



BIKING IN NORMANDY: 4 NIGHTS "Taste Of"



Explore France at your own pace

Day 1: Arrival in Caen

There are easy train connections from Paris directly to Caen for your arrival into the region of Normandy. At the end of the afternoon, after settling in to your hotel, our Trip Manager will meet with you to go over the bike fitting and answer any questions. As well as exploring the historic centre of the capital of Calvados, we highly recommend the incredible Caen Memorial Museum - plan to spend some time there as there is a lot to see, and it is truly fascinating as well as moving. Dinner tonight is included at one of our favourite local restaurants, not far from your hotel.

Day 2: Loop Ride to Sword Beach and Pegasus Bridge 46 km / 29 Miles

Your ride today brings you out of Caen on a bike path following the Canal de Caen, parallel to the Orne River, taking you easily and safely out of busy Caen. Once out of town, detour through the countryside, through small towns and villages towards the coast. You will arrive in Douvres-la-Delivrande where you can visit a British War Cemetery, before continuing on to the coastline itself, passing in front of one of the five famous D-day Beaches, Sword Beach. Stop for a restoring lunch in Ouistreham, where you can visit the Atlantic Wall Museum, inside the "Big Bunker", a former German headquarters. The Belvedere has an interesting orientation table and in front of the casino. Afterwards head back towards Caen. Your route takes you right by Benouville, and the famous Pegasus Bridge, (originally the Benouville Bridge). There you can visit the Pegasus Memorial and Museum, dedicated to the first liberators who arrived in Normandy on the night of 5th/6th June 1944, before returning back to Caen for a second night.

Day 3: To Bayeux via Arromanches 53 km / 33 Miles

Today's ride heads towards the coastline again, bringing you to Arromanches and Gold Beach, where you can visit an unusual circular theatre with a D-Day film shown on nine screens. In the D-day Landing Museum learn about the construction and operation of the artificial harbours assembled in the days following D-Day. Your goal today is Bayeux, a beautiful medieval town with many sites, including the not-to-be-missed Bayeux Tapestry. This 70 meter long tapestry, a real historic document recounting events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in the 11th century, is unique in the world. You can also enjoy the recently re-opened Battle of Normandy Museum and General de Gaulle Memorial. Another dinner awaits you this evening, at one of our favourite local restaurants.



**Day 4: Loop Ride to Omaha Beach** 52 km / 32 Miles

A final loop ride today, taking you from Bayeux to discover some of the most famous WWII sites in the area. Head towards the coast and then on to Coleville-sur-Mer. In Coleville take some time to visit the incredibly moving US Military cemetery, the chapel and then a little further on to the memorial dedicated to the youth of America. There is also a viewpoint which overlooks Omaha Beach, which you can ride to, a little further on. Afterwards, retrace your steps back through Coleville (where you can find some lunch) before returning to Bayeux for your final evening.

Day 5: Departure from Bayeux

After a final breakfast, you can get connections out of Bayeux train station to return to Paris or for further travels. Bon Voyage!

**What's included in your Normandy package**

- 4 nights' accommodation of the comfort level of your choice: CLASSIC, CLASSIC + or DELUXE; all hotel taxes
- All breakfasts, 2 dinners (drinks not included with dinners)
- Fully equipped quality touring bike
 - * E-bikes and Road bikes available on request (with a supplement)
- Orientation with our Trip Manager
- Detailed maps and step-by-step route instructions
- Regional information and advice
- Uploadable GPS file of the route to use on a free APP in your smartphone
 - * Can be used without international internet plan (offline)
- Luggage transfers hotel to hotel
- Phone call support 7 days a week

