



# NORMANDY ON EPIC TRAILS **ON HORSEBACK**



## **HORSE TREK** WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR'S ROUTE



**Baie des Veys  
Géfosse-Fontenay  
→ Falaise**

**130 miles / 208 km**



**Trail information  
sheet**

# NORMANDY

## HORSE TREK

### WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR'S ROUTE



This horse-riding itinerary connects the Baie des Veys (Géfosse-Fontenay) to Falaise. Part of the itinerary follows the route taken by William the Conqueror during his wild cavalcade at the tender age of 19.

Accessible to all horse riders, the trail crosses a variety of landscapes including countryside, marshland and valleys...

This initiative in equestrian tourism is a joint development by the tourist offices of Bessin, Bocage normand, Suisse Normande and Pays de Falaise.

**130 miles / 208 km**  
**8 stages**

8 days of horse trek



Mastery of the three gaits in open country





# USEFUL INFORMATIONS

## HORSE RIDING

### EQUESTRIAN CENTRES

**Ferme de la Noé**

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info@normandie-equestre.com  
www.normandie-equestre.com

**Cherokee Équitation**

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cherokee.equitation@free.fr  
http://cherokee.equitation.free.fr/

**Ferme de la Cordière**

02 31 77 18 64 / 06 08 74 23 73  
fermedelacordiere@gmail.com  
www.fermedelacordiere.com

**La Cour Anteol**

06 18 09 92 02  
info@cour-anteol.fr  
www.cour-anteol.fr

**Écurie des Monts**

06 79 76 29 38  
nathalie.ernult@club-internet.fr  
www.ecuriedesmonts.siteweb.com

**Centre Équestre l'Étape**

02 31 90 52 01 / 06 14 90 34 65  
claudine.letape@wanadoo.fr  
www.equi-letape.fr

**La ferme du Mesnil**

02 31 69 40 94 / 06 23 78 46 45  
fermedumesnil@wanadoo.fr  
www.fermedumesnil-randocheval.com

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06 35 33 77 75

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06 29 50 22 96

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**SCP de Vétérinaires****Cauderlier, Miclotte et Bureau**

Rue de la Gare, 14330 SAON  
02 31 22 96 55

**Clinique Vétérinaire du Val d'Aure**

RN 13, 14230 OSMANVILLE  
02 31 22 00 57

**Clinique Equine de la Madeleine**

Lieu-dit la Madeleine, 14400 CUSSY  
02 31 22 52 98

**Clinique Vétérinaire**

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Chemin Cambette, 14400 BAYEUX  
02 31 92 00 60

**Emmanuel GOUDAL**

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02 31 80 23 79

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02 31 25 02 02

**Clinique Vétérinaire VBN**

51 bis rue Georges Clémenceau,  
14310 VILLERS-BOCAGE  
02 31 77 00 22

**Clinique Vétérinaire VBN**

2 rue du 12 juin 1944, Aunay-sur-Odon  
14260 LES MONTS D'AUNAY  
02 31 96 31 42

**Animalia – Clinique Vétérinaire**

5 rue des Cerisiers, 14210 EVRECY  
02 31 80 99 00

**Clinique Vétérinaire**

**Terpin, Simon, Levivier, Jessel**  
2 rue des Prairies, BP 82, 14220 THURY-HARCOURT  
02 31 79 66 26

**Clinique Vétérinaire Équine**

**Stockwell, Poutas, Moan, Giraud**  
L'attache, 14700 FALAISE  
02 31 90 17 79

## CARTOGRAPHY

Download the 22 maps  
of the itinerary on

[www.williamconquerorsroute.com](http://www.williamconquerorsroute.com)

## TOURISM

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crte-normandie@ffe.com  
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www.calvados-tourisme.com

**Isigny-Omaha Tourist office**

02 31 21 46 00  
isigny.tourisme@ccigi.fr  
www.bessin-normandie.com

**Bayeux Intercom Tourist office**

02 31 51 28 28  
info@bayeux-tourism.com  
www.bessin-normandie.com

**Seules Terre et Mer Tourist office**

02 31 80 67 08  
tourisme.creully@wanadoo.fr  
www.bessin-normandie.com

**Bocage Normand Tourist office**

02 31 77 16 14  
contact@bocage-normand.com  
www.bocage-normand.com

**Pays de Condé****et de la Druance Tourist office**

02 31 69 27 64  
www.tourisme-conde-druance.fr

**Suisse Normande Tourist office**

02 31 79 70 45  
otsuisse-normande@gmail.com  
www.suisse-normande-tourisme.com

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02 31 90 17 26  
info@falaise-tourisme.com  
www.falaise-tourisme.com

**NORMANDY**



# STAGE 1

SEE MAPS 1,2,3,4

## La Baie des Veys Géfosse-Fontenay → Formigny

21 km



## ACCOMMODATION

### ISIGNY-SUR-MER

#### Ferme du Rupalley

lieu dit rupalley,  
14230 ISIGNY-SUR-MER  
06 77 25 06 36  
david-toquet@orange.fr

2 rooms – 7 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Catering service

#### Hôtel de France

13 Rue Emile Demagney  
14230 ISIGNY-SUR-MER  
02 31 22 00 33  
info@hotel-france-isigny.fr  
www.hotel-france-isigny.fr

18 rooms

Accommodation for horses :

la Cavalerie – 500 m  
or Ecurie des Embruns – les Oubeaux

Restaurant

### LES VEYS

#### Domaine de Saint Vigor

23 rue d'Auville - 50500 LES VEYS  
02 33 71 26 96  
manoirsaintvigor@aol.com  
www.coolheurenormande.com

3 gîtes – 32 beds

Accommodation for horses :

la Nicollerie – 500 m

Catering service

### GRANDCAMP-MAISY

#### Les Pieris

Hameau Poix  
14450 GRANDCAMP-MAISY  
02 31 92 33 63  
contact@lespieris.fr  
www.lespieris.fr

4 rooms + 2 gîtes + 2 chalets

35 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Catering service

Kitchen

Restaurants

in Grandcamp-Maisy – 1,8 km

### FORMIGNY-LA-BATAILLE

#### Ferme du Mouchel

14710 FORMIGNY-LA-BATAILLE  
02 31 22 53 79  
odile.lenourichel@orange.fr  
www.ferme-du-mouchel.com

4 rooms – 12 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Restaurant Byin t-cheu mei

– 1,4 km

### COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER

#### Ferme des mouettes

14710 COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER  
02 31 22 42 53  
fermelesmouettes@orange.fr

4 rooms – 12 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Catering service

### SAINTE-HONORINE-DES-PERTES

#### La Flambardiére

59 Route d'Omaha Beach  
SAINTE-HONORINE-DES-PERTES  
14520 AURE-SUR-MER  
02 31 22 87 81  
hebergement@flambardiere.fr  
www.flambardiere.fr

1 gîte – 4 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Catering service possible

Restaurants in Port-en-Bessin – 5,2 km

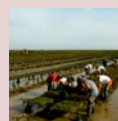


## DO NOT MISS

### Baie des Veys

- The church of Saint-Clément in Osmanville

It is thought that William the Conqueror came here to pray around 4 am after he crossed the Baie des Veys in January 1047.



### • Oyster park

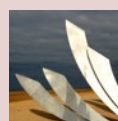
The Baie des Veys is home to the famous Isigny Oyster. A fleshy oyster, with its fresh and crisp flavour.

### NEARBY

### American cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer



The cemetery, overlooking Omaha Beach, covers 70 hectares and contains the graves of 9386 soldiers who fell during the Battle of Normandy.



### Omaha Beach

Bearing the sad nickname of "bloody Omaha", the famous beach was the theatre of the deadliest assault of the five sectors in the Allied landings. The monument «The Braves» by sculptor Anilore Banon pays tribute to the courage of the Allies.



## ALONG THE WAY

Picnic area in Longueville

Shops in Isigny-sur-mer, La Cambe



## LUGGAGE TRANSFER

Taxi Trévières 06 72 23 34 98

Taxis du Bessin 02 31 92 92 40

Taxi Service + 06 74 49 77 67

Arromanches Taxi 06 70 40 07 96



History of William the Conqueror



"Accueil cheval" accommodation



"Cheval étape" accommodation

## STAGE 2

SEE MAPS 4,5

Formigny  
→ Ryes

29 km



## ACCOMODATION

### TRACY-SUR-MER

#### Cherokee Equitation

9 route de Bayeux, 14117 TRACY-SUR-MER  
06 12 06 14 60 / cherokee.equitation@free.fr

1 gîte + 5 rooms / 21 beds / Accommodation for horses on site

Table d'hôtes or restaurants in Arromanches – 3,4 km



### ALONG THE WAY

**Picnic area** in Longues-sur-Mer and Fontenailles  
**Shops** in Longues-sur-Mer, Port-en-Bessin, Arromanches



### LUGGAGE TRANSFER

**Arromanches Taxi** : 06 70 40 07 96 **Taxi Service +** : 06 74 49 77 67  
**Taxis du Bessin** : 02 31 92 92 40 **Taxi Port-en-Bessin** : 06 72 23 34 98



### DO NOT MISS



#### German Battery

A major work of the Atlantic Wall, the coastal defence battery of Longues-sur-Mer played a strategic role during the D-Day Landings of the Allied Forces on 6 June 1944.



### NEARBY

#### Arromanches-les-Bains

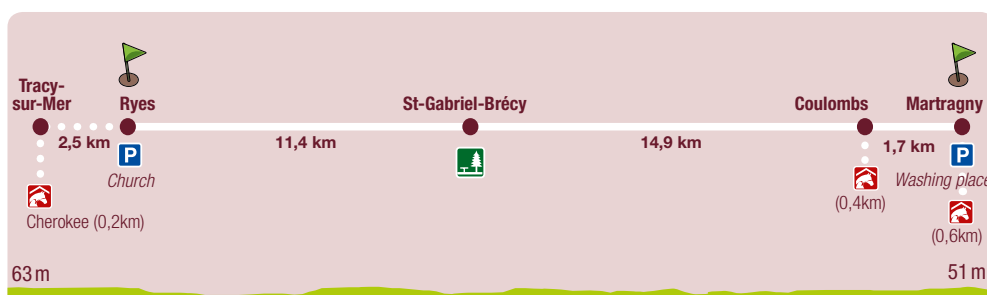
A place of great strategic importance and technical prowess with the construction of the artificial harbour. The Mulberry harbour was the most important military engineering operation since the Antiquity.

## STAGE 3

SEE MAPS 6,7,8

Ryes  
→ Martragny

28 km



## ACCOMODATION

### COULOMBS

#### Chambres d'hôtes du Grand Parc

Le Grand Parc, COULOMBS  
14480 MOULINS-EN-BESSIN  
06 73 58 05 23 / anne.cml.francois@gmail.com

2 rooms + 1 gîte : 14 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Catering service

### MARTRAGNY

#### Château de Martragny

52 Hameau Saint-Léger, MARTRAGNY  
14740 MOULINS-EN-BESSIN  
02 31 80 21 40 / chateau.martragny@wanadoo.fr  
www.chateau-martragny.com

5 rooms + 3 gîtes / 27 beds

Accommodation for horses : Haras du Tuliper – 300 mètres

Catering service



### ALONG THE WAY

**Picnic area** in Ryes, Saint Gabriel  
**Shops** in Ryes, Asnelles, Creully



### LUGGAGE TRANSFER

**Arromanches Taxi** : 06 70 40 07 96 **Taxi Service +** : 06 74 49 77 67  
**Taxis du Bessin** : 02 31 92 92 40 **Taxi Port-en-Bessin** : 06 72 23 34 98



### DO NOT MISS



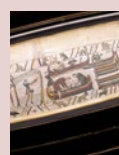
#### The church of Ryes

William arrived at 8 am at the church of Ryes, where his vassal, Lord Hubert de Ryes helped him reach Falaise



#### Saint-Gabriel Priory

This ensemble of monastic buildings founded in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century by the Baron of Creully, Richard Fitz-Turstin, in favour of the Abbey of Fécamp.



### NEARBY

#### Bayeux Tapestry

The 11<sup>th</sup> century embroidered wall-hanging recounts the conquest of England by William the Conqueror, duke of Normandy.



History of William the Conqueror



"Accueil cheval" accommodation



"Cheval étape" accommodation

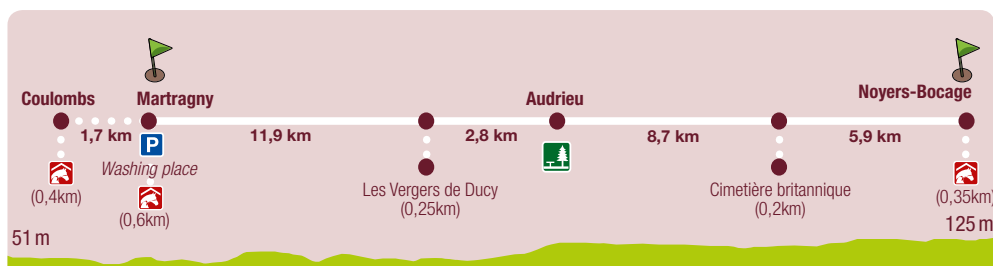


## STAGE 4

SEE MAPS 9,10,11,12

## Martragny → Noyers-Bocage

29,3 km



## ACCOMMODATION

### NOYERS-BOCAGE

**Ferme de la Cordière**, Hameau de Bellejambe  
NOYERS-BOCAGE, 14210 VAL D'ARRY  
02 31 77 18 64 / 06 08 74 23 73 / ferme.la.cordiere@wanadoo.fr / www.fermedelacordiere.com

5 rooms + 3 gîtes : 22 beds / Accommodation for horses on site

Crêperie on site



### ALONG THE WAY

**Picnic area** in Nonant, Audrieu, Noyers-Bocage  
**Shops** in Audrieu, Fontenay-le-Pesnel, Noyers-Bocage



### LUGGAGE TRANSFER

**Arromanches Taxi** : 06 70 40 07 96 **Taxi Service +** : 06 74 49 77 67  
**Taxis du Bessin** : 02 31 92 92 40 **Taxi Port-en-Bessin** : 06 72 23 34 98



### DO NOT MISS



### The castles of Vaussieux, Vaux et Audrieu

On the eastern side of the Bessin, is the quarry of Orival, where limestone was extracted and used for the construction of many châteaux, manor houses and fortified farms that you will be able to admire along the way.

### NEARBY



### The orchards of Ducy

The Bessin is famous for the production of a variety of quality cider products. At les Vergers de Ducy, you can sample cider, pommeau, apple juice and Calvados.

### British cemetery of Fontenay-le-Pesnel

The British cemetery contains 520 graves : 457 are British, 4 Canadian and 59 German.

## STAGE 5

SEE MAPS 12,13,14,15,16

## Noyers-Bocage → Roucamps

32,5 km



## ACCOMMODATION

### LANDES/AJON

**Écuries des Pommiers**  
Le Bourg  
14310 LANDES/AJON  
06 22 45 52 83  
contact@ecurie-des-pommiers.net  
2 gîtes – 12 beds  
Accommodation for horses – 300m  
 Kitchen

### MAISONCELLES/AJON

**Le Moulin d'Ajon**  
Route du Moulin d'Ajon  
14260 MAISONCELLES/AJON  
02 31 77 46 24  
www.lemoulindajon.com  
2 rooms – 4 beds  
Accommodation for horses on site  
 Optional dinner on site

### CAMPANDRE-VALCONGRAIN

**Gîte de la cour**  
La Cour de Valcongrain  
CAMPANDRE-VALCONGRAIN  
14260 LES MONTS d'AUNAY  
02 31 79 35 50  
contact@gitedelacour.fr  
www.gitedelacour.fr  
3 gîtes + 3 chalets + 1 hut  
+ 3 rooms : 62 beds  
Accommodation for horses on site  
 Kitchen



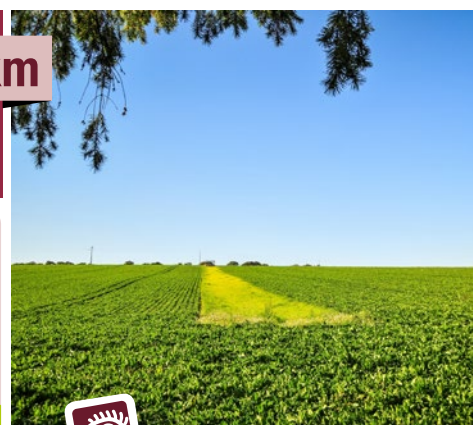
### ALONG THE WAY

**Shops** in Aunay-sur-Odon

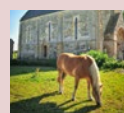


### LUGGAGE TRANSFER

**Aunay Taxi**  
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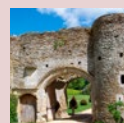
### DO NOT MISS



### Chapelle Saint Clair

Situated in a sensitive natural area, the chapel was built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century within a rectangular plan.

### NEARBY



### Castle of Ragny

Private property built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.



### Aunay-sur-Odon

The town was completely destroyed during 2 strategic bombings in 1944. It was the first town to be reconstructed in 1951, mainly out of Caen Stone.



History of William the Conqueror



"Accueil cheval" accommodation



"Cheval étape" accommodation

# STAGE 6

SEE MAPS 16,17,18,19

## Roucamps → Le Vey / Clécy

30,2 km



## ACCOMMODATION

### SAINT-PIERRE-LA-VIEILLE

#### La cour Anteol

Lieu dit La Quartrée  
SAINT-PIERRE-LA-VIEILLE  
14770 CONDE-EN-NORMANDIE  
info@cour-anteol.fr  
www.cour-anteol.fr

2 chalets : 16 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Kitchen

#### La Boulangerie

La Haute Berterie  
SAINT-PIERRE-LA-VIEILLE  
14770 CONDE-EN-NORMANDIE  
www.la-haute-berterie.com

Gîte : 2 rooms - 4 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Kitchen

### CLÉCY/LE VEY

#### Golf de Clécy

Cantelou  
14570 CLÉCY  
02 31 69 72 72  
contact@golf-de-clecy.com  
www.golf-de-clecy.com

19 rooms + 1 gîte (5 rooms)

55 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Restaurant

### LA POMMERAYE

#### L'écurie

Le Mesnil  
14690 LA POMMERAYE  
02 31 67 99 58  
gitelecure@gmail.com  
www.gitelecure.com

2 rooms + 1 gîte : 8 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Crêperie

#### La ferme du Mesnil

14690 LA POMMERAYE  
02 31 69 40 94  
fermedumesnil@wanadoo.fr  
www.fermedumesnil-randocheval.com

2 gîtes : 16 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Kitchen



## DO NOT MISS



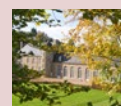
### Fontaine de Saint-Célerin

William the Conqueror, then Duke of Normandy, is said to have played here the treacherous Baron Grimout. The legend has it that as he washed his hands, William dropped his knife in the fountain, staining the water with the blood of his enemy.



### Le Mont Pinçon

The highest point in the Calvados (363m above sea level) and a strategic point during the Battle of Normandy, the site offers an exceptional panorama over the surrounding countryside.



### Le Domaine de Pontécoulant

The château is the cradle of a great noble family, the Doucet de Pontécoulant.



### Clécy

The ever changing landscapes of the Suisse Normande offer exceptional panoramic views over the Eminence, the rock formations of les Parcs and la Houle. Clécy also offers a great variety of water activities including canoeing and kayaking.



## ALONG THE WAY

Picnic area in la Quartrée, Château de Pontécoulant, Clécy

Shops in Clécy, Condé-sur-Noireau



## LUGGAGE TRANSFER

Aunay Taxi

06 80 60 15 87 / 02 31 77 56 98



History of William the Conqueror



"Accueil cheval" accommodation



"Cheval étape" accommodation

# STAGE 7

SEE MAPS 19,20

Le Vey / Clécy  
→ Pont d'Ouilly

13,4 km



## ACCOMODATION

### PONT-D'OUILLY

#### Centre Equestre de la Baronnerie

14690 PONT-D'OUILLY

02 31 69 71 70 / labaronnerie.boscher@wanadoo.fr / www.ce-la-baronnerie.simdif.com

2 rooms – 8 beds / Accommodation for horses on site

Table d'hôtes



### ALONG THE WAY

Picnic area in Château Ganne, Pont d'Ouilly

Shops in Pont d'Ouilly



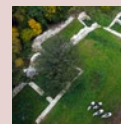
### LUGGAGE TRANSFER

Taxi de la Suisse Normande 02 31 79 43 24

Taxi Breteville-sur-Laize 06 11 28 93 72



### DO NOT MISS



#### Château Ganne la Pommeraye

Fortification from the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> centuries including three hillforts.



#### Pont d'Ouilly

At the confluence of the rivers Orne and Noireau, Pont d'Ouilly enjoys an exceptional natural environment, ideal for the practice of canoeing and kayaking.

# STAGE 8

SEE MAPS 20,21,22

Pont d'Ouilly  
→ Falaise

24,7 km



## ACCOMODATION

### LES ISLES BARDEL

#### Gîte de la Courbe

14690 LES ISLES BARDEL

02 31 69 83 89

danielpesch@hotmail.fr

2 rooms – 5 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Kitchen

#### Le Refuge des Isles

14690 LES ISLES BARDEL

06 83 34 65 34

lerefugedesisles@gmail.com

1 room – 3 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Catering service

### RAPILLY

#### Le Clos Vaucelle

Le Bourg, 14690 LA RAPILLY

02 31 69 36 47

raymond.letourneur@orange.fr

3 rooms – 7 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Catering service

### LES LOGES SAULCES

La Huanière, 14700 LES LOGES

SAULCES, 06 73 59 65 82

logisnature@orange.fr

1 room – 3 beds

Accommodation for horses on site

Kitchen

### FALAISE

#### Hôtel de la Poste

38 Rue Georges Clemenceau,

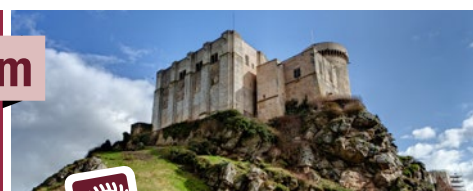
14700 FALAISE

02 31 90 13 14

Accommodation for horses :

Château de la Fresnaye – 50 mètres

Restaurants nearby



### DO NOT MISS



#### La Roche d'Oëtre

From the summit at 118m above sea level, la Roche d'Oëtre offers exceptional views in the heart of the Suisse Normande.

### Falaise



William took shelter in Falaise, his native town, after fleeing Valognes. He was safely escorted there by the two sons of his faithful vassal Hubert de Ryes. From the castle, William prepared his riposte which led to his victory at Val-ès-Dune against the rebellious Barons in 1047.

#### • Castle of William the Conqueror



From the year 1000, the castle of Falaise constituted an imposing stronghold, built in stone by the first dukes of Normandy.

#### • Memorial to Wartime Civilians



A museum dedicated to civilians' life and fight for survival during World War II.

#### • Animated Puppet Museum



The museum holds a unique collection of 300 automatons, coming to life in the reconstituted cobbled street of Paris between 1920 and 1960.



### ALONG THE WAY

Picnic area in Mesnil Villement, Roche d'Oëtre, Falaise

Shops in Pont d'Ouilly, Falaise



### LUGGAGE TRANSFER

Taxi de la Suisse Normande 02 31 79 43 24

Taxi Breteville-sur-Laize 06 11 28 93 72



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