

[Hotel stopovers in France.](#)



By taking a short ferry crossing or Euro tunnel journey not only do you save on the costs of the longer western channel crossings but by doing overnight stops in hotels you are able to take a leisurely drive through Frances rich and varied countryside. Enjoy a night in a hotel and arrive at your campsite the following day. Or use the journey through France to combine a holiday with Carisma and perhaps one of the following:

Disney: www.disneylandparis.com,

Futuroscope: www.futuroscope.com

Parc Asterix: www.parcasterix.fr

Bagatelle: www.parcbagatelle.com

Puy de Fou: www.puydufou.com/uk

Below are listed hotel web sites and links with some suggested routes/stop over locations and attractions close by.



There are numerous hotels in France, the main hotel chains have hotels located just off the autoroutes and their signs are clearly visible as you approach each junction. Others are a little way off but can be closer to places of interest.

Standards vary from basic Formule 1 types which are really meant literally as overnight stops to very luxurious; for instance the Chateaux & Hotels collection. The Campanile chain are motel style with exterior corridors, Novotel is very popular with families and have outdoor swimming pools. There are also private hotels and the best way to source these is to search for...’ hotels in’ and follow the sites booking directions.

We have listed some web sites below and also some hotels in the locations suggested for stopovers. It is by no means an exhaustive list and *it will be worth a quick independent search before booking anything.*



www.hotelformule1.com

www.inter-hotel.fr

www.inter-hotel.fr

www.restogroupes.com

www.louvrehotels.com (Kyriad, Campanile & Premiere Classe hotels)

www.accorhotels.com
(Sofitel, Novotel, Ibis, Etap, and Mercure)

www.hotelgroupes.com

www.balladins.com

www.hotel-bb.com

www.logishotels.com

www.misterbed.fr

www.bestwestern.com

www.holidayinn.com

www.chateauxhotels.com

Alternatively you can do a search and book through search engines such as:

www.booking.com

or

www.hotelsabroad.co.uk

[Paris](#) is undoubtedly a stopover location with attractions for all of the family, especially for 1 or 2 nights (most children are ready for their Carisma beach holiday after 2 nights here at the most!)



On the way out of Paris towards Brittany and the Vendee call in at [Giverny](#): A pilgrimage for art lovers, this picturesque village on the banks of the Seine was the home of French impressionist painter Claude Monet. Visitors can wander through Monet's cheery spacious house and exuberant gardens which were the inspiration of his famous water lily series.



If history is of more interest to you then your options are many. Along the northern coast of France are the [WW11](#) landing beaches and the infamous [Pegasus Bridge](#).

[Landing Beaches](#)



The largest military landing in history took place in Normandy on June 6, 1944. Monuments, museums, bunkers and cemeteries are a living commemoration to the Battle of Normandy.

A perfect base from which to tour the beaches, the tiny town of [Bayeux](#) is built around the magnificent Cathedral of Notre-Dame and is home to the 200-foot long Bayeux Tapestry, a world famous masterpiece whose cartoon like scenes depict the epic tale of William the Conqueror's expedition to England in the 11th century.

[The Caen War Memorial](#)

[Click here for a printable Discount Voucher](#)

The Caen Memorial continues its historic journey through the 20th century, from the Second World War to the world at the time of the Cold War. It also proposes a debate on the future of the planet.



Exemplary with the wealth of the collection exhibited and the innovation of its presentation, a unique place. It is the quintessential starting place for an understanding of the events that took place leading to D-Day.



The floating harbour off [Arromanches](#), from D-Day in WW2.

Follow a visit to the landing beaches with a visit to [Mont St Michel](#). It is a way of seeing parts of France that you would not perhaps want to spend more than a day or two visiting.

[Mont Saint Michel](#)



The Abbey of Mont-St-Michel is perched precariously on a 264-foot high rocky islet connected to the mainland by a causeway. Surrounded by over half a mile of massive walls and reached by a steep climb up winding streets, it remains one of the greatest sightseeing attractions in Europe and the second most visited place in France after the Eiffel Tower. The Mont-St.Michel is also known for its tides, the highest on the continent, which race towards the isle at the speed of "galloping horses".

Camembert



Normandy's famous cheese, a gastronomic emblem par excellence, takes its name from the village near Vimoutiers. Camembert is one of those villages that are a pleasure to explore and photograph especially the sign at the village entrance above.



Learn about the production of Camembert, which has the AOC label (Appellation d'origine contrôlée) since 1983 at the Président Farm. The story goes that the recipe for Camembert was developed in 1791 by Marie Hare, the wife of a local farmer, with advice from a priest from Brie (east of Paris, and also famous for its cheese).



Horse lovers may want to break their journey near



[Alençon](#), this town lies between Rouen and our campsites on the Vendée. Famous for its horses and stud farms, just north of Alençon is the most famous and spectacular stud farm in all of France – the Haras du Pin, www.haras-du-pin.com one of only two whose buildings are also listed on

the French National Monuments register (the other is Compiègne).



Haras du Pin

[The Puy de Fou](#) offers the family an exciting day- do you want to watch the Gladiators or medieval jousts, or a ballet in the sky performed by birds of prey? The list is endless and the spectacular night time shows are always full. (Must pre book) Either stop over on the way to, or take a day trip from, your Carisma campsite.

[The Grand Parc of the Puy du Fou® and the Cinéscénie®](#)

[Click here for a printable Discount Voucher](#)



Get ready for a journey through time!

Escape to the Grand Parc of the Puy du Fou, for an unforgettable day out with family or friends !

At the heart of the fantastic forest of Puy du Fou, a vast wooded land of 40 hectares, treat yourself to a deep intake of fresh, natural air – and let yourself be carried away in a whirlwind of shows and entertainment that will take your breath away. Each

village represents a different era. Immerse yourself in the ambience of long-gone centuries, dive into the heart of the action and excitement of legendary heroes: Relive the games of the Roman circus, the Viking attacks, the jousting tournaments, the musketeer combats, the ancestral art of falconry, the skills of our craftsmen and the street theatre... You will relive 2,000 years of the History of France.



THE CINESCENIE OF THE PUY DU FOU: The word's biggest stage!



On a stage of more than 20 hectares, with technical facilities that are out of the ordinary for this unique dramatic & musical work - 1,100 actors and the participation of the greatest performers (Alain Delon, Philippe Noiret, Jean Piat,

Robert Hossein and composer Nick Glennie-Smith). With cinema-quality sound and a veritable deluge of special effects, you will relive the hours of glory from the Middle Ages to the Second World War as though you had been there. Almost 2 hours of intense emotion and 700 years of history result in a giant fresco which has already seduced more than 8 million spectators.

Please note, advance reservation is compulsory.



PUY DU FOU®

30 rue Georges Clemenceau - BP 25

85590 LES EPESSSES

tél. 02 51 64 11 11 - fax 02 51 57 35 47

info@puydufou.com

www.puydufou.com

**PLEASE ADD LINK TO THE PUY de FOU
(attached)**

Stop overs in or within a half an hour's drive of Calais.

If you have had a long journey in the UK and would like to stop in Calais on your way to our campsites we have listed below a number of hotels.



Hotel La Ferme Du Moulin
Aux Draps, Route De Cremarest,
Desvres, FR-62240, France (rooms from
€85.00 per night)

00 33 3 21 10 69 59

The hotel is 32 kms from Calais ferry ports

and the Euro tunnel.

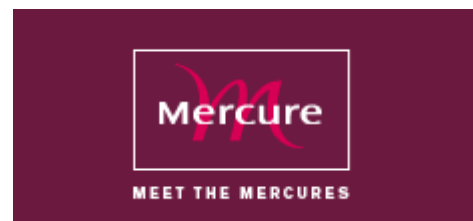


Hotel St Omer du Golf

Chemin Des Bois

Acquin Westbecourt, (Rooms from €90.00
per night)

Lumbres 62380 www.bestwestern.com



Mercure Hotel Calais centre

34-36 Rue Royale

62100

Calais

www.mercure.com

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Ibis Calais car ferry

2 rue Greuze, Quartier Beau Marais (rooms from € 67.00), 62100 CALAIS 00 33 3 21 96 69 -69 rooms www.ibis.com

The Ibis Calais Car Ferry is 5 minutes from the centre of town and the car ferry terminal. 10 minutes from EuroTunnel



Ibis Calais Coquelles Tunnel

Place de Cantorbery
62231, COQUELLES
00 33 3 21 46 37 00 (rooms from €67.00)
www.ibis.com

The Ibis Coquelles is located alongside Euro Tunnel, the Cite Europe shopping centre and the Marques Avenue designer outlet centre. 10 min along the motorway from the car ferry terminal.



Kyriad

Hotel Kyriad Calais plage

693 DIGUE GASTON BERTHE
62100 CALAIS

The hotel is 10 minutes drive from Calais ferry port.
Kyriad.calais@libertysurf.fr

Holiday Inn Calais Coquelles

Avenue Charles de Gaulle, Coquelles, Calais, 62231 France.

0870 400 9092

www.holidayinn.com

Is located 2 minutes from **Euro Tunnel**, Cite Europe Shopping centre, **Eurostar** station, main Motorways to European destinations and Calais harbour.

Holiday Inn Calais centre

Boulevard des Allies, Calais, 62100 France. 0870 4009092

www.holidayinn.com

Journeys from Calais to Brittany: La Foret:



The usual route would be to drive via Rouen, Caen and Avranches then on towards Rennes then Quimper for our site at La Foret.

Depending on how far you wish to drive once in France please find below suggestions of stopover towns/hotels and the estimated time it would take you to drive there from Calais ferry port or Euro tunnel.

From Calais to:

Hardelot 33 miles (52 kms) 50mins

Best Western Hotel du Parc www.bestwestern.com

Le Touquet 45 miles (70 kms) 1 hour

Hotel Residence Hippotel (some rooms sleep up to 6)

www.hippotel.fr

Novotel Thalassa le Touquet www.novotel.com

Holiday Inn resort le Touquet www.holidayinn.com

Mercure Grand Hotel le Touquet www.mercure.com

Ibis Thalassa le Touquet www.ibis.com

Deauville 182 miles (292 kms) 2hrs 45

Amiraute Hotel www.amiraute.com

Manoirs de Tourgeville www.lesmanoirsdetourgeville.com

Etap Hotel www.etaphotel.com

Pont Audemer 170 miles (273 kms) 2hours 45

Le Drakker www.inter-hotel.com

Honfleur 276 kms (2hrs 30)

Kyriad Hotel www.kyriad.com

Campanile-La Riviere Saint Sauveur www.campanile.fr

Premiere Classe www.premiereclasse.com

Best Western Le Cheval Blanc www.bestwestern.com

From Calais to:

Caen

215 miles (344 kms) 3hrs 10

Please note the ferry port for Caen is in Ouistreham-just to the east of Caen.



**Avenue de la Cote de la Nacre 14000
Caen 14000**

www.novotel.com The hotel is about 25 minutes drive from Caen, (Ouistreham) ferry port.



Campanile Hotel Caen nord- Herouville-Saint-Clair

Boulevard du Bois

14200

Herouville Saint Clair (prices from €59.00 per room)

00 33 2 31 95 29 24

caen.herouville@campanile.fr www.campanile.com



Hotel Kyriad Caen nord- Memorial

36 AVE MONTGOMERY QUARTIER DU MEMORIAL

14000 CAEN

82 rooms

Fax: +33 2 31 95 62 62

Email: kyriad@caenmemorial.com

The Kyriad hotel is 25 minutes drive from Caen (Ouistreham) port.



Hotel Premiere Classe Caen Est- Mondeville

Zone de l'Etiole, RN13, 14120, Mondeville 00 33 2 31 84 86

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caen.mondeville@premiereclasse.fr

www.premiereclasse.com

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Mercure Hotel Ouistreham (Caen port)

Riva-Bella

37 Rue des Dunes

14150



Ouistreham

00 33 2 31 96 20 20

www.mercure.com

The hotel is located in front of the ferry port on the seashore.

Mercure Hotel Caen Cote de Nacre Herouville St Clair

Place Boston

Citis

14200

Herouville St Clair

00 33 2 31 44 05 05

www.mercure.com

The hotel is located 5 minutes from Caen centre and 20 minutes from Caen ferry (Ouistreham).

Hotel Mercure Caen Centre Port de Plaisance

1 rue de Courtonne

BP3086

14018

Caen

00 33 2 31 47 24 24

www.mercure.com

The hotel is located in the city centre and opposite the marina, 25 minutes from Caen ferry port (Ouistreham).



Hotel Ibis Herouville Saint-Clair (Savary)

Boulevard du Grand Parc
4, quartier Savary
14200
Herouville-Saint-Clair
0033 2 31 95 60 00 (rooms from €65.00)
www.ibis.com

The hotel is located 10 minutes drive Caen (Ouistreham) ferry port.



Best Western Hotel Le Dauphin

**29 Rue Gemare
Caen
14000**

00 33 2 31 86 22 26

www.bestwestern.com

The hotel is 25 minutes from Caen (Ouistreham) ferry port.

***From Calais to:
Avranches***

279 miles (448 kms) 4 hours

Ibis Avranches-
Formule 1 Avranches
Le Mont St-Michel

www.ibis.com
www.hotelformule1.com
www.inter-hotel.fr

Fougeres

306 miles (491 kms) 4hrs 30

Le Lion d'Or
Formule 1
Campanile

www.inter-hotel.com
www.hotelformule1.com
www.campanile.fr

Rennes

330 miles (531 kms) 5 hours

Hotel Oceania
La Petite Ferme
Novotel Rennes Alma
Formule 1 (choice of 4)
Mercure Rennes (choice of 4)

www.oceaniahotels.com
www.restogroupes.com
www.novotel.com
www.hotelformule1.com
www.mercure.com

Journeys from Calais to the Vendee: (St. Hilaire, Les Sables, Jard sur Mer & Les Conches)



The usual route would be via Rouen, Caen, Rennes and Nantes, mainly on the autoroute before taking the local roads to your holiday campsite.

If you wanted to go along the N roads (the equivalent to our A roads) then you can go via Rouen, Alencon, Le Mans, Angers and La Roche sur Yon. Although this may take longer you do get the opportunity to see some of the Parc Natural, (near Alencon) Chateau of the Loire (mainly between Tours and Angers) or the Troglodyte caves near Saumur. If you do a few days at Disney on the way to our sites why not overnight at Chartres and visit the famous cathedral. Futuroscope near Poitiers offers an exciting day out for the family.

From Calais to:

Le Touquet

44 miles (70 kms) 1 hour

Hotel Residence Hippotel (some rooms sleep up to 6)

www.hippotel.fr

Novotel Thalassa le Touquet

www.novotel.com

Holiday Inn resort le Touquet

www.holidayinn.com

Mercure Grand Hotel le Touquet

www.mercure.com

Ibis Thalassa le Touquet

www.ibis.com

Honfleur

172 miles (276kms) 2 hr 30

Kyriad Hotel

www.kyriad.com

Campanile-La Riviere Saint Sauveur www.campanile.fr

Premiere Classe

www.premiereclasse.com

Best Western Le Cheval Blanc

www.bestwestern.com

Chartres

220 miles (350kms) 3hr 40

Campanile Chartres

www.campanile.fr

Formule 1 Chartres

www.hotelformule1.com

Mercure Chartres Barjouville

www.mercure.com

Hotel Chatelet

www.inter-hotel.fr

Novotel Chartres La Madeline

www.novotel.com

Alencon

235 miles (375kms) 3 hrs 30

Le Lion d'Or (Ecouche)

www.logishotels.com

(Close to the Haras du Pins)

Mercure Alencon

www.mercure.com

Formule 1 Alencon

www.hotelformule1.com

Campanile Alencon

www.campanile.fr

From Calais to:

Le Mans

264 miles (425 kms) 4hrs

Campanile (choice of 2)

www.campanile.fr

Novotel Le Mans

www.novotel.com

La Taverne Le Mans

www.taverne-lemans.com

Premiere Classe (choice of 2)

www.premiereclasse.fr

Angers

325 miles (512 kms) 4hrs 40

Premiere Classe (choice of 2)

www.premiereclasse.fr

Mercure Angers Lac de Maine

www.mercure.com

Ibis Angers centre

www.ibis.com

Etap Hotel

www.etap.com

Saumur

335 miles (538kms) 5hrs

Best Western Adagio Saumur

www.bestwestern.com

Mercure Bords de Loire Saumur

www.mercure.com

Logis les Terrasses

www.leterrassesdesaumur.fr

Chateau de Verriers

www.chateau-verriers.com

Poitiers (for Futuroscope) 388 miles (623 kms) 5 hrs 45



Novotel (Futuroscope)

www.novotel.com

Ibis Poitiers Futuroscope

www.ibis.com

Etap (Poitiers Nord Futuroscope) www.etap.com

Formule 1 Poitiers Nord www.hotelformule1.com

Mercure Poitiers Alisee Les Portes du Futuroscope or

Mercure Poitiers Futuroscope Aquatis www.mercure.com

Campanile (choice of 3)

www.campanile.com

Alteora Futuroscope

www.inter-hotel.com



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Journeys from Calais to the south west; (Biscarrosse and Messanges)



The drive through France to the south west gives you a huge choice of stop overs. From Calais head for Rouen, Poitiers and Angouleme.

The Grotte de Queroy caves are in the Touvre valley just west of Angouleme



where two tributaries of the river Touvre have the habit of disappearing for a few months at a time; this was seen as almost magical by our forebears. These caves are very well worth a visit, they extend for about a kilometre.

From Calais to:

Angouleme itself is 130 kms north east of Bordeaux and stands distinguished on its rocky promontory. Angouleme old town has some interesting medieval houses (some rather grand) along the pedestrianised cobbled streets.

- There are also several museums in the town, including a Museum of Fine Arts, a Museum of Paper (the prosperity of the town was originally founded on the production of paper); and an Archaeology Museum.



The high point in the calendar of Angouleme is the International Comic festival that is held in the town. This important event also explains why you will sometimes come across walls painted in cartoon style as you explore the town.

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Hardelot

30 miles (52 kms) 50mins

Best Western Hotel du Parc www.bestwestern.com

Le Touquet

44 miles (70 kms) 1 hour

Hotel Residence Hippotel (some rooms sleep up to 6)

www.hippotel.fr

Novotel Thalassa le Touquet

www.novotel.com

Holiday Inn resort le Touquet

www.holidayinn.com

Mercure Grand Hotel le Touquet

www.mercure.com

Ibis Thalassa le Touquet

www.ibis.com

Alencon

233 miles (375kms)3 hrs 30

Le Lion d'Or (Ecouche)

www.logishotels.com

(Close to the Haras du Pins)

Campanile Alencon

www.campanile.fr

Le Mans

264 miles (425 kms) 4hrs

Campanile (choice of 2)

www.campanile.fr

Novotel Le Mans

www.novotel.com

La Taverne Le Mans

www.taverne-lemans.com

Premiere Classe (choice of 2)

www.premiereclasse.fr

Tours

325 miles (523kms) 4hrs 45

Hotel de L'Univers

www.oceaniahotels.com

Campanile (choice of 3)

www.campanile.com

Premiere classe (choice of 3)

www.premiereclasse.fr

Novotel Tours sud

www.novotel.com

Ibis (choice of 3)

www.ibis.com

Mercure (choice of 3)

www.mercure.com

From Calais to:

Poitiers(for Futuroscope)388 miles(623kms)5hrs 45)



Novotel (Futuroscope)	www.novotel.com
Ibis Poitiers Futuroscope	www.ibis.com
Etap (Poitiers Nord Futuroscope)	www.etap.com
Formule 1 Poitiers Nord	www.hotelformule1.com
Mercure Poitiers Alisee Les Portes du Futuroscope or Mercure Poitiers Aquatis	www.mercure.com
Campanile (choice of 3)	www.campanile.com
Alteora Futuroscope	www.inter-hotel.com
<i>Angouleme</i>	<i>458 miles (736kms) 7hrs</i>
Ibis Angouleme nord	www.ibis.com
Mercure (choice of 2)	www.mercure.com
Etap	www.etap.com
Campanile nord (St-Yrieix)	www.campanile.fr
<i>Saintes</i>	<i>471 miles (758 kms) 6hrs 50</i>
Campanile	www.campanile.fr
Premiere classe	www.premierclasse.fr
Ibis	www.ibis.com
Formule 1	www.formule1.com

Bordeaux

Novotel (choice of 3)

Sofitel

Mercure (choice of 7)

Ibis (choice of 5)

539 miles (869kms) 7hrs 50

www.novotel.com

www.sofitel.com

www.mercure.com

www.mercure.com



Where there are a number of hotels please do a route plan and book your hotel as close to your route as possible.

If you are not sure we have listed the reservation department phone numbers of the major chains below and their staff will be pleased to advise you.

For example: If you decide to overnight in Bordeaux on the way to our Biscarrosse or Messanges site you need to leave the ring road (rocade) at junction 15 onto the A63 autoroute so try to choose a hotel on the side of the city/town close to the junction you require.



Hotel reservations phone numbers:

Louvre hotels (Kyriad, Campanile & Premiere classe)
0844 7741779

Inter Hotels 00 33 8 26 10 39 09 (France)

Oceania Hotels 00 33 2 98 44 38 38 (France)

Accor group (Mercure, Novotel, Ibis, Etap, Sofitel,
Formule 1) 0870 609 0961

Best Western 08457 767676

Holiday Inn 0871 423 4896

Route finder web sites include:



www.en.mappy.com

www.greenflag.com/routeplanning

www.theaa.com/route-planner

www.routes.tomtom.com (Has HD information in France & the UK)

www.viamichelin.co.uk



Bonne vacances



