

La Marine

Region: Normandy Sleeps: 8

Overview

Part of an impressive *domaine* on the Cotentin peninsula, this elegant holiday home is perfectly located for experiencing the vast beaches, authentic gastronomy and important WWII history of this part of Normandy, around a 40-minute drive from Cherbourg's ferry port.

The story behind La Marine is fascinating. The historic estate, only a short distance from the sea, dates back to the 17th century and was abandoned for many years. When it came to restoring the estate's buildings back to their former glory, only the façade of La Marine remained and despite researching the archives, no information could be found about the role of this once-beautiful abode. By chance, a postcard was later found which showed a little more detail about how La Marine once looked, so specialist architects were able to reconstitute and sensitively redesign this stunning home.

La Marine now welcomes up to 8 guests across two self-contained apartments, each one with two double bedrooms with en suite bathrooms. The first apartment is on the ground floor and is traditional in style with a cosy lounge, wood-beamed ceilings and an intricate fireplace alongside gorgeous bedrooms and a well-equipped kitchen. By contrast, the second apartment, on the first floor, enjoys more of a contemporary maritime theme with lofty ceilings, many shades of blue and open-plan living.

Each apartment comfortably sleeps up to 4 guests – this set-up could suit two families wishing to holiday together with a little independence or perhaps a multi-generational stay. The back of the house overlooks the architectural brilliance of Manoir Cotentin (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/manoir-cotentin/>) and the old *pigeonnier*, Le Cormoran (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/le-cormoran/>). The old stables connected the *manoir*, neighbouring Hippocampe (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/hippocampe/>), have also been restored – all four dwellings share access to the wonderful grounds.

Sit back and relax in the gardens, admire the summer roses, lavender and ruins of the old château and you may even spot the occasional otter playing in the pond. Enjoy al-fresco meals on your terrace area in front of the house, accompanied by the traditional sound of the church bells next door. This really is a very special place for your holiday in Normandy.

Make the most of the estate's bikes and cycle to the beach, only 3.5km away with its vast sandy shores and colourful beach houses facing the sea. Heading south, the famous D-Day Landing beach, Utah Beach, and its museum are only 10km away. Also within a short drive, play golf in stunning surroundings, partake in sand-yachting and ride horses along the beach in the height of the summer.

Dine out in one of the lovely restaurants specialising in seafood in Saint-



Vaast-la-Hougue, take the amphibious boat across to Tatihou Island, try seasonal *moules-frites* in the charming town of Barfleur and spend the day in the maritime city of Cherbourg. Not to mention a wealth of WWII memorials, bunkers and other important historic sites waiting to be explored across this area.

Further afield, visit Bayeux and other iconic D-Day Landing beaches, soak up the summer ambience of Blainville-sur-Mer or Granville and venture as far as Mont Saint-Michel, one of France's most popular tourist destinations only a 90-minute drive from your beautiful home.

Facilities

Cots (Cribs) • Bicycles Provided • Villa • Tennis Nearby • Maid Service Available • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Golf Nearby • Watersports • Instagrammable • Heritage Collection • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Forest park/High-rope course • Breakfast Available • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Pets on Request • Walk to Village • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

La Marine Interiors

Ground Floor Apartment (100m2)

- Living room and fireplace
- Dining area
- Kitchen, well-equipped
- WC
- 2 x bedrooms with queen-size double bed (160x200cm) and en suite bathroom

First Floor Apartment (100m2, some sloping ceilings)

- Open-plan lounge
- Open-plan kitchen and high table with seats
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160x200cm) and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x200cm) and en suite bathroom

Outside Grounds

- Terrace area in front of house
- Barbecue
- Bikes
- Shared access to parkland/estate with stone ruins, gardens, pond/canal with rowing boat
- Parking (near entrance of estate, a short walk)



Location & Local Information

La Marine is part of a beautiful *domaine* on the Cotentin peninsula, around 48km from Cherbourg's ferry terminal. The estate is also home to Manoir Cotentin (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/manoir-cotentin/>), Le Cormoran (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/le-cormoran/>) and Hippocampe (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/hippocampe/>). Bikes are available and you can reach the coast in only 3.5km.

Right next to the estate is a traditional church with bells ringing from 7.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. (and every half hour in between for a shorter time). Just five minutes on foot is a small village with a restaurant and shop whilst there is another restaurant on the other side of the village (as always, seasonal opening dates can vary). The village also has a tennis court, mini-golf and a small playground.

Pass farmland, marshes and waterways as you cycle or drive along the country road to the sea, around 3.5km away. There's another French restaurant here and you may be lucky enough to see a kiosk selling fresh oysters overlooking the English channel. Take long walks along the sandy beach, paddle or swim in the waves at high tide and breathe in the fresh sea air as kids let off steam at the little playground. The colourful beach houses facing the sea are especially charming.

This region played a very important role in WWII and there are several war memorials and sites scattered across the neighbourhood, coastline and beyond. Plage de Quinéville (9km) is home to the World War II Museum whilst Utah Beach Landing Museum (10km) is also a short drive away. Slightly inland, Sainte-Mère-Église (6.5km) was one of the first villages to be liberated by Allied forces. There's a lovely market in the village on a Thursday morning (and in Valognes, 18km away, on a Friday) and you can pick up sweet treats at the charming Biscuiterie de Sainte-Mère-Église.

Heading north along the coast, Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue (20km) is a picturesque spot for lunch with its attractive marina and seafood restaurants lining the port. Walk off your meal by wandering to the Vauban Tower (a UNESCO World Heritage site) around 2km south of the village or hop on the amphibious boat at low tide that takes you across to another Vauban Tower on Tatiou Island. Barfleur (27km) is also a lovely place for lunch – when in season, try *moules-frites* with freshly harvested mussels from the English channels.

Other great days out include the maritime city of Cherbourg (48km), the seaside town of Granville (85km), historic Bayeux (62km) and other famous D-Day Landing beaches including Omaha (52km) and Arromanches-les-Bains (71km).

Further afield, La Côte Fleurie awaits with Belle Époque seaside resorts such as Cabourg (124km) and Deauville (124km), or venture south-west towards Mont Saint-Michel (141km), one of France's most visited tourist destinations.

Local Amenities



Nearest Ferry Port	Cherbourg (48km)
Nearest Train Station	Carentant (20km)
Nearest Airport	Rennes Bretagne Airport/Paris CDG Airport (210km/344km)
Nearest Village	Very small village (Short walk)
Nearest Restaurant	In village - seasonal opening (Within 1km)
Nearest Beach	(3.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Just outside Sainte-Mère-Église (7.5km)
Nearest Town	Valognes (18km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Utah Beach (7km)

What we love

- An architecturally beautiful abode with origins dating back to the 17th century
- Admire summer roses, lavender and old château ruins across the historic estate
- Make the most of the bikes and cycle to the vast sandy beach only 3.5km away
- This region played such an important role in WWII – Utah Beach and Sainte-Mère-Église are just a short drive away
- Enjoy oysters by the port in Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue and seasonally harvested moules in Barfleur
- Other fantastic days out include further D-Day Landing beaches, Bayeux, Granville and Mont Saint-Michel

What you should know...

- La Marine is split into two self-contained apartments – each one for four guests with two en suite bedrooms, a lounge area and kitchen. Please see the 'Layout' tab for details.
- When staying at La Marine, you share the beautiful gardens/grounds with guests from the three neighbouring rentals, Manoir Cotentin (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/manoir-cotentin/>) (8 guests), Le Cormoran (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/le-cormoran/>) (2 guests) and Hippocampe (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/hippocampe/>) (6 guests).
- The full estate can also be rented exclusively - please see Domaine de l'Église (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/domaine-de-leglise/>).
- As is often traditional in France, the village church bells next to the estate ring at 7.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. (and every half hour in between for a shorter period).
- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 11.00 a.m. Later check-out may be possible on a Sunday - please enquire.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Dogs welcome on request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €20 per pet per stay will apply (payable locally).
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking. Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager. A cot and highchair are available on request. Weddings are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges - the estate would usually have to be rented exclusively (see Domaine de l'Eglise). Stag/hen parties are not allowed. When staying at La Marine you share the beautiful grounds with guests from the three neighbouring rentals, Manoir Cotentin (8 guests), Le Cormoran (2 guests) and Hippocampe (6 guests). Please see 'What You Should Know' for links to each property. La Marine sleeps 8 guests across two self-contained 2-bedroom apartments, one on the ground floor and one on the first floor.
- **Changeover day:** Any day except Sunday.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes, standard changeover clean included. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Not allowed.
- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- **Minimum stay:** 2 nights.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.
- **Beach towels included?:** No, please bring your own.