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Inspiration made easy

**Educational
TRIPS TO NORMANDY
for Schools**



A fantastic opportunity for students to discover the history and culture of Normandy, to share a learning experience, and to bond with staff and peers. A wonderful trip!

Perry Beeches, West Midlands





Welcome to Travelbound

A school trip abroad can be a giant leap for some children. For Party Leaders the prospect of planning a trip that meets your desired educational aims and learning outcomes can seem equally as daunting. With **over 30 years of experience** working with schools, colleges and universities, we have developed the know-how to support Party Leaders from start to finish.

At Travelbound we take the pressure away from the planning and booking of your tour by providing **tailor-made educational tours** with school travel specialists on hand to help you every step of the way. We allow you the space to remember how special a school tour abroad is in the development of your students and the many happy memories that lie in waiting.

Leading the way in educational group travel, identifying opportunities for learning is high on our agenda. With many of the tours including cross-curricular themes, students' learning can be supported in more than one discipline. Bring learning to life for your students through **real-world situations** – e.g. a trip to a market town to develop language skills or the battlefields of the Normandy coast to tread in the footsteps of fallen soldiers. As proud holders of the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge, we work to enable your school the opportunity to **educate and inspire** students in a new learning environment that extends beyond the confines of the classroom.

Ignite the passion for future learning through discovery on a Travelbound educational tour.

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Inspiration Made Easy

We have been around for **over 30 years** and continue to support teachers in their quest to inspire, motivate and educate their students. Our expertise, financial security, operational excellence and dedication to make your trip **as easy as possible** for you to plan, promote and enjoy is what sets us apart from the rest!

- The **health and safety** of our customers is of paramount importance and auditing processes are used for all our accommodation, excursions and transport services. We operate to a PLC standard and our health and safety department is the best in the business.
- We are a full member of the School Travel Forum (**STF**); fully bonded by **ABTA** and **ATOL**; and have been awarded full accreditation to the Learning Outside the Classroom (**LOTC**) Quality Badge scheme.
- With over **30 years of experience**, we pride ourselves on being reliable, knowledgeable and passionate. Most of us have travelled extensively, are fluent in more than one language and are experts in one or more subject fields.
- Our returning Party Leaders have rated the overall **satisfaction** of their trip at 95%.
- We have a fabulous selection of **worldwide destinations** and suggested itineraries that will give your students the most memorable gift – school trip memories that will last a lifetime.

So, wherever in the world you choose to travel with us, our **dedicated team** offers excellent service, unbeatable product knowledge, true expertise and a passion for the benefits of educational travel.





I thought the activities put on for the students at the Château du Molay were engaging and most importantly gave us a chance to have a break. Great food and staff! Thank you.

Royal Hospital School, Suffolk

The Number 1 Choice



It is not just our shared passion to travel that inspires our school trips, but a desire to **motivate your students** by providing an engaging and informative tour that will live happily in their memory for years to come.

From the initial booking with our Account Managers to your dedicated Tour Coordinator who will ensure every aspect of your trip is completed, the Travelbound team are on hand so that you can **book with ease**. Our dedicated teams provide you with bespoke tours and a commitment to deliver outstanding service catered to the individual needs of the group. We understand there is a focus on students developing **holistically** over the course of their educational tour abroad with not only attention to subject knowledge but also key **interpersonal skills** emerging through new interactions with places and people.

We provide you with the support to ensure you have a **successful and stress-free** tour experience including personalised posters and presentations to promote your tour, **help with risk assessments** and a **24-hour support** link to support you overseas. Working with Party Leaders to identify learning outcomes against the curriculum goals has seen Travelbound stand out amongst other school travel operators in providing an **exceptional service**.

With partners located around the world, we can provide you with the best transportation and accommodation options, with all hotels and hostels meeting our **stringent health and safety** requirements. Whether it is our expertise, operational excellence or the financial security we have, you can **feel safe** in the knowledge that your tour with us is our number 1 priority.

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Hassle-free and transparent booking process

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95% of our customers rate us as good or excellent

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Over 30 years of experience in educational travel

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Dedicated Account Managers and Tour Coordinators

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24-hour phone support

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Tailor-made trips to fit budget/requirements

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ABTA, ATOL, LoTC and STF accredited

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An experienced team who love to travel!



WHY TRAVELBOUND?





Learning Outside the Classroom

Continually seeking opportunities to break down barriers to learning, we have designed our educational tours to provide students with a **stimulating environment** that encourages enquiry and promotes further study.

As an accredited **Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Quality Badge** holder, Travelbound are recognised for our ongoing process to sustain high-quality learning outside the classroom. No matter the age, ability or circumstance, we believe every young learner should experience the world outside the confines of the classroom and are confident this forms an essential element of personal development. Educational tours and the experiences gained from them help motivate students, reduce poor behaviour and truancy, while helping schools raise attainment and meet **Every Child Matters** outcomes.

Young people of all ages benefit from **practical experiences**; when they can see, hear, touch and explore the world around them, and have opportunities to engage in challenges and outdoor adventures. Travelbound **brings learning to life** by creating high-quality learning opportunities by dissecting the curriculum and working with educationalists to create tours that support **learning objectives**. By assisting teachers in planning the learning experience effectively, we are able to table a variety of options that follow the needs of the learner and fit within our **stringent safety management** process to manage risk effectively.

Building an ethos in line with the LOtC, our educational tours promote personal, social and health education by:

- Allowing young people to face **new challenges** and **overcome fears**.
- Developing effective **communication skills**.
- **Adapting** to new situations and environments.
- Solving problems and taking **responsibility**.
- Encouraging **self-discipline** and self-control.
- Increasing self-esteem and **confidence**.
- Promoting effective **teamwork**.
- Gaining **independence**.

For more information, please visit: **www.lotc.org.uk**





A perfect trip – couldn't have been better!
Thank you to all staff, you were brilliant!
Whoberley's first visit, and we had a fabulous
time – we will be back!

Whoberley Hall Primary School, Coventry



Welcome to Normandy

The beautiful Normandy Region is our **most popular** travel destination with schools choosing to return year after year. This is why we chose this region to acquire a very special base for our groups, the magnificent 18th century **Château du Molay**.

The area provides an **extensive range of activities and excursions** to enhance your students' learning. Students can dive into the **history** of World War II with a series of significant battlefield visits, including the Arromanches 360 cinema and D-Day Landing Museum, the Caen Memorial, the landing beaches, and war cemeteries. For those studying medieval history there is the Bayeux Tapestry, William the Conqueror's birthplace at Falaise Castle, plus the Ducal Castle and Abbeys in Caen. **Language** students can develop their verbal skills with interactive activities in the market towns of Bayeux and Honfleur, while **food technology** students wanting to learn more about production methods can visit local farms and manufacturers developing produce within the region. With a variety of **cross-curricular** activities available, your tour itinerary will soon shape itself around your learning goals and the many experiences open to your students.



Château du Molay

The outstanding coastal region of Normandy is home to our 18th century Château du Molay that has been playing host to school groups for **over 20 years**. Just 17kms from Bayeux and within easy reach of the famous Calvados coast and D-Day landing beaches, the Château is in a **prime location** to explore all Normandy has to offer.

We know we have **the best château** in the school market and our Party Leaders think it's great too with many groups securing their place for the following year even before they have left for their trip! It's not just the **location** that ticks the boxes for Party Leaders but the wide range of on-site facilities geared to the school market providing **endless entertainment**. Accommodating 200 guests in 44 en-suite bedrooms, the 38 acres of **pristine private parkland** features all you could ask for, including:

- outdoor heated swimming pool (seasonal)
- large restaurant
- games room
- classroom
- library
- full size football/rugby pitch
- all-weather sports court
- archery range
- blind trail
- survival area
- initiative exercise area
- wildlife pond reserve
- tree conservation avenue

Groups are greeted by our very own **Château du Molay staff** who are available to assist you throughout your school's stay with us in Normandy. The team, led by Gemma and Lisle, can arrange everything from French cuisine evenings, where groups can experience frog legs, snails, crêpes and local cheeses, to disco and karaoke nights.

Tailoring your educational tour with us to the requirements of your students and subject focus is made easy for groups staying at our Château du Molay. Acting as a gateway to Northern France's most notable landmarks, the Château presents schools with a **fantastic base** from where learning, exploration, and discovery can unfold. To find out more about this **inspiring destination**, contact us today and we will happily send you a no obligation quote.

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A large, three-story stone building with a light beige facade and numerous windows with white shutters. The building has a classical architectural style with a pedimented roof and two large chimneys. In the foreground, there is a well-manicured lawn, a low hedge, and a tall palm tree. To the right, a group of people is standing near a modern building partially obscured by trees. The sky is blue with some clouds.

**Exclusive to
Travelbound**

On-site Facilities





Take aim at the archery range



Trust your friends on the blind trail



Develop new skills in the circus class



Learn about the great outdoors in the survival area



Relax at the Chateau BBQ



Take the plunge in the swimming pool



Contribute to conservation on our Eco-Avenue



Unwind with retro gaming



Find your competitive edge on the sports field

History

Much better than simply reading about it in textbooks, our history and battlefields tours to Normandy offer your students an exciting opportunity to come face to face with the past. From the events of 1066 to the famous D-Day landing beaches, Normandy's history has been long and often turbulent, leaving a rich heritage of listed monuments, world-famous sites and superb museums.



Top Excursions/Activities



D-Day Landing Museum

This was the first museum of its kind to be built in commemoration of the D-Day landings at the site of the artificial Mulberry harbour. Exhibits include salvaged artillery guns and a detailed model of the harbour floated across the Channel by the Allies.



Arromanches 360

This film spectacularly tells the story of the terrible Battle of Normandy thanks to archive images gathered from around the world. It is a tribute to soldiers from all countries and to the 20,000 civilians who were killed during this battle for the liberation of Europe, a battle which gave rise to so much hope.



Omaha Beach and American Cemetery

The impressive memorial and American cemetery contains 9,387 white crosses, a commemorative wall to the 1,557 Americans who couldn't be named, and an informative visitor centre. The Overlord Museum nearby chronicles the period of the Allied landing until the liberation of Paris.



Le Mémorial de Caen

The museum takes students on a journey from the end of WWI to the end of the Cold War and sets the D-Day landings in a historical context. Groups can opt for a guided visit of just the D-Day landings and Battle of Normandy areas lasting 1 hour 15 minutes. Workbooks and workshops are also available.



The Pegasus Memorial

A visit to the Pegasus Memorial tells the story of the men of the 6th British Airborne Division, composed of parachutists and glider-borne troops who were the first to land on D-Day. The original Pegasus Bridge and a full-size replica of a Horseshoe glider are on display in the grounds of the museum.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will have the opportunity to:

- gain awareness of the events and experiences of soldiers in World War II
- see how societies come to terms with traumatic events
- understand the modern-day effects of medieval and more recent history
- gain a sense of the breadth of history and develop their knowledge of selected periods of history
- explore the concept of patriotism and citizenship and consider the quest for international peace

Did you know

The Château du Molay has its own wartime history as it was occupied by the Germans during World War II. Go to [travelbound.co.uk/Chateau250](https://www.travelbound.co.uk/Chateau250) to find out more.

Modern Foreign Language

Our French Language tours to Normandy are perfectly geared up to help your group improve their language skills through communication with native speakers, in real life situations. Spending time in the country and soaking up their new surroundings, your students will have the added benefit of hearing local intonation, accents and pronunciation. There's no better way to teach your students a foreign language than by experiencing the country and its culture.



Top Excursions/Activities



French Market Assignment

Each student is given a budget in Euros and has to use their French-speaking skills to buy ingredients to make a cold lunch back at the Château. After they have prepared the meal, it is then judged by the Château's head chef.



La Cité de la Mer

Visit the world's largest submarine that is open to the public, learn about deep sea exploration and see Europe's largest cylindrical aquarium. There's also an exhibition on the Titanic, which stopped at Cherbourg before crossing the Atlantic. Themed itineraries and a bilingual quiz are available.



Chèvrerie du Mesnil (Goat's Cheese Farm)

This is a hands-on goat farm that allows students to see how dairy products such as milk and cheese are produced. It's a great way to find out more about the traditional produce of the area and also presents a good chance to practice language skills and develop vocabulary.



Bayeux Apprenti – MFL Challenge

Students enjoy an engaging language experience among some of the historic sights of this charming French town. Teams undertake a series of challenges in different 'zones' along the route. Based on the idea of *The Apprentice* TV programme, students are set a series of fun tasks to earn points for their team as they strive to prove themselves the best all-round competitor and linguist.



La Cité de la Mer PenPal Project

Look ahead to your Normandy tour with La Cité de la Mer's PenPal Project where students will have the chance to share information about their cities, school life and the maritime museum before meeting up with their French penpals to explore La Cité de la Mer.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will have the opportunity to:

- understand the value of learning another language
- test and challenge their own abilities
- discover more about the French people and culture
- gain practical skills that can be transferred to the classroom
- engage in spontaneous, unscripted conversations with native French speakers
- develop confidence and fluency in French by speaking it in practical situations

Did you know

We can also arrange French language lessons at the Château or a question-and-answer session with a native speaker.

Food Technology

Our Food Technology tours offer exciting student travel opportunities with a delicious twist. Teach your students about a different culture and soak up the sights, sounds and smells of the traditional French Markets. Visiting Normandy offers the perfect opportunity for your students to polish up their language skills too. There really is no better way to learn than by rolling up your sleeves and getting involved, and this school trip allows your students to do just that.



Top Excursions/Activities



Speciality Cooking Lesson

Cookery courses can be organised at a local restaurant and include a hands-on demonstration involving the preparation and cooking of traditional dishes. Pupils will really appreciate the whole process from kitchen to restaurant plate.



Chèvrerie du Mesnil (Goat's Cheese Farm)

This goat farm allows students to see dairy products such as milk and cheese produced. It's a great way to find out more about the traditional produce of the area and also presents a good chance to practice language skills.



Boulangerie Visit

A trip to a traditional French bakery lets pupils learn about the complete process of bread making. Students can actively participate and eat in or take away what they help to create. This tour is worthwhile just for the smell alone, but there are also great opportunities to ask the baker some questions in French.



La Ferme du Lavoisier

This large organic apple orchard demonstrates to pupils the process of apple cultivation from flowers in bloom to harvest. The creation of apple juice, cider and Calvados is explained during a visit to the cellar and distillery and a tasting session finishes off an enjoyable couple of hours.



Normandie Caramels

Normandie Caramels combines innovation and tradition, producing 300 tonnes of caramel per year in a range of forms, from cubes to lollipops, to spread. See all production from a room overlooking the factory floor.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will have the opportunity to:

- gain an appreciation of the French cooking style
- test and expand their own cooking abilities
- discover more about French food and culture
- gain practical skills that can be used in the UK
- study local methods of selling and displaying food
- discover and taste the numerous local delicacies

Did you know

Students can enjoy local specialities at the Château including frog legs, snails, local cheeses, crêpes and apple juice.

Cross-curricular

Our cross-curricular tours allow for multiple curriculum goals to be consolidated into one tour allowing students to experience a broader learning experience. We can devise a bespoke educational cross-curricular tour to Normandy that meets the exact needs and requirements of your particular school group, no matter your students' age or level of learning.



Top Excursions/Activities



Bayeux Tapestry

This long embroidered scroll is the most important relic to survive from the 11th century. Students can see – in comic-strip style – the epic story of William of Normandy's conquest of England in 1066, and consider the French and British interpretation of events.



Falaise Castle

Discover the birthplace of William the Conqueror and follow the prosperous times and disasters the castle has seen. Recognised as a *monument historique* by the French Ministry of Culture, students can explore the ruins that have witnessed the Hundred Years War and 1944 bombing raids.



Chocolaterie Les Marianik's

This quality artisan chocolatier close to Deauville provides your group with a master chocolatier's insider view into the science behind chocolate and production methods used. There is a demonstration of chocolate being moulded and students are offered the chance to test the product.



Château Activities

Choose from a range of fun and educational activities including archery, a blind trail walk, survival skills and initiative exercises. Facilities include an outdoor swimming pool (seasonal), tennis court and rugby pitch. The Château team ensure fun is had by all.



Mont Saint-Michel Adventure Trail

Experience one of the most dramatic and varied backdrops in France as students engage in a number of team-based challenges focusing on teamwork, strategy and aptitude. Starting and ending at the visitor centre, groups love the adventure-style activities that allow them to explore the island.



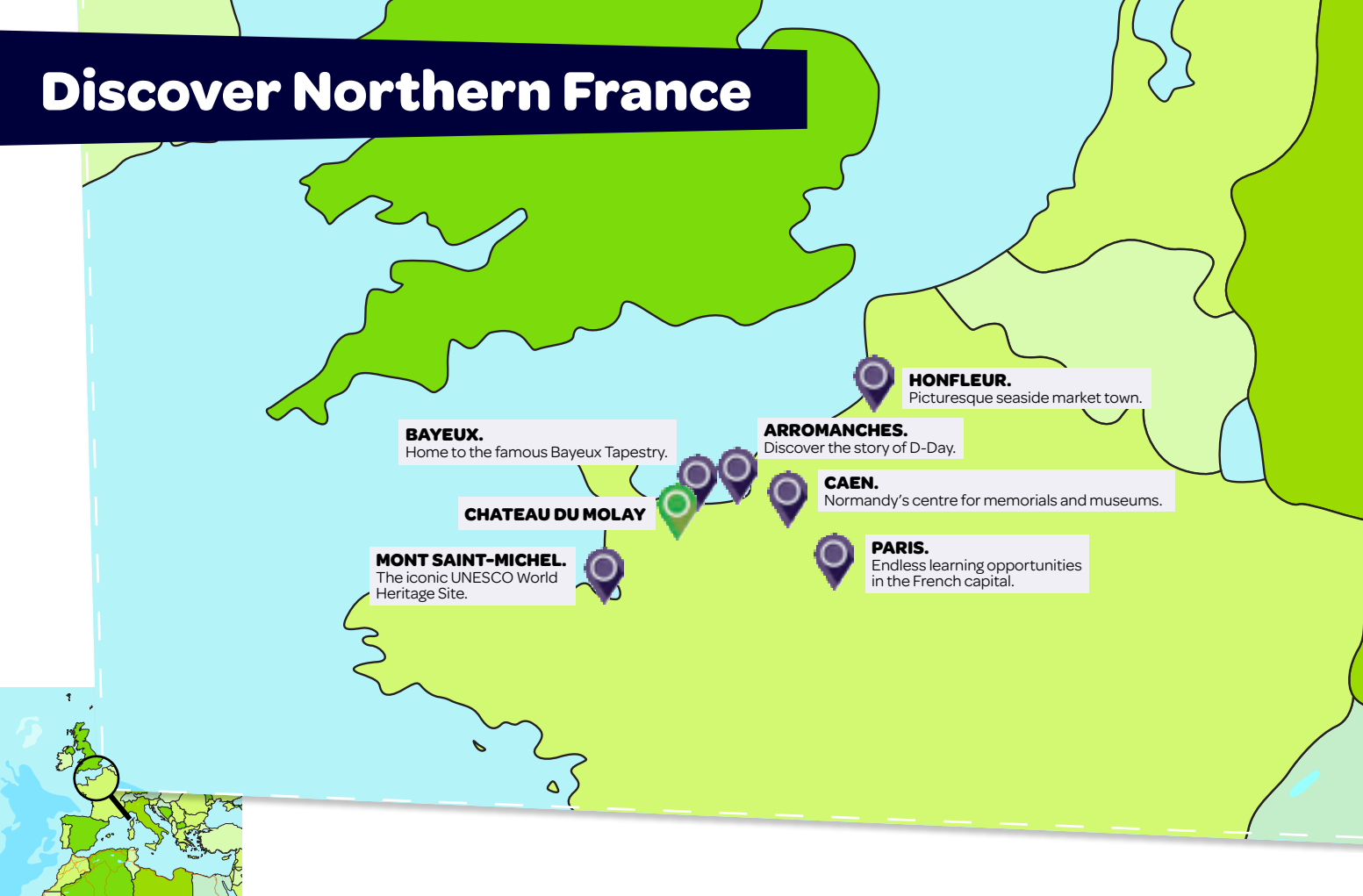
Mont Saint-Michel

This gothic Benedictine abbey is perched on a rocky islet amid vast sandbanks exposed to powerful tides. Over the years the island's abbey has served as a prison, a fortress against the English and a monastery. As well as the abbey, your group can explore the medieval buildings of the village.

Did you know

The Château du Molay offers great on-site activities and is the perfect base for a wide range of educational excursions.

Discover Northern France





BAYEUX

A visit to Bayeux is always high on the list for schools on a Travelbound tour to Normandy. Just a short drive from our Château du Molay, students enter an area simply bursting with history. From the world famous Bayeux Tapestry to the cathedral that dominates the skyline, there is plenty for students to

discover. Covering a range of periods, history students will be in their element as they uncover the stories behind trade and conquest, with evidence dating back to William the Conqueror. While there is a chance to marvel at the Bayeux Tapestry stretching out 231 feet, there is also the opportunity to learn about the effects of D-Day on Bayeux with access to the British and Commonwealth war cemetery.



HONFLEUR

Situated on the Seine's estuary, the idyllic location of Honfleur presents school groups with a chance to explore a strategic spot built for commerce. Markets selling local produce also enable students to engage in unscripted conversations with native speakers and provide the perfect platform

to develop pronunciation and confidence in the spoken language. Honfleur is also home to the largest church in France to be constructed of wood (Saint Catherine) with its unusual two naves hosting choirs and orchestras all year round. The quayside is dotted with small shops and restaurants adapted from the half-timbered high-rise houses built by Honfleur's wealthy families. A visit to Honfleur gives school groups an alternative insight into how a French city has evolved over time.



CAEN

One word sums up Lower Normandy's capital: heritage. Enter the city and be welcomed by a wealth of key sites that will support your students' historical enquiry and help deepen their insight into the events that have shaped the region and wider area. Caen is an ideal location to start exploring

the Normandy landings and a visit to the Memorial de Caen will engage your group in numerous multimedia interactive activities. Keep with the World War II theme and travel less than 20 minutes by coach to Pegasus Bridge where students can uncover the fight for this pivotal stronghold. Home to the Château du Caen, groups wanting to learn more about the life of William the Conqueror can explore the historic monument which was constructed in 1060.



MONT SAINT-MICHEL

Groups will be taken aback by the prominent sight of Mont Saint-Michel even before they step foot on the island. One of France's most recognised sites, Le Mont has long held a strong strategic position used in ancient times and remained unconquered during the Hundred Years' War. Sitting atop the fortified

position is the medieval monastery which has been one of Europe's major places of pilgrimage. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a favourite with schools with its distinctive position 600 metres from the mainland providing students with a unique location to explore. Travelbound's adventure trail leads up the winding village streets to the Benedictine abbey and is a great addition to your school tour to Normandy.

Paris and Disneyland Paris

Why not extend your stay in France and visit Paris and/or Disneyland Paris. Stay an extra night or two and take in some of what France's capital city has to offer. Nearby Disneyland Paris or the Parc Astérix theme parks are always popular with our groups.



Top Excursions/Activities



Bateaux Mouches

Take to the River Seine for a relaxing and interesting tour of Paris, cruising past The Eiffel Tower, Grand Palais, Notre-Dame, Musée d'Orsay and the Louvre amongst many other sites. Guided commentaries complement the experience.



Tour Montparnasse

Experience superb views of the Eiffel Tower, and the rest of Paris from the 56th floor of the Montparnasse Tower and Paris's highest roof terrace. Admire the city's beautiful architecture with the aid of interactive touch screen viewpoint tables and multimedia kiosks.



Musée du Louvre

One of the world's largest museums, this is the home of the Mona Lisa plus works by masters from the most important and exciting movements in the world, and essential French works such as those by Jacques-Louis David.



Musée d'Orsay

The Musée d'Orsay boasts the largest collection of impressionist and post-impressionist masterpieces in the world, by painters such as Monet, Manet, Degas, Renoir, Cézanne, Seurat and Gauguin. Students can also view sculptures, furniture and photography.



Disneyland Paris

Our groups love Disneyland Paris with two great theme parks to enjoy. The magic of Disney meets the magic of cinema at the Walt Disney Studios Park. Open all year! Free workbooks are available at www.disneylandparis4schools.com



Parc Astérix

Based on the famous Astérix books, this is the second-largest theme park in France. It is set in the forest, 30km from Paris, and has lots of attractions to keep students happy, from Goudurix, the roller-coaster that turns you upside down seven times; to log flumes; river rafting; and a ghost train. Subject to seasonal opening.

Did you know

The majority of art museums in Paris offer free or reduced entrance for school groups. You will need to supply a full names list on your establishment's headed paper, which must include the ages and year group of each person. Organising this in advance will save time and money!

More inspiring destinations to discover...



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