Domaine Du Pont: Entire Estate

Region: Normandy **Sleeps:** 28

Overview

A magnificent 17th century château set in stunning landscaped gardens, this is the perfect base to explore the Bayeux Tapestry, Monet's Garden, and the landing beaches. It is only a 14km drive from Honfleur and 30km from Deauville.

The main château at Domaine Du Pont can sleep 16 to 18 guests across nine beautiful bedrooms. The ground floor entertaining spaces are superb with antique chandeliers and other original features whilst three of the rooms open up to the gardens, especially wonderful in the summer months. In the old stable block there is a heated swimming pool and pool house whilst outside you will also find the formal and Italian garden as well as the grand fountain which can be switched on in summer months.

The estate also features a charming Farmhouse which has its own driveway and pretty valley views, connected to the château's grounds via a gate and surrounded by orchards (for cider and calvados) and grazing land. It has space for a further 10 guests across its five pretty bedrooms and four bath or shower rooms. You will also find an inviting living room as well as a characterful kitchen and dining room in this traditional and inviting abode.

The outside of the Domaine du Pont estate has been untouched since it was originally built in the 16th century and enlarged in around 1720. It has had a fascinating history, from being used as a safe house for aristocrats being smuggled out of France during the revolution, to being used by the Resistance during the Second World War. Since the war the château has had a much more refined and tranquil existence, but has also played host to guests such as the Aga Khan and the Dalai Lama.

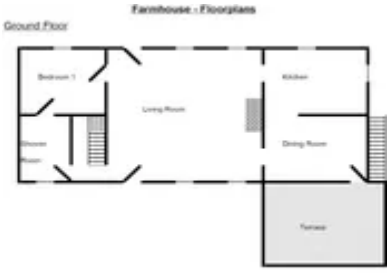


Facilities

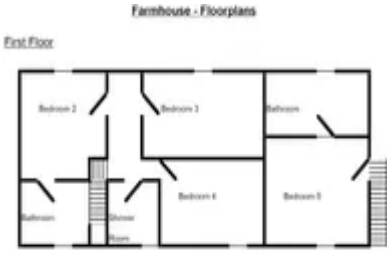
Horse Riding • France250 • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Ideal for Kids • Private Pool • Walking/Hiking Paths • Recommended • Tennis Nearby • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Sailing • Chateaux & Castles • Catering Available • Weddings • Maid Service Available • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Chapel on Site • Heated Pool • Pets on Request • Beach Nearby • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Pool Safety Feature • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Babysitting Available • High Chair(s)







Interior & Grounds









Château Interiors

Main Floor

- Hallway
- Drawing room
- Morning room
- Library with sofa
- Access to terrace overlooking formal gardens and fountain
- WC (x2)
- Study (closed off)

Garden Floor

- Kitchen and pantry, fully-equipped
- Single split-level space with sitting room with large screen TV and fireplace and dining room with two circular dining tables (seating 18 in total) and doors leading to garden
- WC

First Floor

- Suite with double bedroom, salon and en suite bathroom
- 2 x bedrooms with double bed and en suite bathroom
- Library (closed off)

Second Floor

- 4 x bedrooms with double bed
- 2 x bedrooms with twin beds
- 3 x shower rooms

Château Outside Grounds (50 hectares)

- Heated swimming pool (12x6m), open approximately June to end-September
- Pool house with two changing/shower rooms, modern kitchen and function room with gallery for dining (28 guests)
- Al-fresco dining terrace for up to 18 guests (on terrace overlooking formal gardens and fountain)
- Formal gardens
- Fountain (home to waterlillies & fish, approx 2 foot deep)
- Walled Italian garden
- Orchard (apples, pear, fig, mulberry and walnut tree)
- Woodland
- Outbuildings (not available to guests)
- Parking spaces

Farmhouse Interiors

Ground Floor

- Living area
- Kitchen and dining area
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite shower room

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom (accessed by separate stairs to the side of the house)
- Bedroom with twin bed
- Bedroom with double bed
- Shower room
- WC

Farmhouse Outside Grounds

- Hedged garden (surrounded by apple trees and grazing land)
- Private driveway and entrance
- Pathway and gate which connects to the chateau

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Portable fans
- Gas stove for outside
- Multiple cots & Highchairs available on request

Location & Local Information

The nearest port to the estate is Le Havre (35km) and the nearest town is Beuzeville (5km). About three minutes drive from the château there is a small village which has a butcher's, a baker's, and a takeaway pizza restaurant, which is good for emergencies! There is also a very nice French restaurant. If you want to try slightly further afield (just another 10 minutes!) you will find many good restaurants in the picturesque setting of Honfleur, a medieval fishing port. If you go further afield to Deauville (30km), there are a number of very smart restaurants as well as a lovely sandy beach.

Normandy has a huge amount to offer – and most of it is within a reasonable drive of the estate. It has something for everyone from old cities, Monet's garden, the landing beaches and historic sites such as the Bayeux tapestry to beaches, holiday resorts and casinos.

The area is well supplied in terms of sports facilities - for both participants and spectators. In particular, it is well known as a hub for equine pursuits - there are numerous studs, including the Aga Khan's, and in the summer there are horse auctions and Horse Racing and Polo at Deauville. There is also Horse Riding available locally. There are many golf courses within 30 minutes of the chateau, or the one in Etretat, situated on top of the cliffs, overlooking the channel, 57km away.

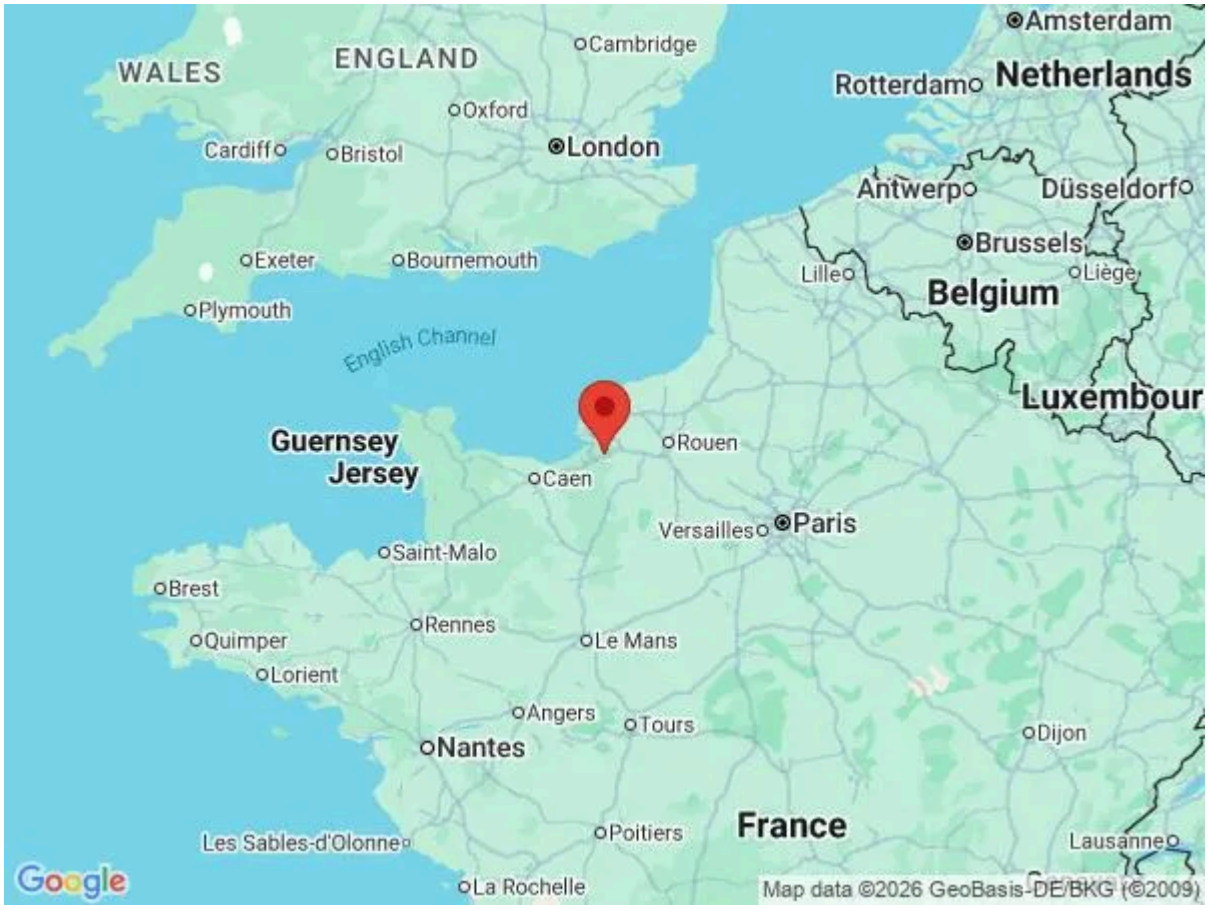
Other day trips include the Landing Beaches, the Bayeux Tapestry and Monet's Garden. Honfleur (17km) is a fishing and sailing port located in the Seine estuary about 15 minutes from the château. Deauville (30km) is great for smart shops, cafes and people watching. This cosmopolitan sea-side resort has a large and beautiful beach, a marina, and a casino.

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.

Local markets are fantastic and are often the major source of food for the locals. The nearest market is in Beuzeville on Tuesday mornings. However, there are also excellent ones in Honfleur (Saturday), Trouville (Sunday) and Pont Audemer (Monday). There are also many restaurants in nearby villages – the best guide to them is the Michelin Guide..

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Deauville (22km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Le Havre (35km)**
Nearest Village	**(2km)**









Nearest Town	**Beuzeville (5km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Local village (2km)**
Nearest Shop	**Supermarket in local village (2km)**
Nearest Beach	**Nr Honfleur (18km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Barrière de Deauville (28km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Beuzeville (5km)**

What we love

- Dating back to the 17th century, learn all about the estate's fascinating history
- Be prepared to follow in the footsteps of The Dalai Lama and Aga Khan if you sleep in the master bedroom!
- Ask for the magical fountain to be turned on in the summer months, beautifully set in the château's landscaped gardens
- You must not forget to visit the Bayeux Tapestry, it's only a short drive away
- The area is well supplied in terms of sports facilities and is well known as a hub for equine pursuits

What you should know...

- There are nine bedrooms in the main château and five bedrooms in a separate neighbouring Farmhouse in its own grounds - the two properties are connected via a pathway and gate.
- For smaller groups you can book either the château (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/domaine-du-pont-chateau-only/) or the farmhouse (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/normandy/domaine-du-pont-farmhouse/) by itself.
- This is a country property with extensive grounds, toddlers and small children should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times when exploring.
- Please note that there are two Estate Guardian dogs living 18 metres from the château. These dogs are never let off the lead in the property and at home there is a secure fence around their garden. If you wish to bring your own dog, please request this in advance with the owner. If permitted, dogs are only allowed on a leash and in the farmhouse - they are strictly not allowed in the château or on the château grounds.
- On occasion, the manager and other staff will need to access the rental properties for housekeeping and maintenance reasons during your stay.
- As always, guests should exercise a duty of care over the château, farmhouse and grounds, and their fixtures and fittings. Only guests on the final rental confirmation are permitted - day guests/overnight visitors are not allowed.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £2000 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. Any extra charges such as heating costs will be deducted from the security deposit. Guests should exercise a duty of care over the rental properties and their fixtures and fittings.

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Heating is charged to expenditure if needed. Firewood is provided free of charge.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes. Please note that guests are asked to strip the sheets for check out.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, any pets must be kept on a leash, with their owner at all times and are restricted to the farmhouse only. Dogs are not permitted on the Chateau grounds or in the Chateau under any circumstances.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, vow renewals, stag/hen parties, celebrations and any other special events are strictly on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Please note the use of external caterers must be approved in advance.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday in June, July, August, September, Christmas and New Year. Flexible in all other periods.

- **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?:** Outside only.

- **Other 2:** Please note the party size agreed at the time of booking and shown on the booking confirmation should be observed at all times. Day guests or overnight visitors are not allowed. On occasion, the manager and other staff will need to access the rental property for housekeeping and maintenance reasons during your stay.

- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.

- **Other 3:** There are nine bedrooms/six bathrooms in the main chateau and five bedrooms/four bathrooms in the neighbouring farmhouse in separate grounds. The grounds of both properties are connected via a gate.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in June, July, August, September, Christmas and New Year. 4 nights in all other periods.

- **Pool heating charge?:** The pool is heated to 27C free of charge - any higher is charged at cost, payable locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately June to end-September. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.