

MARKET FARM ORBEC MUSHROOMS LISIEUX FECAMP ETRETAT CASTELS CHEESES CALVADOS



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10:00 AM GOURMET STROLL AT THE MARKET IN SAINT-PIERRE-SUR-DIVES

Free time at the market – 2h.

Every Monday morning in Saint-Pierre-sur-Dives, all the local people walk in the same direction towards the rustic covered market steeped in history. There, you will find all types of stalls selling fruit and vegetables, local products and more. These products can be bought for the entire week but can also be enjoyed there and then. You can taste almost everything from the stalls: cheeses, charcuterie and other culinary specialities. As you stroll, the smells of cheeses and seasonal fruits come together in a delightful blend of sensations.

So, grab your shopping bags - there's no time to lose!

12:00^{PM} LUNCH AT LES AGRICULTEURS HOTEL RESTAURANT Saint-Pierre-sur-Dives.

2:30 PM AU PARADIS DES ÂNES IN HIEVILLE

Tour of the donkey farm – 1h30.

Read the educational signs around the farm to learn all about different donkey breeds and the history and the benefits of donkey's milk. Learn about reproduction and how donkeys think and get advice on how to take care of donkeys at home. The breeders, who are passionate about their work, will be happy to answer any questions.

4:00 PM DEPARTURE FOR LISIEUX

Dinner and overnight stay in Lisieux.





10:30 AM DISCOVERY OF ORBEC ALONG THE STREETS

Guided tour of Orbec – 1h30.

Discover Orbec, an authentic little town of the Pays d'Auge where the charm of medieval cities can still be seen at the bottom of the ruins of the castle and the Renaissance church. Enjoy a picturesque walk wandering the narrow streets and discover the town's numerous half-timbered houses. Until the 19th century, Orbec had a prosperous textile craft industry and the subprefecture and tribunal attracted public figures that lived in private mansions and bourgeois brick buildings. Nowadays, this little town is still considered a diamond in the rough that is worth discovering.

12:00 PM LUNCH AT L'ORBECQUOISE RESTAURANT

Orbec.

2:30 PM ORBEC MUSHROOM FARM

Tour of the farm – 1h30.

The mushroom farm was established in the 20th century in the tunnels of the former limestone quarries which were used to build Orbec's most prestigious

buildings. The mushroom farm is forever connected to the history of the town as it was used as a shelter during World War I in 1944.

The mushroom farm is still going: in fact, it is the only one in the region and one of five remaining in France. The owner of the farm will guide you through the quarry while explaining the history of the site and the secrets of mushroom production (button mushrooms, oyster mushrooms and shiitake).

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Getaway on he other shore

10:00 AM FECAMP

Guided tour of the Pêcheries Museum of Fécamp 1h30 – one tour guide for 30 people max.

The museum's diverse collections are exhibited in five themes: History of the City, fishing port, Fine Arts, life in the Pays de Caux and museum of Childhood. Your tour will give you an overview of all these different worlds.

OR

Guided tour of the Bénédictine Palace and its collections - 1h30.

The Bénédictine Palace - an architectural masterpiece, a museum and a distillery all in one - has it all. Discover a spectacular art collection, contemporary art exhibition space as well as the distillery which still produces the famous liquor whose aroma fills the streets of Fécamp.

12:00 PM LUNCH AT A RESTAURANT IN FECAMP

The price for a day in Fécamp/Étretat depends on the choice and the number of people.

3:00 PM ETRETAT

Mini-train ride with commentary - 1h.

Come and discover Étretat, the city of white cliffs. You will ride in a mini-train to admire the lovely city of Étretat and its famous cliffs up to the Notre Dame de la Garde Chapel.

4:00 PM DEPARTURE FOR LISIEUX

Dinner and night at hotel in Lisieux.



10:00 AM CHÂTEAU DE CANON IN MEZIDON-CANON

Self-guided visit of the Château de Canon gardens and theatrical tour of the castle

2h followed by lunch in the Rosières room.

Experience life in the castle!

In 1775, Anne-Louise de Beaumont welcomes you to visit her new "elegant country house".

Through a journey back in time, you can take a walk around the Château de Canon gardens, a splendid example of 18th-century garden art, whose charm is still preserved to this day. Here, the elegance of French style is combined with the romanticism of the «wild» groves, where rivers, waterfalls and small bridges abound.

12:00 PM LUNCH ON SITE

3:00 PM CHÂTEAU SAINT-GERMAIN-DE-LIVET

Guided tour of the Château de Saint-Germain-de-Livet 1h.

The Château de Saint-Germain-de-Livet, classified as a Historical Monument and considered a jewel of the Pays d'Auge, is remarkable for its 15th and 16th century architecture. In this castle-museum, the collections are a testament to the refinement and way of life in 19th century. The tour of the site goes on to explore the flowers and woods of the castle's gardens.

4:00 PM DEPARTURE FOR LISIEUX

4:15 PM LISIEUX AND THE BASILICA OF ST. THERESE

Free time within the city of Lisieux and the Basilica of St Thérèse.

Walk through the streets of the city to discover its heritage: the Episcopal Palace and its garden, the cathedral, the canonical houses, the private mansions and finally the city of the fifties. Your walk will continue with the unmissable Basilica of St Thérèse in Lisieux. Prepare to be amazed by its decor and its majestic silhouette that makes it one of the greatest churches of the 20th century.

Dinner and overnight stay in Lisieux.







10:00 AM GRAINDORGE CHEESE DAIRY IN LIVAROT

Tour of the cheese dairy - 1h30.

After an educational tour on the history of the three Norman cheeses, your self-guided visit will allow you to have a look at the Livarot and Pont l'Evêque workshops, which are open in the morning.

At the end of the tour, you will be offered a tasting of the four Normandy designation of origin cheeses that will certainly awaken your taste buds.

12:00 PM LUNCH AT LE FRANCE HOTEL RESTAURANT Livarot.

2:30 PM BELLOU MANOR

Guided tour of the Manor and the outbuildings – 1h

There are many manors in the Pays d'Auge but only a few can be visited. The owner of the Bellou Manor invites you to discover the charm of the estate with its half-timbered façade, dovecote, stables and spectacular arboretum. A journey to the heart of the real Pays d'Auge!

4:00 PM CALVADOS ROGER GROULT DISTILLERY IN SAINT-CYR-DU-RONCERAY

Tour of the distillery with tasting - 1h.

Located in the heart of the Pays d'Auge, the Groult family distillery has been offering its finest Calvados for five generations, always with the same authentic and artisanal expertise.

A tour of the press room, the distillery and the ageing cellars will reveal some of the secrets of this ancient production process.

5:00 PM END OF YOUR STAY



Lisieux, in the heart of Normandy. 30 minutes away from the sea and 2h30 away from Paris

How to get to Lisieux?



BY CAR Via the motorway

- 0 km away from Paris via the A13, **2h30**
- 250 km away from Rennes via the A84, 2h30
- 100 km away from Alençon via the A28, 1h30
- 95 km away from Rouen via the A13, **1 hour**



From the Saint-Lazare train station

- Line: Paris-Lisieux-Caen Cherbourg
- Line: Paris-Lisieu Deauville-Trouville-Cabourg



BY AIRPLANE From the following airports:

Deauville Normandie 30 min away from Lisieux www.deauville.aeroport.fr

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