

COTENTIN, A REGION LIKE AN ISLAND

5 days / 4 nights



50 pupils
5 adults
1 driver

DAY 1 WELCOME TO NORMANDY

4 p.m. - Dinner and accommodation at the Collignon Centre in Tourlaville

The Collignon Centre is at the heart of the Collignon water sports leisure park in Tourlaville, near Cherbourg, between Cap de la Hague and Val de Saire. The centre is located near the sand dunes with direct access to the beach along a footpath.

The premises:

- Recent 2-storey building. Accommodation capacity for 104 people.
- Dining room, multi-purpose room
- Audio-visual room
- Three classrooms
- Cafeteria

The centre:

- On the 1st floor, two wings, each with 10 rooms with 4 or 5 beds, shower and wash basins
- On the 2nd floor, 12 rooms with 2 or 3 beds, showers and wash basins
- Infirmary
- 4 cupboards in each room

Certification numbers:

National Education Authority: 50 90 03
Youth and Sports Ministry: 50-602-132

DAY 2 La Cité de la Mer : History of the deep sea

Breakfast at the accommodation centre

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Visit to the Cité de la Mer and to Cherbourg-Octeville

In a converted transatlantic maritime station in Cherbourg, the Cité de la Mer is an entertaining and educational centre dedicated to mankind's adventures under the sea.

During an entertaining visit always rich in emotions and sensations, the pupils will discover the little-known environment of the deep seas.





The Cité de la Mer is organised into four sections:

- **The Ocean Section**, devoted to the exploration and use of underwater treasures, and built around a vast aquarium, one of the deepest in Europe.

- **The Underwater Section**, with a visit to the Redoutable, the world biggest submarine opened to the public. Here the pupils can see what daily life is like in a submarine.

Duration of visit to the Redoutable: 35 mins.

-**The Big Gallery of Vessels and Mankind** in the reception area. From the Nautilus, which dived down to 10 m in 1800, to the Archimède, which reached 9 545 m in 1962, visitors can plunge into the international history of human adventures under the sea.

-**The TITANIC and Emigration Section.**

The first part of the exhibition, in the former luggage room, is dedicated to European emigration to the New World. The pupils will share the life experience and emotions of emigrants through films, archive photos and multimedia displays.

The second part of the exhibition, below the Luggage Room, is devoted to the Titanic. From the crossing to the sinking, the pupils will witness this historic voyage through the moving accounts of the survivors and through reconstitutions of the Titanic's decor.

During the visit, the pupils will also be able to "walk under the sea" in an incredible virtual adventure taking them to the furthest edge of the oceans...

Extra educational activities:

- Bilingual quiz
- English quiz
- Themed itineraries : The Living and Movements and Strengths / 70th anniversary of the World War II Battle of Normandy .

Teachers' guide on the website <http://www.citedelamer.com/en/>

Noon - Picnic lunch provided by the Collignon Centre

5.30 p.m. - Dinner and accommodation at the Collignon Centre in Turlaville

DAY 3 Tatihou, story of an island

Breakfast at the accommodation centre

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Arrival at Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue for the trip to Tatihou

To access the landing stage, go to the 'Tatihou Reception' at Quai Vauban, opposite the marina. The office is shown by the "Accueil Tatihou" sign.

10.30 a.m. - Crossing by amphibious boat for Tatihou island from St Vaast-La-Hougue



Duration: 15 mins

Nestled in the Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue harbour, the island of Tatihou has 300 years of turbulent history, where military, trade, scientific and educational events have been interwoven. Vauban Fort, built after the Battle of La Hougue, a quarantine station converted into a laboratory in the Natural History Museum and a Maritime Museum presenting the adventures along the English Channel coasts are all opportunities to understand history and the regional heritage.

In four hectares, a large maritime park, a discovery garden and a botanical garden show off the flora of the sea shore, from both here and elsewhere. Saint-Vaast-La-Hougue harbour is a major ornithological site. Here, all through the year, can be found over 100 nesting, migratory or wintering species.

The site's originality, and its natural and historic riches, provides a unique opportunity to reach a wide range of activities.

Access to the island is by amphibious boat. At high tide, you sail on the water, and at low tide, you will drive between the rocks and the oyster beds.

On the island, the Maritime Museum, the Vauban Tower, the Boat Hall and the Maritime Gardens are open to visitors.

The Maritime Museum

Exhibition "Fleets and Fracas, the Shipwreck of La Hougue, 1692"

Off the coast of Barfleur, on 29 May 1692, the ships of Louis XIV faced up to the Anglo-Dutch naval powers. A number of vessels were set on fire. Three centuries later, the Maritime Museum presents an exhibition with over 200 objects, touching a wide range of topics, such as shipbuilding, 17th century navigation and life on board, sea battle strategies, and also the stories of the objects that discovered centuries later. Hands-on displays, animated films and a children's visit are an opportunity to immerse yourself in the maritime history of the 17th century.

The Maritime Gardens: Beneath the walls of the quarantine station, the four-hectare gardens show off the flora of the sea shore, both from here and elsewhere. A place to take a stroll and find inspiration, and also an area introducing visitors to botany.

The Vauban Tower: two years after the Battle of La Hougue, Vauban built a fort at the edge of the island. From the top of the tower, there is a vast panorama over the island and the east coast of Cotentin.

As an extra option:

- Historic visit to the island of Tatihou. The price is an extra €3.05 per pupil and €3.20 per adult
- Ornithological visit to the island of Tatihou. The price is an extra €3.05 per pupil and €3.20 per adult

Noon - Picnic lunch provided by the Collignon Centre

6 p.m. - Dinner and accommodation at the Collignon Centre in Tourlaville

DAY 4 Hoist the sails!



Breakfast at the accommodation centre

10 a.m. - Sand yachting for beginners on Tourlaville beach

(Times to be confirmed, depending on the tides)

Duration: 2 hours

A fun-packed yearly activity, rich in sensations, sand yachting is a great introduction to wind sports, provided you adapt clothing to the weather conditions (protection against the cold and from projections of water and sand). The activity is organised with the Tourlaville Voile et Vent School with a state-qualified instructor.

Two pupils per sand yacht.
Duration of the session: 2 hrs.

Equipment needed for sand yachting sessions: old pair of sunglasses / gloves / old clothes (old jogging trousers - no jeans - and a sweatshirt) / windcheater or jacket / bag with spare clothes.

Noon - Lunch at Collignon accommodation centre

2.10 p.m. - Visit to Cherbourg harbour on board the "Adèle" speedboat

Duration: 1 hr

Cherbourg has the biggest man-made harbour in the world. Masterpiece of military architecture, construction begun in the 18th century, the last elements were completed only in the 20th century.

During a guided cruise, the pupils will discover the incredible human adventure represented by the construction of this 1500-hectare harbour, where five forts were built. But also the Quai de France, a port of call for the Titanic and for the biggest liner in the world, the Queen Mary II.

4 p.m. - Dinner and accommodation at the Collignon Centre in Tourlaville

DAY 5 Departure

Breakfast at the accommodation centre

Noon - Picnic lunch provided by the Collignon Centre

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