings in the 9th century, The Norman Conquest, through to the D-Day landings and the 21st century cosmopolitan territory of today, Normandy has a rich history and retains some stunning architectural treasures.

If the conflicts of the 20th century are the focus of your school tour, the museums, memorials and cemeteries are superb. The stories of D-Day, Arromanches and Caen are made all the more vivid by the excellent curation of various War Graves Commissions.

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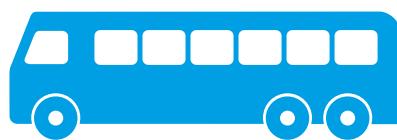
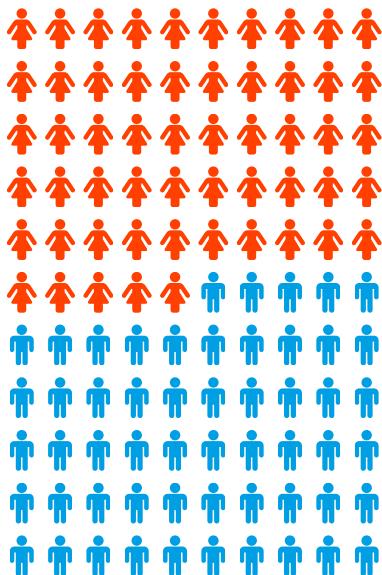
## Did you know?

Normandy is the most popular tourist destination in France after Paris!

Population

**3,370,000**

★ Normandy



**7 - 10 hours**

Travel by coach



**600 km**

London to Normandy



## Arromanches Circular Cinema

A brilliant introduction to the story of the Battle of Normandy and the D-Day Landings. Documentary footage from 1944 is projected in high definition on nine screens on the walls of the circular cinema. Many visitors say the film helps to bring history alive for them.

[arromanches360.com](http://arromanches360.com)

Price	€ 2pp primary groups € 3.50pp secondary groups
Opening times	Every day: 10:10 - 17:40 Closed Jan 1 - 23 Closed Mondays from Nov 5 - Dec 31

## Le Musée du Débarquement

Permanent exhibition of the Battle of Normandy and the D-Day Landings. A historic site, just a few metres away from the beach and the remains of one the Mulberry Harbours constructed in the war.

[musee-arromanches.fr](http://musee-arromanches.fr)

Price	€ 4pp students € 6.50pp adults
Opening times	Every day: 09:00 - 12:30 & 13:30 - 18:00

## Caen Memorial

Museum and war memorial in Caen, commemorating the Second World War and the Battle for Caen town. It's easy to spend four hours at the museum as it's packed with exhibitions and film footage of events from the First World War, Second World War and the Cold War.

Some of the film footage can be upsetting but helps to give students a real understanding of events. There is a bookshop, cinema and café.

[normandy.memorial-caen.com](http://normandy.memorial-caen.com)

Price	€5 pp unguided tour primary € 7.50pp unguided tour secondary + € 3pp guided tour
Opening times	Every day Feb - March 31st: 09:00 - 18:00 & 13:30 - 18:00 Closed January

## Battle of Normandy Memorial Museum

The museum is located just a few kilometres away from the landing beaches. Ideally, you should plan a visit to the museum before actually going to the beaches themselves. A circular room is dedicated to the five landing zones at Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword. Further exhibitions show the uniforms, equipment and weapons of each of the allied forces.

[bayeuxmuseum.com](http://bayeuxmuseum.com)

Price	£4pp
Opening times	Every day Mar 1st - Oct 31st: 09:00 - 18:30 May - Aug: 09:00 - 19:00 Nov 1st - Feb 28th: 09:30 - 12:20 & 14:00 - 18:00 Closed select dates in January

## Pegasus Bridge

This museum is dedicated to the 6th Airborne Division, the first British soldiers to arrive in Normandy, who went on to capture the Pegasus Bridge from the Germans. The original bridge has been restored and is displayed outside.

[memorial-pegaus.com](http://memorial-pegaus.com)

Price	£4.50pp
Opening times	Feb - Mar: 10:00 - 17:00 Apr - Sept: 09:30 - 18:30 Oct - Dec 15th: 10:00 - 17:00 Closed from Dec 15th throughout January

## Juno Beach Centre

This historic site charts the part taken by the Canadian forces in of the Battle of Normandy. As well as information panels, there are tours of tunnels and underground bunkers used in the war.

[junobeach.org](http://junobeach.org)

Price	£4.50pp with quiz £5.50pp with activity £5.50pp with Juno Park
Opening times	Every day Feb: 10:00 - 17:00 Mar: 10:00 - 18:00 Apr - Sept: 09:30 - 19:00 Oct: 10:00 - 18:00 Nov - Dec: 10:00 - 17:00 Closed January

## Omaha Beach

The museum is located on the actual beach and has an extensive collection of uniforms, vehicles, equipment and weapons, as well as archive photographs and a film featuring veterans' real-life stories of the landings.

[musee-memorial-omaha.com](http://musee-memorial-omaha.com)

Price	£3pp (15 and under) £4pp
Opening times	Every day Feb - Nov: 09:30 - 18:30 Closed Dec - Jan

## The Bayeux Tapestry



The Bayeux Tapestry is a hand-crafted embroidery measuring 70 metres long, made in the 11th century and is listed by UNESCO as a "memory of the world".

Celebrating the conquest of England by William, Duke of Normandy, it was made after the Battle of Hastings on October 14th, 1066, most likely by monks in England.

[bayeuxmuseum.com](http://bayeuxmuseum.com)

Price	£4pp
Opening times	Every day Feb: 09:30 - 12:30 & 14:00 - 18:00 Mar - Apr: 09:00 - 18:30 May - Aug: 09:00 - 19:00 Sept - Oct: 09:00 - 18:30 Nov - Dec: 09:30 - 12:30 & 14:00 - 18:00 Closed Dec 24th - 26th Closed Dec 31st - Jan 31st

## Airborne Troops Museum

A museum dedicated to the memory of American paratroopers of 82nd Airborne and 101st Airborne Division who landed in Normandy. Visit the new building, the shape of an aircraft wing. Climb aboard a Douglas C-47 plane Argonia, the aircraft used to transport many parachutists, to get an idea of what it was like at the time of the Landings.

[airborne-museum.org](http://airborne-museum.org)

Price	£4.50pp
Opening times	Every day May - Aug: 09:00 - 19:00 Apr & Sept: 09:30 - 18:30 Oct / Nov / Feb / Mar: 10:00 - 18:00 Openings vary Dec - Jan

## Normandy American Cemetery

The cemetery, on a cliff overlooking Omaha beach, is resting place to 9,386 American soldiers. Row upon row of white marble graves honour the memory of the troops that died at Normandy in the Second World War. There is also a memorial to the 1,557 American troops missing in action. The visitor centre has further useful information about the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy.

[abmc.gov](http://abmc.gov)

Price	Free
Opening times	Every day: 09:00 - 17:00

## Petit Train

Take this charming tourist train, one of the best ways to see Bayeux old town. The Petit Train takes around 35 minutes to complete a full circuit.

Price	£2.50pp
Opening times	Timetables vary: 14:00 - 17:30

## Abbaye aux Hommes

The Abbey of Saint-Etienne, also known as Abbaye aux Hommes, is a former monastery in the French city of Caen, dedicated to Saint Stephen. It is considered, along with the neighbouring

Abbaye aux Dames, to be one of the most notable Romanesque buildings in Normandy.

The two monasteries were finally donated by William the Conqueror and his wife, Matilda of Flanders, as a penalty for their marriage against the Pope's ruling. William was buried here; Matilda was buried in the Abbaye aux Dames.

[caen-tourisme.fr](http://caen-tourisme.fr)

Price	Free entry Guided tours 1 Oct - 31 Mar: £4pp 1 Apr - 30 Sept: £6pp
Opening times	See website

### Mont Saint-Michel



This rocky island was chosen to build a monastery in the 8th century that subsequently became one of the most important places of Christian pilgrimage for the next 1000 years. Today, this UNESCO World Heritage Site receives over 3 million visitors a year and is truly spectacular, particularly if your approach is barefoot across the sand at low tide.

[abbaye-mont-saint-michel.fr](http://abbaye-mont-saint-michel.fr)

Price	£30 per group of up to 35 students and 2 adults £9pp additional adults €64 coach parking fee must be paid on arrival
Opening times	Every day Jan - Apr: 09:30 - 18:00 May - Aug: 09:00 - 19:00 Sept - Dec: 09:30 - 18:00

### Cite de la Mer

Largest aquarium in Europe with 17 aquariums and fascinating exhibitions plotting the history of human adventures under the sea. Highlights include 'Le Redoutable', the largest submarine open to the public anywhere in the world and the Titanic exhibition.

[citedelamer.com](http://citedelamer.com)

Price	£10pp
Opening times	Feb - Jun: 10:00 - 18:00 Jul - Aug: 09:30 - 19:00 Sept - Dec: 10:00 - 18:00

### Great Aquarium Saint-Malo

The Great Aquarium in Saint-Malo is one of the major aquariums in France with 11,000 marine animals of 600 different species presented in an aquarium spanning 4.000m<sup>2</sup> and with 2,500,000 litres of water!

[aquarium-st-malo.com](http://aquarium-st-malo.com)

Price	£7pp £8.50pp incl. Nautilus
Opening times	Every day See website for varying hours

### Bell Foundry



The first bell foundry workers came from Lorraine and settled here in the 16th century. The workshop continues to manufacture bells and visitors are shown around the kilns, the moulds and the pits by the people that work there.

[cornille-havard.com](http://cornille-havard.com)

Price	£7pp 20+ Group rate £6.50pp
Opening times	Closed 20 Dec - 11 Jan 2 Feb - 10 Nov: 10:00 - 12:30/ 14:00 - 17:30 15 Jul - 27 Aug: 09:30 - 18:30

### Copper Workshop

The Villedieu workshop was built in 1865 to coincide with the commissioning of the Paris-Granville railroad line. Entirely designed by Adolphe Havard, the workshop has changed little since its original construction. The wooden tracks are still used today to move heavy pieces weighing several tons.

[laboutiqueducuivre.fr](http://laboutiqueducuivre.fr)



Price	£6pp
Opening times	Mon - Sat: 10:00/11:00/14:00/15:00/16:00

### Zoo Champrepus

A beautiful zoo that combines lush gardens with animal life. The zoo aims to integrate its animals into a natural environment and there is a tropical area, special monkey sanctuary and Gibbon colony, a penguin pool and specialised continent areas dedicated to animals from Asia, Africa and Madagascar. There are many species of animal including lions and tigers! The staff are passionate about animals and during feeding time of the animals they talk about the importance of conservation and keeping the animals in captivity.  
[zoo-champrepus.com](http://zoo-champrepus.com)

Price	Over 12s £12pp
Opening times	Every day Apr - Sept: 10:00 - 19:00 Closed Nov - 16 Feb

### Eugene Boudin Museum



Impressionist art museum dedicated to the works of French marine landscape painter Eugène Boudin. The museum first opened in the town registry office 1924 and then moved to the eves of the town hall before being transferred again to the chapel in the Augustinian Convent where it remains today.  
[musees-honfleur.fr](http://musees-honfleur.fr)

Price	Under 16s free Over 16s 3€ pp on site Adults 4.50€ pp on site
Opening times	Every day 10:00 - 12:00 / 14:00 - 18:30 Closed Tuesdays

### Sand Yachting



Everyone can discover the joys of this activity, with wind in the sails and a magnificent view of Mont St Michel - weather permitting! Previous experience is not needed as the circuit put in place by the instructors allows all participants to acquire the necessary basic skills for sand yachting, in a safe and secure environment.

Price	Students £20pp - £27pp Adults £30pp - £37pp
Opening times	Mon - Sat from Feb - Nov

### Aqua Sud - Thury-Harcourt

Swimming pool complex with loads of aqua activities, including a 45-metre slide, waterfalls, rapids and counter-current swimming.  
[aqua-sud.com](http://aqua-sud.com)

Price	3€pp on site
Opening times	See website for timetable

### Ice Skating - Caen la Mer

Patinoire de Caen is an Olympic-sized skating rink.  
[caenlamer.fr](http://caenlamer.fr)

Price	Students £3.30pp Adults £4.30pp
Opening times	Closed during competitions

### Le Yéti



The Le Yéti complex houses bowling alleys and skating rink and billiards tables for your entertainment.

[leyeti.net](http://leyeti.net)

Price	Bowling £5pp - £6.50pp + £1.70pp shoe hire
	Ice Skating Students £6.50pp Adults £8pp Spectators £3.50pp
Opening times	See website for times and availability Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

### Bowling de Saint-Lô

Bowling alley at Saint-Lô.  
[bowlingdesaintlo.fr](http://bowlingdesaintlo.fr)

Price	£3pp - £6.50pp
Opening times	See website for times and availability

### La Foret des Elfes

Various accrobranche treetop courses for all levels of ability.

[laforetdeselfes.com](http://laforetdeselfes.com)

Price	£15pp
Opening times	Contact your Voyager salesperson

### Parc Festyland

Parc Festyland is a theme park with plenty of rides to keep your students amused including rollercoasters and a flume ride. A smaller park where it feels safe to let your students roam.

[festyland.com](http://festyland.com)

Price	£13pp
Opening times	See website for times and availability

### Les Chèvres de la Saffrie

Goats Cheese farm in Montchamp where you see the goats up close and learn how goats cheese is made.

[chevres-saffrie.fr](http://chevres-saffrie.fr)

Price	£6.50pp
Opening times	Contact your Voyager salesperson

### Chevrerie du Mensil

Goats Cheese farm.

Price	£3pp
Opening times	Contact your Voyager salesperson

### La Huberdiere

Goats Cheese farm.  
[chevrerie-ferme-auberge.com/bienvenue.php](http://chevrerie-ferme-auberge.com/bienvenue.php)

Price	£4pp
Opening times	Tues - Sun: 16:00 - 17:00 Shop open Tues - Sun: 10:00 - 12:00/15:30 - 18:30

### Le Chevre Rit

Goats Cheese farm.  
[la-chevre-rit.fr/](http://la-chevre-rit.fr/)

Price	Free
Opening times	Tues: 17:30 - 19:00 Weds: 17:00 - 19:00 Thurs - Sun: 17:30 - 19:00

### Fromagerie du Val d'Ay

Cow's milk farm in Lessay specialising in the production of Camembert. Visit the fromagerie for some excellent cheeses and see a short 15 minute film to learn the process of its creation.

[reaux.fr](http://reaux.fr)

Price	£2.50pp
Opening times	Sept - Jun Mon - Fri: 09:00/10:00/11:00

### Caramels D'Isgny

Those with a sweet tooth will want to visit the traditional caramel and sweet shop in Isigny-sur-Mer, where you can see demonstrations of sweet making, with a delicious tasting session.

[caramels-isigny.com](http://caramels-isigny.com)

Price	£2.50pp
Opening times	Oct - Mar Mon - Fri: 09:00 - 17:00 Apr - Sept Mon - Fri: 09:00 - 18:00 Sat - Sun: 10:00 - 18:00

### La Ferme Marine

Oyster Farm and museum.  
[ferme-marine.com/](http://ferme-marine.com/)

Price	£4.50pp
Opening times	See website for times and availability

### Les Huitres de Céline

Experience the freshest seafood at Les Huitres de Céline oyster farm, with a guided tour and tasting session.  
[leshuitresceline.com](http://leshuitresceline.com)

Price	£9pp
Opening times	Mon - Fri: 09:00 - 16:00

### La Boulangerie Les Copains

Tour of the bakery and hands-on breadmaking experience with each pupil taking home the bread they have made on the day.  
[boulangerielescopains.fr](http://boulangerielescopains.fr)

Price	£7pp Group under 15 £100
Opening times	Contact your Voyager salesperson

### Chocolaterie du Drakkar

Quality chocolate museum in Bayeux.  
[chocolateriedrakkar.com](http://chocolateriedrakkar.com)

Price	£4pp
Opening times	Mon: 14:00 - 18:00 Tues - Sat: 09:30 - 11:30/ 14:00 - 18:00

### Domaine St. Hippolyte

Restored rural estate producing cider, apple juice, honey, cheese and other local produce. Includes visit of the manor house and grounds.

Price	£5pp
Opening times	Contact your Voyager salesperson

### Père Magloire Distillery

Normandy is famous for its apple produce, and Calvados apple brandy is one of the reasons why. Visit this Calvados distillery and museum to learn about the distilling process and sample some of the apple brandy for yourself.  
[calvados-pere-magloire.com](http://calvados-pere-magloire.com)

Price	Under 18s free Adults 3.30€ on site
Opening times	Apr Every day: 11:00/14:30/15:30/16:30 May - Sept Every day: 10:30/11:30/14:30/15:30 /16:30/17:30

### La Ferme de Billy

Apple farm. 1.5 hrs guided tour of the orchards and pressing equipment. Apple juice or cider tasting.  
[fermedebilly.fr](http://fermedebilly.fr)

Price	£4.50pp
Opening times	Contact your Voyager salesperson

### La Ferme du Lavoir

Organic cider farm. Guided tour of the orchards and pressing equipment, apple juice or cider tasting  
[fermedulavoir.fr/fr/index\\_fr.php](http://fermedulavoir.fr/fr/index_fr.php)

Price	£2.50pp
Opening times	Contact your Voyager salesperson

### Les Escargots de l'Odon

Tour of an authentic French snail farm with an opportunity to taste les escargots.  
[escargotsdelodon.fr](http://escargotsdelodon.fr)

Price	Long tour £6.50pp Short tour £4pp
Opening times	Apr - Oct

### Les Sablés d'Asnelles Biscuit Factory

Visit this traditional biscuit factory in Asnelles, small groups of 15/20 people at a time. The biscuit factory is located in the lovely town of Asnelles, walking distance from the beach. Whilst in Asnelles you can also visit the morning market on Thursday mornings.  
[sables-asnelles.fr](http://sables-asnelles.fr)

Price	2€pp on site
Opening times	See website