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LAND OF
HORSES
2021





*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



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**We are grateful for your understanding
and we wish you an excellent stay in
Normandy.**

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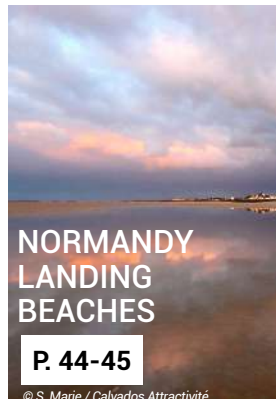
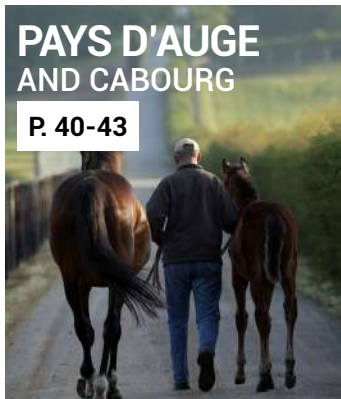
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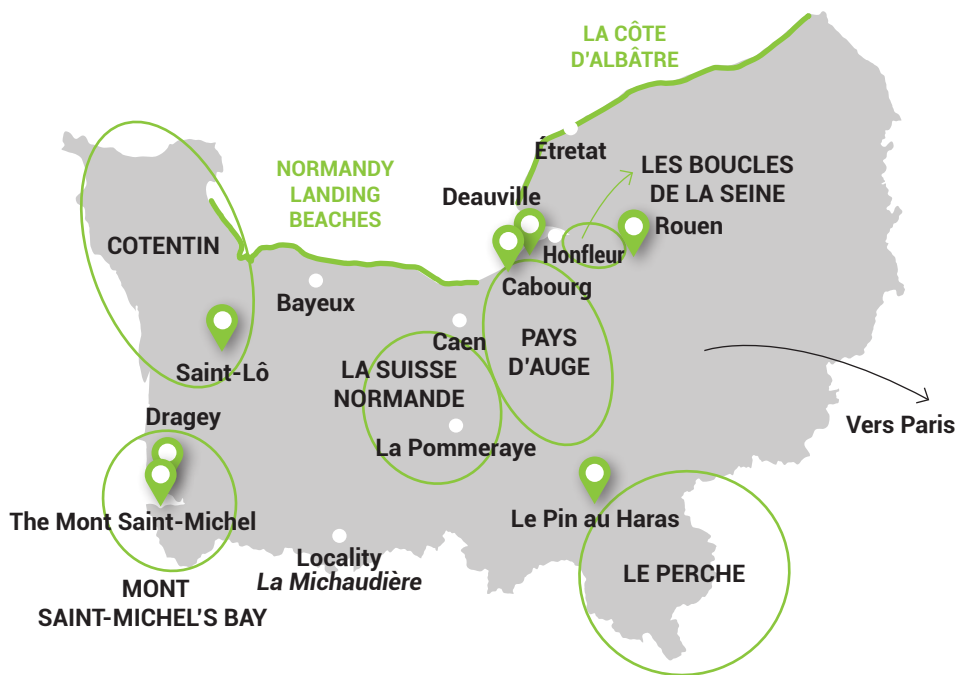
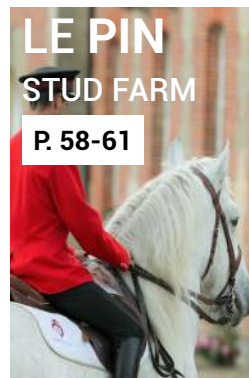
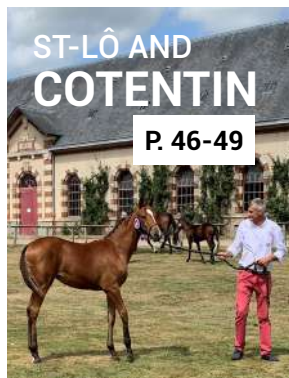
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HORSE IN NORMANDY





NORMANDY 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. As the number one horse breeding region in

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 Competitivity 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

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 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 Arqana sales and the Deauville meeting as well as the Normandy Horse Show

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.

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

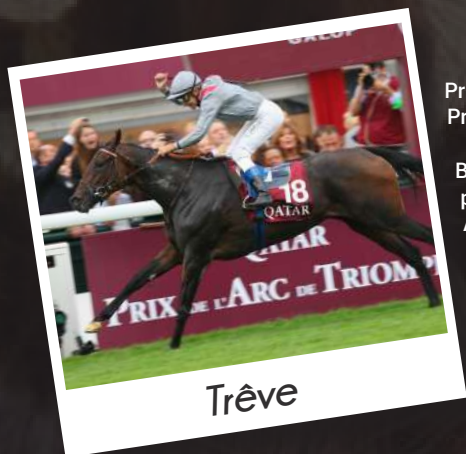
The Normandy Major Events (Normandy Grands Événements) selection constitutes a group of the biggest competitions that are particularly suited to the general public.

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



Orient Express*HDC

World individual and team show jumping silver medallist 2014

Winner of the team competition in the FEI Nations Cup 2013

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, Readly 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, horses are presented in **the ring**.

Yearling

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



INSPIRATIONS



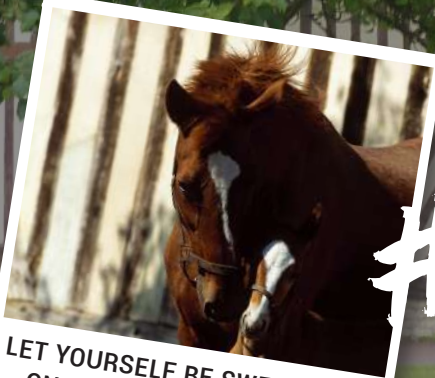
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ESSENTIALS

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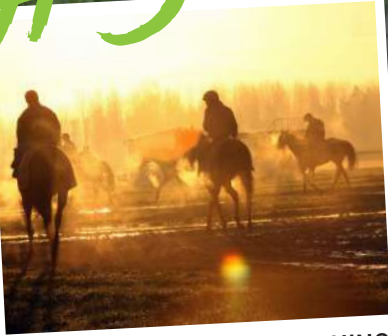
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A LEGENDARY RACE



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LET YOURSELF BE SWEEPED AWAY
ON THE STUD FARMS TRAIL

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**ADMIRE RACEHORSES TRAINING
IN THE EARLY MORNING**

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**AMAZE YOURSELF IN FRONT OF
SHOW HORSES' EXPLOITS**

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**RIDE A HORSE ALONG THE
BEACH AS THE SUN SETS**

EXCEPTIONAL NORMANDY EXPERIENCES

EMPLOYEE FOR A DAY at Le Pin National Stud Farm

Spend a day living the life of Loïc, an employee at Le Pin stud farm, and Plume, a miniature mare, the star of the show. As you take part in the daily tasks, you can enjoy the intimate setting of the stables and get up close with the horses.

Once you have been through the main courtyard, you will take the reins of a harnessed Percheron as you head down the tree-lined alleys in the stud farm grounds. You will then rehearse a liberty dressage act with Plume at the Aure arena where the equestrian artists perform their shows.

A special day in the heart of the equine equivalent of Versailles.



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www.normandie-tourisme.fr/immersion-au-haras-du-pin/

A ROMANTIC HORSE RIDE in Cabourg

A horse ride for two to admire the sun setting over the sea, this is what Ophélie from Cabourg – Le Home Pony Club will provide for you to enjoy. At the time of day when bathers leave the beach to the seagulls and horse riders, she will guide you in your exploration of the most romantic seaside resort with its villas in the Anglo-Norman style as you set off along the beach.

Having shared her passion for horses and her hometown with you, she will leave you to enjoy a glass of champagne while you look out over the sea and enjoy a special moment amid the dunes.

An unforgettable romantic evening.

www.normandie-tourisme.fr/balade-a-cheval-en-amoureux-a-cabourg/



POLO FOR BEGINNERS

in Deauville

A meeting with the founder of the Deauville Polo School, Evrard de Spa, and a chance to try your arm at one of the oldest sports in the world, which was played on the steppes of Central Asia over 2,500 years ago. It is in the centre of La Touques racecourse, on the fields that host the famous Deauville Polo Cup, that he will teach you to swing your mallet with gusto. You will begin with your feet on the ground and subsequently on horseback, trotting then galloping, with your attention focused on the ball. Precision of movement and timing are your greatest allies as you enjoy the thrill of your first experience as a polo player.

A unique equestrian experience.

www.normandie-tourisme.fr/debuter-le-polo-a-deauville/

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EXPÉRIENCES NORMANDES

DÉCOUVREZ TOUTES LES EXPÉRIENCES NORMANDES
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A WALK WITH DONKEYS

in the Marais Vernier

Enjoy a relaxing break in the heart of the Vernier Marshes, a haven of peace for nature lovers and bird spotters. You will enjoy meeting Céline and Antoine, but the real stars are their long-eared companions!

When the presentations and preparations are out of the way, all the family can head out on the pathways alongside Fripon, Félicie and Uguette, the donkeys who live here. They are attentive animals who are very friendly with children and people with disabilities - everyone will enjoy their company for this ride.

A memorable outing for all the family.

Explore all of the Normandy Experiences:

www.normandie-tourisme.fr/balade-nature-avec-mon-enfant-trisomique/

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ATHLETES

IN ACTION



Top-level sportspeople and the best horses in the world come to Normandy to compete in exceptional competitions. 12 Major Events provide you with an opportunity to admire their prowess across a wide range of disciplines. *With more than 9,000 competitions and more than 350 race meetings per year, Normandy has an abundance of sporting events catering for a wide range of ability levels.*



There is always something going on in the area. You can find all details by

downloading the Normandie Grands Evénements brochure here: www.chevaux-normandie.com/le-cheval-en-normandie/le-tourisme-autour-du-cheval/



Normandy Equestrian Week brings together the best of equestrian sports and horse racing through 6 flagship events throughout August.

INFOS PRATIQUES



Prix des Ducs de Normandie

19 May
Hippodrome de la Prairie - Caen
14 000 Caen
02 31 27 50 80
www.letrot.com

Race meetings

From 4 July to 22 October
Hippodrome de Clairefontaine
14 800 Tourgéville
02 31 14 69 00
www.quefaireadeauville.com

Les Estivales de Cabourg

From 6 July to 31 August
only on Tuesdays and Fridays
Hippodrome de Cabourg
14 390 Cabourg
02 31 28 28 80
www.hippodrome-cabourg.com

Normandie Horse Show ★

From 2 to 8 August
Pôle Hippique de Saint-Lô
50 009 Saint-Lô
02 33 06 09 72
www.normandiehorshow.com

Meeting Deauville Barrière ★

From 3 to 29 August
Hippodrome de Deauville-La Touques
14 800 Deauville
02 31 14 20 00
www.meetingdeauville.com

Barrière Deauville Polo Cup ★

From 7 to 29 August
Hippodrome de Deauville-La Touques
14 800 Deauville
www.deauvillepoloclub.com

Le Grand Complet ★

From 12 to 15 August 2021
Haras National du Pin
61 310 Le Pin au Haras
www.legrandcomplet.com

Longines Deauville Classic ★

From 12 to 15 August
Pôle International du Cheval
Longines Deauville
14 800 Deauville
www.deauvilleclassic.com

Happy Jump International

From 17 to 26 August
Pôle Équestre Rouen Normandie
76 380 Canteleu
06 59 38 58 40

Jumping International 4*

From 21 to 24 October
Pôle Hippique de Saint-Lô
50 009 Saint-Lô
02 33 06 09 72
www.csi-saintlo.com

Equidays

From 23 to 28 October
Des animations dans tout le
Département du Calvados
www.equidays.fr

Equi'Seine

From 25 to 28 November
Parc des expositions de Rouen
76 121 Le Grand-Quevilly
06 45 90 40 05
www.equiseine.com

Légende :

★ Events forming part of Normandy Equestrian Week



Prix des Ducs de Normandie



**Réunions de courses
de Clairefontaine**



Les Estivales de Cabourg



Meeting Deauville Barrière



Normandie Horse Show



Le Grand Complet



Barrière Deauville Polo Cup



Longines Deauville Classic



Happy Jump International



Jumping International 4*



Equidays



Equi'Seine

HORSES MAKE

Equine vaudeville in a delightful setting



Creation, expression, emotion, aesthetics and a dash of madness are the ingredients for these shows which showcase the performing arts and feature horses as performing artists. This company of enthusiasts, called *L'Art est Cabré*, draws us into their fascinating universe. A discovery which makes a trip to the Suisse Normande area or a stay at this poetical site well worthwhile.

Théâtre équestre de la Pommeraye

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Shows in July and August

The living heritage of Le Pin

The horses living at the stud farm are the lifeblood of this historical institution. With the poetry of paintings provided by the resident artists and the impressive expertise of the people who work here, everyone will find something to enjoy. Do not miss the tandem horse-riding displays and the parade of vintage horse-drawn carriages on Le Pin Thursdays. Visiting the backstage area with the artists is also an opportunity to experience something really special in the stables, meeting the horses and their riders.

Le Pin Stud Farm

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Draught horses take to the stage



Breaking down stereotypes and showcasing draught horses has been the aim of the Dinard family since 1989! Thirty horses take turns at putting on dressage, team and vaulting displays, demonstrating all of their power and elegance.

La Michaudière De la Terre à la Scène

Show in July and August

Destriers and chevaliers

With its wealth of historical heritage, Normandy plays host to a number of medieval festivals. Destriers and chevaliers are the heroes of these equestrian games of skill and fearsome jousts which will delight children and adults alike.



La chevalerie initiatique

02 32 36 34 59

www.association-chevalerie-initiatique.com

Normandie Médiévale

www.normandie-tourisme.fr/decouverte/histoire/normandie-medievale/

THE SHOW !

Le Calvados fête le cheval



The Equidays are back from Saturday 23 to Thursday 28 October 2021. For 6 days, Calvados will celebrate the horse in all its forms through a hundred events, for all audiences, throughout its territory.

Reflections of the entire industry that accompanies it, the Equidays will once again mobilize a large number of professionals from the equine world this year. Races, competitions, shows, trek, open doors of equestrian centers, visits to stud farms and racetracks, walks and baptisms, exhibitions ... the rich and varied program will highlight the horse in all its facets to allow everyone - uninitiated as horse riding enthusiasts, amateurs or professionals - to live a unique experience, as close as possible to the most beautiful conquest of Calvadosiens, in the four corners of Calvados.

From the first day of the school holidays, the itinerant village of Equidays will offer many free activities, equestrian shows as well as a large parade at the end of the afternoon in each of the host cities of the event.



Equidays Entertainment throughout Calvados An itinerant village in 6 host cities

Saturday 23 October Caen

Sunday October 24 Bayeux

Monday October 25 Vire

Tuesday October 26 Falaise

Wednesday October 27 Lisieux

Thursday 28 October Deauville

Find the full program this summer!

www.equidays.fr

100% HORSE :

24H À DEAUVILLE



DURATION

1 to 2 jours

DESTINATION

Deauville

Life in Deauville revolves around equestrian sports and racehorses. Enjoy a short but intense equine adventure, particularly around the peak period of the 15 August.

In the early morning, admire the



During the races

thoroughbreds training on the beach as the town wakes up. On race days, you will be able to see them again later at Clairefontaine or La Touques racecourses when they host prestigious meetings. You will have the chance to take time out and enjoy a guided visit of the racecourses, finding out what happens behind the scenes.



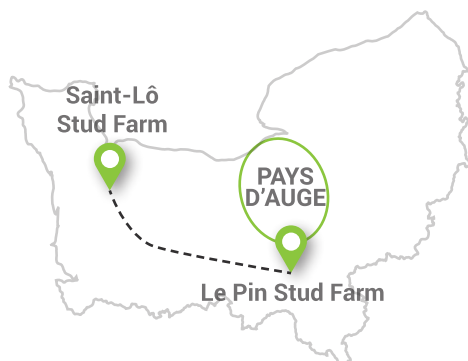
Around the boxes

A short distance away, take a look at the auctions, sales days when buyers from the world over battle to acquire the future stars of the racecourse. Then head to the polo fields to watch a game of this thousand-year-old sport in a remarkable setting. At the Longines Deauville International Horse Hub, riders go through their show-jumping and dressage training and many competitions are held there.

Head back to the beach at the end of the day to watch the horses relaxing in the waves as the sun sets. *Do you fancy joining them and saddling up?*

IDEAS FOR STAYS

AU CŒUR DES HARAS



DURATION

2 to 4 days

DESTINATIONS

Cabourg and Pays d'Auge
Le Pin Stud Farm
Saint-Lô and Cotentin

Normandy is the number-one region for horse breeding in France and its meadows abound with colts and foals. Rather than just getting some lovely photos, why not come and explore the life of a stud farm and the passionate men and women who work there.

In the Pays d'Auge area, admire the architecture of the historical stud farms as well as the foals gambolling in the meadows alongside the Route des Haras (Stud Farm Trail). A breeder will open the doors of their business and explain the job they do during an informative visit. There is nothing like spending the night in the guest rooms on a stud farm and waking up to the sound of whinnying horses to immerse yourself into the life of a stud farm. Make

absolutely sure that you do not miss the Legendary Stud Farms weekend: it is a unique opportunity to explore this exceptional heritage and get to know the great champions. Extend your stay at Le Pin Stud Farm where you can share the daily routine of the workers for a whole morning. After that you can have a go at working with a Percheron draught horse or a team of horses and watch the show put on by the resident equestrian artists. An exciting visit of the stud farm is a must, then you can set off to explore the domain where you will find a wide range of events and activities.



Le Pin Thursday

If you want to prolong your stay, continue on to Saint-Lô, particularly during the Normandy Horse Show or the Autumn Meeting to visit the National Stud Farm and attend some excellent sporting and breeder's events. An equestrian itinerary is also available if you want to ride there from Le Pin Stud Farm.

HOOVES AND MANES IN LE PERCHE



DURATION

2 to 4 days

DESTINATIONS

Le Pin Stud Farm

Le Perche

Terroir, horses and heritage are on the calendar for this authentic stay where you will find out all about the Percheron horse breed and the region they come from.



*Percheron horses
on a walk*

Start your visit in Le Perche and its Regional Nature Park. Let the Percheron horses guide you as you explore the activities that have shaped this breed. There are several events dedicated to these horses in August and in the autumn, a great opportunity to discover the heritage around this emblematic breed.



On farms of gentleness

Continue along your way to Le Pin Stud Farm where you can admire the Percheron horses on the performance trail as they take part in demonstrations of traditional equitation or in the courtyard of this historical stud farm where you will find them harnessed to some vintage carriages.

In September, the French Percheron Championships take place, during which a range of events are held to decide which are the best horses: breed characteristics and gaits, mounted and harnessed events. A Percheron race also ends the final meeting of the year at La Bergerie racecourse, in October.

SEASHELLS AND EQUINES



DURATION

4 to 8 days

DESTINATIONS

Côte d'Albâtre
Deauville
Cabourg and Pays d'Auge
The Normandy Landing Beaches
Saint-Lô and Cotentin
Mont Saint-Michel Bay

Beach or horses? No need to choose between them because so much of Normandy life is based centred on the coast. From Dieppe to Mont-Saint Michel, explore the coast to the rhythm of hoofbeats.

Morning and evening, at low tide, the long Normandy beaches become the horses' playground. Thoroughbreds and trotting horses, polo and sports horses all relax there, and riders of all ability levels ride there. A terrific occasion for you to saddle up.

A carriage ride also allows you to enjoy the coastline while being transported

by horses and exploring Normandy's maritime secrets: oyster farms, mussel farms and traditional fisheries. These outings will also be an opportunity for you to discover Normandy's emblematic draught horses: Norman Cobs and Percherons.

If you are in the area during the springtime, don't miss the beach race at Jullouville or the beach polo tournament in Barneville-Carteret. In Deauville, the time to be around is August to watch a match beside Les Planches.



Cotentin Donkeys

If you want to continue your exploration, set off on an equestrian hike from Mont-Saint-Michel Bay, go for a tour of Cotentin in a horse-drawn caravan or head along a breath-taking coastal path with a pack donkey.

EQUESTRIAN STAYS IN THE LAND OF HORSES

Specialist travel agencies have come up with some package stays that will perfectly chime with your equestrian tastes. **Here is a preview:**

Horse rides for all tastes

If you want to explore Normandy on horseback, follow the guide! Beaches or forests, for a weekend or a longer holiday, roaming and staying along the way with a packhorse or setting out for the day and returning to cosy accommodation, there is something to suit all tastes

HORSE RIDE AROUND MONT SAINT-MICHEL BAY



2, 3 or 4 days of horse riding

Featuring a wide range of itineraries, looking out over the Bay from the Champeaux cliffs, riding through the fields of salt-meadow sheep, galloping along the beaches with their fine sand or setting off on the amazing crossing towards Mont Saint-Michel itself to explore one of the world's unique sights.



Cross a river

EQUESTRIAN WEEKEND IN THE LYONS FOREST



2 days of horse riding

A stone's throw from Paris, enjoy a weekend surrounded by trees and horses. A convivial gourmet getaway to recharge your batteries.



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Meet your pony

The Bahernian Family

For some unforgettable family memories, choose a week in a horse drawn caravan. Your family, a mobile cocoon, a horse, beautiful scenery and plenty of time ahead of you: a break that you can really savour.

A TOUR OF THE COTENTIN AREA IN A HORSE DRAWN CARAVAN



7 days in a horse drawn caravan

Although most of the rides are accessible for younger riders accompanied by their parents, some stays are especially designed for children. Bivouacs, nature and companionship are all on the itinerary!

A nature holiday for children

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The legendary bay



SADDLE UP FOR MONT SAINT MICHEL

5 days of horse riding

Set off for the legendary bay and the sea. Saddle up for a memorable adventure with a packhorse for company, making bivouacs and campfires along the way.



THE EAWY FOREST ON HORSEBACK

6 days of horse riding

A ride through the forest and a bathe in the river. Nights camping out in tents on farmland, meeting the farmers as you go.

Feet in the stirrups

Some stays are specifically designed for novices who want to discover the pleasures of horse riding in a natural environment and learn the basic techniques needed to enjoy riding. Is this something you have always dreamt of? Saddle up!



BEGINNERS' STAY BETWEEN THE SEINE AND THE FOREST

5 days of horse riding

From preparing your mount to mastering your first gallops along the tracks and paths, a full schedule including learning to ride in indoor arenas and applying what you learnt on outdoor

rides will open the doors of horse-riding tours to you.



SPORTS TRAINING COURSES

From beginners' sessions to advanced training, one of the 900 equestrian centres in Normandy will be able to fulfil your desire for equestrian sports.



Jump !

Equestrian tourism and outdoor sports activities

Impossible to decide on the programme for your next nature getaway? Water sports, via ferrata, mountain biking or horse riding? Normandy is the ideal area for this, and you won't even have to choose between them!



Enjoy...

ON HOLIDAY WITH MY HORSE

À l'aventure sur des itinéraires de légende

Superb equestrian itineraries can be found right across Normandy. You can also ride stage by stage throughout these remarkable breeding grounds from Le Pin Stud Farm to Saint-Lô, between land and sea in Mont Saint-Michel Bay or even between woodland and marshes around the Boucles de la Seine.

A RIDE THROUGH THE SEINE VALLEY

FOLLOWING THE WINDING SEINE ALONG A 76KM ITINERARY TO EXPLORE THE UNIQUE CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE OF THIS AREA WITH ITS THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD FORESTS AND ITS FAMOUS ABBEYS.



HERITAGE RIDE AROUND MONT SAINT-MICHEL BAY

This 148km itinerary will guide riders and equipages through the discovery of an exceptional natural heritage which has received UNESCO classification, and a variety of landscapes including coastline, polder, marshes, bocage and woodland.

THE NATIONAL STUD FARMS RIDE

Ride the 190km route between two emblematic equestrian sites: Le Pin Stud Farm and Saint-Lô Stud Farm crossing forests and valleys and exploring some essential sites along the way: the Souleuvre viaduct, Pontécoulant castle or the Roche d'Oètré.





WILLIAM

THE CONQUEROR'S RIDE

From the bay of Les Veys to Falaise castle, via the Bessin region and Suisse Normande, follow in the footsteps of William the Conqueror along a 210km ride, the route he covered in less than a day in 1046, with the Normandy barons hot on his heels.

THE ABBEY TRAIL

Explore the treasures of Normandy religious art: Roman, Cistercian and Benedictine abbeys are on the itinerary for this 155km trail through the Vire valley all the way to the sublime Mont Saint-Michel.



RELAXATION AND RIDES/CARRIAGE RIDES

There are also many circuits you can follow for some simple rides with facilities along the way where your horse can get the care and attention he or she deserves. Some areas in particular have a wealth of itineraries accessible to riders and equipages, why not explore them!

From Suisse Normande to Falaise on horseback. 15 equestrian circuits of 23 to 38km (n°4)

On horseback in the Argentan area, Pays d'Auge : 15 circuits of 7 to 38km, including 3 which can be used by equipages (n°5)

Horse rides in the Pays de Caux Seine Valley: 6 circuits of 21 to 38km (n°15)

Equestrian circuits in the Pays Terroir de Caux: 7 circuits of 11 to 24km, including 2 circuits which can be used by equipages (n°16)

ACCOMMODATION FOR YOUR HORSE



The "Cheval Etape" label from the FFE (French Equestrianism Federation) indicates stables that provide temporary accommodation for horses along with onsite or nearby accommodation for riders.



"Accueil Cheval" accommodation is located close to major regional itineraries and it is carefully selected for your comfort and security to help you enjoy your ride.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Normandy Tourism

www.normandie-tourisme.fr/actif/cheval-equitation

Normandy Regional Equestrian Tourism Committee

www.chevalnormandie.com/fr/tourisme

La Normandie, destination cheval

www.normandie-tourisme.fr/cheval

Normandy, passionate about horses

www.normandy-tourism.org/horse



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Channel



Hauts de France

LES GRANDS ITINÉRAIRES À CHEVAL

NORMANDY'S MAJOR RIDING ROUTES

La Chevauchée de Guillaume

William the Conqueror's route

Patrimoine à cheval en baie du Mont Saint-Michel

Heritage on horseback in Mont-Saint-Michel Bay

La Route des Abbayes

The Abbey route

La Chevauchée en Vallée de Seine

The Seine Valley route

La Rando des Haras nationaux

The national stud route

Itinéraire équestre

Riding routes

Itinéraire en projet

Futur equestrian route

Les boucles équestres

Circular routes for equestrians

Référencement "Accueil cheval"

"Accueil Cheval" logo

Label Cheval Étape

"Cheval Étape" logo

Haras national du Pin

The Pin National Stud

Pôle Hippique - Haras national de Saint-Lô

Equestrian Centre - National Stud of Saint-Lô

Bureau d'Information Touristique

Tourist Office

Patrimoine Mondial de l'Unesco

Unesco listed World heritage site

Parc naturel régional

Regional Nature Park

Centre
Val de Loire



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NORMANDIE

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. In'Deauville organises guided visits to competitions so you can see what goes on behind the scenes there. 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.



USEFUL INFORMATION

Le Haras du Manoir
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Club Hippique de la Mangeoire
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Les écuries de la Villedieu
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+33 (0)6 80 11 00 05
www.ecuriesdelavilledieu.com

Les Ecuries de Bellifontaines
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www.ecuriesbellifontaines.com

Centre Equestre de Blonville-sur-Mer

1 rue des Tennis
14910 Blonville-sur-Mer
+33 (0)2 31 88 89 60
www.blonvilleequitation.fr

European Sulky Academy

Route de la Fresnaye
14600 Pennedepie
+33 (0)6 08 71 00 49



Pôle International du Cheval Longines Deauville

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14800 Saint-Arnoult
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www.pole-international-cheval.com

Catering services on site
Restaurant le Grand Manège
Information and booking
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In'Deauville

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CALENDAR

Longines International Equestrian Hub Deauville :

Jump'in Deauville
from 10 to 13 June

Dress'in Deauville
from 15 to 18 July

Longines Deauville Classic
from 12 to 15 August





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 and you can also go and admire the horses on sales days or take a guided visit organised by In'Deauville to help you understand what goes on at the event.*

LA TOUQUES: GALLOPING THROUGH THE YEAR

Inaugurated in 1863 as an initiative led by the Duke of Morny, founder of the seaside resort of Deauville, 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 Mauger.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Salle Elie de Brignac
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14800 Deauville
+33 (0)2 31 81 81 00
www.arqana.com



**Hippodrome de
Deauville – La
Touques**

45 avenue Hocquart de Turtot
14800 Deauville
+33 (0)2 31 14 20 00
www.france-galop.com

CALENDAR

Salle Elie de Brignac

Arqana Sales

Several dates throughout the year

Arqana Trot Sales

Several dates throughout the year

*Deauville - La Touques
racecourse*

Deauville Barrière Meeting
From 3 to 29 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 available for families on race days. Do not miss the guided visit which will take you from the weighing scales to the stables.

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 provides 100% polo initiations and immersion days!*

INDEAUVILLE EQUESTRIAN 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 InDeauville calendar so you don't miss a thing!

USEFUL INFORMATION



**Hippodrome de
Clairefontaine**
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l'hippodrome

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hippodrome-deauville-clairefontaine.com

Deauville International Polo Club

Hippodrome de Deauville – La
Touques

Entrée Boulevard Mauger
14800 Deauville

+33 (0)6 46 55 58 18

www.deauvillepoloclub.com

In'Deauville

www.indeauville.fr/cheval

CALENDAR



Clairefontaine
racecourse

Racing season

From 4 July to 22 October



Deauville International
Polo Club

Deauville Polo Cup

From 7 to 29 August

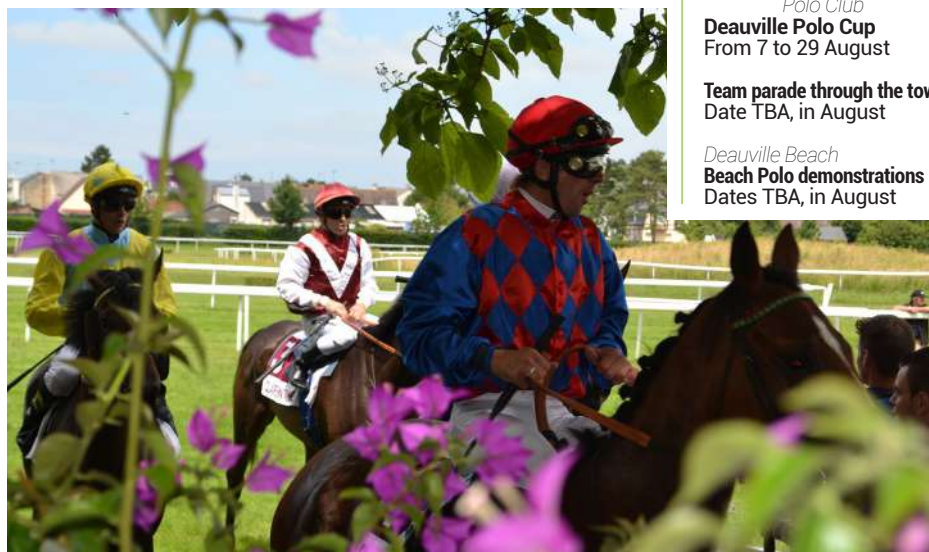
Team parade through the town

Date TBA, in August

Deauville Beach

Beach Polo demonstrations

Dates TBA, in August





Cabourg

PAYS
D'AUGE

CABOURG AND 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.

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.

ROMANTIC HORSEBACK GETAWAY IN CABOURG

For a memorable evening in the saddle on the beach as the sun sets, enjoy a unique Normandy Experience page 18.

USEFUL INFORMATION

**Lisieux Tourist Office –
Authentic Normandy**
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14100 Lisieux
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The Legendary Stud Farm
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www.lesharasdelegende.fr

Haras d'Ecajeul
14270 Le Mesnil Mauger
+33 (0)2 31 63 47 34
www.harasdecajeul.wordpress.com

CALENDAR

The Legendary Stud Farm
16 and 17 May
Reservation 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

Haras de la Cour Fleury
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Manoir et Haras de Sens
Route des Forges de Clermont
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+33 (0)2 31 79 23 05
www.manoirdesens.com

Haras des Leudets
Sente des Traversins
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+33 (0)6 07 46 50 76
www.harasdesleudets.com

Haras des Étincelles
La Chaule
14140 Le Mesnil-Simon
+33 (0)6 32 18 22 63
www.harasdesetincelles.fr

La croix aux Liards
14340 Notre Dame d'Estrées
+33 (0)6 23 85 09 13
www.la-croix-aux-liards.com

Haras d'Ecajeul
14270 Le Mesnil Mauger
+33 (0)2 31 63 47 34
www.harasdecajeul.wordpress.com

Haras de Saint Jean
Route de la Roque-Baignard
14340 Cambremer
+33 (0)6 16 27 11 30
www.chambres-cambremer-harasdesaintjean.fr

Haras de la Rousserie
516, route départementale 103
14140 Lessard-et-le-Chêne
+33 (0)2 31 31 19 85
www.haras-de-la-rousserie.com

CIRALE
La Fromagerie
14430 Goustranville
www.vet-alfort.fr/cirale



Les Chevaux de Marolles
44 le Lieu du Bois
14100 Marolles
+33 (0)6 49 83 20 21
www.leschevauxdemarolles.fr

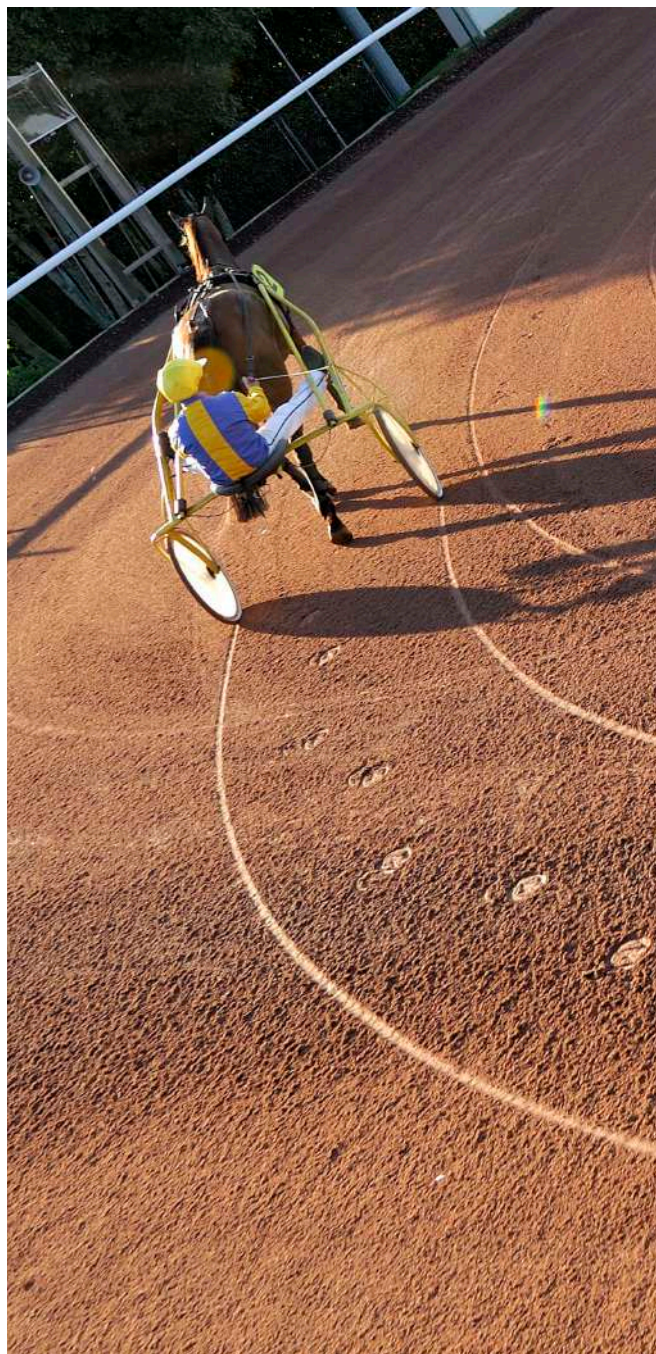


La Chevauchée
Chemin de la Boutonnerie
14100 Rocques
+33 (0)2 31 32 29 92
www.chevauchee-cheval-normandie.fr

CALENDAR

CIRALE
Guided visit
During Equidays, in October





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



Cabourg racecourse
Avenue Michel
d'Orano
14390 Cabourg

+33 (0)2 31 28 28 80
www.hippodrome-cabourg.com

CALENDAR



Cabourg racecourse

Evening Races

Tuesday and Friday evenings
from the start of July to the
end of August



**LES PLAGES
DU DÉBARQUEMENT**

NORMANDY

LANDING BEACHES

Key remembrance sites located in the departments of Manche and Calvados, there are several Landing Beaches located in Normandy. From unspoilt sites to the seaside resorts close to Caen, there is something to suit everyone's tastes here and they all have one thing in common: vast stretches of sand that are great for equestrian activities.

SADDLE UP ON THE BEACH

When the tide is out, step out onto these huge beaches on horseback, for a walk, a trot or a gallop, depending on your experience level. Some equestrian centres even provide placid ponies so that young children can accompany you as you head along the shore. They will be delighted to ride on the backs of these adorable companions and hear the seashells cracking beneath their hooves.

SWIMMING WITH HORSES

At Courseulles, enjoy a unique experience. No saddle required, the direct contact you have with your mount means that you can feel every movement and allow yourself to set off into the water. Hold on to the mane and enjoy the thrill of swimming with horses.

INFOS PRATIQUES



Les écuries de la Gare

La Chapelle
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02 33 41 11 21
www.equitation-normandie.fr

Les écuries du littoral

Route de Tailleville
14750 St Aubin sur Mer
02 31 96 22 88

Ferme équestre de la Noë

Rue de Cabourg
14710 Colleville-sur-Mer
02 31 21 12 73



Courseulles Equitation

Avenue de la Libération
14470 Courseulles sur Mer
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www.courseulles-equitation.fr





COTENTIN

Saint-Lô
Stud Farm

SAINT-LÔ AND COTENTIN

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 ac-

tivities for people of all ages. The major sports meeting of 2020, the World Horseball Championship, will take place in August.

USEFUL INFORMATION



Saint-Lô Equine Hub
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+33 (0)2 33 57 27 06
www.polehippiquestlo.fr

Tourist Information Office
Stable n°5
+33 (0)2 14 29 00 17
www.ot-saintloagгло.fr

CALENDAR

Saint-Lô Stud Farm

Self-guided visits

From 10am to 5pm

All year round

Reception and activities

Open for activities from 2pm to 6pm, everyday

From 10 July to 29 August

Poneys sous les pommiers

From 30 april to 2 May

Normandie Horse Show

From 2 to 8 August

Norman Cob National

From 2 to 8 August

Meeting d'automne

From 21 to 24 October



COTENTIN, HOME OF THE NORMAN COB

A versatile horse, capable of working in the fields as well as light driving work or as a mount, the Norman Cob was nicknamed the "Normandy coachman" and the breed originated in the Cotentin area. Two lighter breeds came into existence following cross-breeding: the Anglo-Norman horse which became the French Trotter and the Selle Français, selected for its ability to jump over obstacles.

The Norman Cob is the lightest of the draught horses that can be found today, excelling in driving work and also delighting leisure riders.

In August, you can come and admire them at Saint-Lô Stud Farm during the breed's National event.

A CARRIAGE RIDE THROUGH SCENERY AND HERITAGE

The Norman Cob and the Percheron are the companions of drivers in the Cotentin area, who are often also breeders. Up and down the coast, carriage rides are not only a great opportunity to discover sublime scenery but also to explore traditional seafood production at oyster and mussel farms.

If you want to continue your wanderings to the rhythm of horses' hooves, you can even take a trip in a horse-drawn caravan around the peninsula.

A THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD HORSE FAIR

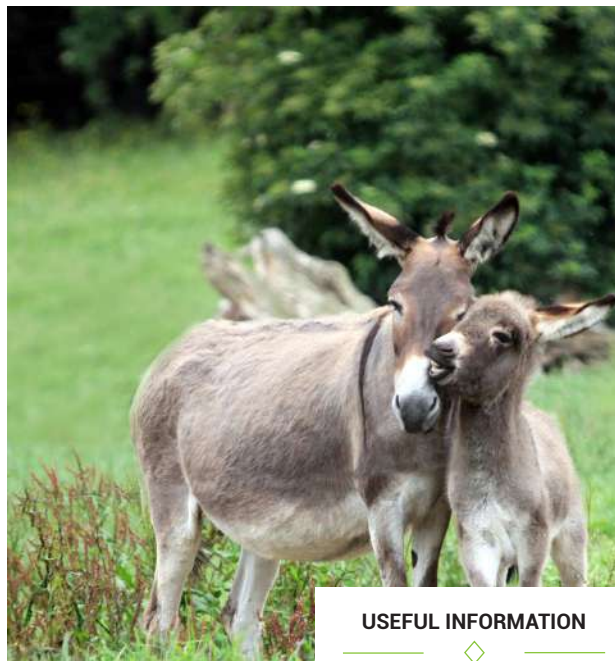
Every year at Lessay, the Sainte-Croix Fair brings together horses, cows, sheep and goats, as it has since the 11th century.

The fair was started by the Benedictine monks to help develop commerce in the area, becoming an event where the army would procure many of its horses, and it remains one of the biggest animal fairs in Normandy today. Horses are particularly prominent on the Friday. A timeless event which is well worth exploring.

BEACH POLO

In May, the thundering of hooves can be heard on the beach at Barneville-Carteret when the unmissable Beach Polo Cup comes to town. The players battle for possession of the ball using their mallets during this enjoyable tournament which also features a range of other activities and events, including a show jumping competition and an equestrian show.





USEFUL INFORMATION

Marais du Cotentin et du Bessin Regional Nature Park

Maison du Parc
3 village Ponts d'Ouve
Saint-Côme-du-Mont
50500 Carentan-les-Marais
+33 (0)2 33 71 65 30
www.parc-cotentin-bessin.fr

Carriage ride around Baie des Veys

Attelages de la Nicollerie

13 rue d'Auville
50500 Carentan-les-marais
+33 (0)6 03 21 49 93
www.clublanicollerie.fr/

Discovery of traditional fisheries

Ferme Équestre Binet Esnol

Rue de la Bredaine
50590 Montmartin-sur-Mer
+33 (0)6 62 45 83 94
www.ferme-equestre-esnol.fr

Carriage ride at Saint Vaast La Hougue

Attelage et Patrimoine en Cotentin

26 bis rue Alexis de Tocqueville
50700 Valognes
+33 (0)6 18 43 74 76
www.attelagcotentin.com

Discovery of mussel farms

Attelages des grandes marées

50560 Gouville-sur-mer
www.agmg.jimdofree.com/
Reservations to be made with
Coutances Tourisme
+33 (0)2 33 19 08 10

Tour of Cotentin in a horse-drawn caravan

La ferme de Caroline

La Huberderie
50260 Négreville
+33 (0)2 33 04 29 80
www.lafermedecaroline.com

Sainte-Croix Lessay Fair

Route de Coutances
50430 Lessay
www.lessay.fr

Polo de la Côte des Isles

38 Route de la Corniche
50270 Barneville-Carteret
07 86 48 62 78
www.polodelacotedesisles.fr

CALENDAR

Sainte-Croix Lessay Fair

Lessay
From 10 to 12 September

Beach Polo Cup

Barneville-Carteret
12 and 13 June



MONT-SAINT-MICHEL'S BAY

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? While crossing the bay on horseback or heading out for a trek of several days are both activities reserved for experienced riders, there are a number of rides on horseback or carriage rides around the bay which are a delight for all. If you prefer to walk, take a Cotentin Donkey with you as you head along a spectacular trail overlooking 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. You can also continue exploring the area with your guide, who will provide both daytime and evening

carriage rides. You can stop off to enjoy the restaurant located at the complex, which is particularly lively on concert evenings; a great opportunity to discover and enjoy the ambiance here.

CALENDAR

Guided visits of the equine complex

Every Tuesday morning from 1 July to 26 August

Make a booking with Mont-Saint-Michel Normandie Tourist Office



EQUESTRIAN EVENTS PAST AND PRESENT IN THE AREA

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!*

USEFUL INFORMATION

Maringote departures to Mont-Saint-Michel

La Caserne Ardevon,
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www.accueilmontsaintmichel.fr

La Tanière

25 Route de la Grève Moidrey
50170 Pontorson
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www.club-taniere.fr



L'Ecurie du Bec

Route du Bec d'Andaine 50530
Genêts
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www.ecuriedubec.fr

Attelages des Courlis

2 route de la Parisière
50530 Champeaux
+33 (0)6 43 86 96 24

www.attelagedescourlis.fr
Au Domaine d'Esthine
Longrais
50740 Carolles
+33 (0)6 81 33 25 40
www.audomainedesthine.fr



Dragey-Ronthon equine complex

51 route de la Croix aux Blins
50530 Dragey-Ronthon
+33 (0)2 33 90 69 68
www.galopbaie.fr

Mont-Saint-Michel-Normandie Tourist Office

2 rue du Général de Gaulle
50300 Avranches
+33 (0)2 33 58 00 22
www.ot-montsaintmichel.com

Les attelages de Dragey

58 route de la Gare
50530 Dragey-Ronthon
+33 (0)6 24 98 05 34

Restaurant l'Effet Pai

51, rue de la croix aux blins
50530 Dragey-Ronthon
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CALENDAR

Guided visits of the equine complex

Every Tuesday morning from 1
July to 26 August

Make a booking with Mont-Saint-Michel Normandie Tourist Office

Trotting races on the beach

29 May
The beach
50610 Jullouville les Pins







SUISSE
NORMANDE

SUISSE NORMANDE

A hilly haven of greenery, Suisse Normande is an absolute delight for nature lovers who are looking for a relaxing break or the ideal area for outdoor activities. The wide choice of hiking trails and wonderful scenery make this an ideal destination for enjoying some exceptional rides.

AN ESSENTIAL ARTISTIC DESTINATION

Don't forget to stop off or organise an enchanted trip to an atypical and charming site that can be found nestling between two hills: La Pommeraye equestrian theatre.

In the evening, immerse yourself in a fascinating universe that mixes performing arts with horses by watching a performance of one of their creations.

The vibrant and passionate artists from the Compagnie l'Art est Cabré can also take you for a backstage tour during the open afternoons: behind the scenes. The opportunity for a very colourful experience.

ALONG THE TRAILS OF SUISSE NORMANDE

From one hour to several days, explore the pathways as you discover the wonderful scenery

of Suisse Normande and make the most of a real horseback excursion into nature. The wide range of marked equestrian circuits is also great for horse owners organising a stay with their horses.

Stays for horse riding beginners are also available; they are specifically designed to give you confidence and to ensure that you learn the essentials so that you can fully enjoy the wonders of horse riding in a natural setting.

Finally, if you would prefer a carriage ride, you can join an expert driver and their Norman Cobs.



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MEETING DONKEYS IS FUN FOR EVERYONE

Children can ride them, adults can drive them, and they can also carry your bags and picnics: donkeys are ideal companions for everyone, helping you enjoy some time out in the open air. Head off with your donkey for an unforgettable family adventure.

From the age of 15 months, young children can also enjoy the benefits of meeting these very placid animals during the introductory sessions that are organised. These encounters are also open to people with disabilities thanks to adapted physical activity sessions.





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USEFUL INFORMATION

La Pommeraye Equestrian Theatre

14690 La Pommeraye
06 21 87 21 22
www.theatreequestre.com



Centre équestre de la Lys

Le Long Champ
Notre-Dame-du-Rocher
61100 Athis-Val-de-Rouvre
06 60 12 02 76
www.cedelalys.fr



La Cour Anteol

La Quartree
14770 Condé-en-Normandie
02 49 88 35 90
www.cour-anteol.com



Centre équestre de la Baronnerie

14690 Pont D'ouilly
02 31 69 71 70
www.ce-la-baronnerie.simdif.com



Ecurie des Crêtes

48 route de la Gennière
14570 Saint Remy-sur-Orne
06 80 27 81 68

Equid'ext

Le bourg
14220 Culey le Patry
06 19 17 74 55
www.equidext.com

Centre équestre L'étape

4 chemin de la Grande Bruyère
14190 St Germain-le-Vasson
02 31 90 52 01
www.equi-letape.fr

Les écuries de la Suisse Normande

Le Bosq Brunet
14770 Saint-Pierre-la-Vieille
06 24 96 43 63
www.lesecuriesdelasuisseenormande.fr

Espace Nature La Boderie

La Boderie
61430 Sainte-Honorine-la-Chardonne
06 13 82 37 21
www.espacenature.laboderie.fr

Chez Seraphin

Le Mainboeuf
14690 Le Bô
06 81 84 93 06
www.chez-seraphin.fr

CALENDAR

La Pommeraye Equestrian Theatre
Shows
July-August 2021



Le Pin Stud
Farm

STUD FARM

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

If you had to choose just one site to visit in order to understand the close connection that exists between Normandy and its horses, it would have to be Le Pin National Stud Farm. Built between 1715 and 1730 under orders from Louis XIV, this institution, nicknamed "the Versailles of the equine world", is a wonderful place for visitors to gain an understanding of the exceptional equine, historical and cultural heritage in the heart of a busy domain.

You can take a guided tour of the Stud Farm and explore a discovery

trail which will provide answers to any questions you might have. Art exhibitions and film projections, odes to a passion for horses, are also organised here.

Why not take a ride on an electric bicycle to explore the domain or let the horses lead you on 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 hosts resident artists who, alongside the workers at Le Pin, present riding displays as well as freestyle shows. On Le Pin Thursdays, you will be able to watch a wide range of displays across a number of disciplines. Freestyle displays, dressage, acrobatics and show jumping make this show a nicely rounded presentation of the equestrian arts. A presentation of driving teams in the courtyard concludes the dis-





plays in elegant fashion. *Saddling up in such an exceptional setting is an unforgettable experience for children, who are sure to find a mount to suit their size.*

IN THE SHOES OF A STUD FARM AGENT

Saddling up in such an exceptional setting is pleasure for children, who will benefit from mounts to match their size and adapted activities. But the stud farm's employees also give you the opportunity to go further and experience their day-to-day lives: a Normandy Experience you can discover on page 18.

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



Le Pin National Stud Farm
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www.haras-national-du-pin.com

*Information available online
and over the telephone..*



La Bergerie
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www.coursesdupin.com

CALENDAR

Haras du Pin
**International horse driving
competition**
From 21 to 25 July

Le grand complet 
From 12 to 15 August

**Three-day event Grand
National**
From 2 to 5 September

**Pony driving world
championship**
From 15 to 19 September

**French Percheron Horse
Championships**
From 1 to 3 October

Norman donkey national
3 October

La Bergerie Racecourse
Races
2 and 16 May, 10 and 24 Oct.

Argentan Racecourse
**International endurance
competition**
10 July 2021





PERCHE

LE PERCHE

TERROIR AND TRADITION

Closely connected to their homeland and its agricultural activities, Percherons are the best-known draught horses in the world. Discover the traditional practices of today and of yesteryear which perfectly chime with the current quest for sustainable development. *Do not miss the Percheron Festival in August and the Très Trait Percheron Festival in autumn.*

A PARK, HORSES AND PEOPLE

Who better than expert breeders to tell you about these horses, who weigh in at one tonne of gentleness? They will open their doors to you and some even offer the opportunity for a carriage or horseback ride around the Nature Park. *What could be more natural than riding around Le Perche guided by Percheron horses?*

USEFUL INFORMATION

Le Perche Eco museum

Prieuré de Sainte-Gauburge
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www.ecomuseeduperche.fr

Le Perche Nature Park

Maison du Parc
61340 Courboyer
+33 (0)2 33 25 70 10
www.parc-naturel-perche.fr

Visits to breeding farms and carriage rides (reservation required)

Ferme de l'Absoudière

L'Absoudière
61400 Corbon
+33 (0)6 27 02 35 26
www.attelagenaturedansleperche.blogspot.com

Egée Breeding Farm

La Petite Croix
61130 St-Fulgent-des-Ormes
+33 (0)6 84 48 08 41
www.elevage-gesbert-percherons.e-monsite.com

Visits to breeding farms (reservation required)

Le Verger breeding farm

Le Verger
Origny le Butin
61130 Belforêt-en-Perche
+33 (0)2 33 73 04 56

Le Moulin du Buat breeding farm

Le Moulin du Buat
61130 St-Germain-de-la-Coudre
+33 (0)2 33 83 21 34

Carriage rides (reservation required)

Les Epasses

Moulicent
61290 Longny-les-Villages
+33 (0)2 33 25 68 52
www.fermedesepasses.jimdo.free.com

Bellême Attelages

+33 (0)2 33 83 23 17
La Maladrerie
61130 St Martin du Vieux
Bellême
www.gerardbeaute.wixsite.com/attelagebellême

Perch'Orizon

Lieu dit L'Aunay
61110 Moutiers-au-Perche
+33 (0)6 82 41 42 88
www.perchorizon.fr

CALENDAR

Le Perche Eco museum
Percheron Horse Festival

15 August

Très Trait Percheron Festival
from 16 October to 1
November





Rouen



ROUEN AND

BOUCLES DE LA SEINE

EQUESTRIAN SPORTEVENTS

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

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 riding. An itinerary also winds through the Seine Valley, from Jumièges Abbey to Gruchet du Valasse Abbey: the Ride through the Seine Valley. *Saddle up!*



USEFUL INFORMATION



Mauquenchy racecourse

D919
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www.hippodrome-mauquenchy.fr



Pole Equi-Normandie

40 Route de Sahurs
76380 Canteleu
+33 (0)6 59 38 58 40
www.harasduloup.fr



Centre Equestre des Droops

Rue du Peromare
76170 Touffreville la Cable
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www.cedroops.ffe.com



Ecuries du Bois d'Harcourt

Hameau les Fosses
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www.ecurie-harcourt76-ferme-du-tipi.ffe.com



Les Ecuries de Brotonne

1486 Côte De Caveaumont
76940 La Meilleraye sur Seine
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CALENDAR

Pole Equi-Normandie

Championnat des As

From 29 July to 1 August

Happy Jump

From 17 to 26 September



Parc des Expositions de Rouen EquiSeine

From 25 to 28 November



Mauquenchy racecourse
Races All year round

FREEDOM AGAIN FOR THE PONIES

Having spent their winter in the cosy, dry stables, the equestrian farm's ponies head back to the open spaces where they will spend the summer during an unmissable springtime event. Nearly 200 ponies are released into the valley and express their delight by galloping and bucking as a delighted audience looks on. Once they have calmed down, you can set out to meet them and walk through the herd of ponies.

THE EQUINES OF THE VERNIER MARSHES

In the heart of the Boucles de la Seine Regional Nature Park, the Vernier Marshes constitute a huge wetland area of 4,500 hectares with a wealth of flora and fauna, also forming an important migration corridor for birds.

La Roulotte en Seine Normande allows you to explore not only the natural heritage of the marshes via carriage rides with one of the Park's nature guides to accompany you if you want, but also the area's cultural heritage thanks to an eco-museum which notably features a range of tools used in animal traction.

In order to make your family stay even better, why not head to the Gîte de l'Anerie for a memorable Normandy Experience, more information on page 19.



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Gravenchon
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Les Écuries de Brotonne

1486 Côte De Caveaumont
76940 La Meilleraye sur
Seine
06 18 49 91 23
www.ecuries-de-brotonne.com



Ferme équestre de Bois Guilbert

1001 route d'Héronchelle
76750 Bois Guilbert
02 35 34 42 51
www.poney-boisguilbert.com

La Roulotte En Seine Normande

960 Rue les Meheu
27680 Saint-Aubin-sur-
Quillebeuf
06 20 20 57 10

Gîte de l'Anerie

54 Le Clairval
27680 Marais-Vernier
06 73 30 50 39
www.gitedelanerie.fr

AGENDA

Bois Guilbert equestrian farm
Pony release
April, date TBA



CÔTE D'ALBÂTRE



CÔTE D'ALBÂTRE

Over 130 kilometre stretch of coastline, from Le Havre to Tréport via the iconic town of Etretat, the pebble beaches and the chalk cliffs are some of the most emblematic landscape features in Normandy, and you can explore them in the company of horses.

CARRIAGE RIDES WITH THE COASTLINE GUARDIANS

With a pair of Norman Cobs pulling you along, come and share the passion of the guardians of the Valleuse d'Antifer coastline. Explore this protected nature site and its flora and fauna with the expertise of these specialists to guide you. Don't miss this opportunity to meet members of the Défi-Caux association who use draught horses to maintain and look after the coastline.

SADDLE UP AT THE CÔTE D'ALBÂTRE

Whether you are a novice rider or an experienced rider, don't miss this wonderful ride along the clifftops with the sea forming your horizon. When the sun is setting, this is an unforgettable experience, when your senses are heightened by nightfall.

Experienced riders can join up for a made-to-measure group ride for a day or several days along the Côte d'Albâtre.

Children will not miss out as they can take their first pony ride along a marked circuit with sea views. A

wonderful time for all the family to enjoy.

THE TRACKS OF DIEPPE

On the outskirts of Dieppe, come and discover a bower of greenery that extends over 70 hectares. From May to September, the famous grass track plays host to major meetings across three horseracing disciplines: flat racing, jump racing and trotting races.

A brasserie and a panoramic restaurant allow you to enjoy every moment of the spectacle on a race day.



USEFUL INFORMATION



Association Défi-Caux
28 route de Vergetot Maison
du Canton
76280 Criquetot-l'Esneval
06 85 94 40 58



Domaine Equestre Étretat
250 Rue de la Sauvagère
76790 Le Tilleul
06 60 67 86 11
www.domaine-equestre-etretat.fr

Centre Equestre Les Centaures
58 Route d'Yport
76111 Vattetot-sur-Mer
06 60 57 74 88
www.lescentaures76.ffe.com



Dieppe Racecourse
Avenue de Bréauté
76370 Rouxmesnil-Bouteille
02 35 84 11 49
www.hippodrome-dieppe.com

CALENDAR

Dieppe Racecourse
Races
May to September

MORE INFOS

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.



NORMANDIE
TOURISME

Organise your stay in Normandy with or without your horse.
www.normandie-tourisme/cheval
www.normandie-tourisme.fr/actif/cheval-equitation



Explore the equine sector in Normandy and the major equestrian events.
www.chevalnormandie.com/fr/tourisme



Look through the list of equestrian centres and get your foot into the stirrups!
Comité Régional d'Equitation de Normandie
02 31 84 61 87
www.chevalnormandie.com



Explore the riding trails as well as accommodation which caters for horses
Conseil des Chevaux de Normandie
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