

# Hippocampe

**Region:** Normandy **Sleeps:** 6

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## Overview

Once the stables of a 17th century *manoir*, Hippocampe is a wonderful holiday home on the Cotentin peninsula just a short cycle ride from the beach and close to several important WWII sites in Normandy.

Step into the warm and cosy living space with traditionally tiled flooring, comfortable seating, a rustic dining table and an open-plan modern kitchen. There is an authentically charming ambience throughout with many nods to the past with its horse themed décor. French windows open out to a pretty terrace area for al-fresco meals accompanied by the sounds of church bells and bleating sheep.

Follow the sensitively designed staircase to the upper floor for three lovely bedrooms including an especially romantic double with a canopied bed, lofty ceilings and a bath tub alongside two further en suite bedrooms (one double, one double or twin). With elegant interiors, Hippocampe comfortably sleeps up to 6 guests.

This inviting home is located in the south-wing of Manoir Cotentin (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/manoir-cotentin/>) and also part of the same beautiful estate as neighbouring La Marine (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/la-marine/>) and the old *pigeonnier*, Le Cormoran (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/le-cormoran/>). Whilst the former stables has its own terrace area, the vast grounds are otherwise shared between all four dwellings – stroll around the old château ruins, admire summer lavender and roses, seek solitude by the pond and relax across the English and French-style gardens.

The old church regularly chimes its bells next door and just a little further there is a small village. Make the most of the estate's bikes and cycle to the beach, just 3.5km away, to paddle or swim in the waves of the English channel at high tide. It's a lovely spot with colourful beach houses facing the sea.

Across this stretch of coastline, discover summer horse-riding on the beach, sand-yachting in Utah, golf with a sea view and a wealth of WWII memorials and sites. Utah Beach and its Landing Museum is only 10km by car whilst Plage de Quinéville's World War II Museum is also within a short drive. Slightly inland, Sainte-Mère-Église, the first village to be liberated by Allied forces, is just over 7km away.

Enjoy a wealth of Normandy experiences. Try local oysters overlooking the marina in Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue or freshly harvested mussels in Barfleur, both picturesque coastal villages nearby. A little further afield, soak up the summer ambience of Barneville-Carteret, take a boat trip from Granville or even venture as far as Mont Saint-Michel, one of the most visited destinations in France.



## Facilities

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

# Interior & Grounds

## House Interiors (120m2)

### *Ground Floor*

- Open-plan lounge and dining area with doors opening out to terrace area with table and chairs
- Open-plan kitchen

### *Upstairs (some sloping ceilings)*

- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160x200cm) and open en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with queen-size double bed (160x200cm) and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with twin beds (80x200cm each, can be joined as a double) and en suite bathroom

## Outside Grounds

- Terrace area with table and chairs
- 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

Part of a historic estate, Hippocampe is located on the Cotentin peninsula around a 40-minute drive from Cherbourg ferry terminal. This *domaine* 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 La Marine (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/la-marine/>) – all four dwellings share the beautiful grounds.

There is a village a short walk away with a restaurant, shop and another restaurant on the other side of the village (as always, seasonal opening dates of local restaurants can vary). Even closer, 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).

Make the most of the estate’s bikes or drive to the beach, only 3.5km away passing farmland and waterways en route. In the summer look out for a kiosk that is sometimes set up selling fresh oysters overlooking the sea and there is a French restaurant. The coast seems endless, especially at low tide, but when the tide comes in it’s fun to paddle or even swim in the waves of the English channel. There’s a little playground by the beach and colourful beach houses, adding to the overall charm.

This area is home to many war memorials and important WWII sites across the coast and countryside. Plage de Quinéville and the World War II Museum is just 9km away whilst Utah Beach and its fascinating museum is around a 10-minute drive heading south. The village of Sainte-Mère-Église (6.5km) is also nearby, one of the first villages to be liberated in 1944. Sainte-Mère-Église hosts a pretty market on a Thursday morning – food-lovers would also appreciate a trip to the Biscuiterie de Sainte-Mère-Église.

Drive to Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue (20km) for fresh oysters in one of the restaurants overlooking the marina. There’s two Vauban Towers near here, both UNESCO World Heritage sites, one on the mainland just south of Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue and one on Tatihou Island reached via an amphibious boat which travels across the oyster beds at low tide. Barfleur (27km) is another picture-perfect spot for lunch, famed for its *moules-frites* using freshly harvested mussels from the English channel (when in season).

The maritime city of Cherbourg (48km) is an interesting day out or venture to the western side of the peninsula to spend time in Barneville-Carteret (44km) or Granville (85km). Historic Bayeux (62km) could perhaps be combined with other iconic D-Day Landing beaches such as Omaha (52km) and Arromanches-les-Bains (71km) or travel further afield to Mont Saint-Michel (141km), a remarkable sight and one of France’s most visited loved destinations.



## Local Amenities

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

## What we love

- Once the stables of a 17th century *manoir*, this beautiful abode has been sensitively renovated with a nod to its equestrian past
- All three bedrooms are gorgeous and have their own en suite bathroom
- Arrange for breakfast to be delivered for you to enjoy on your picturesque terrace area
- Stroll across the historic estate with its old château ruins, summer roses and pretty gardens
- The vast sandy coastline is only 3.5km away – make the most of the estate's bikes
- Try local oysters overlooking the marina at Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue then take the unique amphibious boat across to the wonderful Tatihou Island
- Discover a wealth of WWII memorials and important sites including Utah Beach just 10km away

## What you should know...

- Hippocampe is the former stables of Manoir Cotentin (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/manoir-cotentin/>) (the home is located in the south-wing of the *manoir*).
- Neighbouring La Marine (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/la-marine/>) (8 guests) and Le Cormoran (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/le-cormoran/>) (2 guests) are also part of the historic estate - all four dwellings share the beautiful gardens/grounds.
- 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 by Oliver's Travels 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:** 10.00 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'Église). Stag/hen parties are not allowed. When staying at Hippocampe you share the beautiful grounds with guests from the three neighbouring rentals, Manoir Cotentin (8 guests), Le Cormoran (2 guests) and La Marine (8 guests). Please see 'What You Should Know' for links to each property.
- **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 included.
- **Beach towels included?:** No, please bring your own.