

Treasures of Normandy Holiday – 16th May 2025



This is a 5 day/ 4 night break staying at the Grand Hotel de l'Esperance in Lisieux <https://www.lisieux-hotel.com/en/> on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis with excursions to some of Northern France's most beautiful coastal resorts & historical places of interest.

The coach will leave Bedford Football Club at 9 am for Dover where we board the ferry to France and then disembark to continue the journey to Lisieux.

Located in the centre of Lisieux in the Calvados region of Normandy the hotel benefits from a privileged location nearby to the shops, cafes and tourist sights of the old town and is ideally placed to discover the beautiful coast and wider Normandy area.

The hotel is a typical Norman half-timbered house and features a spacious lounge & bar and a restaurant offering traditional & seasonal dishes made from fresh ingredients and cooked in-house. The hotel has a lift, portorage is included and walk-in/step-in showers can be requested.

During our stay there will be visits to the following places of interest:-

Honfleur & Deauville: Packed with things to see & do ports don't come any prettier than Honfleur on the Seine estuary with its colourful half-timbered

houses that jostle for position on the quays with art galleries and restaurants.

Deauville is famous for its film festival & beach huts showing the names of film stars, & with a vast sandy beach & high end shops housed in half-timbered buildings it's a great place to stroll along the boardwalk or people watch at one of the plentiful cafés, bars and restaurants.

Bayeux: Entrance to see the famous Bayeux Tapestry depicting the Norman conquest of England in 1066 is included, but as you arrive in Bayeux it's the splendid cathedral crowned by a magnificent copper-clad tower that dominates the scene and signals that you are entering a city with long historical roots as a wealthy trading town & important religious centre.

Le P'tit Train runs from outside the post office taking visitors meandering through the magnificent historic centre with it's splendid buildings many of which have been converted into restaurants, boutiques & museums.

Cabourg: With its beautiful Belle Epoque villas, golden beach and Grand Hôtel whatever the weather you can't beat a walk along the waterfront here before having a delicious meal at one of the many restaurants.

Rouen: Situated on the banks of the River Sein & with a skyline dominated by the spires of its vast Notre Dame Cathedral, Rouen is Normandy's vibrant historic and cultural capital with France's oldest inn 'La Couronne', it's Gros Horloge clock tower, a beautiful modern church dedicated to Joan of Arc & some of the region's best cuisine

A booking form is attached, the cost is **£649** for members and **£659** for non-members and there's a single supplement of **£37.50** per night. Please note there is a limited number of walk-in showers at the hotel & these will be on request. **Optional travel insurance available for £23.00 per person, details available on request.**

As we will need to pay the hotel for this holiday in January 2025 we will need to receive your booking forms & deposit by 31 Dec 2024. Your balance payment can then be paid in 2 instalments due by 31 Jan & 31 March.