

Maison Saint Nicolas

Region: Normandy **Sleeps:** 7

Overview

Follow the footsteps of Victor Hugo and Paul Signac as you stay on the quayside in the heart of Barfleur, one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*', located on La Manche's Cotentin peninsula.

Sleeping up to 7 guests, this authentic 4-bedroom townhouse has remained in the same family for generations since the 18th century – it used to be the owner's childhood holiday home. Completely renovated yet retaining historic charm, it was originally a fisherman's house – just the harbourfront road separates you and the waterfront. Barfleur's beach is less than 100m away – reap the many health benefits of the salty sea air.

Listen to the church bells chime as you enjoy your morning coffee overlooking the harbour and gather for delicious evening meals using produce picked up from the twice-weekly market only 200m away. This area is loved for its seasonal mussels, crab, lobster, cheese, butter, cream and cider of course.

Admire Barfleur's beautiful light that has inspired artists over the years as you stroll along the quayside in this traditional Normandy fishing port, soaking up the bustling yet authentic ambience with narrow lanes, granite houses and glorious views. Stop off at Café de la France for a typical French lunch of *moules-frites* and a glass of wine, before wandering to the rocky beach where you can catch a glimpse of France's second highest lighthouse in the distance (a coastal walking trail will lead you there).

Elsewhere, experience the Cotentin peninsula's wild beaches with sailing, sand-yachting and coastal walks. Try oysters in the pretty fishing village of Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue, just 15 minutes away by car, and take the amphibious boat across to Tatihou Island during low tide.

Appreciate the wild beauty of the coastline around La Hague, embrace the charm of Barneville-Carteret and visit Cherbourg, home to La Cité de la Mer with its fascinating exhibitions, submarine and aquarium. Furthermore, the D-Day landing beaches of Utah and Omaha are easily reached whilst the famous Bayeux tapestry is just a 90-minute drive away in this captivating part of Normandy.

Facilities

Boat Trips • Sailing • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Walk to Beach • Walking/Hiking Paths • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Cots (Cribs) • Walk to Village • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Seafront • Beach Nearby



• Townhouse/Apartment • Animal farm • Aquarium • Forest park/High-rope course • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Dishwasher • Microwave • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Heating • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Townhouse Interiors (with steep stairs)

First Floor

- Lounge and dining area
- Kitchen, well-equipped
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm) and en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm) and en-suite bathroom with bath and shower

Second Floor

- Bedroom with double bed (160cm) and en-suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with single bed (90cm) and en-suite bathroom with shower



Location & Local Information

On the Cotentin peninsula, half an hour from Cherbourg's ferry port, Maison Saint Nicolas is located in the authentic fishing port of Barfleur, officially classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'.

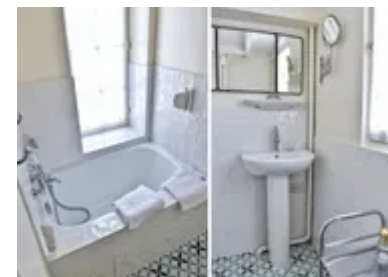
Once a fisherman's house, this 4-bedroom townhouse is located next to a 17th century church with regular chiming bells. You are right on the quayside here – only the road in front of the house separates you from the harbourfront. It's wonderful to be able to step out of the front door and stroll by the water with such glorious scenery. Just 100m away is the beach where you can breathe in the highly iodised sea air, reaping its many health benefits.

Wander to cafes and restaurants along the quayside including the atmospheric Café de la France which serves wild harvested moules de Barfleur when in season. The twice-weekly market takes place 200m away showcasing delicious regional produce such as crab, lobsters, cream, butter, cheese, vegetables, fruit, cider and so much more. The village is home to shops, restaurants, a small supermarket and everything you should need.

Bike hire can be arranged in the village and keen walkers note there are some fantastic routes from the village including a beautiful path to Le Phare de Gatteville, France's second tallest lighthouse, part of Le Manche's GR223 coastal hiking trail.

To the south, Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue (11km) is another picturesque town with old houses, an attractive marina and excellent restaurants by the port serving oysters when in season. It is also home to the Vauban Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage site reached on foot. An amphibious boat drives past the oyster beds towards Tatihou Island in low tide.

The maritime town of Cherbourg (28km) is a fantastic day out – don't miss La Cité de la Mer museum and aquarium. Meanwhile, a wealth of historic sites connected to WWII await across the area as well as Quinéville's World War II



Museum (20km) and the Utah Beach Landing Museum (35km). A little further afield, the famous D-Day Landing Beaches of Arromanches-les-Bains (100km) and Omaha (80km) can be reached within a 90-minute drive.

Local Amenities

Nearest Ferry Port	Cherbourg (29km)
Nearest Airport	Cherbourg-Maupertus Airport (18km)
Nearest Airport 2	Caen-Carpiquet Airport (116km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Valognes (26km)
Nearest Village	Barfleur (0km)
Nearest Restaurant	French restaurant with terrace (Within 100m)
Nearest Supermarket	(1.1km)
Nearest Beach	Barfleur (Within 100m)
Nearest Tennis	On edge of Barfleur (1km)
Nearest Golf	Golf De Cherbourg-En-Cotentin (28km)

What we love

- Overlooking the sea, stay in the very heart of Barfleur, officially classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*'
- Right by the quayside, this charming townhouse has been in the family for generations – it was once the owner's childhood holiday home
- Stroll to nearby Café de la France for seasonal *moules de Barfleur* and a glass of wine on its atmospheric terrace
- The beach is less than 100m away – reap the health benefits of the highly iodised sea air
- Fantastic days out include Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue, Cherbourg and the D-Day Landing beaches

What you should know...

- Guests need to be able to manage fairly steep stairs inside Maison Saint Nicolas.
- In the heart of one of France's most loved villages, just the road in front of the house separates Maison Saint Nicolas to the harbourfront.
- In an atmospheric setting, the bells of the church next door ring every quarter of an hour.
- Do note that events and festivities sometimes take place on the quayside including a funfair in August and a music festival in late August/early September.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £500 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 11.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed once for stays over 14 nights.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** A cot and highchair can be requested. Weddings and stag/hen parties are not allowed. Other special events/celebrations are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Please note that church bells next door ring every quarter and half hour. Various other events and festivities take place on the quayside including a funfair in August and a large music festival at end-August/early September.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes and mid-stay cleaning for stays of more than 14 nights also included. 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?:** No.
- **Minimum stay:** 5 nights.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax is included.
- **Beach towels included?:** No.