

Hippocampe

Region: Normandy Sleeps: 6

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

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)



Nearest Train Station	Carentant (20km)
Nearest Airport	Rennes Bretagne Airport/Paris CDG Airport (210km/344km)
Nearest Village	Small village (Short walk)
Nearest Restaurant	In the 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

- 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:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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:** Please note that to pay French Visitors Tourist Tax the property manager will provide a secure online payment link in advance, and guests are required to settle the amount directly through this link prior to or during their stay. The exact amount will be confirmed before arrival.
- **Beach towels included?:** No, please bring your own.