



TOUR ITINERARY

Europe / France / Normandy

RIDING
LEVEL

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Normandy Bike Tour

The Beaches that History Built, Mont Saint-Michel, and More

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Mont Saint-Michel, an iconic French landmark and magical island monastery
- Pedal the Route du Cidre, stopping for tastings of cider and brandy paired with local Pont-l'Evêque cheese
- Contemplate the WWII memorial sites at Omaha Beach and La Pointe du Hoc with a local historian
- Explore the artists' port of Honfleur and the town Bayeux, known for its stunning cathedral



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ➔ **Airport City:** Paris, France
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:** Rennes Train Station
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:** 9:00 am

Departure Details

- ➔ **Airport City:** Paris, France
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:** Trouville-Deauville Train Station
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:** 11:30 am

NOTE: DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

Emergency Assistance

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@dutive.com.

Travelers Take Note

To show you all our favorite parts of Normandy, this tour includes hour-long transfers on Days 1, 2, and 4.

Note that the Bayeaux Tapestry Museum will be closed for renovations until October 2027.



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Tour By Day

DAY
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Welcome to Normandy

Bienvenue! Meet your guides at the Rennes train station in the morning to transfer to our first boutique hotel. Facing one of France's most iconic landmarks, the UNESCO-classified Mont Saint-Michel sits pretty atop a rocky islet just a stone's throw away from the property. After getting fitted for your bike, set out on a brief ride to the Gothic-style Mont Saint-Michel abbey and explore the petite village that surrounds it. Following our visit and our first lunch together, we hop back on our bikes to traverse the bay and its picturesque countryside, with highlights including a visit to the only German military cemetery on French soil. Our first dinner together is a celebration of our unique position between Brittany and Normandy—a Breton seafood feast.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Mont Saint Michel, Montitier, Tanis, Moidrey, Bouvoir

Accomplished: 18 miles / 29 km, elevation gain: 567 feet / 173 meters

Accommodations: [Hotel Ermitage](#)

DAY
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From the Bay to Bayeux

Framed by a striking view of Mont Saint Michel, enjoy a relaxing breakfast at our hotel before we head toward Bayeux. We take our time riding along coastal roads, stopping along the way at the quaint market town of Avranches. Continue riding along flat country roads through quintessential French villages before climbing a few small but mighty hills. A special lunch awaits at Manoir de la Beslière—a country house run by a local DuVine guide and his wife. Enjoy lunch and homemade cider before transferring to our next hotel—a lovely 18th-century château—where we'll spend the next two nights. Settle in, relax by the pool, get a massage, or take a short shuttle to the nearby town of Bayeux. While in town, don't miss the impressive cathedral—a gem of a Norman architecture. At dinner tonight, we'll savor succulent crêpes and join the age-old debate between Normandy and Brittany over which region truly lays claim France's classic dish.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Avranches, La Haye-Pesnel, Folligny, Port-en-Bessin-Huppain, Bayeux

Accomplished: 32 miles / 51 km, elevation gain: 1,371 feet / 418 meters

Accommodations: [Château Saint Gilles](#)

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D-Day Beaches

We'll start the day with a spin alongside old watermills on our way back to the coast. A gentle ride mixed with plains and forest landscapes brings us to our next destinations. A local historian will join us on a crucial cliff: La Pointe du Hoc, where American soldiers persevered in a brutal defense against German counterattacks. We then continue on our bikes to Omaha beach where our historian will point out the dramatic history of this place that's present everywhere. After lunch, take your time at the American Cemetery where words cannot describe what you will see or feel—you can only understand the intensity of this setting by experiencing it yourself. From here we cycle back to our château to relax and refresh. Tonight we'll spend at the evening at the château, dining on seasonal produce harvested right from the garden.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: La Pointe du Hoc, Omaha Beach, Port-en-Bessin-Huppain

Accomplished: 30 miles / 49 km, elevation gain: 636 feet / 194 meters

Accommodations: [Château Saint Gilles](#)

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La Côte Normande: Mulberry Harbor, Juno Beach + Honfleur

Today we will continue cycling along the coast, delving deeper into the sacrifices made by soldiers worldwide to liberate Europe. Our first stop is the Longues-sur-Mer Battery, a well-preserved German coastal fortification with several intact bunkers and artillery guns. Continue cycling to the seaside town of Arromanches-les-Bains—an artificial port commissioned as a vital landing site during WWII. The remnants stand as a powerful testament to the town's significant role in supporting Allied troops. From here we ride to Juno Beach, an eight-kilometer expanse dedicated to the Canadian Infantry Division. Take your time paying homage to the fallen soldiers at the Juno Beach Centre before we regroup for a refreshing lunch on the water. After lunch, your guides will shuttle you to Honfleur and our final hotel, a magnificent 17th-century inn. Tonight, explore the charming port of Honfleur at your own pace and dine on your own—your guides are happy to offer recommendations.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Longues-sur-Mer, Arromanches-les-Bains, Courseulles-sur-Mer, Honfleur

Accomplished: 23 miles / 37 km, elevation gain: 777 feet / 237 meters

Accommodations: [La Ferme Saint-Siméon](#)

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Cider Loop

Our ride begins in Honfleur, “a ravishing port full of masts and sails, crowned with green hills and surrounded by narrow houses,” as Victor Hugo aptly put it. Pedal through small, quiet villages and endless apple orchards on the Route du Cidre, named for the cider and Calvados produced here. As we ride through the Pays d’Auge region, we’ll stop at a family-run distillery for a Calvados tasting paired with local cheeses named after the nearby town of origin: Pont L’Évêque. Spend the afternoon at the hotel spa or explore Honfleur’s charming shops and churches. We’ll regroup this evening for dinner at our hotel’s Michelin-reviewed restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Honfleur, Coudray-Rabut, Pont-l’Évêque

Accomplished: 31 miles / 51 km, elevation gain: 1,160 feet / 506 meters

Accommodations: [La Ferme Saint-Siméon](#)

DAY
6

Au Revoir!

Wake to one last French breakfast at the hotel, followed by a morning stroll in the harbor, before your guides accompany you to the Trouville-Deauville Train Station for your farewell to Normandy.

Meals: Breakfast