La Tour

Region: Normandy **Sleeps:** 4

Overview

Listen to the sound of the waves from the terrace and balcony at La Tour, a very special beachfront holiday house in Normandy. This unique brick tower right on the beach enjoys a dramatic view over the sea. It's perfect for a couple or small family wanting a unique and memorable holiday experience.

Built in 1865 by a painter, the tower has been completely renovated to retain its charm, maximise space and provide modern comforts. The two bedrooms, on the first and third floors, include a double bedroom with a terrace and another with three single beds (one bunk style). Shower after the beach in a convenient ground floor shower room, or the second shower room upstairs. The kitchen has up to date appliances like a glass electric hob, and the cosy sitting room opens up to the balcony.

La Tour is perfectly located just a short stroll from a charming village on the Côte Fleurie, between the well known resort of Deauville and the historic port of Honfleur. The beautiful seaside town of Deauville has plenty to entertain everyone, with a casino, golf, tennis and riding, as well as both fine dining and small charming bistros. Food lovers will appreciate the weekly markets in Honfleur and Trouville and don't miss out on tasting the local Calvados in one of the many nearby cellars.

This is also a great base for exploring the D-Day Landing beaches such as Arromanches and Omaha, both of which could be combined with a trip to the historical town of Bayeux with its elegant 17th-century buildings and of course the famous Bayeux Tapestry. During your day out try the Coquilles Saint Jacques in the charming Port en Bessin.

Facilities

Golf Nearby • Pure France • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Recommended • Fishing • Quirky (Unique) • Walk to Beach • Ideal for Teens • Beach Nearby • Beachfront • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Heating • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds

House Interior (max. 4 guests)

The house is a small brick tower of 3 floors with a terrace and a balcony overlooking the sea.

Each floor is small but beautifully well designed. Inside has a nautical feel to it, with the sound of waves crashing at the beach below.

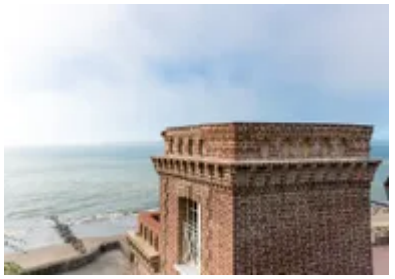
On the ground floor is a passage where you leave your stuff from the beach. There is also a shower room with loo.

You then take a small staircase to the first floor, where there is bedroom with three beds (one of them is a bunk bed accessed via a ladder) and a shower room with loo.

Second floor is the the living area with kitchen facilities and a sitting room with a balcony.

On the third floor is a second bedroom with large double bed and a terrace overlooking the sea, as well as a WC with sink.

There is a reserved car parking space (for one car) at the bottom of the property.



Location & Local Information

Located on the Côte Fleurie, just a short walk from the heart of a charming village. There is a Restaurant-Bar Brasserie and beach just a very short walk away or you can head further up the hill to the village for other facilities such as more restaurants, cafes, lovely shops and a grocery store. There is also a watersports centre just a few steps from La Tour, open Wednesday to Sundays in the summer, plus tennis courts in the village.

This is a historic village known by painters, musicians and has featured in many films...you can see the attraction! It has recently been named a 'village of character' thanks to its commitment to conservation with its narrow streets and original characteristics. Wander around the foot paths in the nearby Parc des Graves with a play area and picnic tables for the kids and find the '*Roches Noires*'; the clay and limestone cliffs, a little further on.

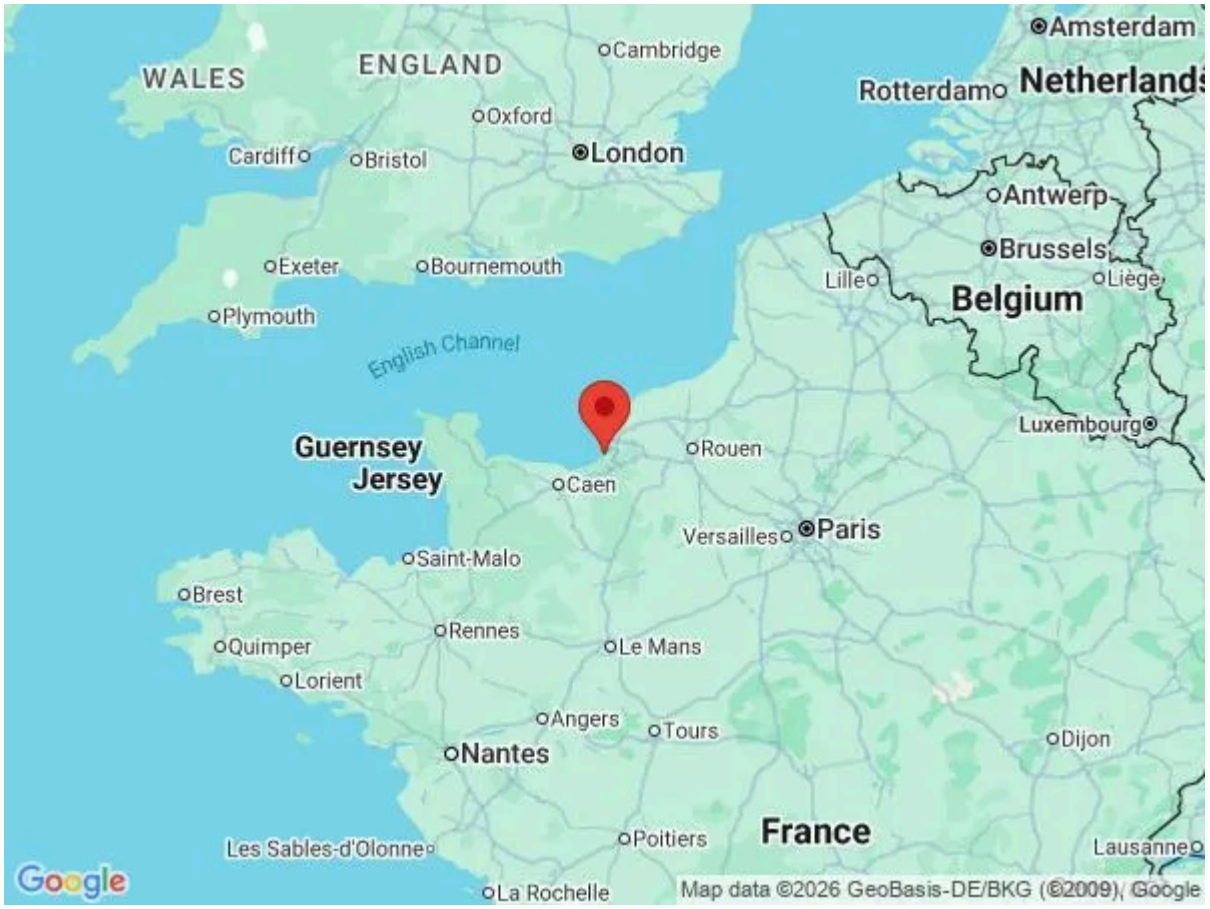
There are some other beautiful seaside villages nearby. Deauville (8km), from the 'la belle époque' era, is great for smart shops, cafes and people watching. This cosmopolitan resort has a large and beautiful beach, a marina, and a casino. It's where Parisians tend to come for their seaside retreat. Here you will find wonderful sandy beaches, tennis, golf and horse-riding.

Honfleur (10km) is the oldest medieval fishing and sailing port in France and has been painted by some of the most popular artists of the 20th century including Monet and Manet.

Highlights of the area also include one of France's oldest University cities, Caen (60km) and the stunning granite island of Mont St Michel (approx. 200km), one of France's most visited attractions. The Château de Falaise (70km) is also worthy of a visit to see the castle where William the Conqueror was born.

Normandy is rightly famous for its food - especially the cheeses such as Livarot Camembert, and Pont l'Eveque - and Calvados, the apple brandy. The French love of good food means that all ingredients also have to be of the highest quality. Seafood is fantastic and local producers are famous in the area for quality, taste, and price. There are excellent local food markets in Honfleur on Saturdays and Trouville on Sundays.

This is also a great base for exploring the D-Day Landing beaches. Arromanches (80km) and Omaha (115km) are examples of two beaches of historical importance as well as the batteries and cliffs of Longues-sur-Mer (102km). Combine with a trip to Bayeux (95km), having a lunch of Coquilles Saint Jacques in the charming Port en Bessin before heading to the historic town. Bayeux is a beautiful town, well known for the UNESCO classified Bayeux Tapestry, with many renowned restaurants, elegant 17th century buildings and interesting museums about this fascinating part of Normandy.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Deauville airport (5 Km)**

Nearest Ferry Port	**Le Havre (21-25 Km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Deauville (5 Km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Deauville (5 Km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Restaurant/Bar Brasserie (100m)**
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Nearest Shop	**Grocery store (Under 1 Km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Intermarche (7km)**
Nearest Beach	**(Short walk)**
Nearest Golf	**Deauville (8 Km)**
Nearest Tennis	**(Under 1 Km)**

What we love

- This is a rare and special place - how often can you stay in a 19th-century tower right on the beach!
- Fall asleep and wake up to the sound of the sea
- Despite it being on the border of the village, it feels quite private and with no neighbours
- Sitting on your private terrace and watching the tide rise
- The design of this unique holiday house is a work of art; you'll love how it makes the most of each space.
- Being close to town means you can easily pop into a shop to get what you need.

What you should know...

- There is no garden, but who needs one when you have a whole beach!
- Due to the nature and character of La Tour the staircase is spiral and steep, however there is a hand rail for your safety.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 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.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** The house sleeps up to 4 guests.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday from May to September. Flexible during other months.

- **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.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights from May to September. 3 nights during all other months.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).