

NOR MAN DY

LAND OF
HORSES
2019





Far back, far back in our dark soul the horse prances...
The horse, the horse!
The symbol of surging potency and power of movement, of action in man!

D.H. Lawrence



EDITORIAL

With its rich equine heritage, Normandy is the very definition of an area of equine excellence.

From the Norman cavalry that enabled William the Conqueror to accede to the throne of England to the current champions who are winning equestrian sports events and races throughout the world, this historical and living heritage is closely connected to the distinctive features of Normandy, to its history, its culture and to its specific way of life.

Whether you are attending emblematic events, visiting historical sites or heading through the gates of a stud farm, discovering the world of Horses in Normandy is an opportunity to explore an authentic, dynamic and passionate region!

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Normandy Horse Council President

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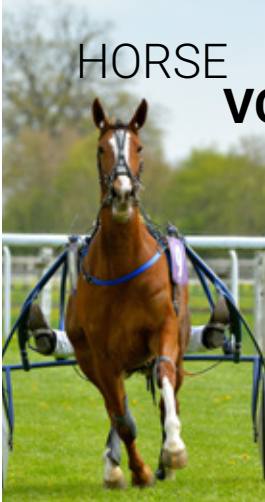
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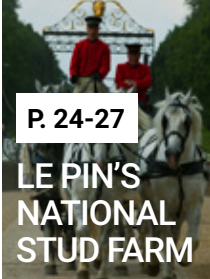
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THE WORLD'S STABLES

Located on the shores of the Channel and close to Paris and its surrounding area, Normandy has an exceptionally rich equine, historical and cultural heritage. From the Mont-Saint-Michel to the landing beaches via the Tapestry of Bayeux and Le Pin National Stud Farm, it is home to several sites that are emblematic for France as a whole.

throughout France, as the location to establish a royal stud farm that matched the ambitions of Louis XIV.

Normandy is still the benchmark region for the equine industry in France and every year it hosts the most prestigious international equestrian events. Le Grand Complet (a three-day event) at Le Pin, the


Argana sales and the Deauville meeting as well as the Normandy Horse Show are all opportunities to enjoy the rhythm and the sound of horses' hooves. With more than 450 racing trainers, 42 racecourses, more than 900 equestrian centres and more than 100,000 horses stabled in Normandy, the equine industry provides 18,000 jobs and is one of the region's key economic drivers. Thanks to a large network of dynamic businesses and with the support of the Regional Council,

Normandy is also a highly important area for innovation and research.

Hippolia, the only Competitiveness Cluster dedicated to the equine industry, therefore aims to "make the French equine sector a leader in terms of innovation, with Normandy as its beating heart". The centre of expertise for equine reproduction at the Le Pin's broodmares sector, the SIG Centaure that brings together state-of-the-art laboratories and world's only equine veterinary hub, the CIRALE, are some of the key organisations contributing to this fully-fledged economic sector.

As the number one horse breeding region in France, Normandy has been the birthplace of some of the very greatest equine performers in the world, both in equestrian sports and horse racing. Ourasi, Bold Eagle, Trêve, Baloubet du Rouet, Orient Express, Quidam de Revel, Diamant de Semilly... all of these great champions were born in Normandy! It has long been recognised that the exceptional quality of Normandy's soils and climate combined to produce grass that is particularly well suited for the breeding of horses. Indeed, in 1715 the king's counsellors chose Normandy, having first travelled





The EquuRES Label is awarded to organisations and events committed to animals' well-being and the protection of the environment.



The Normandy Major Events (Normandy Grands Événements) selection

constitutes a group of the biggest competitions that are particularly suited to the general public.



An Equestrian Tourism Centre

is available for outdoor horse riding and hacking, walks and rambles. An organisation that has a real passion for nature!



LEGENDARY HORSES



Trêve

Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe 2013, 2014
Prix de Diane 2013

Born at the Quesnay Stud Farm, Trêve was unsuccessfully presented at the Deauville yearling sales by her breeder Alec Head, who then entrusted the filly to his daughter Christiane (known as Criquette) who trained her and gave her an extraordinary racing career.

Prix d'Amérique 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990
Prix de France 1986, 1987, 1988

Born in the Eure department, Ourasi was handed over to Jean-René Gougeon who led him to become a trot racing star. Known as "the Lazy King", he broke the Prix d'Amérique record in 1990. He was then 10 years old, the age at which the trotter's career come to an end.



Ourasi

World individual and team show jumping
silver medallist 2014
Winner of the team competition in the FEI
Nations Cup 2013



Orient Express*HDC

Thanks to the investments made by Les Coudrettes Stud Farm into developing top-level equestrian sports, Orient Express*HDC and his rider Patrice Delaveau thrilled the crowd during the finals of the World Equestrian Games held in Caen.



Cirrus des Aigles

Champion Stakes 2011
Prix Ganay 2012, 2014, 2015

Born in the department of La Manche, and not being from the most fashionable parents, Cirrus des Aigles nevertheless won some of the biggest international races, winning the hearts of the race-going crowds and his training staff.

Prix d'Amérique 2011 2012
Prix de France 2011 2013

He is not only a champion on the racecourse; Ready Cash has also sired an extraordinary number of crack racers: Bold Eagle, Ready Express, Traders, Bird Parker, Charly du Noyer, Brillantissime, Django Riff and Face Time Bourbon have all showed their qualities. Who will be the next trotting race star?



Ready Cash



Baloubet du Rouet

Winner of the world show jumping cup final
1998 1999 2000
Gold medallist at the 2004 Olympic Games

Born in the department of La Manche, birthplace of the Selle Français breed, Baloubet du Rouet achieved incredible success with Nelson Pessoa and then his son Rodrigo as his riders, forming a legendary duo with the latter.

HORSE

VOCABULARY

Gaits

Walk, trot and canter are three of the different horse's gaits, from the slowest to the quickest. While horses race harnessed or mounted in the trot industry, they only are mounted in flat races and jump races (cross-country, hurdles and steeplechase). When trotters start galloping for a few strides, **they are disqualified for irregular gait**. What French people call canter is a fast warm-up or training gallop and a hand gallop is performed at a lower speed. In trot racing, people have started to refer to a canter for the gait used during **heats**.

STALLS

In flat racing, horses set off when the stalls open automatically. In trot racing, the race can be started behind hinged gate mounted on a motorised vehicle, known as a **mobile starting gate**; alternatively, a **volt start** is used, with horses lining up behind an elasticated tape or a laser line. Elasticated tape is often used for jump races.

SHOW JUMPING competition

The french favorite discipline. This involves completing a set course as quickly as possible, without incurring any faults: knocking bars off the jumps, refusal to jump or unnecessary circling between the jumps. A CSI is an **International Show Jumping Competition**.

In **dressage**, the idea is to perform a series of movements with competitors being judged on the harmony between horse and rider. A **Three-Day Event also called eventing** combines three phases: dressage, cross country (fixed jumps in the open air) and show jumping. **Driving** also involves a dressage phase along with a cones phase as well as a formidable open-air marathon phase, while **endurance** is a discipline in which horses have to cover distances of up to 160km while retaining optimum health levels. Therefore, a wide variety of disciplines exists in equestrian sports which you can discover thanks to the French Equestrian Federation (Fédération Française d'Equitation).



DRIVER

Refers to the person driving a Trotter harnessed to a sulky. The term **driver** is also used for competitive or leisure driving. While rider or equestrian is the general term used for a person on horseback, in a race involving mounted horses the correct term is **jockey**.

GELDING

A castrated (or gelded) horse. Some selection races for breeding horses are only open to non-gelded and mares. **An entire male** is called a stallion when he has successfully mated mares.

INDOOR ARENA

An area with a roof for horses to exercise and train in, usually with sand covering the floor. **Outdoor arenas** also exist. **A paddock** can be an area where horses are released to roam free, but it is also the area where competitors warm up before a competition. Before being sent out onto the track, racehorses walk around **a parade ring**, where jockeys receive their orders from the trainers before being called **under starter's orders** three minutes before the race begins. Finally, during auctions, hoses are presented in **the ring**.

Yearling

One-year-old foals. Foals that have not been **weaned** yet are simply referred to as foals.

THE FANTASTIC

FIVE

OR THE

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EXPERIENCES

#1



ENJOY THE THRILL OF
A LEGENDARY RACE



#2

LET YOURSELF BE SWEEP AWAY
ON THE STUD FARMS TRAIL

#3



ADMIRE RACEHORSES TRAINING
IN THE EARLY MORNING

#4



AMAZE YOURSELF IN FRONT OF
SHOW HORSES' EXPLOITS

#5



RIDE A HORSE ALONG THE
BEACH AS THE SUN SETS

A close-up photograph of a horse's neck and head, focusing on the intricate braiding of its mane. The braids are dark and run down the length of the neck. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting. The text 'HORSEY DESTINATIONS' is overlaid on the lower portion of the image.

HORSEY
DESTINATIONS





Deauville

DEAUVILLE

THE BEACH: HORSES AND FINE SAND

Early risers may be lucky enough to cross paths with racehorses training on the sand that is still wet from the receding tide. In the summer, petiseros, who are in charge of looking after polo ponies, lead them in groups of four or five so they can enjoy the benefits the seawater provides. In the evening, horse riders walk their way to the deserted beach and enjoy the sunset.

You will fancy joining them without a doubt, so saddle up! Several equestrian centres allow riders, even beginners, to take horses onto the beach.

But maybe you feel that being a driver is more your thing? *Discover the exhilarating sensations of trotting along the beach at Deauville, on a paired sulky!*

EQUESTRIAN SPORTS EVENTS

The International Equestrian Hub was founded in

2010 and benefits from modern infrastructures and top-of-the-range equipment that allow it to organise and host more than 80 days of competition per year, including major international events in several disciplines. It also hosts professional horse riders, such as the rising star of show jumping Félicie Bertrand, a riding school as well as a restaurant where you can watch the horses as you sit at your table.



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CALENDAR

Longines International Equestrian Hub Deauville
CPEDI ***
from 5 to 7 April

Jump'in Deauville
from 13 to 16 June

Dress'in Deauville
from 18 to 21 July

International Show Jumping Competition Longines Deauville
from 15 to 18 August

Tournée des AS
7 and 8 December



IN THE HEART OF THE YEARLINGS SALES

ARQANA is an organisation that specialises in auctions of Thoroughbreds and Trotters. The famous Yearlings sale in August presents English Thoroughbred foals of prestigious origins, the racetracks' next stars, and buyers from across the entire world. *An exhibition of equine photographs by Emanuele Scorcelletti can be visited around the sales buildings and visitors can admire the horses on sales days.*

GALLOPING ALL YEAR ROUND

Inaugurated in 1863 as an initiative led by the Duke of Morny, founder of the seaside resort of Deau-

ville, Deauville-La Touques racecourse is an emblematic site for horseracing in Normandy. It is essentially in August that the racecourse hosts the thrill of a major event, the Meeting de Deauville Barrière, during which the finest racehorses (flat racers) compete against each other. Activities for families and guided visits are organised on race days, giving everyone the chance to explore the world of horseracing.

The racecourse is also home to a training centre where horses exercise every day. You can have a look at the activities of these stables located in the heart of Deauville from rue Letellier, avenue Hocquart de Turtot or Boulevard Mau-

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CALENDAR

Salle Elie de Brignac
Arqana sales: 28 March, 10 and 11 May, 2 and 3 July, 17 to 20 August, 4 to 6 and 12 September, 22 to 25 October, 18 to 20 November, 7 to 10 December.

Deauville - La Touques Racecourse
Meeting de Deauville Barrière 
from 27 July to 28 August

French Pony Racing Championships
4 and 6 August

TROTting AND GALLOPING, ALL TYPES OF RACING CAN BE SEEN AT CLAIREFONTAINE

A more recent racetrack than Deauville -La Touques, Clairefontaine has been hosting races featuring a variety of disciplines since 1928. You therefore have the opportunity to enjoy trot, flat and jump races in a convivial atmosphere, richly embellished with flowers. *From June to late October, a variety of themed activities are avail-*



lable for families on race days. Do not miss out on a guided visit from Yves Talamo, formerly a jockey and now a racing enthusiast, who will show you around from the scales to the stables and who is sure to share many of his juiciest anecdotes with you.

PASSION POLO AT DEAUVILLE

From Gabrielle Chanel to Winston Churchill, the lawns of Deauville have been visited by many famous personalities since the Polo Club was founded in 1907.

The Gold Cup is always a not-to-be-missed event in the calendar, during which the best players in the world, mainly Argentinians, come to play against each other in team competitions in the central area of Deauville-La Touques Racecourse. The fervid commentators will help you to understand the rules of this thousand-year-old equestrian sport. *The Polo School will give you a chance to see how you handle a mallet while riding a pony, a horse or even a wooden horse.*

INDEAUVILLE EQUES-

TRIAN CALENDAR

Deauville proudly revels its passion for horses, and plenty of equestrian events take place there. We strongly suggest that you take a look at the brochure entitled «horse stories» and the special In-Deauville calendar so you don't miss a thing!

USEFUL INFORMATION



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InDeauville

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CALENDAR

Clairefontaine Racecourse

Race season

from 17 June to 25 October



Deauville International Polo Club

Barrière Deauville Polo Cup
from 7 to 25 August

Deauville beach

Beach Polo demonstrations
7 and 25 August



Cabourg

PAYS
D'AUGE
AREA

CABOURG AND

LE PAYS D'AUGE

THE STUD FARM TRAIL

Set off to discover the Pays d'Auge stud farms winding your way along the 60 kilometres of the Stud Farm Trail by car or on a bicycle. It will give you a fine chance to view some of the region's finest domains and to watch the foals in the meadows. *Lisieux Tourist Office – Authentic Normandy* can supply you with a road map that you can print out or a GPS route that you can download in association with a mobile app if you are a tech wizard.

OPEN DAY AT THE STUD FARMS

In order to allow you to discover the activities of these stud farms, the Tourist Office organises several visits throughout the summer, during which professionals from the horse industry will help you to explore their captivating universe. *In May, 12 stud farms open their doors simultaneously for an exceptional day of discovery.*



IMMERSION INTO THE DAILY LIFE OF A RACEHORSE BREEDER

Isabelle and Jean-Luc Bara welcome you all year round to Le Mesnil-Mauger, allowing you to discover the Ecajeul Stud Farm, the Bara's profession and the secrets of horse whisperers.

USEFUL INFORMATION



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CALENDAR

The Legendary Stud Farm

25 May
Reservations only

A NIGHT AT THE STUD FARM

What better way could there be to immerse yourself into the world of horses than waking up in a yard and watch the morning activities from your window? *Total immersion thanks to the guest rooms located in the heart of the stud farm that breeds Trotters and Thoroughbreds!*

VETERINARIANS TAKING CARE OF THE HORSES

The CIRALE, the equine campus of the Maison Alfort National Veterinarian School focusing on locomotor pathologies, is the only such centre in Europe. All of the latest state-of-the-art medical technology is made available to assist the horses' performances. *Do not miss out on the exceptional opportunity to visit it in June.*

TAKE A RIDE ALONG THE TRACKS AND PATHS OF PAYS D'AUGE

What better way could there be of exploring the

Pays d'Auge countryside with its bucolic scenery than on a horseback? *Several equestrian centres provide horse riding services for everyone, from beginners to experts, allowing you to discover this fantastic area of equine excellence.*



USEFUL INFORMATION

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CALENDAR

CIRALE
Open Day
22 June
Reservations only



CABOURG EVENING RACES!

Is it the end of a lovely day at the beach? Head off to Cabourg's Evening Races and enjoy harnessed and mounted trot races in the evening air. *There are several family activities every Tuesday and Friday throughout July and August: concerts, stable visits, first-time pony rides...*

USEFUL INFORMATION



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CALENDAR

Cabourg Racecourse

Evening Races

Tuesday and Friday
evenings from 2 July to 30
August





Le Pin Stud
Farm

LE PIN STUD FARM

HISTORY, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE, A PASSION FOR HORSES IN NORMANDY

If you want to understand how close the connection between Normandy and horses is then the one essential site to visit is Le Pin National Stud Farm. Built between 1715 and 1730, following a request made by Colbert, this institution, nicknamed “the equine Versailles” does a fantastic job of showcasing an ex-

ceptional equine, historical and cultural heritage to visitors in the heart of a not-to-be-missed, busy domain.

You can go on a guided tour of the Stud Farm and explore a discovery trail that will provide answers to any questions, even the most curious visitors may have. Art exhibitions and film projections, odes to a passion for horses, are also organised here. You can also climb onto an electric bicycle if you want to explore the domain or alternatively let the horses take the strain

for a carriage ride.

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE TO DISCOVER

Do not miss the trip to the blacksmiths’ school where you can see the forge and discover a thousand-year old profession. The saddlery school, which has produced some of the best saddlers who work for the top leatherwork factories of France will also open its doors to you for an inspirational demonstration of leatherwork.





THE HORSES PUT ON A SHOW

The Stud Farm also plays host to resident artists who present, alongside the Le Pin staff, an equestrian adaptation of Molière's *Avare* that features horses with riders and horses on the loose!

On Le Pin Thursdays, Percherons and the emblematic Normandy breeds are featured and you can see them in action both in the arena and in the Court of Honour for a unique demonstration.

The resident artists will also present their equine stage partners and reveal their secrets as you take

a look behind the scenes of the show. Quite a programme!

IN THE SHOES OF A STUD FARM AGENT

Going on a horse ride around such an exceptional site is a wonderful experience, both for children, who will have no problem finding an appropriately sized pony, and adults who will have the opportunity to ride one of the Percheron horses that are typical of the Stud Farm, in the show arena? Take a ride on one tonne of pure gentleness!

The agents of the stud farm can go even further and help you experience

their day-to-day activities by welcoming you into the stables before the gates open to the public and giving you a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes at this exceptional site. Set your alarm very early in the morning to help grooming the horses and, once the stables have been swept, you can take part in the horse training session. You can choose what you want to do according to your wishes and your experience: horse driving, groundwork exercises or riding in the arena.

The kind of programme that will encourage young riders or bring childhood dreams back to life.

MAJOR EVENTS AT LE PIN

Aside from this exceptional heritage, Le Pin National Stud Farm hosts major equestrian events throughout the year. It notably has a legendary cross-country course that was the scene of the three-day event as part of the World Equestrian Games in 2014.

Amateur and professional show jumping competitions, three-day events, breeding, side-saddle riding, endurance, or horse teams: more than 100 days of competition ensure that there is a highly diverse schedule. *You can head to the different areas of the domain if you want to watch these events, which are open to the public, and find out more about all of these disciplines. Among all of these dates, there are certain must-see events providing a marvellous spectacle.*

A TIMELESS TRIP

A little detour to La Bergerie Racecourse will delight fans of bucolic settings. *Is it the period architecture,*

the original stands that were a shooting location for the film Coco Before Chanel or the peace and quiet of the clearing? There is something timeless in the atmosphere of this wonderful racetrack nestled in a hollow in the woods. Although you can wander around the site all year round, race days bring with them a particular atmosphere, bringing the stables back to life. A real gem.



USEFUL INFORMATION



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CALENDAR

International side-saddle competition
22 and 23 June

Argentan Racecourse
International endurance competition
13 July



International horse team competition
from 24 to 28 July



Three-day event "Le Grand Complet"
from 7 to 13 August



French Percheron Horse Championships
28 and 29 September

Bergerie Racecourse
Races
5 and 12 May and 13 and 20 October



Saint-Lô
stud farm



SAINT-LÔ

STUD FARM

Built in the late 19th century in the heart of town, Saint-Lô National Stud Farm is the birthplace of the ultimate sport horse: the Selle Français breed.

In close connection with the historical Stud Farm, Saint-Lô's Equine Hub is an essential player in Normandy's equine industry with over 140 annual events, its trading centre and its hotbed of young riders.

EXPLORING THE NATIONAL STUD FARM

Take a trip into history and explore Saint-Lô National Stud Farm using

the explanatory signs as a guide. You can also meet the representatives of Normandy's emblematic horse breeds in stable n°4. *The Tourist Office also organises guided visits during the high season, in addition to providing virtual reality animations.*

SAINT-LÔ PUTS ON A SHOW

Of all of the events put on by Saint-Lô Equine Hub, do not miss Poneys sous les Pommiers (Ponies Beneath the Apple Trees) featuring a competition between displays from various Normandy equestrian

centres, or the Normandy Horse Show, an equestrian festival that features a wide variety of disciplines as well as activities for people of all ages.

USEFUL INFORMATION



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CALENDAR

Self-guided tours

From 10am to 5pm
All year round

Special visits

From 18 July to 22 August
Thursday afternoons
Reservations only

Reception and activities

From 22 June to 22 September

Poneys sous les pommiers

From 3 to 5 May



Normandy Arabian Festival

9 and 10 June

Normandy Horse Show

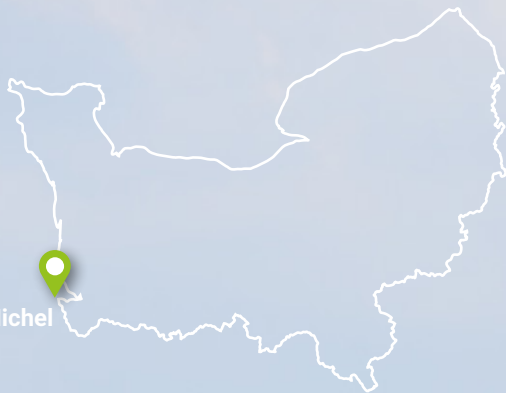
From 5 to 11 August



Meeting d'automne

From 17 to 27 October





Mont-Saint-Michel



MONT-ST-MICHEL'S BAY

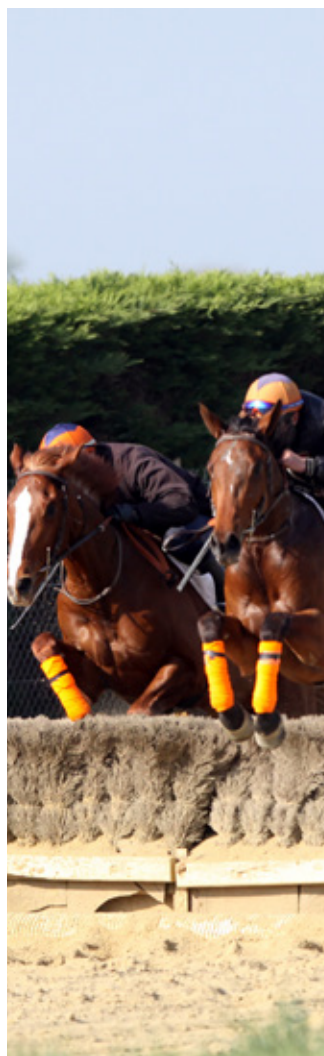
MONT-SAINT-MICHEL AND THE BAY UNDER HORSE POWER

Did you know that you can use a horse-drawn vehicle to reach the Mont-Saint-Michel thanks to La Maringote? If crossing the bay on horseback is reserved to experienced riders, anyone can enjoy some of the delightful and spectacular rides around the Bay.

DRAGEY-RONTHON TRAINING CENTRE

The Mont-Saint-Michel's Bay is one of the top places for racehorses training. While some still train on the beach, the trainers have left the dunes behind to link up with the Dragey-Ronthon Training Centre that was founded in 1997. A network of paths and tracks connects the nearby stables to the centre and allows riders to get onto the bridle paths. Particularly suited to the training needs of both flat racers and jump racers, the centre has modern tracks that provide unrivalled views over Mont Saint Michel. A delightful setting to admire

early in the morning from the road which can also be explored during the guided visits organised by Mont Saint-Michel Normandie Tourist Office.



USEFUL INFORMATION



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CALENDAR

Guided visits of the Racehorse Training Center

From 14 July to 31 August,
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and
Thursday mornings

Reservations only

EQUESTRIAN EVENTS PAST AND PRESENT IN THE AREA

A short distance to the north, in Lessay, the great Sainte-Croix Fair has been featuring horses, cows, sheep and goats since the 11th century. Started up by Benedictine monks anxious to develop trade, the fair was a major source of horses for the army and remains one of Normandy's most important livestock fairs. A timeless event waiting for you to explore it.

Initially used to select horses that would be able to pull heavy loads and transport soldiers, trot races opened up to the general public after the First World War. It was an officer of the National Stud Farms, one Ephrem Houël, later the head of Le Pin Stud Farm, who was behind the first official trot race held on the beach at Cherbourg in 1837.

The racetrack at Jullouville is a temporary installation, located on the sandy beach between two high tides. Both harnessed and mounted trotters compete in races and a very convivial atmosphere reigns. Sandcastles or horses? *No*

need to choose between the two here!

CALENDAR



Sainte-Croix Fair

From 6 to 9 September
Route de Coutances
50430 Lessay
www.lessay.fr

Trotting races

19 May
Beach
50610 Jullouville les Pins







ROUEN

EQUESTRIAN SPORT EVENTS

All roads lead to Le Loup Stud Farm in September for the CSI *** Normandy Happy Jump. In November it is the turn of Rouen's Parc des Expositions to host the twentieth edition of EquiSeine with its equine trade fair, its CSI **** and a wide variety of activities.

100% TROT RACING

In the heart of a natural setting, discover a top location for trot races that opened in 2005. Mauquenchy racetrack welcomes you on race days to enjoy its modern installations where you can really make the most of the show on offer. Do not miss the Grand National du Trot in November.

LES BOUCLES DE LA SEINE EN SELLE

Between Rouen and Le Havre, Les Boucles de la Seine Normandy Regional Nature Park extends over nearly 90,000 hectares of woodland and marshes that are ideal for horse ri-

ding. Saddle up!



USEFUL INFORMATION



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CALENDAR

Normandie Tour – Happy Jump

Haras du Loup 
From 19 to 29 September
www.happyjump.fr

EquiSeine 
Parc des Expositions de Rouen
From 21 to 24 November

Grand National du Trot 
Hippodrome de Mauquenchy
20 November



HORSES, ALWAYS MORE HORSES

Aside from these emblematic equine sites in Normandy, the whole region is packed with professionals as well as captivating and exciting events that we encourage you to come and discover.



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There is a huge selection of wonderful horse-riding itineraries in Normandy. You therefore have the opportunity to extend your ride through the heart of this incredible breeding ground from Le Pin Stud Farm to Saint-Lô Stud Farm, explore land and sea in the Mont Saint Michel's Bay or the woodland and marshes around Les Boucles de la Seine. A

vast number of professionals are available to help you discover this exhilarating region throughout a series of convivial rides.

From initiations to coaching alongside professional horse riders, any one of the 900 equestrian centres in Normandy will also fulfil your desires for equestrian sports. *Saddle up!*



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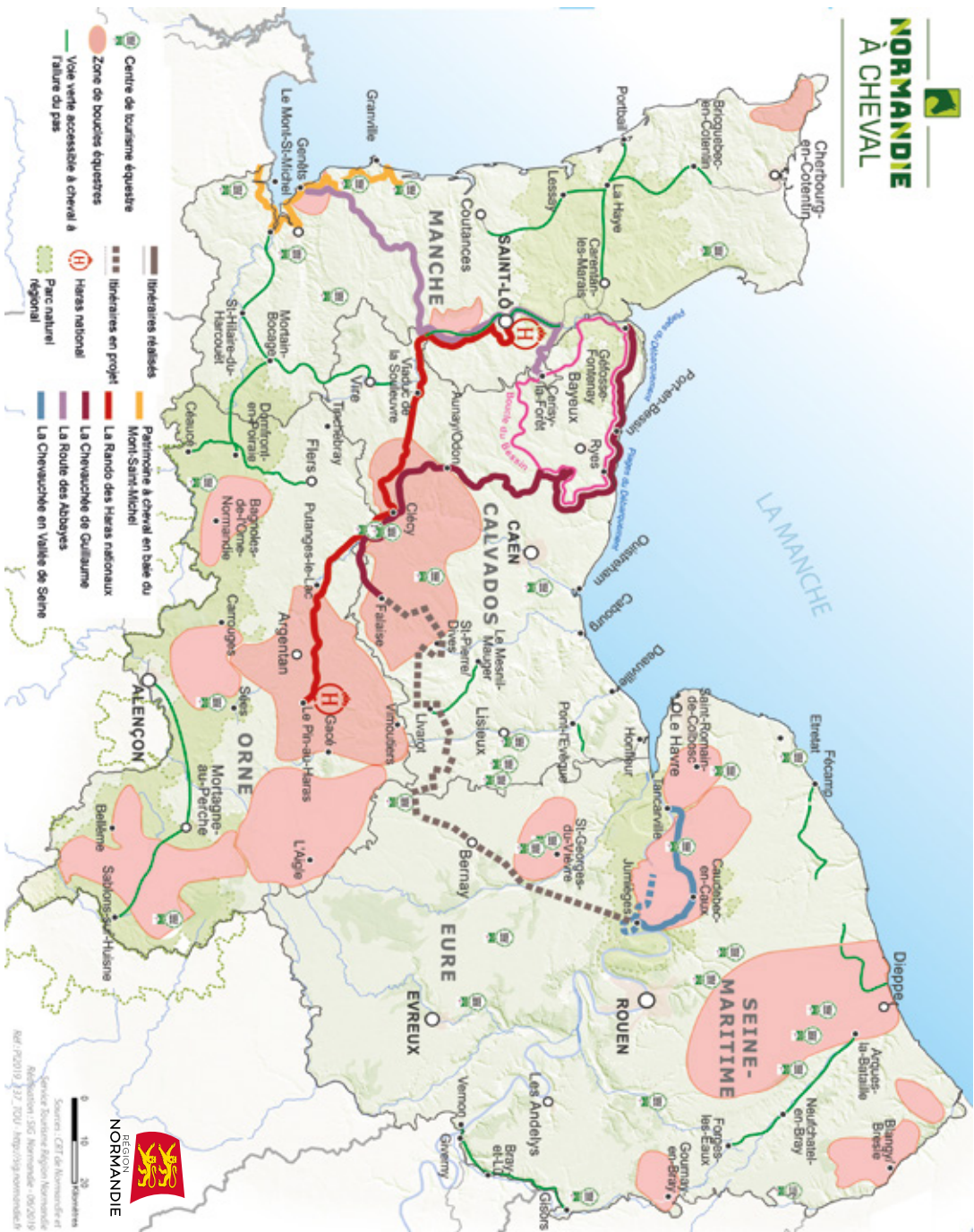


Finally, you are just a click away from everything you need to organise your visit and to explore the region as well as its treasures.

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