

Normandy Chateau Week

August 7th - 14th 2021



Following a tried and trusted format, this tour is a fixed centre week based at a château in Normandy. Each day will be spent exploring the local area of beaches, green rolling hills and neighbouring villages. This tour is for families, couples or individuals wishing to cycle and sightsee at a very relaxed pace.

Itinerary

Sat 7 Aug - Arrive at chateau

Arrive at the chateau, settle in

- No cycling
- Accommodation: Chateau

Sun 8 Aug - Nez de Jobourg

Circular led rides to the impressive cliffs at Nez de Jobourg

- Route distance: 73 km
- Route altitude gain: 1037 m
- Accommodation: Chateau

Mon 9 Aug - Bricquebec and Valognes

Circular led rides visiting the pretty towns of Bricquebec and Valognes

- Route distance: 52 km
- Route altitude gain: 466 m
- Accommodation: Chateau

Tue 10 Aug - Utah Beach

Circular led rides visiting various World War 2 attractions including Utah Beach where the Americans landed.

- Route distance: 93 km
- Route altitude gain: 734 m
- Accommodation: Chateau

Wed 11 Aug - Rest Day

Rest day to explore areas further afield, maybe Bayeaux Tapestry?

- No cycling
- Accommodation: Chateau

Thur 12 Aug - Cherbourg

Circular led rides visiting Cherbourg with many attractions including the fascinating Cite de Mer

- Route distance: 37 km
- Route altitude gain: 335 m
- Accommodation: Chateau

Fri 13 Aug - Barfleur

Circular led rides visiting Barfleur and the North Eastern ports

- Route distance: 74 km
- Route altitude gain: 551 m
- Accommodation: Chateau



Dates and Prices

Cost

- Land only price: £230.0

Payment Schedule

A deposit of £80, with a final payment of £150 per person 10 weeks before the start of the holiday

Price includes:

- 7 nights room only in the chateau
- Cleaning charge and fuel costs

Price does not include:

- Travel to and from the chateau
- Any meals or refreshments
- Entry fees at any attractions
- Any other personal expenses
- Travel Insurance

Cancellations

Written Notice Received: Cancellation Charge:

- 1st May 2021: 80 (deposit)



Holiday Information

Accommodation

- This well-appointed and recently renovated château, together with its associated buildings, has 19 rooms with three acres of private grounds. There is a BBQ area, garden furniture and a playing field. Internally there are plenty of facilities: four sitting rooms, three dining rooms and a very large double hall suitable for banquets. The kitchens are well equipped with dishwashers and washing machines. There are no group meals supplied, however there are three well equipped kitchens for self catering, and there will be the usual croissant/pain chocolate run in the morning. A cook is available is required.

Rooms

- There are rooms for 2, 3 or 4 people.

The nature of the holiday

- During the week we will explore the northern areas of Normandy.

Rest Day

- Five days of cycling will be offered with a rest day on Tuesday for which I can recommend a day trip to Mont-St-Michel or a visit to the Normandy landing beaches.

Roads used

- The area we will be cycling in is undulating, with some climbing; however the French roads are quieter than English lanes, and I shall be concentrating on the more tranquil routes. The roads are mostly tarmac, though on occasion we may use paths that will be suitable for most types of bike.

Route Sheets

- For each ride I will provide a very detailed route sheet as well as GPX files. These will be based on the previous weeks Semaine Federale event

Group information

- The maximum group size will be approximately 12 families, including my own, though the exact number will depend on the number of people in the families.

Weather and Clothing

- At this time of year it should be warm and dry, but rain is always a possibility, and you should carry clothing to ensure that you and your children can remain warm and (reasonably) dry. Suncream is strongly recommended.

Cycles / Equipement

- Any combination of tandem, cycle, hybrid or lightweight ATB is suitable, but this must be in good working order, especially the brakes. Everyone in your family should have ridden their cycle before the tour to ensure you are happy with its handling. Lights will not be necessary. Please ensure that you have suitable panniers for carrying rainwear, spare clothing, picnic food, suncream etc. Each family will also be expected to bring/carry sufficient spares and tools to deal with punctures and minor repairs.

Maps

- You should carry a map in case you become separated from the group or wish to spend some time cycling apart from the group. The route has been planned using IGN map 6, but Michelin Local map 303 should also be quite useful.