

Maison De Prairie

Region: Normandy Sleeps: 4

Overview

Maison De Prairie is an idyllic bolthole in a perfect setting for experiencing the historic charm and beauty of Normandy alongside its gastronomic delights. You are within walking distance to a pretty village on Calvados' *Route du Cidre* and less than half an hour from the iconic seaside resorts of Deauville and Cabourg.

Formerly stables and surrounded by stud farms, this 18th century half-timbered maison has been exquisitely renovated. The owners have created a boutique style family home which combines antique furnishings and objets d'art with ultra-modern features (such as 4K Smart TV and a Sonos dock). Its light-filled lounge opens out to the garden and jacuzzi terrace whilst the fully-equipped kitchen exudes character alongside contemporary style. The wooden table also acts as an office space with free Wi-Fi in case you are looking to peacefully work from home.

There are two gorgeous double bedrooms, each one with stylish décor, high-end bedding and slate-tiled shower rooms as well as bathrobes, slippers and toiletries, allowing Maison De Prairie to sleep up to four guests.

The glorious garden is beautifully maintained with white roses, box hedges and lawns which you can admire from the terrace with outdoor sofas, an al-fresco dining table and gas barbecue. As you sit back in the hot tub you can gaze out to the meadow and the grazing horses.

Following narrow country lanes so typical of the Pays d'Auge, you can drive or walk to the local village just over 1.5km away where there are restaurants, inviting shops and handsome Normandy houses. It is one of the villages on the sign-posted *Route du Cidre* alongside other picture-perfect spots including Cambremer, Beaufour-Duval and Beuvron-en-Auge (classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*').

As well as sampling calvados, cider and Pommeau from local producers, visit delightful markets selling the wonderful produce of this region. The Monday morning market in nearby Pont-l'Évêque showcases some of France's finest cheese whilst the fish market in Trouville is a must for seafood lovers.

Indeed, the vast sandy shores of the Côte Fleuri are within easy reach alongside iconic Belle Époque resorts such as Deauville, so loved by Parisians



and only 20km by car, whilst historic Honfleur is just a little further. For another amazing day out, discover the historic city of Caen, the incredible tapestry of Bayeux and the D-Day Landing beaches with Omaha and Arranches-les-Bains just over an hour away.

Facilities

Cottage • Instagrammable • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets on Request • Hot Tub • Walk to Village • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Watersports • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

Interior & Grounds

Maison Interiors

Ground Floor (with the occasional step)

- Partially open-plan lounge with wood stove and doors opening out to garden
- Open-plan dining area and kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, fridge, microwave, oven, Nespresso machine, filter coffee machine, kettle, mixer and dining table for 4-6 guests (can also be used as office space). Door leads to al-fresco dining terrace
- Bedroom with double bed, meadow view and private bathroom with walk-in shower
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There is a third bedroom upstairs beneath the low eaves with twin beds, WC and sink. This bedroom is available on request only (as it is just for passing guests)

Outside Grounds

- Terrace with hot tub (soft tub) and two deck chairs
- Terrace with table and chairs for al-fresco dining and outdoor lounge
- Gas barbecue
- Garden, partly overlooking surrounding horse meadow
- Electric gate and parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Wood stove
- Heating
- Smart TV (4K) with access to Netflix, Prime video
- Sonos sound dock
- Use of bathrobes and bath slippers
- Toiletries
- Washing machine/dryer



Location & Local Information



In the Pays d'Auge, Maison De Prairie is so beautifully located near a pretty village in Calvados, a short drive from the vast beaches and iconic Normandy seaside towns of Deauville and Cabourg.

If arriving by ferry, the nearest ports are Caen-Ouistreham (42km) and Le Havre (56km) or travel by train into Pont-l'Évêque (a 2-hour journey from Paris Saint-Lazare). The drive from Paris CDG, Orly, Paris Beauvais or Rennes Airport is between two and three hours.

This 18th century house (formerly stables) is surrounded by meadows and stud farmland where horses graze. It's just over 1.5km to the nearest Normandy village, such a picturesque place full of character with a handful of restaurants, shops (including a grocery store, *boulangerie*, *tabac*, butchers and pharmacy) and traditional Norman houses. There is also an electric vehicle charging station in the village.

The village is on the Route du Cidre which includes other idyllic spots such as Beuvron-en-Auge (13km), Cambremer (10km) and Beaufour-Duval (8km) – try AOC Pays d'Auge cider, calvados and Pommeau from local producers just a short distance away. Flower-filled Beuvron-en-Auge is officially classified as one of France's '*Plus Beaux Villages*' with its half-timbered houses that date back to the 17th century. Look out for the flower festival in May and a cider festival in October.

The nearest town is Pont-l'Évêque (13.5km), an absolute paradise for gourmands with its delightful food shops and cheese producers. The weekly market takes place on a Monday morning where you will come across local specialities such as crème fraîche, seafood, Camembert, Livarot and of course Pont-l'Évêque cheese alongside a wealth of seasonal produce. Just outside the town is Lac Terre d'Auge and a seasonal Base de Loisirs with a lakeside beach, watersports, inflatables, mini-golf and fishing. Other outdoor activities across the region include cycling through the Normandy landscapes of apple orchards, villages, half-timbered houses and farmland.

The magnificence of the Côte Fleurie is waiting to be explored from historic Honfleur (30km) to family-friendly Cabourg (25km) and beyond. Deauville (20km) is especially iconic with its boardwalks, vast beach, amazing restaurants and little boutiques, a seaside resort so loved by Parisians who visit at weekends and holidays. Trouville-sur-Mer (21km) is another highlight for food lovers with its famous fish market.

Further afield, the D-Day Landing Beaches around Arromanches (79km) and Omaha Beach (94km) are just over an hour by car.

Local Amenities

Nearest Ferry Port	Ouistreham (42km)
Nearest Airport	Paris Beauvais/Paris CDG (181km/221km)
Nearest Train Station	Pont-l'Évêque (14.5km)
Nearest Village	Small Normandy village (1.6km)
Nearest Restaurant	Restaurants in Beaumont en Auge or Beuvron en Auge (9km)
Nearest Shop	Grocery store, bakery etc in local village (1.6km)
Nearest Supermarket	(14km/16km)
Nearest Town	Pont-l'Évêque (13.5km)
Nearest City	Caen (47km)
Nearest Beach	Houlgate (20km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Blue Green Houlgate (17km)

What we love

- This beautiful half-timbered 18th century gem has undergone an exquisite renovation
- The owners have furnished these former stables so stylishly. Expect antique furnishings and objets d'art alongside 4K Smart TV, Sonos dock and other contemporary features
- Sit back in the hot tub overlooking the surrounding meadow where horses (and the owners' donkey) graze
- Stroll to the local village with its restaurants, bakery, grocery store and pretty Normandy architecture
- Follow the cider trail through picture-perfect villages and visit markets selling Camembert, Livarot, Pont-l'Évêque and other delights from the Pays d'Auge
- The charming Belle Époque seaside resorts of Deauville and Cabourg are both within half an hour

What you should know...

- There is a third bedroom upstairs beneath the low, sloping ceiling however this is available on request only and is only suitable for a passing guest.
- Please note that while the minimum stay is 7 nights, short stays are possible on request outside of July and August - please enquire.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes (and bath robe and slippers), with change on request.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation in order, and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights in summer and during holidays. Short stays (minimum 2 nights) possible on request outside of July and August.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Other Ts and Cs: Cot and high chair available on request.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Tax: French Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.