Maison Bertiniere

Region: Normandy **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Just a short cycle ride from a magnificent sandy beach on the Cotentin Peninsula, this elegant yet authentic *maison* is set in a picturesque region where you can experience Normandy at its very best.

Exquisite renovations and admirable attention to detail by the enthusiastic owners has led to a unique and very beautiful home which has been furnished with style and flair, after all this is their home as well. The chesterfield sofa, antique furnishings and a woodburning stove create a warm ambience whilst exposed stone and wood beams give the room immense character. The open-plan kitchen adds a touch of contemporary luxury and is brilliantly equipped for creating feasts with the local produce you will find at nearby markets.

The romantic master bedroom upstairs has an antique bed and its own luxurious en suite with a classic roll-top bath whilst at the top of the *maison*, under the traditional wood beams, is an unusual but impressive open mezzanine with a double bed and lounge area. A pretty twin on the first floor completes the sleeping quarters of this delightful house.

Catch the morning sun as you sip your coffee by the rear courtyard. Spend summery afternoons relaxing in the south-facing courtyard by the BBQ, before enjoying your own local drinks at the outdoor bar and making homemade pizzas in the large garden's pizza oven. Help yourself to herbs and seasonal vegetables, pick figs from the fruit orchard and admire the summer wildflowers. A large barn has been partially made into an area housing games for you to enjoy and rackets for the village tennis court.

Set in a rural village, you can cycle to the coast in about 10 minutes where you will find a wonderful sandy beach which is often deserted. There are some excellent restaurants and lovely shops in the two local towns, La Haye-du-Puits and Portbail, both of which also have atmospheric weekly markets. Barneville-Carteret is also a great place to visit with its Blue-Flag beaches, charming cafes, Michelin starred restaurant and a wealth of activities such as sailing, golf and horse-riding.

As well as discovering some of the peninsula's charming villages and magnificent beaches, further afield the Normandy region is waiting to be explored. Mont Saint-Michel and Bayeux are just two of the many highlights within driving distance or guided trips can be arranged. Many of the D-Day landing beaches can also be reached within an hour, as well as cemeteries and museums commemorating an incredibly moving time in Normandy's history.

Perfect for a rural getaway near stunning beaches, traditional towns and villages with a fascinating history, as well as amazing cuisine, Maison Bertiniere offers character, style and a touch of luxury in this idyllic part of beautiful Normandy.









Facilities

Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Walk to Village • Romantic • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Fishing • Boat Trips • Golf Nearby • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Great Value • Ideal for Teens • Beach Nearby • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Games Room • DVD • Outdoor Games • Heating • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Supports the local community (promotes local businesses) • Boules/Petanque • Tennis rackets • Darts • Promotes Sustainable Living (Recycling) • Promotes Sustainable Living (Vegetable Patch) • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Maison Interiors

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living and dining room with sofa-bed and wood-burner
- Open-plan kitchen, well-equipped
- Utility room
- Bathroom with large power-shower and WC

First Floor (via open-sided steep stairs)

- Landing with lounge area with sofa-bed, small library and desk
- Bedroom with king size bed, en suite bathroom with rolltop bath and WC
- Twin bedroom

Top Floor (King bed in mezzanine is an unusual but impressive open mezzanine with a double bed and lounge area.)

- Bedroom with king size bed and lounge area

Outside Grounds

- South-facing courtyard
- Rear courtyard
- BBQ
- Pizza oven
- Outdoor bar
- Al-fresco seating area
- Vegetable and herb garden
- Fruit orchard
- Rear garden with pond
- Barn with games, tennis rackets etc
- *Boules*
- Parking on site

Facilities

- Underfloor heating (ground floor)
- Wi-Fi
- DVD player
- Games console
- Table tennis
- *Boules*
- Darts
- Washing machine

Location & Local Information

On the western coast of the Cotentin Peninsula, only an hour south of Cherbourg, Maison Bertiniere is set in a rural Normandy village very near the sea.

You can cycle to the gloriously long sandy beach in about 10 minutes, or take a leisurely stroll in about half an hour (or five minutes by car). The village itself also has a communal tennis court which are free for guests to use when available (tennis rackets and balls are in the barn).

The nearest places to eat, shops and supermarkets are a short drive/cycle ride away in La Haye-du-Puits (8km), a traditional and picturesque town with some excellent restaurants and charming bars, a tourism office and a weekly market on a Wednesday morning where you can pick up all sorts of local produce. Occasionally in the summer this expands into an atmospheric *brocante* (flea market).

The port town of Portbail (11km) is also a great place to visit with beautiful historic buildings, good restaurants (especially for seafood lovers) and a Tuesday morning market which includes a particularly good artisan bakery stall. There are various festivals or events taking place in the summer; if you're staying in July look out for the festival of Normandy with fireworks whilst in late June there is usually a large *brocante* with food and live music.

Heading north, the seaside resort of Barneville-Carteret (19km) is much loved by Parisians in the summer due to its cafes, restaurants (including one with a Michelin star) and brilliant sandy beaches which have been awarded a 'Blue-Flag' for cleanliness. For a picturesque day out, take the 1930s Contenin tourist train from Barneville to Portbail, following the coastline with views of the Channel Islands.

Just further north, the dunes at Hatainville are especially beautiful. This area offers wonderful walking and hiking trails both along the coast and inland. Horse-riding is also incredibly popular here with centres near Barneville-Carteret offering rides along the beach for all abilities.

You could just spend your days exploring the delightful Cotentin Peninsula with its vast, long stretches of sandy beaches, rural villages and amazing cuisine. Food and drink tours can be arranged via the owners allowing you to sample some of the local soft cheeses, seafood, chocolate, Calvados brandy, apple cider and *pommeau*.

Yet there is also so much to explore further afield in Normandy, such as the outstanding Mont Saint-Michel (115km) and the historic town of Bayeux (80km) with the world-famous Bayeux Tapestry.

The D-Day landing beaches are also nearby, for example Omaha (70km) and Arromanches-les-Bains (87km) as well as significant WWII villages such as Sainte-Mère-Église (33km); D-Day tours can also be arranged with the owners, tailored to your own particular interests.









Local Amenities

Nearest Ferry Port	**Cherbourg (60km)**
Nearest Airport	**Caen – Carpiquet Airport (103km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Carentan (33km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Communal tennis in the village (Short walk)**
Nearest Beach	**Glatigny Beach (2.5km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**La Haye-du-Puits (8km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**La Haye-du-Puits (8km)**
Nearest Town/City	**La Haye-du-Puits/Cherbourg (8km/54km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Cote des Isles (17km)**
Nearest Village	**Glatigny (In the village)**

What we love

- A beautiful house offering immense character alongside a touch of luxury
- The roll-top bath on the first floor is especially romantic
- Enjoy a glass of *calvados* or local *cidre* at the garden bar
- Cycle down to the sandy beach in about 10 minutes
- Be sure to visit the atmospheric weekly markets in nearby Portbail (Tuesday) and La Haye-du-Puits (Wednesday)
- Some of the D-Day landing beaches are within and hour and guided tours can be arranged

What you should know...

- Underfloor heating is featured on the ground floor only and a basket of logs for the wood burner is also provided.
- The stylish wooden stairs up to the first floor are fairly steep and open on one side.
- The beautiful third bedroom is under the eaves on an open mezzanine level, via steep steps (not suitable for young children).
- Children should be supervised in the grounds and barn, especially the rear garden due to the pond.
- Maison Bertiniere can sleep up to 9 guests, with 3 guests on sofa beds for an additional charge. Please enquire for exact amount.
- Car hire is recommended to drive to the local shops and to explore the surrounding area.
- Please note that that some of the gardens belonging to the Maison are located on the opposite side of the road.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €100 paid via bank transfer to the owner before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection. Maison Bertiniere can sleep up to 9 guests, with 3 guests on sofa beds for an additional charge. Please enquire for exact amount.

- **Arrival time:** 3.00 p.m.

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

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes. Linen is changed once for stays of more than one week.

- **Pets welcome?:** No.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** One cot and one highchair are available on request. Please bring your own cot linen and mattress. Weddings, stag/hen parties and other special events are not permitted.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday approximately June to September. Flexible during 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.

- **Other Cleaning:** Mid-stay clean is available for stays over 7 nights, payable locally

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights approximately June to September. Shorter stays available during other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, underfloor heating on ground floor and one basket of logs for the wood burner.

- **Tax:** French Taxe De Séjour paid via bank transfer to the owner before arrival (typically costs approximately between €2-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required.)