



Mont St-Michel and Cotentin marvels Circuit N°37



Le Mont Saint-Michel would deserve a whole day in this itinerary.

However the Cotentin harbours so many extra riches.

After having left the fine sand beaches you will encounter medieval cities, abbeys and castles from this wonderful region on the verdant roads of the Norman bocage.

<i>The travel book recommend the number of minimum days which can be devoted to the itinerary.</i>



Ports full of charm (Barfleur, Honfleur), smart sea-resorts (Cabourg, Deauville, Granville), outstanding Mont Saint Michel, cliffs in Pays de Caux, Cotentin polders, the fresh and hilly bocages of the Norman countryside invite the visitor to discover this region offering a rich and savoury cuisine .

What to discover : The Orne castles (Carrouges, Bourg St Leonard, Sassy), the national stud farm of Pin, Argentan racecourse, the museum of Tapestry in Bayeux, the Memorial of Caen or the Landing Museum in Arromanches, Etretat and its cliffs, the historical and artistic heritage of Honfleur, the fine sand beach of Trouville, Rouen and its outstanding heritage.

Wines : wine of Calvados region

Local Produce/Gastronomy : apples, butter, salted-meadow lamb, cheeses (camembert, livarot, Pont l'Evêque, Brillat-Savarin, Neufchatel), oysters, shell fish, chitterling sausages of Vire, cider from Pays d'Auge, poiré, pommeau, calvados, Bénédicte, fudges from Isigny.

Traditional Handicraft : laces of Alençon, umbrellas from Cherbourg, Dinanderie (making of copper appliances), Pottery of Etain, Bells Foundry in Villedieu les Poêles).



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The Bois Guy castle, a beautiful Renaissance home and a subtle blend of grey granite and slates provides a pleasant stay.

After having reached the verdant banks of the river Nançon you will enter into the beech clusters of the Fougères forest where the ruined dolmens and a megalithic alignment called « Lardon des Druides » can be seen.

You will find back the river Nançon at the foot of the medieval castle of Fougères, a stronghold at the borders of France and Brittany.

After having visited the Bonne Fontaine castle you will reach the town of Antrain perched on a promontory at the confluence of the Loisanche and Couesnon. The sloping streets lined with XVIth and XVIIth century houses liven up on market days.

The visitor cannot visit this Brittany area without being impregnated by the atmosphere of the places that Chateaubriand was about to discover with the French Romanticism. The sweetness of the landscape contrasts with the former Du Guesclin castle looking like a fortress which towers the old town of Combourg.

The legendary menhir of Champ-Dolent thanks to its imposing sizes will signal the vicinity of the former Bishop's city : Dol-de-Bretagne. The Saint-Samson cathedral which was first built in the XII th century illustrates the importance of the Bishop's place.

You will cross the marsh to climb the Mont Dol (65 metres) so as to distinguish le Mont Saint-Michel at the heart of this flat country still flooded by the ocean only a few centuries ago.

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Day 1 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
PARIGNE	D108	0.0	
FOUGERES	D113	8.0	
TREMBLAY	D	22.0	
ANTRAIN	D313	4.0	
BAZOUGES-LA-PEROUSE	D796	9.0	
TROIS-CROIX	D796	0.0	
TREMEHEUC	D796	0.0	
COMBOURG	D795	16.0	
CROISEMENT	D80	4.0	
BONNEMAIN	D80	0.0	
DOL-DE-BRETAGNE	D82	15.0	
MONT-DOL	D82	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D282	5.0	
BAGUER-PICAN	D676	5.0	
SAINS	D676	0.0	
PONTORSON	D976	14.0	
BEAUVOIR	D976	0.0	
LE MONT-SAINT-MICHEL	D976	9.0	
CROISEMENT	D275	2.0	
LA RIVE	D275	0.0	
BAS-COURTILs	D275	4.0	

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. LE TRONCHET

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Le Baillage (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 35540 LE TRONCHET
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Hostellerie Abbatale (Hôtel) - 35540 LE TRONCHET
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Hôtel du Château (Hôtel) - 1 place Chateaubriand - 35270 COMBOURG
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. MONT-DOL

Câteau de Mont-Dol (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 1 rue de la Mairie - 35120 MONT-DOL
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Le Jardin de Coramille (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Le Grand Villouët - 35120 BAGUER-PICAN
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. PONTORSON

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Le Relais Saint-Michel (Hôtel) - 50170 LE MONT-SAINT-MICHEL
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Musée de la Paysannerie
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. FOUGERES

Château (Château) - 35300 FOUGERES
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. ANTRAIN

Château de Bonnefontaine (Château)
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. BAZOUGES LA PERROUSSE

Château de la Ballue (Château)
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. COMBOURG

Château (Château) - 35270 COMBOURG
Phone : 0299732295

. DOL-DE-BRETAGNE

Cathédrale St Samson (Eglise) - 35120 DOL-DE-BRETAGNE
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. BEAUVOIR

Reptilarium du mont St Michel (Curiosité)
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. MONT SAINT MICHEL

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Office de Tourisme - 3 Grande Rue des Stuart - 35120 DOL DE BRETAGNE
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. PONTORSON

Roland Pinault (Location de vélos) - 3 rue de la Libération - 50170 PONTORSON

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2 Day 2 :

Between Normandy and Brittany the Manoir de la Roche Torin park opens up to a panoramic view of the Mont Saint-Michel bay. At the sunset the abbey outlines stand out the verdant setting displaying the strands scattered with the famous lamb herds on the salt meadows.

You will travel around the bay along an old bridge built in the Xth century on the river Sélune at the level of the town of Ducey.

You will reach Avranches along a scenic road, besides its history remains closely connected to the Mont Saint-Michel one and marked by the Ally landings in summer 1944.

Cross the river Sée to reach the coastal road where the views on the strand and the salt meadow stretches follow one another from the Grouin to the Bec d'Andaine head lands. Have a look at the porch of the granite church Notre-Dame-de-Genêts from the XVIth century.

You will leave the coast at the level of the Carolles sea-resort to sink in the mazes of the Normand bocage.

In a remote and verdant valley where flows the river Thar you will discover the majestic Lucerne abbey founded by the Prémontrés in the XIIth century. After a trip in a lavish nature you will find back the spray facing the Chausey islands on the rock which towers above the Granvillois' city. Granville, sea-resort, keeps the memory of its home child Christian Dior, in the former family home open to the public.

To reach your stopping point you will travel towards the northern Cotentin, at first along the fine sand beaches then through the verdant Norman countryside.

2 Day 2 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
BAS-COURTILS	D75	0.0	
COURTILS	D43	2.0	
CROISEMENT	D107	6.0	
DUCEY	D78	3.0	
SAINT-QUENTIN-SUR-LE-HOMME	D78	0.0	
AVRANCHES	D911	8.0	
CROISEMENT	D	3.0	
LE-GROIN-DU-SUD	D	0.0	
GENETS	D	7.0	
SAINT-JEAN-LE-THOMAS	D911	7.0	
CAROLLES	D61	4.0	
SARTILLY	D35	8.0	
CROISEMENT	D	1.0	
ABBAYE DE LA LUCERNE	D	0.0	
SAINT-LEGER	D	0.0	
SAINT-AUBIN-DES-PREAUX	D154	7.0	
SAINT-PLANCHERS	D151	3.0	
SAINT-PAIR-SUR-MER	D911	4.0	
GRANVILLE	D971	2.0	
DONVILLE-LES-BAINS	D135	2.0	
BREVILLE-SUR-MER	D135	2.0	
SAINT-MARTIN-LE-VIEUX	D135	4.0	
BRICQUEVILLE-SUR-MER	D20	3.0	
ANNOVILLE	D176	5.0	
HERENGUERVILLE	D49	3.0	
QUETTREVILLE-SUR-SIENNE	D35	3.0	
TRELLY	D35	3.0	

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Auberge de la Sélune (Hôtel) - 2 rue Saint-Germain - 50220 DUCEY
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. AVRANCHES

La Croix d'Or (Hôtel) - 83 rue de la Constitution - 50300 AVRANCHES
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. SARTILLY

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. GRANVILLE

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. BERNON

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. GRANVILLE

Musée Christian-Dior - 50400 GRANVILLE
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3 Day 3 :

The « Verte Campagne » a genuine XVIIIth century Norman farm enhances the dairy produces.

On the banks of the river Sienne you will discover Hambye abbey and the ruins of the XIIIth century abbey church.

In Villedieu-les-Poêles, the foundry Cornille-Havard created by the knights of Saint-Jean-de-Jérusalem make bells intended for the worldwide churches. The copper work is transmitted between generations.

After Saint-Sever-Calvados where the church evokes a rich heritage, a part of which has disappeared, you will sink in a superb forest where oak trees, beeches, pine trees and larches are mixed.

Before reaching Saint-Michel-de-Montjoie you will enjoy the pleasant view offered on your way over the Sée valley. The town has two activities : the granite extraction, besides some sculpted pieces are exhibited in the museum, and the bottle process for the Montjoie water that you will find on every renowned tables in the region.

To reach Sourdeval you will follow the pass where slips the river Sée. At the end of a bend you will discover a former mill transformed in a natural conservation area, which tells the story of the best salmon rivers. Water is also present at Mortain where you will not miss to stop in the majestic setting of the waterfalls fed by the Caren and Caçon.

You will find back the green countryside to reach the valley of Nançon then Parigné that you left on the first day.

3 Day 3 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
TRELLY	D49	0.0	
GRIMESNIL	D49	0.0	
SAINT-DENIS-LE-GAST	D38	7.0	
CROISEMENT	D238	1.0	
LA BALEINE	D238	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D198	2.0	
ABBAYE D'HAMBYE	D258	3.0	
HAMEL-AUX-LOUVEAUX	D	2.0	
AUX HERVY	D	0.0	
LES COSTILS	D485	5.0	
LA BLOUTIERE	D582	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D9	2.0	
VILLEDIEU-LES-POELES	D524	4.0	
SAINT-SEVER-CALVADOS	D61	12.0	
LE NY AU JAN	D33	9.0	
SAINT-POIS	D39	3.0	
SAINT-MICHEL-DE-MONTJOIE	D173	3.0	
LINGEARD	D173	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D33	4.0	
CHERENCE-LE-ROUSSEL	D911	2.0	
SOURDEVAL	D977	10.0	
MORTAIN	D133	8.0	
ROMAGNY	D46	2.0	
LES CLOSEAUX	D46	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D171	4.0	
VILLECHIEN	D84	3.0	
LAPENTY	D84	0.0	
SAINT-HILAIRE-DU-HARCOUET	D30	9.0	
CROISEMENT	D172	1.0	
LOUVIGNE-DU-DESERT	D177	8.0	
LANDEAN	D19	8.0	
PARIGNE	D19	3.0	



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. SAINT-HILAIRE-DU-HARCOUET

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. VILLEDIEU LES POELES

Fonderie de Cloches (Curiosité) - 50800 VILLEDIEU LES POELES
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Atelier de Cuivre (Curiosité) - 50800 VILLEDIEU LES POELES
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. SAINT MICHEL DE MONTJOIE

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. SOURDEVAL

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