

SUMMMER

2016

Thank you for a wonderful experience in Normandy!
House is great and very convenient. We checked out
Aranville, Juno, Normandy Tank Museum, Coutance,
Cherbourg, Villers-Bretonneux - all places were fabulous
Not much to do or eat here, so be prepared to
travel for restaurants. Enjoy!

Notes of July 23rd

- Transplanted Albatross colony in Bunnik, Netherlands

WE LOVE THIS LITTLE BEACH HOUSE! It's the perfect setup for a week away at the beach
well equipped, comfortable beds, clean, cozy, and downright cool!

The Sunday market is a must! We got most of our goodies & souvenirs there on our first outing

We didn't have the greatest weather while here and as Albatross, we were desperate for beach
fun. The sound of it we are thankful there is wifi here so we could research the way to
to visit. We went to:

- Mont St. Michel - amazing! We even went back to see it at night
- St. Malo - love this place (probably best beaches - even when cloudy & cool)
- Granville - small little town and the 1902 Seniors gun battle was very interesting
- Bayeux - tapestry a must see and the town is very nice too
- Caen - lots to see & do, but thought there'd be more to see at the castle - museum
was disappointing
- Town of Chateau Fontaine - Henry - very cool & interesting w/ D-day connections
- Jura Beach - beach town is a must & check out the tank in town
- Alligator Bay - served kind of cheesy, but actually quite good - especially on a yucky day
(We warned of the smell!)

The local shop owners & staff at restaurants were so friendly & even helpful - what a cozy
little town! If you want pizza, we ended up trying both places and would highly recommend
Dug's over Lora's.

Suggestions:

- deck of cards or two & crib board (we forgot ours)
- blanket to curl up with on the beach during the cool evenings

PS:

There was a few comments about toilet paper, so we left some too

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL STAY!

The week of 30 July 2016 - a week of sun, rain & wind...

A beautiful & well appointed cottage, it felt very much like home. The location was perfect allowing day trips to Brittany (St. Malo / Dinan) and within Normandy (Le Mont St Michel, Juno Beach, Granville).

The beach is alive & magical as the tidal range brings with it a variety of adventures to explore. The dunes to the north are worth exploring, swimming is a must and the sunsets are magnificent. The Sunday market was a nice surprise in S-ut de Bréhal, as was the live entertainment on the street Friday night.

Highlights included the beautiful park at Christian Dior's house, the walk from his park into Granville along the sea wall, Le Mont St Michel at low tide & a wonderful restaurant we stumbled on in La Lucerne-d'Outremer (Le Courtil de la Lucerne).

Overall, a very comfortable & relaxing stay. We were 6 adults & it accommodated us very well. This place is highly recommended, thanks.



Week of Aug 6-13 / 2016

What a great week here in this awesome beach house. It had everything you could need - kitchen, laundry, wifi & in such a great location to play tennis, Nantuxandy or beach tennis. We tried to do both. :-

Great Sunday market here in S. side B. cheese, meat, seafood, antipasti stuff, baked goods, rotisserie chickens, clothes, neckerchiefs, etc. Take a basket or bags to bring all your goodies home.

* there are bakeries in town, butcher, small grocer in town too which are great but - head to the Super U to K&A for better prices & selection and cheaper (24h) gas.

And while we're talking FOOD.

- both bakeries here are great & plenty of breakfast goodies & pastries available daily (if you wake up in time) & lunch sandwiches
- Greg Pizzeria (menu on fridge) was the best pizza (according to our exp. o. connoisseur) & really great nantux frites
- 2 restaurants we tried & loved:

① Le Moulin de Brauchamps - www.le-moulin-de-brauchamps.com
- excellent food & table d'hôte (very large portions!!)
- meat grilled over open flame fireplace
- make a RSVP to avoid cranky staff (oops!)
- suitable to high-end (no beach attire)

② Les Casteliers (Gramille - along the port)
- great seafood, please (AMAZING OYSTERS!!)
- even the kid menu fish was great! (no frozen fish stuff)
- great combo platters

The beach here is great! Good for sunbathing, body boarding, flying kites, playing in the sand, collecting shells & just catching rays. A bit cold this week but we still made the best of it! :-

On the family side of things, we checked off a few things:

① Monet's house/gardens (Giverny) - on route here, might be a stretch for a crazy trip. Beautiful & worth the stop

② June Beach Center - need at least 1/2 day to do it well. (fair + museum)
- military discount - 3€ on one ticket

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③ Courseulles Leisure Park - around the corner from June B.C.
- basically a park filled w/ bouncy castles, etc.
- awesome way to tire out the little ones! :)

④ Mont Saint-Michel - AMAZING! Also at least a 1/2 day needed.
* to avoid HUGE crowds go early - like really early - arrived at 9:30am to line-ups in parking lot #10 (the parking lot is Disneyland huge!) & when we left at 12:30 the place was swarming such that you could hardly move.

⑤ Le Village Enchanté - great park for all ages.
- zipline/aerial park for those over 135cm.
- tree top walk, trampolines, a few rides, bouncy castles, playgrounds, bumper boats, etc.
- spent 4 hrs & could have stayed longer
*note: not North American safety standards - but a ton of fun.

Winery tour/wine. Stopping en route: Camembert - cheese museum, farm, etc.
- cheese/cider route there too.

Overall an amazing vacation! Thank you! And we hope you all enjoy it as much as we did!

Week of August 20-27 2016

Our 8th visit! We return 2008, then every year since 2010.

I have loved staying here and I love the beach, the cliffing green and I must say thank you for letting us stay in such a wonderful house. Ben (age 9!).

We love it here - thank you for a lovely stay!

Semaine du 27 Août au 3 septembre 2011

Nous avons passé une magnifique semaine remplie de soleil ... faut croire que l'été s'est prolongé juste pour nous. Ce fut une semaine très relaxante car c'était aussi le début de la rentrée scolaire alors, une plage plutôt déserte.

Nous avons adoré notre visite au Mont-Saint-Michel et oui arriver tôt car passer midi c'est un peu la folie dans les rues étroites.

Coutances et Granville sont aussi très agréable à visiter mais à faire attention tout les magasins ferment de 12h15 à 14h30 donc planifier vos visites.

Nous avons ramassé une collection impressionnante de coquillages merci à mon fils Alexis pour tant d'effort ... nous que c'était son sport favori.

Encore une fois que du bonheur et du soleil ... qui a des qui pleuvait en Normandie ☺

Si on a le chance on revient l'année prochaine

September 3-10th 2016



The house worked well for the five of us.
(two girls age five and eight, one granny and
a mom & dad) The girls loved the beach.
They loved picking shells, making castles, walking
the beach and swimming.

The Super U has everything you need and the
market on Sunday allows you to buy any
fruits or vegetables you missed. You can even
buy a cooked chicken. (C)

The GPS does struggle sometimes to take
you on a decent driving path. Hold your
breath on those tiny paths with steep
inclines. We went to Juno Beach and
it took us an hour and a half longer
than normal. We also visited the Cnd. memorial gravesite

To make this place better we bought a can
opener. Not all cans have peel tabs.
The shower door needs a new strip on the
bottom of the door to prevent water leaking
out. The barbeque needs to be updated
and should have a lid because it is a
safety hazard when the wind picks up. The
metal bristles also need replacing on the
brushes, or get a new brush.

Great stay! Loved the washer and dryer
with the kids

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Mont-Saint-Michel → It is about an hour and a half or less depending on your GPS.

Beautiful location and well worth the drive. It is not meant for strollers or small children or even people with heart conditions because there are a lot of stairs. Once you park you can either take the free bus to the base or pay for a horse carriage ride (25 min). Once you get to the base the police will search your bags. As you enter there are a lot of small shops & restaurants on your way up the narrow cobble stone path to the abbey. At this point the trip is free until you want to go to the very top which is part of the abbey. It is nine euro per adult. The top view is awesome. We had beautiful weather so being at the top was magical. The parking machines to pay for the parking area are beside the information center. There are clean bathrooms inside the center that don't cost €0,50 cent euros like the ones at the base of Mont Saint Michel. Enjoy the visit there! ☺

Other comments :① the clothes pins are breaking because they are old. Several broke.

② I washed some of the sheets due to sand and one of the fitted sheets stuck (melted) to one of the pillow case covers on the single bed so there is a mark on it. Watch out, that dryer gets superhot!

Leaving for the next guests

- toilet paper in shelves in laundry area
- paper towel - one roll
- charcoal for barbeque - under barbeque
- lighter fluid & matches in kitchen
- citronella candle
- Kleenex boxes