

## Through the variety of the Normandy by bike

The Normandy is known for gastronomical highlights such as Cider, Calvados and Camembert, for fabulous cities and monuments, as also for its breathtaking and scenic variety. We catch them and present them to you on our cycling trip. It leads us gregariously from east to west and back again. From the festinating world metropole Paris, the Seine is flowing across the Normandy, through mighty valley cuts and wide loops to the English Channel. Already impressionist artists were fascinated by the capital of Normandy, Rouen, with its half-timbered houses, the ruins of the Jumièges, the Alabaster coast and the beaches of Deauville. Historically still very present: the landing beaches and the D-day.

### Day 1

Arrival in Honfleur.

### Day 2. Honfleur 58 km

Today's cycling day starts with the adventurous crossing over the hanging bridge „Pont de Brotonne“, 50m high and 1280m long. Immediately you are diving into the forest of Bretton. Cycling along the „Route des Chaumières“. Thatched half-timbered houses and farms with apple plantations line the route. It is time for a Cider tasting!

### Day 3 Honfleur – Etretat – Honfleur 56 km

Ride to the Fécamp and sightseeing of the famous Trinity abbey, la Abbatale de la Trinité, which was built by duke Richard I. With 127m height, it is just 3m shorter than Notre Dame de Paris. It is one of the largest churches in France. Besides that, the harbor of Fécamp plays an important role. The awesome landscape with its chalk cliffs, with the famous Falaise d'Aval, are a special experience by bike. Maupassant compared this miracle of nature with an elephant that is diving its trunk into the sea.

### Day 4 Rouen – Jumièges 41 km

The city of saint Audoin is waiting for you in Rouen. The picturesque half-timbered houses, the impressive cathedral, which inspired Monet and the square du Vieux Marché where Jeanne D'Arc was burned are stages of the guided city tour. Along the Seine, our tour leads us through the various and gorgeous „Route des Abbays“, besides numerous monasteries. The ruins of the ancient Benedictine monastery Jumièges are very impressive. The visit is a wonderful experience.

### Day 5 Honfleur – Port en Bessin 36 km

Honfleur. The picture-perfect harbor city, was ever since the home of many artists and is called the city of museums. We will discover the city; many motifs are waiting to be photographed. During the 100-year war, Honfleur was mainly destroyed. But still one can admire the beautiful half-timbered houses. Champlain started his mission here to occupy Canada and to found Quebec. Afterwards you leave Honfleur and cycle through the upstate to the Côte de Grâce and via Criqueboeuf alongside the sea. The «coast of flowers» is known for the pleasant climate. During the tide the sea retreats up to 1000 m.

### Day 6 Port en Bessin – Landing Beaches 44 km

Today we will see the beaches of landing. A wonderful coastal landscape builds the background for this historic area of the Normandy. Here the battle of Normandy. At nighttime of 5th to the 6th of June 1944 3 Divisions of paratroopers were landing at the beaches. Later they brought 135.000 soldiers and 20.000 vehicles at 5 of the beaches. Extensive visit and explanation during your cycling alongside this history-charged area. We will stop at a soldier cemetery. You will leave Normandy with many impressions that will accompany you for some time.

### Day 7 Departure

### Guided cycling trip 7 Days / 6 Nights

#### Route Characteristics: ●●

Side routes, agricultural road, partly cycling paths, no long hilly parts but from time to time.

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25.08. – 31.08.2019

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Double room full-board	1.289,00
Single room full-board	1.545,00
<b>Bike rental</b>	
21-Gear Bike	80,00
E-bike	160,00

#### Following services are included:

- ✓ 6 accommodation in 4\* Charme Hotel In room with bath/shower/WC
- ✓ Daily breakfast
- ✓ 4-Cours-Dinner
- ✓ 5 Lunches with local specialties, drinks included.
- ✓ Graduated guide during the whole trip
- ✓ Guidance according to program
- ✓ All mentioned transfers
- ✓ All entrance prices
- ✓ 1 Calvados Tasting

