



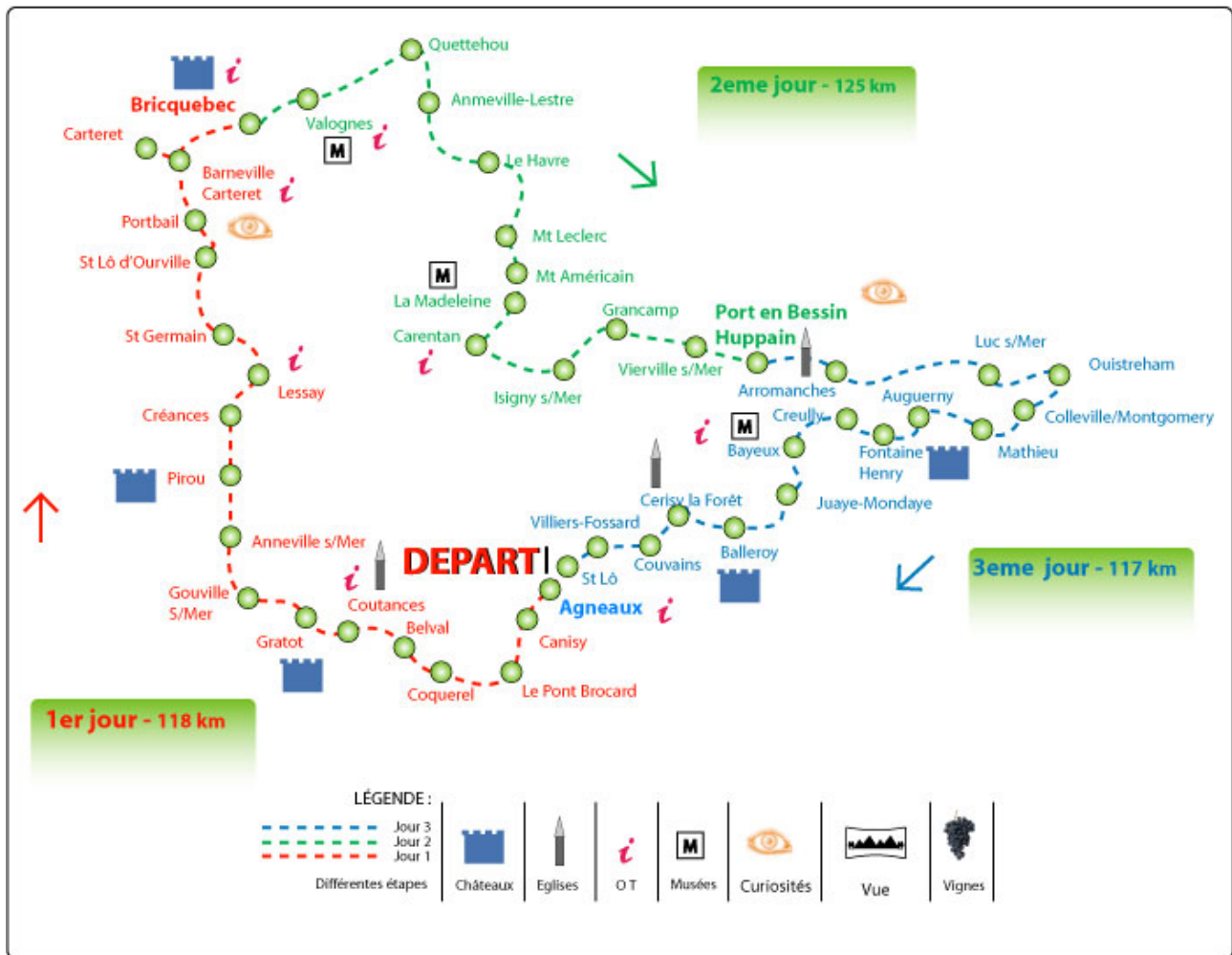
## Normandy on your own between beaches, cliffs and marshes Circuit N°38



This Itinerary will be tinged with souvenirs since you will travel along all the landing beaches where Americans, Canadians, English and French came to free the country from the occupation.

After a journey in a verdant countryside you will find interest in another older history page in Bayeux.

<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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### 1 Day 1 :

The castle of Agneaux is a superb home built with local stones in the XIIIth century on the banks of the river Vire.

At Pont Brocard you will travel into the Souilles valley up to Coutances. Its Norman Gothic style cathedral was spared from the World War II bombings.

Before reaching the western shore of the Cotentin peninsula you will discover the Gratot castle, its architecture saw numerous modifications decided by the Arganges family between the Xvth and the XVIIIth centuries.

In Gouville you will discover the first seaside town of the ocean. By touring along the beaches Passage de la Déroute, you will encounter the Pirou castle one of the rare medieval fortresses perfectly maintained in Normandy.

On the edge of the Cotentin and Bessin marshes at Lessay you will discover an abbey of a particularly pure Roman style and its church tower covered with a schist roof.

Travelling along the coast you will have the possibility to amble on the customs trail which runs around the Cape of Carteret and to discover a superb panorama over the whole seaside resorts between Portbail and Barneville. Farther you will distinguish the small tourist train which dawdles along the beaches to connect these two towns.

Before reaching Bricquebec and its castle you will make a detour through the bocage in its middle you will discover at Fierville the only wind mill which still makes flour in Normandy.

### 1 Day 1 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
AGNEAUX	D88	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D38	4.0	
CANISY	D38	0.0	
LE PONT BROCARD	D229	13.0	
COQUEREL	D	0.0	
BELVAL	D99	9.0	
COUTANCES	D44	6.0	
CROISEMENT	D244	2.0	
GRATOT	D268	2.0	
GOUVILLE-SUR-MER	D72	6.0	
ANNEVILLE-SUR-MER	D72	0.0	
PIROU	D72	0.0	
CREANCES	D72	0.0	
LESSAY	D900	17.0	
CROISEMENT	D72	1.0	
SAINT-GERMAIN-SUR-AY	D72	0.0	
LA QUENAUDIERE	D72	0.0	
GLATIGNY	D72	0.0	
DENNEVILLE	D72	0.0	
SAINT-LO-D'OURVILLE	D15	20.0	
PORTBAIL	D	1.0	
SAINT-GEORGES-DE-LA-RIVIERE	D	0.0	
BARNEVILLE-CARTERET	D902	7.0	
CARTERET	D902	0.0	
BARNEVILLE-CARTERET	D130	6.0	
LA HAYE-D'ECTOT	D130	0.0	
SAINT-MAURICE-EN-COTENTIN	D130	0.0	
LA TRIGALLE	D50	6.0	
FIERVILLE-LES-MINES	D50	0.0	
LE VALDECIE	D50	0.0	
BRICQUEBEC	D50	12.0	



### Day 1 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

#### . AGNEAUX ST LÔ

Château d'Agneaux (Hôtel) - Avenue Ste Marie - 50180 AGNEAUX ST LÔ  
Phone : 0233576588 - fax 0233565921 - @ : chateau.agneaux@wanadoo.fr

#### . BARNEVILLE-CARTERET

Manoir de Caillemont (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Caillemont - 50270 BARNEVILLE-CARTERET  
Phone : 0233532566 - fax 0233532566 - @ : manoircaillemont@aol.com  
**Fait partie du Pass'Reve, Consultez la rubrique Bons plans**

Hôtel de la Marine (Hôtel) - 11 rue de Paris - 50270 BARNEVILLE-CARTERET  
Phone : 0233538331 - @ : infos@hotelmarine.com

#### . BRICQUEBREC

Le Vieux Château (Hôtel) - 4 Cours du Château - 50260 BRICQUEBREC  
Phone : 0233522449 - fax 0233526271 - @ : lhostellerie.chateau@wanadoo.fr

### 1 Day 1 : Visits selected by french-itinerary.com

#### . COUTANCES

Cathédrale (Eglise) - 50200 COUTANCES  
Phone : 0233190810

#### . GRATOT

Château (Château) -  
Phone : 0231279740

#### . PIROU

Château (Château) - 50770 PIROU  
Phone : 0233463471

#### . CARTERET

Train Touristique (Curiosité) - 50270 CARTERET  
Phone : 0233047008

#### . FIERVILLE LES MINES

Moulin à Vent du Cotentin (Curiosité)  
Phone : 0233533804

### 1 Day 1 : The Notebook practises of french-itinerary.com

#### . CAEN

Office de Tourisme - Place St Pierre - 14000 CAEN  
Phone : 0231271414 - fax 0231271413 - @ : tourisminfo@ville-caen.fr

Cycles Coides (Location de vélos) - 102 rue d'Auge - 14000 CAEN  
Phone : 0231521700

#### . COUTANCES

Office de Tourisme - Place Georges Leclerc - 50200 COUTANCES  
Phone : 0233190810 - fax 0233190819 - @ : tourisme.coutances@wanadoo.fr

#### . LESSAY

Office de Tourisme - 11 Place St Claude - 50430 LESSAY  
Phone : 0233451434 - fax 0233457717 - @ : cc.lessay@wanadoo.fr

#### . BARNEVILLE-CARTERET

Office de Tourisme - 10 rue des Ecoles - 50270 BARNEVILLE-CARTERET  
Phone : 0233049058 - fax 0233049324 - @ : tourisme.barneville-carteret@wanadoo.fr

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#### . BRICQUEBEC

Office de Tourisme - 13 Place Ste Anne - 50260 BRICQUEBEC



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### 2 Day 2 :

The old castle towering above the plain of Bricquebec belonged to Robert Bertrand, a Guillaume the Conqueror's companion-in-arms at the battle of Hastings.

You will resume your itinerary in the direction of Valognes a town nicknamed «The small Norman Versailles» in the XVIIIth century because of its private mansions built by landlords who made fortune with the maritime trade.

You will travel towards the northern part of the peninsula between bocage and forest before reaching a picturesque circuit in the Val of Saire and its versants covered with thick woods.

In Quettehou you will reach the western coast of Cotentin. From the XIII th century church a magnificent view can be seen over the Morsalines bay and the le fort de la Hougue.

A Quinéville the museum of liberty recalls the atmosphere of the Occupation black years.

Farther you will discover between the dunes and in a gap a pink granite monument which commemorates the Général Leclerc's landing when leading the glorious 2nd D.B.

On the 6th June 1944 at dawn the Americans landed on Utah Beach, in the vicinity of La Madeleine where stands the first Landing Museum and the borne 00 de «the liberty way la liberté».

You will approach the swampy areas of the Vire estuary, there you will admire the fauna along the initiatory circuit set by the Cantepie house.

After having crossed the Vire estuary you will arrive in Isigny, a dairy tradition area.

You will reach your "table d'hôtes" to savor the renowned butter and cream.

### 2 Day 2 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
BRICQUEBEC	D902	0.0	
VALOGNES	D902	11.0	
TAMERVILLE	D115	3.0	
LA GRANDE-RUE	D115	0.0	
TEURTHEVILLE-BOCAGE	D226	9.0	
LE VAST	D25	4.0	
VALCANVILLE	D125	3.0	
QUETTEHOU	D14	6.0	
AUMEVILLE-LESTRE	D14	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D421	10.0	
BOURG-DE-LESTRE	D421	0.0	
LE HAVRE	D42	0.0	
LES GOUGINS	D42	0.0	
MONT LECLERC	D42	0.0	
MONT AMERICAIN	D913	17.0	
SAINTE-MARIE-DU-MONT	D913	0.0	
VIERVILLE	D913	0.0	
CARENTAN	D913	16.0	
SAINT-HILAIRE-PETITVILLE	D197A	1.0	
ISIGNY-SUR-MER	D197A	9.0	
OSMANVILLE	D197A	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D514	3.0	
GRANDCAMP-MAISY	D514	0.0	
VIERVILLE-SUR-MER	D514	0.0	
SAINT-LAURENT-SUR-MER	D514	0.0	
PORT-EN-BESSIN-HUPPAIN	D514	33.0	



## Day 2 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

### . NEGREVILLE

Château de de Pont Rilly (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 50260 NEGREVILLE  
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### . BRICQUEBREC

Le Vieux Château (Hôtel) - 4 Cours du Château - 50260 BRICQUEBREC  
Phone : 0233522449 - fax 0233526271 - @ : lhostellerie.chateau@wanadoo.fr

### . VALOGNES

Manoir de Savigny (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Savigny - 50700 VALOGNES  
Phone : 0233083775 - @ : reservation@manoir-de-savigny.com

Grand Hôtel du Louvre (Hôtel) - 28 rue des Religieuses - 50700 VALOGNES  
Phone : 0233400007 - @ : grand.hotel.du.louvre@wanadoo.fr

### . TAMERVILLE

Manoir de Bellauney (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 50700 TAMERVILLE  
Phone : 0233401062 - fax 0233401062

### . SAINTE-MARIE-DU-MONT

Le Grand Hard (Hôtel) - La Rivière - 50480 SAINTE-MARIE-DU-MONT  
Phone : 0233712574 - fax 0233710280 - @ : le-grand-hard@club-internet.fr

### . VIERVILLE-SUR-MER

Hôtel du Casino (Hôtel) - Rue Percée - 14710 VIERVILLE-SUR-MER  
Phone : 0231224102 - fax 0231224112 - @ : hotelducasino@wanadoo.fr

### . PORT EN BESSIN

Château de Chenevievre (Hôtel) - Escures-Comes - 14520 PORT EN BESSIN  
Phone : 0231512525 - fax 0231512520

## 2 Day 2 : Visits selected by french-itinerary.com

### . VALOGNES

Musée régional du Cidre - 50700 VALOGNES  
fax 0233402273

Hotel de Beaumont (Monument) - 50700 VALOGNES  
Phone : 0233401230

### . LA MADELEINE

Musée du Débarquement  
Phone : 0233715335

## 2 Day 2 : The Notebook practises of french-itinerary.com

### . BRICQUEBEC

Office de Tourisme - 13 Place Ste Anne - 50260 BRICQUEBEC  
Phone : 0233522165 - fax 0233522165 - @ : ot.bricquebec@wanadoo.fr

### . VALOGNES

Office de Tourisme - Place du Château - 50700 VALOGNES  
Phone : 0233401155 - fax 0233400004 - @ : mairie.officetourisme.valogne@wanadoo.fr

### . QUETTEHOU

Maxi Loisir (Location de vélos) - 18 rue Ste Marie - 50630 QUETTEHOU  
Phone : 0233541363

### . CARENTAN

Office de tourisme - Bd de Verdun - 50500 CARENTAN  
Phone : 0233427401 - fax 0233427401 - @ : ww.ot-carentan.fr



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### 3 Day 3 :

Near the landing beaches you will have a rest at the castle of La Chenevière a XVIIIth century home nestled in a more than 3 hectare verdant case .

Have a trip up to the Escures tower to discover a superb panorama over the Bessin.

Every beach reminds the « Yankees » glorious epic Omaha Beach, Gold Beach, Juno Beach where the scene of heroic fights commemorated by numerous monuments, steles and museums.

In Arromanches the traces of the American military genius can be found with the artificial port which enabled the allies to land thousand of tons of material daily.

This itinerary along the beaches will provide the opportunity to discover the charm of Port-en-Bessin, the XII th century remains of Sainte-Marie abbey, the superb town park of Luc-sur-Mer, the Xith century Roman tower of the Lion-sur-Mer church, the fortified church from the XII th century sea side resort of Ouistreham. Make a detour up to the Caen memorial in order to realize that peace and liberty are the most precious values for Mankind.

At Fontaine-Henry, you will discover a river Loire castle from the XVth and XVIth centuries at the heart of Normandy illustrating the Renaissance architecture. The Bayeux tapestry tells in fifty-height scenes the conquest of the England's throne by William the Conqueror. The Mondaye abbey founded in 1215 by Saint-Martin, the Balleroy castle and the Roman abbey church of Cerisy-la-Forêt will line your road.

You will find back the Vire valley at Saint-Lô.

### 3 Day 3 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
PORT-EN-BESSIN-HUPPAIN	D514	0.0	
ARROMANCHES-LES-BAINS	D514	0.0	
COURSEULLES-SUR-MER	D514	0.0	
LUC-SUR-MER	D514	0.0	
OUISTREHAM	D35A	40.0	
COLLEVILLE-MONTGOMERY	D604	3.0	
MATHIEU	D141	7.0	
ANGUERNY	D141	0.0	
FONTAINE-HENRY	D141	7.0	
PIERREPONT	D22	3.0	
CREULLY	D65	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D12	3.0	
BAYEUX	D572	13.0	
SAINT-LOUP-HORS	D67	2.0	
JUAYE-MONDAYE	D67	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D13	10.0	
BALLEROY	D13	0.0	
CERISY-LA-FORET	D92	13.0	
COUVAINS	D92	0.0	
VILLIERS-FOSSARD	D191	10.0	
SAINT-LO	D	5.0	
AGNEAUX	D	1.0	

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#### . PORT EN BESSIN

Château de Cheneviere (Hôtel) - Escures-Comes - 14520 PORT EN BESSIN  
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#### . COURSEULLES-SUR-MER

La Crémaillère - le Gytan (Hôtel) - Avenue de la Combattante - 14470 COURSEULLES-SUR-MER  
Phone : 0231374673 - fax 0231371931 - @ : cremaillere@wanadoo.fr



Château François d'O (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 2 Avenue du Château - 14470 COURSEULLES-SUR-MER  
Phone : 0231730048 - fax 0231730048

#### **. OUISTREHAM**

Hôtel de la Plage (Hôtel) - 39-41 avenue Pasteur - 14150 OUISTREHAM  
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#### **. BAYEUX**

Le Petit Matin (Chambres d'Hôtes) - 2 Bis rue Qincabgrogne - 14400 BAYEUX  
Phone : 02 31 10 09 27 - fax 02 31 10 09 27 - @ : lepetitmatin@hotmail.fr

Le Lion d'Or (Hôtel) - 71 rue Saint Jean - 14400 BAYEUX  
Phone : 0231920690 - fax 0231221564 - @ : info@liondor-bayeux.fr

Château de Bellefontaine (Hôtel) - 49 rue Bellefontaine - 14400 BAYEUX  
Phone : 0231220010 - fax 0231221909 - @ : info@hotel-bellefontaine.com

#### **. AGNEAUX ST LÔ**

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#### **. ARROMANCHES LES BAINS**

Cicorama (Curiosité) - 14117 ARROMANCHES LES BAINS  
Phone : 0231223030

#### **. MARVIEUX**

Abbaye Ste Marie (Eglise)  
Phone : 0231217841

#### **. COURSEULLES SUR MER**

Maison de la Mer (Curiosité) - 14470 COURSEULLES SUR MER  
Phone : 0231379258

#### **. FONTAINE-HENRY**

Château (Château)  
Phone : 0231800042

#### **. BAYEUX**

Tapiserie (Curiosité) - 14403 BAYEUX  
Phone : 0231512550

#### **. BALLEROY**

Château (Château)  
Phone : 0231216061

#### **. CERISY LA FORET**

Eglise abbatiale (Eglise)  
Phone : 0233573463

#### **. SAINT LÔ**

Haras National (Curiosité) - 50000 SAINT LÔ  
Phone : 0233552902

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#### **. BAYEUX**

Office de Tourisme - Pont St Jean - 14403 BAYEUX  
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#### **. SAINT LÔ**

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