



FRENCH HORIZONS

*So much more
than a French trip!*



About us



Located in the charming town of Pont L'Évêque, right in the heart of the **Pays d'Auge** region of central Normandy, we are dedicated to nurturing long-lasting connections between schools on both sides of the channel. We go the extra mile to connect teachers and students, so that your French trip can become part of a wider project with a long-term vision.

Our unique program offers the concept of pen-pal exchanges throughout the year, culminating in a fun French trip to visit the French school and explore our lovely region. Your students can experience French school life firsthand and meet their pen-pals 'for real'!

This can pave the way for long-term relationships between schools, leading to many enriching educational outcomes. We are proud to have the backing of Deputy Jérémie Patrier-Leitus and the *Département de Calvados* for this initiative.

During your tour, Normandy's rich history is brought to life through interactive museums, while market mornings, chocolate museums, and cheese factories offer a taste of local culture and language immersion. Exciting activity centres and theme parks are all within easy reach to complete your trip with fun and adventure.

Accommodation



We partner with a range of excellent accommodation centres, offering over 350 beds to accommodate groups of all sizes. Our centres are specifically designed for children and youth groups, featuring sports facilities, expansive grounds for quality downtime, and full security measures to ensure dietary needs and safeguarding are met.

Domaine de Soignolles (above): Ideal for smaller groups, this venue is a popular wedding location with beautiful grounds and excellent facilities.

Orangerie Bourg-Saint-Leonard (below): A larger centre set within the grounds of an 18th-century château, which can be explored on your stay.

Maison Saint Georges: Perfect for very large groups, this centre is located within school grounds in the charming countryside town of Orbec.



Experiencing history...



Medieval History - The famous **Bayeux Tapestry Museum** and the **Château de Falaise** (William the Conqueror's castle) reveal the dramatic history of Normandy. **Mont Saint Michel** is a magical experience nearby.

Modern History - The **D-Day Landing Beaches** can be experienced via the circular cinema **Arromanches 360** and the beach below, which still contains the remnants of the artificial harbour from WW2.

Prehistory - Exploring 'Jurassic Normandy', the **Paléospace l'Odysée** at Villers-sur-Mer organise fascinating dinosaur and fossil workshops, followed by a beach visit where the students can hunt for fossils.



...and gastronomic discovery!



Cheese - The Pays d'Auge is renowned for its four cheeses - Neufchâtel, Pont l'Evêque, Livarot, and Camembert. At the **Village Fromager** in Livarot, students can learn about the art of cheese-making with tastings at the end.

Chocolate - The **Drakkar Chocolate Museum** in Bayeux organise tours for students to learn about these famous regional delicacies.

Market Morning - Traditional French markets are found all over our region. The **Marchée aux Poissons** in Trouville-sur-Mer is engaging as the fishermen unload their catches directly onto the quayside.



Having lots of fun!



The viking-themed amusement park **Festyland** is always a hit with school groups, with a lovely range of rides suitable for all levels of confidence. The stunning **Suisse Normande** (the area of Normandy reminiscent of the Swiss Alps) is home to aerial trekking, kayaking, geo-caching and archery. Not forgetting Normandy's one-and-only bobsleigh circuit **Clecy Gliss!**

Experiencing life in a French school



We have an ever-expanding list of French schools that are keen to welcome UK school groups into their classrooms. Your students can experience life in a French school with students of the same year-group. Your teachers and the French teachers have regular contact to plan the in-school activities. All the students can also enjoy school canteen lunch together (French-style: starter/main/cheese/dessert!).

A musical twist!



Our company also organises school music tours, therefore we can include a musical element. This might be a tour of a the Lisieux Conservatoire, with a short performance given by the conservatoire's senior students. Or perhaps a collaborative singing project bringing your school together with a local choir to meet, rehearse, and perform some songs which are prepared in advance.



"Thank you so much for a lovely trip, the pupils really enjoyed it and it was so well planned. You couldn't have done any more for us. Our pupils have been exposed to such a wide range of experiences that will stay with them for life. The trip really helped some of our more reserved pupils to build confidence and make new friends, watching them grow and have fun on the trip was so lovely for us teachers to witness." Claire Ludlow, Head of French, Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

We are teachers ourselves, and in addition to operating school trips we teach at several of the music schools and conservatoires in the region. Hence our close connections with other schools and teachers around us. Our company looks after every detail of the tour planning and booking process, and we then look after your group during the tour itself. We are always on standby and never far away!

Why not visit our website to try out our '**Build Your Tour Quotation**' page. Every aspect of the tour programme is outlined in remarkable detail in an innovative and transparent approach to tour planning. We look forward to hearing from you if you would like any further information, and perhaps welcoming you to the Pays d'Age in the future!

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