

# NORMANDY



## THROUGH THE DIVERSITY OF NORMANDY BY BIKE

Normandy is famous for gastronomic highlights such as cider, Calvados and Camembert, for great cities and monuments, but also for an incredible variety of landscapes. We have captured this and packed it into our cycle tour, which takes you from east to west and back again in a sociable and entertaining way. From the fascinating cosmopolitan city of Paris, the Seine leads out into Normandy, through mighty valley incisions and in wide loops to the English Channel.

LEVEL



KM

235

DURATION

7 Days  
6 Nights

TRAVEL DATES

01.06 – 07.06.2025  
31.08 – 06.09.2025

### Day 1 Honfleur

Travel to Honfleur.

### Day 2 Honfleur 58 km

Today's cycling day begins with the adventurous crossing of the "Pont de Brotonne" suspension bridge, 50 m above water level and 1280 m long. Immediately you are immersed in the Brotonne forest massif. Drive along the "Route des Chaumières". Thatched half-timbered houses and farms with apple orchards line the route. A stop for a cider tasting is a must!



### Day 3 Honfleur - Etretat - Honfleur 56 km

Drive to Fécamp and visit the famous Abbey Church of the Holy Trinity, la Abbatiale de la Trinité, which was built by Duke Richard I. At 127 m long, it is only 3 m shorter than Notre Dame de Paris and is one of the largest places of worship in France. A very special cycling experience: the magnificent landscape of the steep limestone cliffs with the famous Falaise d'Aval, the natural wonder that Maupassant compared to an elephant plunging its trunk into the sea.



### Day 4 Rouen - Jumièges 41 km

The city of St. Audoenus awaits you in Rouen. Its picturesque half-timbered houses, the imposing cathedral that inspired Monet and the Place du Vieux Marché, where Joan of Arc was burned, are the stops on the city tour. Along the Seine, our cycle tour takes us through the varied and beautiful "Route des Abbayes" past numerous monasteries. The ruins of the former Benedictine abbey of Jumièges are impressive. The visit is a wonderful experience.



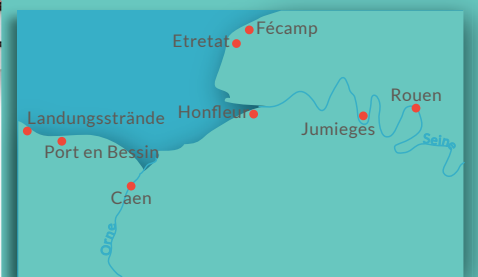
My trips with France à Vélo have all been particularly enjoyable. Price and service are perfect. I'll be traveling with this great team again.

Monika Heimerdinger





### GUIDED BIKE TOUR



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### INCLUDED SERVICES

- 6 nights in a 4-star charm hotel in a room with bath/shower/WC
- Daily breakfast buffet
- 4-course menu in the evening
- 5 lunch picnics with regional specialties incl. drinks
- Qualified tour guide during the entire trip
- Guided tours as per program
- All transfers mentioned
- All entrance fees
- 1 Calvados tasting
- Spa and local taxes

### PER PERSON

#### ROOM

DBLE/DU/WC/VP	1598 €
SGL/DU/WC/VP	1870 €

#### BIKE RENTAL

21/27-Gear- Hybrid bike	90 €
E-Bike (250 € Deposit)	170 €

## Day 6 Port en Bessin - Landing beaches 44 km

Today's cycle tour takes you to the landing beaches. A beautiful coastal landscape forms the backdrop to this historic area of Normandy. This is where the Battle of Normandy began. On the night of June 5-6, 1944, the landing began with 3 divisions of paratroopers. Later, 135,000 soldiers and 20,000 vehicles were put ashore on the 5 designated beaches. Detailed sightseeing and explanations during your cycle tour along this area steeped in history.



## Day 5 Honfleur - Port en Bessin 36 km

Honfleur. The beautiful, picturesque harbor town has always been home to many artists and is also known as the city of museums for good reason. You will linger for a visit and there is certainly no shortage of photo opportunities. Honfleur was badly damaged during the Hundred Years' War. Nevertheless, you can still see many of the beautiful half-timbered houses today. It was from here that Champlain set sail in the 17th century to colonize Canada and found Quebec in 1608.

You then leave Honfleur and cycle along the Côte de Grâce, via Trouville and Deauville along the sea. The "Flower Coast" is known for its very pleasant climate and the sea recedes up to 1000 m at high tide. Stop in Deauville before returning to Honfleur via the picturesque hinterland.



Visit to the German and American military cemetery. Finally, we visit the cider farm. Apple juice, cider, pomeau and calvados are produced by this third-generation family business. Look forward to the tasting! Transfer back to Honfleur.

## Day 7

Departure after breakfast or change to the Norman coast.

