



CAEN - OUISTREHAM
NORMANDY
— CRUISE —



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CAEN-OUISTREHAM, PORT OF CALL IN THE HEART OF NORMANDY

Nestled in the heart of a millenium city, Caen-Ouistreham Port opens up the doors to multi-faceted Normandy. Its central location enables you to reach the most beautiful guided tours of Normandy : from the landing beaches to Mont-Saint-Michel or the Pays d'Auge and its charming historical villages. Set around a canal, Caen is one of the few ports which can welcome ships directly in the city center but also in the seaside town of Ouistreham Riva-Bella.

Caen-Ouistreham Normandy Cruise coordinates the touristic and harbour' stakeholders to welcome the shipping companies and their cruise passengers in optimal conditions for the best tourist experience.

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CAEN-OUISTREHAM NORMANDY CRUISE IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THESE NETWORKS :



French Atlantic Ports

The French ports gathering from the Atlantic and English channel coordinates tourism promotion on the international stage in order to strengthen the attractiveness of this gateway to France.

Normandy Cruise destination

The harbours of Caen-Ouistreham, Le Havre, Rouen, Honfleur and Cherbourg join together to promote Normandy and its multiple suitable sites for cruise ship calls.

Cruise Europe

A network of over 140 members from Northern and Western Europe developing the connections between ports and cruise companies.



CAEN-OUISTREHAM DESTINATION

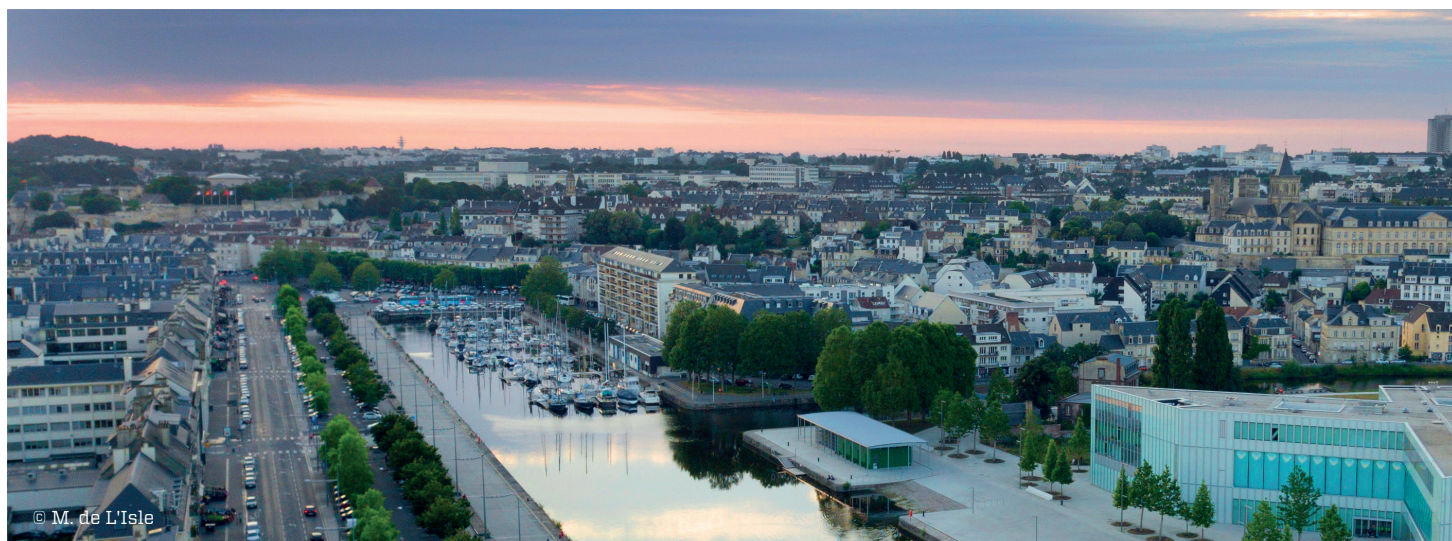
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Caen-Ouistreham's port welcomes you in a privileged framework between the countryside and the sea, like nowhere else.

THE CANAL : A CRUISE WITHIN THE CRUISE

Every stopover starts by the slope of a charming canal of 15km connecting the seafront to the city center's cruise terminal of Caen; city of William the Conqueror.

The journey between the sea and the city takes about one hour and a half ; it gives cruise passengers a foretaste of the History and the richness of our territory. Passengers will be able to discover Benouville's castle from the 18th century, Pegasus Bridge, the iconic site of D-Day landings and the Battle of Normandy. Passengers will enjoy the natural areas along the canal as the wooden park of Beauregard's castle.



THE HISTORICAL AND
SHOPPING CENTRE OF
CAEN WITHIN LESS THAN
10 MINUTES WALK.

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CAEN, A CREATIVE CITY WITH A MILLENIUM HERITAGE





Caen, the « city with the 100 bell towers » has an exceptional heritage with the Abbaye-aux-Hommes founded by William the Conqueror ; the Abbaye-aux-Dames built by her wife Mathilde. These two architectural gems are from the 11th century, and were enhanced in the 18th century, surrounding the castle, also built by the Duke of Normandy and King of England to make his palace and then his royal fortress. Today, it's one of the largest walled enclosures in Europe.


At the foot of the castle, the historical and shopping city-centre offers architectures and different atmospheres, between the medieval alleyways, the harmony of the frontages from the 18th century, the fancy of middle-class residences from the 19th century, different perspectives from post-war Reconstruction or from recent buildings.

Built on the water, the city has an endearing marina in the heart of the city, a vibrant place to live in, by day or by night.



Be ready to discover our treasures and live authentic experiences :

-  Painting lovers will choose the Musée des Beaux Arts; one of the numerous art galleries or an exhibition in town.
-  Passionnates of History will discover the Musée de Normandie, the Viking sites of Ornavik or archeological site of Vieux-la-Romaine. And also, Caen Memorial, an internationally recognized museum for peace that will make you take part in the Second World War history.
-  Watch and enjoy horse racing in the city-centre.
-  Take note all gourmets, Caen is the heaven for gastronomy ! Visit a local market to whet your appetite, and the best tables (4 Michelin-starred restaurants) highlighting local products to delight your taste buds.

 Last but not least, what would be a city without shops ? Here, the choice is all yours ; between prestigious major retailers like Galeries Lafayettes and Printemps, independent stores, amazing bookshops or some gourmet addresses to discover Caen's specialities.

ATTEND OUR MAIN EVENTS

Our land is also unique thanks to its schedule of multi-faceted events throughout the year. Music festivals, street theatre, D-Day festivals, giant medieval banquets, gastronomy and sea festivals, Impressionist festivals...

What great event will you join ?



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OUISTREHAM RIVA-BELLA, THE PEARL OF THE COASTLINE

Focused on the sea, the area of Caen was developed around the canal to Ouistreham Riva-Bella, the seaside city located just 15 minutes from Caen. The well preserved' shoreline will charm you as much as the diversity of visits and activities ; for these reasons, the city is one of the most appreciated in Calvados.

The seafront's lock allows the ships to come alongside the port in a few minutes in order to fully enjoy the day and explore the region. An opportunity to discover the landing area of Sword Beach ; historically, Ouistreham belongs to this area.



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EXCURSIONS



THANKS TO ITS ADVANTAGEOUS LOCATION, IN THE HEART OF NORMANDY, SOME OF THE GREATEST SPOTS OF THE AREA ONLY A FEW MINUTES FROM THE DOCKS. IT'S TIME TO ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY!

Our best-sellers :

- The D-DAY landing beaches
- The Pays d'Auge
- Caen, Bayeux and Falaise following William the Conqueror's footsteps
- Mont-Saint-Michel

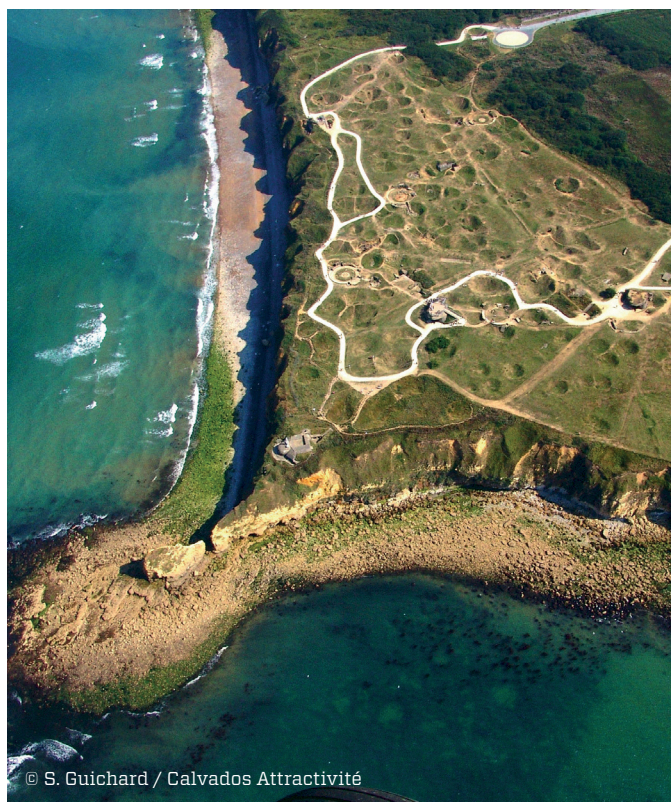
Enjoy unusual experiences to discover the area :

- Go hiking in Swiss Normandy
- Discover the region with Antique classic vehicles
- Enjoy water sports: stand-up paddle, kayak...
- Visit an outstanding garden
- Explore a castle or a manor
- Attend a cooking class or lace-making workshops

NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES

Visit the D-DAY and the Battle of Normandy's emblematic sites just a few minutes away from Caen. Dive into the history of the 20th century, discovering the main sites of this crucial period : the artificial port of Arromanches, Omaha Beach or the Pointe du Hoc and its cliffs.

Arromanches : 40km, full day or half-day



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FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR

Discover the legend of William the Conqueror, Duke of Normandy and King of England : visit the city of Caen, that he developed, building the castle and two Abbeys. Bayeux and its famous tapestry depicting the English conquests and also his castle in Falaise.

Caen : on foot, half-day / Bayeux : 30km, half-day



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CAEN, 1,000 YEARS OF HISTORY

Discovery of this city full of history, from medieval times with William the Conqueror's castle, the Abbaye aux Hommes, the Abbaye aux Dames and the modern heritage of the reconstruction until today.

Walking distance - half day



SWORD BEACH AND OUISTREHAM RIVA-BELLA

Guided tour of the seaside city, its historical center, the Atlantic Wall Museum in a large bunker from Second World War and/or the unique visit of the lighthouse.

Ouistreham : 15km, half-day



CAEN MEMORIAL MUSEUM

From the origins of the Second World War to the end of the Cold War, a visit to the museum will plunge you into the 20th century history.

Caen : 8km, half-day



MONT SAINT-MICHEL

Listed as UNESCO World Heritage site, discover this jewel of medieval architecture and its wonderful bay.

Mont-Saint-Michel : 125km, full day



THE PAYS D'AUGE, TRADITION AND GASTRONOMY

Discover the villages and the emblematic landscapes of traditional Normandy; visit a manor, an outstanding garden or Sainte Thérèse Basilica in Lisieux. Savour the local gastronomy as Calvados, cider or other delicious cheeses.

Beuvron-en-Auge : 30km, half-day



VISIT OF A STUD

Behind the scenes, discover a stud farm with exceptional horses in the middle of the Pays d'Auge or also the National stud of the Haras national du Pin, a national stud.

Half-day or full day



GOLF

Golf-lovers will enjoy playing rounds of golf in Norman outstanding landscapes : Omaha Beach, Caen, Cabourg, Clécy...

Half-day



PARIS

Marvel at the biggest monuments of the French capital, the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame de Paris, or visit the most famous museums : le Louvre or le Château de Versailles. Caen and Paris are within easy reach by bus or train, on a daily basis. | **Paris : 230km / full day**



CAEN-OUISTREHAM'S HARBOUR

Perfectly connected with the road network, Caen-Ouistreham's harbour is organised around a canal of 15km that links Caen to the sea.

This channel offers you a remarkable entrance to the city, surrounded by monuments. The constant level of water facilitates the boarding and disembarking.

The locks are working 18 hours a day on average ; they provide access to ships with a draught of up to 9 meters, 25 meters wide (no exemptions) and 225 meters long. Our port, organised on a human scale, offers an intimate setting with docks dedicated to cruise ships and personalized services.



SHIP SERVICES

Port :

- ▶ Steering, towing, mooring
- ▶ 24/7 ship services
- ▶ ISPS standards
- ▶ Waste removal, bunkering, refuelling available



HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

In order to provide the best experience ever, the Caen-Ouistreham Normandy Cruise offers a wide range of services :

- ▶ A tourist information desk at the pier
- ▶ Personalized docks during stops : red carpet, plants, tents, tunnel...
- ▶ A local products' market and a jazz band on request
- ▶ Shuttle service on request

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**1. NEW POND**

Available length : 400 meters. Turning area nearby.
Walking distance to the historical city centre within an urban renewal project.

2. CALIX QUAY

Draught : 9 meters, available length : 140 meters. Terminal for the largest ships, turning area down the viaduct.

3. HEROUVILLE BAY

Draught : 9 meters, available length : 390 meters. Terminal for the largest ships, turning area nearby.

4. THE LOCKS - OUISTREHAM

Draught : 9 meters, available length : 170 X 24 meters.
Opportunity to set up buses and to disembark / embark cruise passengers.

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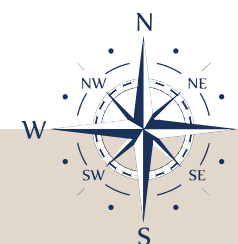
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