

Manoir Cotentin

Region: Normandy **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Manoir Cotentin allows you the opportunity to stay in a prestigious 17th century home in the Normandy countryside near the sea, close to wonderful beaches, World War II memorial sites and authentic restaurants serving *moules* straight from the English channel.

This 4-bedroom historic residence sleeps up to 8 guests in picturesque surroundings. Dating back to the time of Louis XIII, appreciate the manoir's exquisite architecture and refined furnishings across its graceful rooms. Wood-beamed ceilings, luxurious curtains and an abundance of natural light add to the historic elegance of the living room, the kitchen is simply gorgeous (you can even catch a glimpse of the sea from the window) whilst the formal dining room is stunning with its classic décor and artwork. Each of the four pretty bedrooms has its own bathroom – the roll top bath in one of the doubles is especially romantic.

Imagine enjoying breakfast outside on summer mornings as the birds sing. The beautiful garden and grounds are shared with three other historic residences, a unique *pigeonnier*, Le Cormoran (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/le-cormoran/>), the elegant La Marine (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/la-marine/>) and the former stables, Hippocampe (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/hippocampe/>), in the south-wing of the *manoir*. Alongside your neighbours, the estate is just perfect for an evening stroll or moments of quiet reflection by the lawns, summer roses and stone walls.

Grab a bike and cycle to the sea, only 3.5km away, dine out in a traditional Normandy restaurant or head straight to the sandy shore. Admire the colourful beach houses facing the sea and enjoy long walks by the coast, perhaps paddling in the waves at high tide. Drive 10km south to Utah Beach for sand-yachting and visit the fascinating WWII Utah Beach Landing Museum. Discover summer horse-riding along the beach, also within a short drive.

Further north, admire the granite houses of Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue, walk along the peninsula to the Vauban Tower (a UNESCO World Heritage site) and catch the boat with wheels across to Tatihou Island with its museum, beaches and botanical gardens (you could even walk there at low tide). Barfleur also awaits for *moules-frites* in one of its inviting harbourside restaurants.

Closer to home, the village of Sainte-Mère-Église, one of the first to be liberated by the Allied forces, awaits with its delicious biscuit shop and weekly market showcasing the best regional specialities, not only oysters and other sea-food but also calvados, cider, Isigny butter, cream and delicious cheeses – this part of Normandy is gastronomes' paradise!



Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Weddings • Tennis Nearby • Watersports • Walk to Village
• Cots (Cribs) • Chapel on Site • Maid Service Available • Beach Nearby •
Golf Nearby • Bicycles Provided • Manor • Outdoor Ceremony •
Instagrammable • Flexible Catering Options • Heritage Collection • Allow
External Caterers • No Corkage • No Curfew • Indoor Reception Available
• Nearby Church/Chapel • Pets on Request • All Bedrooms En-Suite •
Working Fireplace/Woodburner • High Chair(s) • Walking/Hiking Paths •
Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor
Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Manoir Interiors (220m2)

- Living room with fireplace and French windows leading to park
- Dining room
- Kitchen

Upstairs (low wood beams in some rooms)

- Bedroom with double bed (180x200cm) and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with twin beds (90x200cm, can be joined as a double) and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed (160x200cm) and en suite bathroom (behind the curtain)

Outside Grounds

- Garden/lawn area only for *manoir* guests
- Shared access to parkland/estate with stone ruins, gardens, pond/canal
- Access to rowing boat on the pond
- Bikes
- Barbecue
- Parking (near entrance of estate, a short walk)



Location & Local Information

On Normandy's Cotentin peninsula, 48km from Cherbourg ferry terminal, Manoir Cotentin is set within a beautiful estate only 3.5km from the coast. The estate is also home to Le Cormoran, La Marine and Hippocampe which are rented out separately (please enquire for pricing and availability).

The tiny nearby village has a small shop and French restaurant whilst there is another restaurant on the edge of the village and by the sea (as always, seasonal opening dates can vary). Listen out as the pretty church, next to the estate, rings its bells at 7.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. (and every half hour inbetween for a shorter period).

Make the most of the bikes provided and cycle down the country lanes to the coast, passing farmland, waterways and marshes until you reach long stretches of sandy shore, backed by the coastal road that connects Utah Beach to Quinéville and its World War Two museum. There are several memorials and WWII sites scattered close by whilst the fascinating Utah Beach Landing Museum is only 10km by car.

Only 3.5km away, the nearby beach is wonderful for long walks, admiring the coloured houses lining the beach and a fort that played an important role in WWII. There is sand yachting further south whilst to the north, within a 10-minute drive, an 18-hole golf course is a beautiful place to tee off.

Drive north to Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue (20km) with its picturesque marina, old houses and excellent fish restaurants by the port. Keen walkers can head towards the Vauban Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage site, for incredible views or venture towards Tatihou Island with its maritime museum and botanical gardens, reached via a boat with wheels or on foot across the oyster beds in low tide.

Barfleur (27km) is also full of charm with its granite houses and delicious mussels harvested from the English channel – when in season, a lunch of moules-frites is a must!

Heading inland, the local village of Sainte-Mère-Église (6.5km), one of the first villages to be liberated by the Allied forces in WWII, hosts a Thursday morning market and don't miss a trip to Biscuiterie de Sainte-Mère-Église for its delicious Normandy biscuits and sweet treats. The town of Valognes (18km) is home to several 17th and 18th century mansions and has a bustling market on a Friday morning.

Of course, Le Parc des Marais and its coastline offers a wealth of opportunities for walking, cycling, fishing and even river boat trips from the port in Les Ponts d'Ouve.

Further afield, spend the day admiring the maritime city of Cherbourg (48km), soaking up the charm of Barneville-Carteret (44km), visiting the historic town and tapestry of Bayeux (62km), spending time by other D-Day landing beaches around Arromanches-les-Bains (71km) or experiencing the Belle Époque ambience of Deauville (136km), reached in under two hours by car.

Local Amenities



Nearest Ferry Port	Cherbourg (48km)
Nearest Train Station	Carentant (20km)
Nearest Airport	Rennes Bretagne Airport/Paris CDG Airport (210km/344km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local Normandy restaurant (Within 1km)
Nearest Village	Very small village (Within 500m)
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

- A prestigious 17th century residence with exquisite architecture and beautiful décor
- Cycle to the beautiful Normandy beach only 3.5km away for paddling and swimming as well as oyster fishing at low tide
- A food-lover's paradise with wonderful weekly markets, farms and traditional restaurants serving local delicacies such as wild mussels straight from the English channel
- You are perfectly located for visiting the two gorgeous towns of Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue and Barfleur
- There are many WWII memorials, sites and museums in the area - the Utah Beach Landing Museum is 10km away
- Catch the ferry to Cherbourg - the *manoir* is only 48km by car from the port

What you should know...

- When staying at Manoir Cotentin, you share the beautiful gardens/grounds with guests from the three neighbouring rentals, Le Cormoran (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/le-cormoran/>) (2 guests), La Marine (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/la-marine/>) (8 guests) and Hippocampe (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/hippocampe/>) (in the south-wing of the *manoir* building, 6 guests).
- The full estate can also be rented exclusively - 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 Manoir ring at 7.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. (and every half hour inbetween 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:** 10.00 a.m. Later check-out may be possible on a Sunday - please enquire.
- **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'Église). Stag/hen parties are not allowed. When staying at Manoir Cotentin, you share the beautiful gardens/grounds with guests from the three neighbouring rentals, Le Cormoran (2 guests), La Marine (8 guests) and Hippocampe (6 guests). Please see 'What You Should Know' for links to each property.
- **Changeover day:** Any day except Sunday.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. However, 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?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 2 nights.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs approximately between €2-10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).