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Treasures of the Sea

Full-day excursion to the Mont Saint-Michel & Saint-Malo

This day-trip will give you the opportunity to visit one of French gems, the Mont Saint Michel, and to explore the historical city of Saint-Malo

Make it Christian Dior!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional special venue: Guided visit to Christian Dior's former house in Granville.

Please see the last page for more information

Make it Crossing the Bay!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional special venue: Cross the bay barefoot to the Mont Saint Michel with an English-speaking licensed guide.

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Mont Saint-Michel & Saint-Malo

08:30am: Meet your driver-guide at the lobby of your hotel in Cancale.

Drive to the **Mont Saint Michel**, one of **France's most spectacular sights**. Dramatically perched on a tiny island, **the Gothic abbey is surrounded by vast sand flats and surging tides**. According to legend, the **archangel Michael appeared on this island**, which inspired construction of the Benedictine abbey in 1017.



Continually expanded over the next 500 years, Mont Saint Michel became a **magnet for Christian pilgrims**. Its extraordinary location, its rich and influential history and its glorious architecture combine to make it **the most splendid of the abbeys of France**.



According to Celtic mythology the granite mass of what is now Mont St. Michel was a **sea tomb to which dead peoples' souls were sent**. In 708 A.D., so legend has it, the archangel Michael appeared three times before Bishop Aubert of Avranches, instructing him to build a chapel on the top of the Mont.



More than two centuries later Richard I, Duke of Normandy, gave Mont St. Michel to the Benedictines, who created first an important **center of learning** and later **an ecclesiastical fortress with a military garrison** at the disposal of the abbot and the king.

You will **visit the abbey** that towers at 260 feet high, and displays a number of architectural styles, Norman Romanesque and Gothic among them. You will climb the stone steps to the monastery, roam through the vertical maze of chambers, and **take in the beautiful light and surrounding scenery**.



How about lunch at the **Mère Poulard** to taste their world famous omelette?

Continue onto **St Malo**. This settlement, whose modern name is taken from a British Monk "Malo" who came to convert the region to Christianity in the 6th century A.D., is today a thriving channel port town.



The town has an interesting history having been an important base for pirates and also for the slave trade. **A walk around the ramparts which encircle the old town provides excellent views** of the town itself and the surrounding sea and countryside.

Back in Cancale at the end of the day.



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NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or at certain time of the year. We suggest that you check with our Production Managers

This package includes

- Deluxe Sedan or Minivan carrying up to 6 passengers
- Services of a professional English-speaking licensed guide-driver who is licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as into museums and monuments
- Découvertes fees
- Emergency 24 hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also suggest:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites.
- Lunch reservations



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Make it Optional

Make it Christian Dior!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue

Guided visit to the Villa "Les Rhumbs", Christian Dior's childhood home, which is located in a remarkable cliff-top garden dominating the sea, and has been restored to its 1920s style. This place of memories, which has been turned into a museum, accommodates each year between May and September a new exhibition about the Dior creations. His life and his work, inseparable from the history of the fashion in the 20th century, are also shown.

Please contact us for more information and price. Upon request and availability.



Make it Crossing the Bay!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue

Private transfer from la Roche Torin to Tombelaine rock. Enjoy a 2-3 hour walk to the Mont Saint Michel. You will have the chance to discover the hugeness of the bay Mont St-Michel and maybe even see some pink flamingos.

The itinerary takes you across two rivers, See and Selune, and famous moving sands. During the summer we recommend shorts, sun block, a sweater and water, and be prepared to hike barefoot. During the winter the departure point may be different, and you will need warm clothes, boots and moisturizer.

A unique way to discover the Mont Saint Michel!

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