

WHAT'S NEW!

Some new ideas which will help make your tours of excursions in Calvados even more interesting:

VILLA DU TEMPS RETROUVE

(©Ville de Cabourg)



The 'Villa du Temps retrouvé' in Cabourg will bring the Belle Époque back to life. In this period at the turn of the 20th century, Marcel Proust wrote the early drafts of his work in his room at the Grand Hotel. The Villa, a dynamic and immersive museum space, takes visitors on a journey back in time in the company of the writer, with a chance to explore the seaside resort. Areas include an architectural and seaside interpretation centre, an immersive room, an architectural interpretation centre about the Belle Époque aesthetic, a museum space, a temporary exhibition space, a 1900-inspired garden, and much more to discover...

Opening second half 2020.

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BAYEUX, THE MIRACLE SURVIVOR

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British soldiers liberated Bayeux the day after D-Day and the town is still a miracle survivor. It escaped bombings and set the scene for a large military hospital before General de Gaulle chose it for his first speech once France had been liberated, on June 14th 1944, and it became the 'capital of liberated France'. Visitors are whisked back to a pivotal time in the town's contemporary history through anecdotes, archive photos and period buildings on the guided tour.

Duration of the visit in F or EN: 2 hrs. Rate: 150 €, maximum 50 pers.

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'LA DELICATE' SOUND TOUR'

(Crédit photo : @Les Conteurs - Office de Tourisme de Caen la mer)



In the wake of the first immersive walk in Lion-sur-Mer/Hermanville-sur-Mer in 2018, a little sister has come to Ouistreham et Colleville-Montgomery in 2019! Imagine a poetic sound-filled walk with GPS under a connected parasol. Nature, the beach, Occupation, war, D-Day Landings and sharing memories take pride of place in this new tour. A moving experience deep in the heart and soul of the land and its locals. Awarded the 'Normandy for Peace' label.

Duration of the visit in F or EN: 1hr15 - Rate: 6€/pers.

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NORMANDY UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS

(© Normandie à la Loupe)



A treasure hunt-style tour! The aim of the new concept: delve deep into an era on a guided tour exploring an area or character then get involved in a team investigation to put your observation, deduction, direction and decoding skills to the test. Two Caen products: 'Belle-Époque villa hunting' and 'Investigation into Charlotte Corday, on the trail of a murderer'. One Cabourg product: 'Belle-Époque villa hunting'.

Rate: 8€/pers.

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ELECTRIC BIKE FOODIE TOURS

(©Thierry Houyel)



An idyllic bike ride exploring local flavours and specialities! From the seaside to the farm, savoury to sweet, go on an adventure and meet passionate producers to find out all there is to know about their delicacies. There will be tastings galore! A calorie-free food tour... because you'll be cycling to each stop! Normandy isn't just a land of culture and history; it's a gourmet destination too. Treat yourself to a tastebud-tickling trip!

Rate: 149€/person.

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FOODIE TOUR

(©Agnès Sénécal)



Explore the old town's heritage and sample an array of traditional Normandy dishes: teurgoule (Normandy's own rice pudding), Bayeux pork saucisson, Pont-l'Evêque cheese and more. Duration of the visit: 1hr - Rate: on request.

Your contact person: Pont l'Evêque Terre d'Auge Tourist Office - Emilie GOUYE - TEL 02 31 64 12 77 - emilie@2apli.fr - destination-pontleveque.com

LAKE TOUR

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This 7km guided tour starts at Pont l'Evêque Terre d'Auge Tourist Information and takes in local heritage by the famous 55ha lake. You'll learn how it was formed and where the town it's named after comes from. Before heading back you can tuck into some Pont l'Evêque cheese washed down by the farm's cider and apple juice! Rate: on request.

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BRASSERIE DU HOMMEY

(©Emmanuel Blivet)



This central Normandy brewery in Caumont-sur-Aure, between the woodland and Bessin, introduces visitors to brewing process and raw ingredients that make the beers taste unique.

Duration of the visit: 1hr. Food/beer pairing tasting. Rate: 3€/pers. Maximum 25/30 pers.

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OPEN-AIR EXHIBITION TRAIL "IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS", CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS, THEIR HISTORY IN 1944

(© Visites au cœur de l'histoire/Office de Tourisme Terres de Nacre)



Soldiers and civilians share their experiences of June 1944 and reveal the images they'll never forget... the fear, anguish, noise, bloody battle, arrival of Canadian soldiers with their funny accents and the joy of being liberated. Testimonials illustrated by archive images. Free web app. Sites: Juno Beach sector: Courseulles-sur-Mer, Bernières-sur-Mer, Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer, Langrune-sur-Mer, Luc-sur-Mer, Revières, Douvres-la-Délivrande.

Mid-April to mid-November. Free admission and at leisure. Guided visit in F or EN on request: 1hr30. Rate: 150€ for a group, max. 30 pers.; 250€ over 30 pers.

Your contact persons: Corine VERVAEKE - Tour guide - TEL 06 64 74 26 69 / Nancy PICOT - Terres de Nacre Tourist Office - TEL 06 58 36 83 58

OVERLORD MUSEUM

(©Overlord Museum)



The figures speak for themselves: 10,000 pieces on show including 35 tanks, cannons and artillery items from the Battle of Normandy are displayed in Colleville-sur-Mer. A new 760m² extension opened in June 2019 and now houses an exhibition devoted to the air forces' contribution to the Battle of Normandy. There's also a teaching room, shop and gallery with 65 portraits paying tribute to veterans.

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LISIEUX BASILICA

(©Loïc Durand)



This year the Lisieux Basilica is getting... a lift! It will be installed in an empty tower and stop at 4 floors open to visitors: the crypt, forecourt, basilica and dome. The glass lift means visitors can see the building's concrete structure and the scenery in the open sections. Max lift capacity: 13 pers.

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HOTEL

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Novotel Deauville****

Capacity: 100 rooms

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APPART HOTEL

(©Marie Le Roux)



Manoir de l'Evêché in Lisieux

Capacity: 21 apartments sleeping 74.

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POMMERAYE EQUESTRIAN THEATRE

(©Antoine Bassaler)



Show based on "Beautés équestres" where chargers and artists in Victorian costume parade before your very eyes. 40 min show with 8 horses and 2 artists.

Rate: on request.

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SOUTERROSCOPE DES ARDOISIÈRES

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Prepare for a thrilling trip underground to explore an extraordinary and little-known world filled with strange creatures and hidden gems. The fully renovated trail finale has 4 exploration highlights (from the depths to the surface - extraction; the wood cutter's workshop; the potted history of Souterroscope in Caumont-sur-Aure; underground, there's more than just slate) blending modern techniques: holography, digital box, video mapping, touchscreen, etc.

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PLANETARIUM

(©J.Boisard)



Explore the cosmos in Villers-sur-Mer! All-encompassing experience amidst the constellations, planets, nebulas and other exotic things. Every session includes a 45 min commentary and 360° 30 min screening. Rate: Adults: 7.90€ (aged 15 and over)/Schoolchildren: 5.90€ (aged 7 and over).

Schoolchildren: two-part experience: presentation and discussion with a science guide to get your bearings in the sky and an

introduction to astronomy followed by a 360° screening (animation or documentary based on academic year). The session can include an astronomy workshop (astrolabe, sundial, etc.).

Rate: 5.90 € ; workshop: 5€. Up to 27 people per session. Open all year round by appointment. Your contact: TEL 02 31 81 77 60 - commercial@paleospace-villers.fr - paleospace-villers.fr

VIRE MUSEUM

(©Musée de Vire)



800m² visitor trail and 200m² temporary exhibitions on three floors in the pipeline for the Vire Museum's reopening scheduled for Spring 2021. These spaces will present a collection of items, furniture, costumes, paintings, sculptures, photographs, period films and more depicting the history in and around town from Antiquity to the Reconstruction and up to the present day.

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CAEN MEMORIAL

(©Le Mémorial de Caen)



The 'Mémorial de Caen' is even more spectacular and immersive, with the opening of a brand new cinema room. It will screen a film about the transition between the Second World War and the Cold War, and tells the story of the origins of Europe, from the turn of the 20th century to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. A 360-degree screening comprising 17 minutes of previously unseen, exceptional

archive footage, to raise awareness of how fragile Peace is.

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MERVILLE-FRANCEVILLE BATTERY

(©Musée de la Batterie)



The museum pays tribute to the units that took part in capturing the Battery and the liberation of Merville-Franceville. Its new 300m² visitor area prefigures another site: a hangar built in autumn 2019 to house the famous Douglas C-47, a Monument Historique since 2014. It was recovered by a group of enthusiasts in 2007 in Bosnia-Herzegovina and took part in the biggest airborne operations from June 6th to late 1945.

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FERME SAINT-VAAST - FLAX FIBRE

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Mathilde and Benoît come from a long line of flax producers and welcome visitors to their Saint-Vaast Farm in Garcelles-Secqueville 10 mins south of Caen. They manage this family-run crop farm, present the different stages of flax growing, specific equipment, processing flax, linen and different technical uses. Shop. Visit in F or EN. Duration: 1hr30. Rate: Adults: 5€/pers. (over 20 pers.)/Schoolchildren: 4€

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BRITISH NORMANDY MEMORIAL

(© Liam O'Connor Architects / Normandy Memorial Trust)



This commemorative monument in Ver-sur-Mer will be dedicated to the 22,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Commonwealth, as well as the local civilian victims, who lost their lives during the D-Day landings on the Normandy beaches. The chosen site is located in a field overlooking 'Gold Beach', with a direct view of the remains of Arromanches artificial harbour. The first stone

has been laid in June 2019 to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Inauguration planned for Spring 2021.

WALT D'ISIGNY EXHIBITION

(©Mairie d'Isigny-sur-Mer)



Explore the magical world of Mickey! Annick Adam, a.k.a. Madame Mickey, had a lifelong and unfailing passion for Walt Disney's "son". She collected 6000 items that she left to Isigny-sur Mer. Part of the collection is now on display in a vintage setting to the delight of children and adults alike.

Open from 2pm to 6pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On Sundays (only during school holidays). Guided visit. Rate: on request.

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