



SCHOOL GROUPS

CAEN LA MER CAN ORGANISE TAILOR-MADE SCHOOL GROUP VISITS ADAPTED TO THE PARTICULAR SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

Caen la Mer Tourist Office employs an experienced schools adviser who can not only adjust the educational approach and materials to your particular group's level but also adapt visits to fit the group's timetable.

Tours come with mediation materials that help pupils understand what they are seeing: visual materials, diagrams and questionnaires depending on the subject matter.

The tours on offer below are subject to availability of our cultural guide.



OUISTREHAM VILLAGE CENTRE GOING BACK IN TIME

45 min/1h €75/class

For children aged 6 to 11

The historic heart and foundation of the town still retains its landmark appearance.

Two listed buildings in particular underline its links with the past: the monumental Roman Catholic church and the impressive Grange aux Dîmes (tithe barn).

School group visit: the village's origins (Middle Ages), Church and Grange aux Dîmes (tithe barn), the old fishermen's quarter in the 19th and 20th centuries

Content: explanations on the barn, church, ancient graffiti, how the village developed around the old fishing community.

Learning objectives: observation, comparison between past and present using vintage photos, discovery of past seafaring life.



OUISTREHAM HARBOUR

1h/1h30 (with lighthouse visit option)
- 45 min for Kindergarten groups

€75/class (€90 with the lighthouse visit)

For class groups aged 5 to 10 and 11 to 17

With the lighthouse standing tall above the harbour, the daily fish market and bustling maritime activity bear witness to its various roles as fishing port, marina, ferry terminal (Ouistreham to Portsmouth crossing) and commercial port.

Theme: economic activity

Educational visit: tour of the fish market hall, the ships, current activities in Ouistreham harbour/lighthouse visit (optional)

Learning objectives: Discovery of the maritime world and its activities, learning the basic maritime vocabulary. A questionnaire can be provided



OUISTREHAM LIGHTHOUSE

20 to 30 min (for a group of 15 children)

€50/Class of 30

For students aged 5 to 17.

The lighthouse stands 38 metres tall. Climb the 171 steps to the top and admire the amazing 360° view overlooking the Pointe du Siège headland nature reserve, the marina, the canal between Caen and the sea, the village centre, the beach and the cross-Channel ferry terminal.

Learning objectives: analysing the landscape, learning how a lighthouse works and its uses.



THE OCCUPATION AND LIBERATION OF OUISTREHAM

🕒 1h ★ €75/class 👤 for children aged 8-10

Ouistreham Riva Bella, located in the Sword Beach area, is a Memorial site where, in the early hours of June 6, 1944, 177 French soldiers fought bravely under the orders of Commander Kieffer. This unit, part of the 4th British Commando, liberated part of our city. Two museums, one of them listed as a Historical Monument, narrate this particular event.

Learning objectives: Understanding a historical event/imagining, remembering, reflecting on the life of children in Ouistreham during German Occupation (based on testimonies). A questionnaire can be provided.

A guide can take the group to visit the main headstones of Colleville Montgomery + the Hillman Site at Colleville Montgomery



HISTORY OF OUISTREHAM SEASIDE RESORT

🕒 1h ★ €75/class
 👤 for children aged 7 years and more

The birth and growth of what has always been a family resort, with its outstanding beach as a key attraction. From the “Belle Epoque” (turn of the 20th century) to the present day: learn about the town’s history and gradual development through many historical anecdotes.

Learning objectives: Raising awareness of typical seaside villa facades. Learning about architectural features. Recognising and spotting finials.



HERMANVILLE/OR LION SUR MER RESORT

🕒 1h ★ €75/class
 👤 for children aged 9 years and more

Seaside trip to learn about the history of seaside resorts and the villas of Hermanville sur Mer or Lion Sur Mer. Tour of the beautiful 19th century villas Keep your eyes wide open, look up and admire these architectural wonders!

Learning objectives: Raising awareness of typical seaside villa facades. Learning about architectural features. Recognising and looking out for details and finials



GUIDED TOURS

Depending on the school curriculum, the Caen la Mer Tourist Office groups department team and guides can meet your educational requirements and organise a tailor-made tour. The themes listed in the “Guided Tours” section can be customised for different student groups.

MUST-SEE SITES

Many sites and museums in Caen la Mer can also adapt their content to your learning requirements and sometimes offer specific school visits and workshops.

- Caen Memorial Museum
- Normandy Museum
- Fine Arts Museum
- Ornavik
- Vieux la Romaine
- Maison de la Nature et de l’Estuaire
- Le Dôme - Relais d’Sciences

Other partners can also organise visits for your groups to fit in with the school curriculum.

WHERE TO EAT

We have prepared a list of picnic areas on page 5.

QUIZ BOOKLETS

In Caen:

The Caen la Mer Tourist Office organises rallies in the city centre, so that visitors can learn about history while having fun and playing an active part. These quiz booklets stimulate children's' sense of observation, direction, thinking and logic.

For children (4-7 years and 7-13 years)

2 themed booklets to choose from:

- Attacking the castle
- Tour around Caen.

Price: €2.50 per booklet.

For adults (aged 14 years and over)

5 trips to choose from:

- “Le Bourg Le Roy” in the city centre
- “le Bourg l’Abbé” around the Abbaye aux Hommes
- “le Bourg l’Abbesse” around the Abbaye aux Dames
- “The Castle”
- “Caen, past and present times”, 20th century heritage.

Price: €6 per booklet.

In Ouistreham:

For children (aged 7 to 13)

3 themed booklets to choose from:

- The village centre around Saint Samson church
- The Second World War
- The Harbour and lighthouse.

Price: €2.50 per booklet

In Lion sur Mer:

For Kids (aged 7 to 13)

Tour of the seaside villas, learning about endemic fish species or how bathing practices have changed over time.

Price: €2.50 per booklet

Other:

Booklets and quizzes for all ages for two visits:

- “The coast from Ouistreham Riva Bella to Lion sur Mer”: Walk along the coast to learn about its heritage sites
- “Thaon church”: walk in the Mue valley and visit this typical Norman Romanesque building.

Price: Free