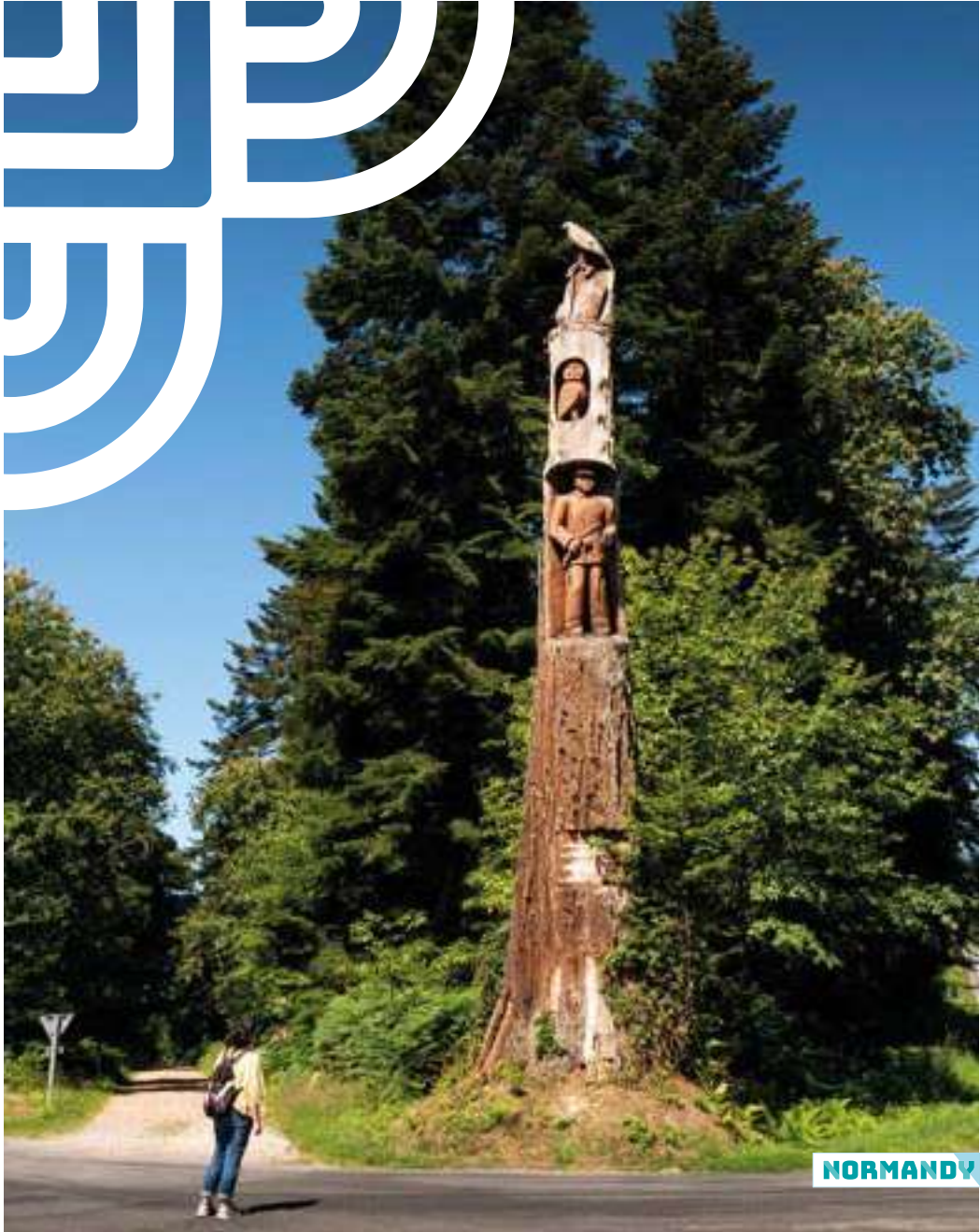


Tourist guide 
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- la Petite Sarthe
- la Velobuissonnière
- Voie verte
- Circuit GR

8 GOOD REASONS

TO PAY US A VISIT

1

Be amazed

BY THE ABUNDANCE AND DIVERSITY OF OUR HERITAGE.

In Alençon, a town classified as a "Remarkable Heritage Site" and in the many villages surrounding Alençon.

46 historical monuments and a host of architectural gems.



2

Discover the unique craftsmanship of Alençon needlepoint lace

lace RECOGNISED BY UNESCO AS AN INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HUMANITY.

At the Fine Arts and Lace Museum of Alençon.

3

To immerse yourself

IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF A SHRINE TOWN.

At the house where Saint Theresa was born.

At the Basilica of Notre-Dame d'Alençon.



4

Stroll in

THE STREETS OF ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL VILLAGES IN FRANCE.

In the village of Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei in the Alpes Mançelles.

5

For a country getaway

TO TAKE TIME OUT WITH THE FAMILY AND RECHARGE YOUR BATTERIES FAR FROM THE CITY.

In our 33 parks and gardens, in our 22,000 hectares of forest or at Ecouves Animal Park.



Enjoy a tranquil walk

OR AN ENERGETIC RUN.

*On our 25km of greenways.
On our 3 long-distance hiking trails (GR® 22, 36 and 235).
At our trail-running resort.
On our 14 hiking trails.*

6



7

Cycle at your own pace

WHILE ADMIRING HERITAGE FEATURES AND STUNNING SCENERY!

*La Vélobuissonnière®, la Véloscénie, la petite reine.
Worth a visit: the cycling museum “La belle échappée”.*



Tickle your tastebuds

WITH OUR DELICIOUS LOCAL SPECIALITIES.

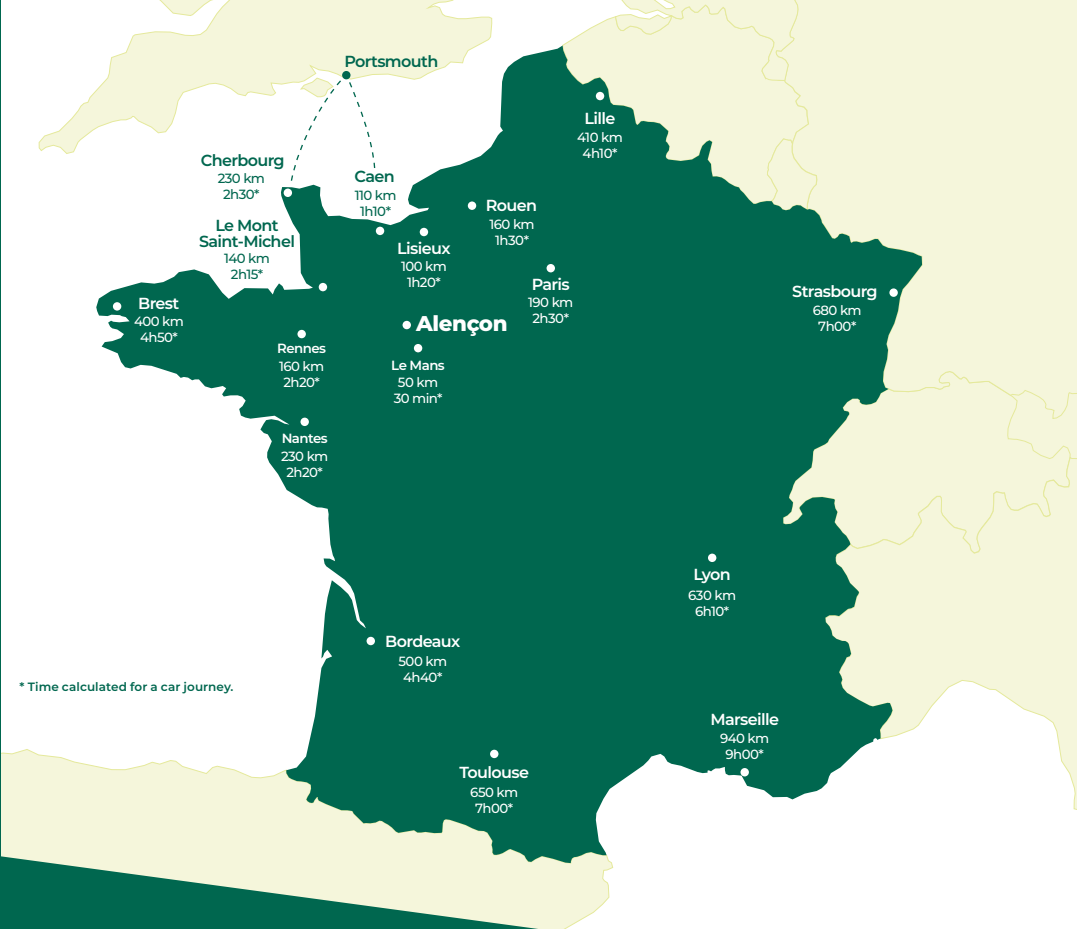
With our professional partners and at Alençon Tourisme shop.

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GETTING TO ALENÇON

Wherever you are travelling from, the town of Alençon, situated in the South of the Normandy Region between Paris and Rennes, is very easy to get to.



* Time calculated for a car journey.

• BY BIKE

Cycle routes

La Véloscénie

(from Paris to Mont Saint-Michel)

La Vélobuissonnière®

(from Alençon to Saumur)

La Sarthe à vélo

(from Alençon to Montval-sur-Loir)

• BY TRAIN

Alençon train station

Place de la Résistance
61000 Alençon

• BY CAR

N12, A10 and A11 motorways
N157, A81 and A88 motorways

• BY PLANE

Caen-Carpiquet
airport

• BY BOAT

Ferry connections to
Caen and Cherbourg

GETTING AROUND ALENÇON

BUS

Alto

Buses to get around very easily in Alençon and its conurbation

Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 03 00

www.altobus.com

Nomad

Regular bus lines in the Normandy region

www.normandie.fr/nomad

TAXIS

Abeille Alençon Artaxi

Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 05 06

Hamon Stéphane Taxi

Tel. +33 (0)6 70 63 34 71

Taxi A.A.S.A.

Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 82 28

CAR RENTAL

If your next destination is Normandy, book your car without delay!



3, rue Demées 61000 Alençon

Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 91 11

www.europcar.fr

Europcar agency in Alençon, located 300 metres from the train station and close to the town centre, offers commercial and passenger vehicle hire. Its priority is direct contact with customers to provide optimal service and complete peace of mind.

OPEN: Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Vehicles can be picked up outside of opening hours (for an additional fee, contact the agency), on Sundays and public holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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PARKING IN ALENÇON

MOTORHOME PARKING

GUÉRAMÉ CAMPSITE

Rue de Guéramé
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 34 95

PARKING

Boulevard de la République
61000 Alençon

P Free parking

P Paid parking

B Electric car charging station

Welcome to Alençon Tourisme!

Welcome, dear visitors!

As you will find out, Alençon and the region have some pleasant surprises in store.

You'll love the unique heritage, the history full of illustrious characters, the unexpected gems, the beautiful scenery and the lovely forest walks. This ideal living environment invites you to take time out to recharge your batteries and make the most of local specialities that you'll find nowhere else!



Tourist Office

OF COMMUNAUTÉ URBAINE D'ALENÇON



Fanny and Dorine

Our destination management section

offers you a varied range of solutions for groups, family holidays, visits among friends and corporate events!

Tel. +33 (0)2 33 80 66 35

Groups:
groupes@visitalencon.com

Business seminars:
alenconbusinessevents@visitalencon.com



Lou, Raphaël, Lucie and Willem

Our staff

is on hand throughout your stay to offer an attentive ear as well as precious advice to ensure your expectations are met. They'll disclose our destination's little secrets too!

Our two tourist information centers

+33 (0)2 33 80 66 33 | contact@visitalencon.com | www.alencontourisme.com
Follow us on our social networks Facebook and Instagram.

Alençon *Open all year long*

38, rue aux Sieurs



April, May, June and October

10am-12.30pm | 2pm-6pm

L M M J V S D

From November to March

10am-1pm | 2pm-5.30pm

L M M J V S D

From July to September

10am-6pm

L M M J V S D

Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei

Open from April to September

Auberge des sœurs Moisy

April, May, June and September

2pm-6pm

L M M J V S D

July and August

2pm-6pm

L M M J V S D



Our services



A shop with a variety of local products



Various guided tours



Ticket sales

OUR SHOP

Our shop displays a selection of delicious local products to be enjoyed without moderation, numerous "Made in France" souvenirs for the pleasure of giving, educational books and fiction for children and adults, and games made in Normandy to have fun while learning about the region!



Typical local gift ideas...

Eco cup



Tote bag



Notebook



Pen



Posters and postcards



Key ring

Magnets

Snow globe

Gift ideas for children

CARD GAMES

Le Moyen Âge

Les trésors de Normandie

La Seconde Guerre mondiale



La France racontée aux enfants



Swords and shields



Funny tattoos



Poster to colour

A TYPICAL LOCAL PRODUCT!

Spotlight on Poiré A.O.P. Domfront*

You must be familiar with Normandy cider, but have you tasted Poiré Domfront?

Poiré, which is similar to cider, is made from fermented pear juice using special varieties of local pears. The origin of Poiré Domfront can be traced back to the traditional pear orchards - orchards that are unique in Europe - located 1 hour from Alençon, in the west of Orne. This Protected Designation of Origin labelled product is made by around twenty farmer-producers who accord great importance to "nature": a slow, auto fermentation process and the natural formation of froth in the bottle. You'll love its fresh, fruity bubbles, which you can enjoy throughout your meal, from a pre-dinner aperitif right through to desert!

* Alcohol abuse is dangerous for your health, and should be consumed in moderation.



OUR SHOP

ASK FOR OUR MAP OF ALENÇON POSTER!

Entirely hand-drawn in Indian ink by young artist Pablo Raison, this poster was printed by a printer in Orne. It beautifully depicts the architecture of the neighbourhoods in the city centre of the former City of Dukes.



NEW!

Poster 28 x 20 inch.

TOWN CENTRE OF ALENÇON

Available at the Alençon Tourist Information Office shop*.

29,90€

** sold without the frame*



ASK FOR OUR TOUR ITINERARIES!

The Tourist Office staff has put together a few tour itineraries, available in leaflets or a booklet, to ensure you have fun exploring Alençon on your own or with family or friends. Don't hesitate to ask our holiday advisors at the reception desk.

Tour itineraries for children

"MYSTÈRES À ..."
(from the age of 6 to 12)

Embark on a new adventure with your children, helping the intrepid Mathilde with her investigations, solving the mysteries that threaten the peace in the Alençon districts of Montsort and Saint-Léonard, and the quiet village of Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei!

Investigation booklet on an amusing family tour.
Available in French only. **3€**



Tour itineraries for all

"ALENÇON UNVEILED"
(from the age of 10)

Discover all the heritage gems of Alençon as you walk in the heart of the town, trying to solve riddles along the way.

A discovery leaflet and treasure hunt.
Available in french, english, german, spanish and dutch. **1€**



Ideas for hiking

This handy tool, designed and tested by our team, offers a selection of 14 marked hiking trails in our destination. Ideal for combining nature, relaxation and discovering local heritage! *

14 hiking trails. 7€ | Available in French only.



*Don't hesitate to let us know if you encounter any problems on the routes.

OUR TICKET OFFICE



ENJOY A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

TAKE PART IN ONE OF OUR "LACE-MAKING" WORKSHOPS

Alençon Tourisme organises weekend workshops, introducing visitors to the secrets of point d'Alençon needle lace-making, recognized by UNESCO as an example of unique craftsmanship.

Take a fun, hands-on workshop, run by **Charlène Poret**, an expert in point d'Alençon lace-making, trained by the Atelier du Mobilier National. She will be delighted to share her passion for this art form and secrets about how to create this exceptional lace.

Location of workshops:

The Fine Arts and Lace Museum
Cour carrée de la dentelle, Alençon

Schedule 2026* :

Saturday and Sunday 21 & 22 March
Saturday and Sunday 20 & 21 June
Saturday and Sunday 8 & 9 August
Saturday and Sunday 12 & 13 September
Saturday and Sunday 14 & 15 November

From 2pm to 5.30pm on Saturdays
(Guided tour in the Lace Museum included)

From 2pm to 5pm on Sundays

*Dates subject to change by our partners.

Information and reservation
at the Tourist Office of Alençon or
on www.alencontourisme.com



PORTRAIT

Charlène Poret,
CRAFTSWOMAN AND
TEXTILE ART INSTRUCTOR

"Since she was a child, Charlène always wanted to do something with her hands!

Originally from the Calvados region, near Vire, she initially planned to follow in the footsteps of her uncles, who were toolmakers. She intended to complete a vocational qualification as a toolmaker technician, in order to cultivate her taste for precise, meticulous manual work.

At this time, she also attended Mylène Salvador's textile art workshops, learning about bobbin lace. This led her to complete a three-year school programme in embroidery and draping, during which she learnt all the hand stitches. In 2010, when Alençon needle lace-making was listed as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, Charlène heard that the Atelier National du Point d'Alençon was recruiting... She seized the opportunity and spent five years acquiring the unique technique of needle lace, a great passion of hers.

But Charlène is a restless soul, always searching for new knowledge and new experiences! She left the Atelier National and launched her own artisanal business. Wishing to shake up the codes of white cotton lace, she studied the techniques of natural dyes, using wild plants gathered near her home in the Écouves Forest. Tansy, yarrow, birch leaves, meadowsweet and mushrooms provide a rich palette of ochre, yellow, red, orange and brown pigments, with even a touch of purple.

To obtain blues and reds, she also grows other plants in her garden.

Nowadays, Charlène is very busy! Her aim is to preserve, promote and perpetuate our intangible cultural heritage in the field of textile arts and the environment. She works to rejuvenate the image of lace and bring it into the 21st century, by combining highly sophisticated technical designs with lace sections, giving her pieces a more contemporary feel. She creates collector's items that she exhibits in museums and media libraries in Normandy.

She also offers needle lace workshops and courses. She even provides remote classes, with some of her students requesting her services from all around the world, including the United States, Guadeloupe and the United Kingdom.

She hopes that one day, a vocational qualification in needle lace will be created and certified; in any case, she's working hard to make it happen!"

CHARLÈNE PORET, ARTEXTILES

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Tel. +33 (0)6 77 72 62 43
www.chapo-arttextiles.fr

OUR GUIDED TOURS

OUR ALENÇON GUIDED TOURS

Take a fascinating trip through time in the company of the Tourist Office tour guides! Explore the historic districts and relive the key moments that shaped the town...
With the help of some amazing anecdotes, the architectural features, the hidden passages and the old Cité des Ducs are about to unveil all their secrets!



PLEASE NOTE: our guided tours only take place during school holidays.

ALENÇON, FORMER TOWN OF DUKES ⌚ 1h

Take the time to visit the emblematic monuments that have shaped the glory and renown of the former City of Dukes. Follow the guide: from the 11th to the 21st century, it's just one step!

NOTRE-DAME BASILICA SECRETS ⌚ 1h

Admire Notre-Dame Basilica like never before! A familiar silhouette in Alençon since the 14th century, the basilica still has much to reveal to you: its architectural details, its stained glass windows and the history of its many chapels.

A WHOLE VARIETY OF GUIDED TOURS



THE MIDDLE AGES, A UNIQUE ERA ⌚ 1h30

Adult's tour
Set off on an exciting journey through the City of Dukes and find out about beliefs and practices specific to the Middle Ages.

ALENÇON, THE DISCREET BEAUTY ⌚ 1h30

Take the time to discover Alençon's fabulous architectural heritage! Stroll through the narrow streets in the company of our guide, who will reveal the secrets of the characterful residences and private mansions that marked the development of the town between the 17th and 19th centuries. History is at your fingertips...

OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF ALENÇON - ⌚ 1h30

Set off in the footsteps of prominent women from the town of Alençon along a trail that will take you to the different sites that played a part in their history.

FROM THREAD TO NEEDLE - ⌚ 1h30

Passing by the Halle aux Toiles, the Fine Arts and Lace Museum, the Hôtel Boyville and Place Masson, take a trip back in time to learn more about know-how that have contributed to Alençon's reputation.



GUIDED TOURS AND TREASURE HUNTS FOR CHILDREN

IN SEARCH OF THE MAGIC CURE ⌚ 1h

5-10 years old children's treasure hunt
Start a race against time to help a famous Alençon character! Use clues to find the components of the witch's potion scattered around the Saint-Léonard district.

EASTER MYSTERY - ⌚ 1h

5-10 years old children's treasure hunt
The Duchess of Alençon's eggs have mysteriously disappeared from the market! To save her Easter party, help Elisabeth d'Orléans to find them.

OUR GUIDED TOURS

DAILY LIFE IN THE MIDDLE AGES

🕒 1h

6-9 years old children's tour
Immerse yourself in the world of princesses and knights and experience the daily lives of men and women in the Middle Ages. Who were they? What did they eat? Where did they live?

IN THE SHOES OF THE BUILDERS

🕒 1h

6-9 years old children's tour
During your visit, step into the shoes of the builders of the Middle Ages. Discover their construction secrets, their tools and the different trades that made it possible to build Alençon's iconic monuments.

THE PRICE OF OUR GUIDED TOURS

CHILDREN'S TOUR - 🕒 1h

Children (ages 5 to 10 years): 4 €
Accompanying Adult: free
(Maximum 2 accompanying adults per family, + 1 € per additional adult)

GUIDED TOUR - 🕒 1h30

Adults (ages + 18 years): 6 €
Young people (ages 10 to 18 years): 3 €
Children (ages - 10 years): free

GUIDED TOUR IN SAINT-CÉNERI - 🕒 1h15

Adults (ages + 18 years): 5 €
Young people (ages 10 to 18 years): 3 €
Children (ages - 10 years): free

Information and tickets at the Tourist Offices of Alençon and Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei.

GUIDED TOUR - 🕒 1h

Adults (ages + 18 years): 5 €
Young people (ages 10 to 18 years): 3 €
Children (ages - 10 years): free

TO EXPLORE ALENÇON, YOU CAN ALSO...



DOWNLOAD THE "LEGENDR" APP

Installed on your smartphone or tablet, this application is your essential tools for an alternative exploration of Alençon.



GUIDED TOUR IN SAINT-CÉNERI-LE-GÉREI

You'll fall under the spell of this "Most beautiful village in France"... To find out more about its history, legends, Romanesque church and chapel hidden in the meadow, follow our guide!
Take a trip back in time to the 19th century, when the painters of Saint-Céneri feasted at Adélaïde and Léonie Moisy's inn!

Discover 3 great trails in Alençon



This walk through Alençon will take you back in time, as you delve into the history of the former "City of Dukes".

Alençon's most famous couple need your help to find 7 important items for their wedding!

Someone has stolen lace-maker Madeleine's fabric! It's the fabric she needs to make the wedding dress for the Duke of Alençon's wife-to-be! Can you help her find it?

WHO CARES IF IT'S RAINING?

Come on... don't let grey skies get you down! Alençon and the surrounding area are teeming with places to visit and great ways to enjoy yourself out of the rain until the sun comes out.



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Things to do indoors

VISIT

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by reservation

HAVE FUN

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TAKE A BREAK

- In the media library of Alençon** – p.82
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HOW TO KEEP THE LITTLE ONES HAPPY?

AGES 2 TO 6 YEARS

Things to do outside

HAVE FUN

- Parc des promenades** – p.51
playground and educational mini-farm
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playground
- Parc de l'Éclat, Lonrai**
playground
- Alençon plage**
in July and August

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In the Alençon area, it's always easy finding suitable ways to occupy small children. Here are our suggestions for activities to enjoy with the kiddies.



Things to do indoors

HAVE FUN

- Alencéa swimming pool** – p.82

LISTENING

- Short stories and nursery rhymes at the Multimedia library**
(programme available at www.mediatheques.communaute-urbaine-alencon.fr).

IT'S SUNDAY

WHAT SHALL WE DO TODAY?

The weekend is nearly over... While others are already on their way home, you've decided to prolong your stay and leave a little later. But today is Sunday and you're wondering what you can do. No worries, this may be a day of rest, but there are plenty of places in Alençon and the vicinity where you'll be welcomed with open arms!

Things to do indoors

VISIT

The Basilica of Notre-Dame d'Alençon
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The Fine Arts and Lace Museum – p.44
free entrance on the first Sunday of each month

The birth place of Saint Theresa – p.48
open on Sunday afternoons, closed in January

The chapel of Saint Theresa – p.48

The Rose Taillé house – p.49
open on the first Sunday of each month from May to October, 2pm – 5pm

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Tourist centre of the Régional Normandie-Maine Park – p.62
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by reservation

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The cycling museum "La belle échappée"
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SEE AN EXHIBITION

Conseil Départemental
27, bd de Strasbourg, Alençon – www.orne.fr

Archives départementales
8 av. de Basingstoke, Alençon – www.archives.orne.fr

Bains-Douches
151, avenue de Courteille, Alençon
www.bainsdouches.net

HAVE FUN

Les imaginariums – p.74
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Things to do outside

GO FOR A WALK

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Crazy-golf course

Alençon plage *in July and August*

TRY

The Arçonnay golf course



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Lunch time only

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Dinner time only

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L'Échoppe gourmande – p.112
Lunch and dinner time

La Taverne Giroise – p.112
Lunch and dinner time

IT'S MONDAY

WHAT SHALL WE DO TODAY?

Many shops and amenities that stay open at weekends choose Monday as their day of rest. No worries, we've found plenty of things you can do... there's no time for boredom and you won't go hungry either!



Things to do indoors



VISIT

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open on Mondays from June to September

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ALENÇON, FORMER TOWN OF DUKES

 SITE PATRIMONIAL
REMARQUABLE



From the 9th century, the town developed around a castle near the banks of the Sarthe. Protecting Normandy's southern boundary with the Maine region, it became increasingly important as the Dukes of Alençon reached the height of their glory in the 16th century. From this golden past of prosperity, the town has retained a heritage like no other in Normandy... Today, the town of Alençon is classified as a "Remarkable Heritage Site".

Discover the historic centre of the former town of dukes



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Saint-Léonard district 1

This is THE historic part of the town that just has to be explored!

Alençon's oldest dwellings are to be found here. This picturesque neighbourhood still has its narrow streets, its hidden cobblestone courtyards and its timber-frame and granite houses. Above some of the doorways you can see the escutcheons that once displayed the coats of arms of the families who lived inside. Beaten out with a hammer or painted on, these coats of arms have since disappeared. Stop at no. 11 Rue des Granges and no. 123 Grande Rue where the façade features a key carved into the wood by a locksmith.



DO YOU KNOW HIM?

Jacques-René Hébert
From the faubourgs of Alençon to the guillotine...

You'll have to search hard to find the pretty **Jacques-René Hébert courtyard**. It is one of those discreet places that reveal all the charm and historical richness of Alençon.

When we talk about the French Revolution, we think of Robespierre, Danton, Marat, Charlotte Corday (born in Orne) and Camille Desmoulin. But there is another famous name from this period:

Jacques-René Hébert.

Born in Alençon in 1757 at 118 Grande Rue, he founded the newspaper **Le Père Duchesne** in 1790. Known for his irreverent tone and his tirades against the monarchy, he was very popular with the sans-culottes and the people. Robespierre had this revolutionary with extreme views guillotined on 24 March 1794.



La maison à l'étal 2

As you stroll through the Saint Léonard district, you'll come across the Maison à l'Étal in Rue Porte-de-la-Barre, not far from Saint Léonard Church. Built in the 15th century, it is one of the oldest houses in the town of Alençon and has been listed as a Historic Monument since 1926.

Take a trip back in time and imagine the baker beneath the awning, laying out his loaves of bread on the impressive solid granite stall (étal) for which the house is named. The slate-covered façade adds to its historic charm.

La maison aux 7 colonnes 3

This house is so named because it was constructed on seven chestnut columns (colonnes). It was also built over a vaulted stone cellar, dating from the 12th (capitals) and 13th centuries. It's said to be the town's oldest hotel! In the cellar, there is a slab on which is inscribed, "If anyone lifts me up, Alençon will perish..."

The building has been recently restored, with the ox-blood red of its timber posts replaced by a warmer colour that brightens up the local area.



Ask for our map of Alençon at the Tourist Information Centers of Alençon Tourisme



Château des Ducs 4

The first castle was built in timber by the lords of Bellême during the 11th century. Then in the 12th century, Henry I, or Henry Beauclerc, son of William the Conqueror, ordered the building of an enormous square-shaped keep, thus strengthening the town's strategic position.

In the 14th century, Pierre II of Alençon enlarged the structure to make it one of the largest and most important castles in Normandy. Henry IV had it demolished in the 16th century. Today all that remains of this remarkable building is the entrance wing with its majestic crenelated towers, the abode and the crowned tower.

The sight of these impressive remains helps you picture the castle as it was in the days of the Dukes of Alençon.

INSOLITE

Out of the ordinary in 1804 the castle became a prison. It was shut down in 2010, then in 2018 the castle was acquired by the municipality for renovation. In 2019, the Simone Veil park was created in what had been the prison yards.

Notre-Dame basilica 5

The basilica has proudly towered above the heart of the town for more than six centuries. The building of this harmonious monument of Gothic style began during the Hundred Years' War. Its visitors are greeted by the intricate stone lace of its superbly extravagant triple Gothic porch. This is one of Normandy's most beautiful church porches! Inside, you can admire the nave, the lovely stained-glass windows and the recently-restored organ.

Listen carefully... every quarter-hour, the bells ring out from the clock tower to the tune of the Christian hymn "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth".



A SHORT WORD

from **Dorine**, OUR PROMOTION MANAGER

"Protected by gargoyles, the sole keepers of its every secret, Notre-Dame d'Alençon sends us an invitation... I love revealing to visitors the history of this building which stands on a cemetery where thousands of bones still lie beneath their feet. When you enter, there's such a calm serenity about the place that you forget the outside world. You're left in awe by the height of the vault, the light filtering through the 16th-century stained-glass windows and, above all, lots of anecdotes about the Hundred-Year war, a statue that turns itself around, the lightning strike and fire of 1744, the ransacking by revolutionaries, the midnight wedding of the Martin couple, the forgery workshop during the Occupation, and so on. I don't think it matters what you believe, you cannot help but be moved by the beauty and the history of this site!"

DID YOU KNOW?

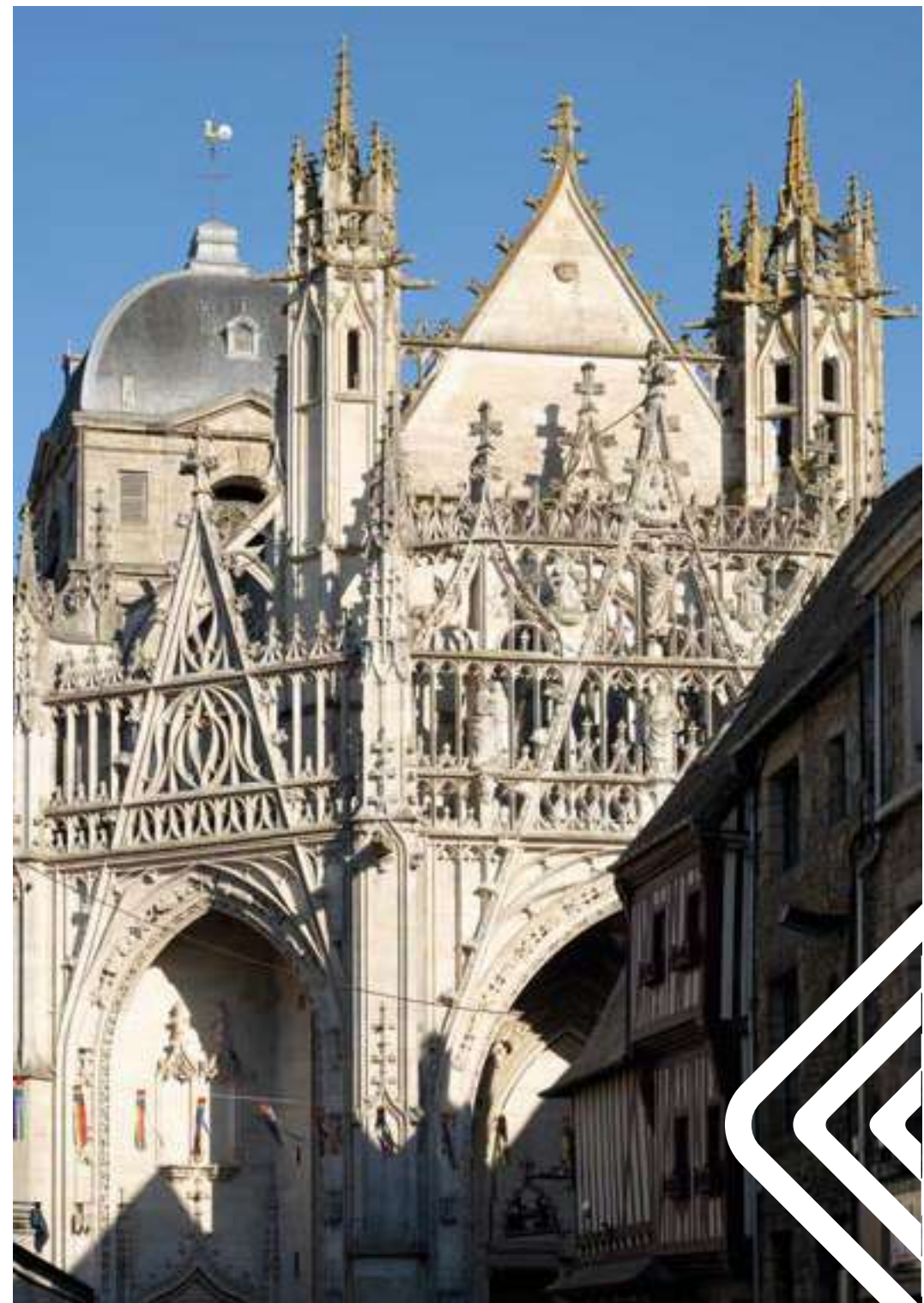
What's the difference between a Church and a Basilica?

Cathedral, Basilica, Chapel, Abbatial Church, Priory Church, Collegiate Church... these are all places of worship. But a Basilica is a very special church, because it can only achieve this status by decision of the Pope and if it is built above the tomb of a Saint, contains the relics of a Saint, and/or is a pilgrimage venue as is the case here.



Former Jesuit collegiate church 6

This beautiful 17th-century building close to the Fine Arts and Lace museum never goes unnoticed. Its distinctive features are the so-called imperial roof crowned by a small bell tower and a pretty weathercock that spins in the wind. Embellished with magnificent oak woodwork, the reading room features a wealth of written heritage that is unique in Normandy, with 137 medieval manuscripts and 26 incunabula works. But another valuable treasure is also kept here: the original, uncensored edition of Charles Baudelaire's "The Flowers of Evil", published in 1857 by Alençon-born Auguste Poulet-Malassis...



Maison d'Ozé 7

This immense 15th-century dwelling bears the name of its former owner, François d'Ozé, who added a new wing and a small tower in 1530. They say Henry IV once stayed here before he was king... In 1903, the building was saved from demolition in the nick of time when the Société Historique et Archéologique de l'Orne succeeded in getting it listed as a protected historical monument – phew! Before you leave, take the time to wander for a while in the picturesque gardens of the enclosure.



Hôtel de Guise / Prefecture 8

In 1675, this sumptuous private mansion, with its elegant façade of brick and stone, was acquired by Elisabeth of Orléans, granddaughter of Henry IV and widow of the Duke of Guise and Alençon. Built in Louis XIII style, this is one of the most beautiful prefectures in France!

A PRESTIGIOUS GUEST AT THE PREFECTURE...

A phenomenal imperial procession entered Alençon on 31st May 1811. After a journey of several days across Normandy, Napoleon I was welcomed by the town's high dignitaries and jubilant crowds. Enough amusement... time to get on with State affairs!

The Emperor's carriage took him to the Hôtel de Guise where Prefect Lamagdelaine awaited him for an important work meeting. Napoleon stayed overnight. He ate little at the dinner table, but requested generous servings of his favourite wine, Chambertin.

Halle au blé 9

Unique in France, the Halle au blé is a monument of appealing elegance that makes the people of Alençon very proud! Topped with a majestic glass dome, this impressive circular building opened as a corn exchange in 1812 and was nicknamed "crinoline" by the local women. It is now a venue for temporary exhibitions and live shows.



DO YOU KNOW THEM?

Charles Croquefer and Charles Arnould

It is a common misconception that the 1,000-m² glass dome of Alençon's Corn Exchange was built by Gustave Eiffel – it wasn't! It was, in fact, designed and constructed by two Alençon locals: architect **Charles Arnould** and engineer **Charles Croquefer**.

In 1864, together with engineer Charles Croquefer, Arnould designed a dome to cover the Corn Exchange's circular courtyard, modelled on the "Bourse du Commerce" in Paris. Alençon had never seen anything built so quickly! The dome, with its 115 panes of glass, was erected in just one year.

Town hall 10

Located on Place Foch, this building with its elegant rounded façade was built in 1783 on the site of a former part of the Château des Ducs. The central building is surmounted by a small bell tower and, inside, the main staircase has a beautiful wrought iron banister.



For the construction of the dome, engineer Croquefer used the riveting technique, which was popular at the time and later used by Gustave Eiffel to build the famous Eiffel Tower (1887). The technique involved heating and tightening iron rivets (nails), which, as they cooled, sealed each glass panel together and created exceptionally strong joints. All the parts used in the dome's framework came from the DORE foundry, which was based in nearby Le Mans. The dome is supported by 16 hollow cast-iron columns that serve as gutting to drain off rainwater.

The glass roof has been restored several times: in 1907, 1920, 1926 and 1994. In 1948, the Corn Exchange was listed as a Historic Monument. Following the decline of the grain trade, from 1888, the building was used for other purposes, including as a hospital during the First World War and an exhibition hall. Today, it is used as a venue for a variety of events, such as trade fairs and exhibitions, and is home to an ice rink.

WAR REMEMBRANCE

If you arrive in Alençon via the Pont-Neuf bridge, you cannot help but notice the statue of General Leclerc erected right next to the building at 33 Rue du Pont-Neuf, where his general headquarters were. This is a worthy tribute to the illustrious character who left his mark on the town's history forever...



A bit of History

On 12th August 1944, the General and his 2nd Armoured Division delivered Alençon from German occupation.

In fact, this was the first town in France to be liberated by the French army. For history buffs interested in the D-day landings, or if you're simply curious, you can take Route Leclerc, the road out of Sarthe from Alençon, to the town of Argentan. The route is dotted with memorials to those who died in the fighting between German tanks and the 2nd Armoured Division, such as Fyé, La Hutte, Champfleu, the Gateys necropolis, La Croix de Médavy, Chahains and Ecouché.

This troubled history also features the hunting down of Resistance members. A number of sites in the region bear testament to their imprisonment, torture and execution, such as Alençon Castle, La Galochère quarry in Condé-sur-Sarthe, Les Aunais quarry in Saint-Germain-sur-Sarthe, and the firing range memorial stone in Radon. Every year on 12th August, Alençon celebrates its liberation.



BUT WHO ACTUALLY WERE THEY?

The 2nd Armoured Division was a french military unit formed by General Leclerc in 1943. On 1st August 1944, the Division landed on Utah Beach amidst General Patton's Third American Army. During the Battle of Normandy, its soldiers demonstrated incredible bravery and performed some remarkable strategic manoeuvres.

PORTRAIT

**Raymond Ciroux
(1925-2020),
hero during the
liberation of Alençon.**



Raymond Ciroux, a young Volunteer Combatant for the French Resistance, was just 19 years old when he hurried during the night of 11th August 1944 to inform the Allies of the strategic error committed by the German troops who had retreated 10km to the north, in Écouves Forest, before the dawn attack scheduled on the 12th by the German General Von Klug. Putting his own life in danger, he entered Alençon by foot to see if there were any Germans there: there were not. He was then driven back in a Jeep by Captain Henri Da, an American serving in the 3rd squadron of the 12th armoured cavalry regiment led by Colonel Ernest Gaudet, to General Leclerc to inform him of this key piece of intelligence.

Leclerc immediately gave the order to take back Alençon. The town's liberation took place without any gunfire.



THE FINESSE OF ALENÇON LACE...

The art of lacemaking and the ancient Cité des Ducs: an eternal link.

Ruffs, jabots, headpieces, wedding dresses and veils... In the 17th century, all nobles and high clergymen wore Venice lace which was very fashionable at the time. But in 1650, Marthe de la Perrière, a lacemaker from Alençon who was keen to perfect this delicate art, encouraged her young apprentices to create their own technique. They gradually invented Alençon lace, a very fine needlepoint lace of a rare and unique quality.

In 1665, Colbert decided to establish a Royal Manufacture in Alençon and turned this unanimously appreciated needle lace into a reference that would put an end to the import of foreign imitations. This production employed nearly 10,000 people during the first half of the 18th century and, at the first Universal Exhibition, held in London in 1851, Alençon needlepoint lace was recognised as the "queen of laces".

World-unique craftsmanship inscribed on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list

Through the centuries, the lacemakers' savoir-faire was passed on through the traditional teaching methods of oral explanations and hands-on practice. Nowadays, only the ten or so lacemakers of the Atelier National du Point d'Alençon, created in 1976, still work to preserve this unique expertise. Just imagine... It takes nearly ten years for a lacemaker to master this art which is carried out only by hand, since no machine is capable of imitating it. The workshop is attached to the Mobilier National department, which is gradually guiding the lacemakers towards a more contemporary production so that they can apply their own techniques to modern artistic models. Famous across the world for its fine mesh and intricate detail, Alençon lace is inimitable. Naturally then, it was added to the list of UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2010.



DID YOU KNOW?

It takes 7 to 15 hours to produce a piece of lace the size of a postage stamp!



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THE FINE ARTS AND LACE MUSEUM

This visit is a must-do in Alençon!

Occupying one of the old Jesuit school buildings since 1857, this museum houses a beautiful collection of works split between three sections: **Lace, Cambodian Art and the Fine Arts**. Among other items, it showcases a rare and exceptional piece: **a wedding veil dating from the 19th century**. Measuring 3.5 metres in length and 2 metres in width, the veil is made entirely of Alençon needlepoint lace. It is estimated that it took between 350,000 and 500,000 hours to make, the equivalent of a whole year's work for about a hundred lacemakers. The lace exhibition rooms cover 350 years of the history of Alençon lace, while some contemporary creations also reflect how this world-unique craftsmanship has evolved over time.

And don't miss the museum's year-round temporary exhibitions, which are always a great success.



The Fine Arts and Lace Museum

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The museum's Fine Arts' section

This section of the museum invites you on a journey back to the era of the French, Italian and Nordic schools, from the 15th to the 20th century, where you'll find the magnificent works of Giovanni Massone, Jean Restout, Philippe de Champaigne, Jusepe de Ribera, Charles Landon, Henri Fantin-Latour, Gustave Courbet and Eugène Boudin. Your walkabout ends with a spotlight on the born-and-bred or adopted artists of Orne, as well as painters from the school of Saint-Céneri.

The graphic arts cabinet displays some remarkable pieces of great value and rarity, dating from the 15th to 20th century. This was largely constituted from donations by the Marquis of Chennevières-Pointel, the museum's leading donor, and Horace His de La Salle. Hence, the museum conserves works by the likes of Watteau, Coypel, La Fosse, Verdier and other masters, as well as by regional and Norman artists such as Léandre and Monanteuil. As for the sculpture section, this was launched in 1873 when the museum received donations from the studio of Victor Le Harivel-Durocher of Orne, including most of his original plaster works.

The Cambodian section

Adhémard Leclère was born in Alençon in 1853. Having worked for several years in journalism and publishing, in 1886 he left for Indochina to take up a position in the French administration.

For 25 years, he gathered valuable archaeological and ethnographical evidence, Buddhist and animist cult objects and more than 500 photographs, while never ceasing to write about life in colonial Indochina and, more specifically, Cambodia. On his return to Alençon in 1911, he decided to donate his substantial collection to the museum. This now features among the collections that constitute a benchmark for the study of Khmer culture.



EXHIBITION EVENT

**GUSTAVE COURBET
UNE NATURE ENGAGÉE.**

From 7 July 2026 to 3 January 2027
FINE ARTS AND LACE MUSEUM, ALENÇON



A must-see exhibition!

Presented in collaboration with Institut Gustave Courbet from 7 July 2026 to 3 January 2027, Gustave Courbet: Committed to Nature is the first major exhibition to be devoted to the artist in the Orne region. Since the late 19th century, the museum has held two of his paintings: *Sous-bois* (1856), acquired by the Town of Alençon in 1870, and *Bouquet* (1871), bequeathed to the Town of Alençon by collector Eugène Jacquette in 1899.

Born in Ornans in 1819, Gustave Courbet is a central figure in 19th-century painting and considered to be the founder of Realism. This movement, which emerged in the 1850s, sought to break away from the idealism of Neoclassical painting and the imaginary world of Romanticism, in order to depict the full truth of reality, without embellishment or hierarchy of subjects. Courbet is the creator of such iconic paintings as *Un Enterrement à Ornans* (1849-1850) and *L'Origine du monde* (1866). He established himself as a free, provocative and innovative artist, whose works questioned as much as they disturbed. While his work often caused a scandal for its subversive power, it was also driven by constant attention to materials, light and forms of nature. A great landscape painter, Courbet devoted almost two-thirds of his paintings to depicting the natural world.

More than just a retrospective of Courbet's work, the exhibition aims to highlight the painter's artistic commitment through his landscapes, which bear witness to nature as experienced in real life, a manifesto for Realism, as well as his political and humanist involvement in the Paris Commune in 1871.

With exceptional loans from Institut Gustave Courbet, Musée d'Art et d'Histoire de Lisieux and Musée du Château de Flers, the exhibition pays tribute to the multiple facets of Gustave Courbet: the freedom-loving artist, who rejected academic codes and used scandal to build his career, and the politically engaged citizen who paid a high price for his convictions, using his art to fight until the end of his life in exile on the shores of Lake Geneva.

Caption/credits for painting above:

Gustave Courbet (1819-1877)
Bouquet, 1871
Oil on wood (8.8 x 11.4 inches)
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ALENÇON, SHRINE TOWN



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Why a shrine town?



“**Villes Sanctuaires en France**” is an association of 19 shrines and 19 Tourist Offices across France, united by the common aim of promoting tourism with a spiritual theme and hence making it easier to locate pilgrimage venues where visitors from France and abroad can also enjoy cultural and recreational activities.

Spiritual tourism is also an experience-based tourism, a quest for meaning, for a return to the roots, and a search for places that inspire us into faith and beyond.

At the tourist office or the Louis & Zélie Shrine, pick up the free “In the footsteps of the Martin Family” tour brochure to explore the iconic sites of Alençon that tell their story.

www.villes-sanctuaires.com

MARTIN FAMILY

It is extremely rare for three saints to come from the same family! Here in Alençon, you'll discover the lives of Louis and Zélie Martin, the parents of the world's best-known saint, Saint Theresa.

Go back in time and let the history of this ordinary family with an extraordinary destiny transport you.

A little history

One fine day in 1858, on the Pont de Sarthe bridge, Zélie Guérin, a young lacemaker, crossed the path of Louis Martin, a clockmaker.

The story goes that at that very moment, she heard the words “He is the one I have destined for you”. Love at first sight or an “arranged” meeting? Whatever it was, it resulted in the couple exchanging vows in Notre-Dame church, at midnight on 13th July 1858. That was the start of their family life and the bond of humanity and spirituality in which their five daughters were raised following a creed of “serving God first”. It was this education that allowed the youngest daughter, Theresa, to become Saint Theresa.

In 2015, the couple were the first to be canonised together for being an example to many Christians. Alençon is, then, an essential chapter in the life of the Martin family. Discover the sites that bear witness to their time here: the bridge where the couple first met, the house where Saint Theresa was born, and the basilica where she was baptised.



The birth place of Saint Theresa

The nuns and the monks of the Brazilian “Carmelites of the Holy Spirit” community and the shrine staff invite you all year round to discover the Martin family’s story.

As you enter the house, you’re immediately plunged into the Martins’ daily lives. Here is where the five girls and their parents led their day-to-day existence in joy, grief and prayer. Take time to observe the gallery of family items: Zélie’s wedding ring, Louis’ fishing rods and Theresa’s little toy basket that features in her book “The Story of a Soul”. This place oozes with calm and serenity and you cannot help but feel a certain presence. The tour’s layout and features seem to prepare you for an encounter, as if the family were still present. You can almost imagine Zélie writing one of her letters and Louis sitting at his desk, weighing pieces of lace, touched by the voice of young Theresa calling her mother from the top of the stairs.

Upstairs, you’ll visit the adjoining chapel that was built to mark the occasion of Theresa’s canonisation in 1925. Next comes an emotional moment as you enter the room where Theresa was born, to see her cot and her parents’ bed.



The birth place of Saint Theresa / Louis et Zélie shrine
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Closed in January



NEW PILGRIMAGE ROUTE IN 2026!

At Notre Dame Basilica, discover the new setting for the reliquary of Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, installed in the chapel where they were married.

A scenography inspired by Alençon lace, in homage to Zélie’s profession, invites visitors to discover the story of this family whose message originated in this emblematic place.



The house of Rose Taillé

Lieu-dit Le Carrouges 61250 Semallé

This modest house of stone and brick was the home of baby Theresa from 1873 to 1874, shortly after her birth. Suffering from breast cancer and unable to breastfeed, her mother, Zélie, entrusted her to Rose Taillé, a young wet nurse from Semallé. After saving the child’s life, the young woman became a very close friend of the Martin family.

This house, where the great saint took her first steps, can be visited and indeed attracts many pilgrims.

Notre Dame basilica

The church of Notre Dame became a basilica in 2009 after the beatification of Louis and Zélie. Built during the Hundred Years’ War, it abounds with testimonies to Alençon life through the centuries. It is a key pilgrimage site because it was under these high arches that **the marriage of Louis and Zélie Martin took place, as well as Theresa’s baptism in 1873 and, 4 years later, Zélie’s funeral.**

NOT TO BE MISSED

- **The baptistery** in the chapel dedicated to Saint Theresa
- **Theresa’s christening robe**, still intact, in the young Saint’s reliquary
- **The main church organ** dating from 1537 and restored in 2016
- **The 1536 pulpit** with steps built into the pillar
- **The chapel dedicated to Louis and Zélie** which also contains a reliquary and an enlarged version of a drawing of the family by Céline, Theresa’s older sister
- **The 18th-century Baroque altar** with a sculpture of the Assumption of Mary, found above the dukes’ vault which was desecrated during the Revolution
- **The portal** and the statue of Saint-Jean, looking at Christ with his back turned to the congregation, thus observing the adage of the era that went “the church is built in such a way that for the Good Lord to be in the most beautiful spot, he must be placed in the doorway”.



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ALENÇON, NATURE TOWN

What could be more pleasant than being able to combine the discovery of heritage with bucolic breaks in beautiful parks or on the banks of a river? Often referred to as a “nature town”, Alençon invites you to linger in its many green spaces, with their varied charms, which encourage you to stroll and relax. **You'll see, we can relax and breathe here!**

Parc des promenades

After your stroll through the narrow streets of the historic centre, you'll enjoy a break in the Parc des Promenades. Located behind the Town Hall and the Law Courts, this green haven is the oldest park in Alençon. Created in 1783, it offers walkers a large French garden, with trees some of which are 100 years old, and a pretty square with rose gardens, aviaries, rockeries, a terrace and a gazebo.

This park is a delight for all: children will find areas where they can play football, as well as playgrounds and animal enclosures; adults can stroll in the sun, stop on a cottage terrace to enjoy a snack or an aperitif, not far from a fountain and a 19th century kiosk. In summer, it hosts events such as “Rendez-vous aux jardins”, “Alençon Plage” and “Fête du sport”, as well as an open-air cinema.



A SHORT WORD

from **Ludivine**,
OUR EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT

“I love walking in the Parc des Promenades in spring when the rose garden is in full bloom. This lovely setting offers the perfect opportunity to take some great photos. Then I relax on the grass with my friends or family and enjoy a taste of summer as my skin soaks up the first rays of sun!”



Simone Veil Park

The imposing medieval walls of the Château des Ducs have contained prison cells since 1804.

After the closure of the prison in 2010, the city redeveloped the former prisoners' outdoor exercise space into a park. In 2019, this new park was named after Simone Veil, a great French woman with an exceptional career and a symbol of unity and openness. Contemporary in its design, the Simone Veil Park offers the opportunity to enjoy a break in a peaceful haven on the banks of the Briante, with an outdoor playground to keep the children happy.

The experimental garden

From the Simone Veil Park, you can access this small green space dedicated to the art of gardening by means of a footbridge spanning the Briante River. Each plot is managed by a group of volunteers.



The Providence urban park

The park was designed on an old neighbourhood where the Providence religious community resided from 1859 to 2004. Located right next to the Notre Dame Basilica, it has been designed in such a way as to make the most of the century-old trees and the old buildings. Twenty-six bronze hands signing the 26 signs of the dactylographical alphabet recall that for nearly two centuries, the Providence establishment in Rue Étoupée welcomed young people who were deaf and dumb.



Jardin d'Ozé and its conservatory orchard

In the grounds of the Maison d'Ozé, next to the Tourist Office, there is a small, quiet, flower-filled garden where you can kick back and relax. A few years ago, the Société d'Horticulture de l'Orne created a conservatory orchard which presents old varieties of fruit trees: Doyenné d'Alençon and Figue d'Alençon pear trees, Bon Père and red Calvi apple trees.

The orchard is closed from mid-July to mid-October to protect the fruit crop.

Fuie des vignes and the banks of the Sarthe

This pleasant walk allows you to immerse yourself in the heart of a sensitive natural area where the flooded meadows on the banks of the Sarthe have been preserved. As you walk along the Sarthe, you will see many houses with gardens and wash houses directly overlooking the river. Continue on your way to the Pont-Neuf and enjoy a snack or reading break on the benches and deckchairs!



Arboretum

Take the time to visit the second largest park in Alençon and perfect your knowledge of trees. Built on a floodplain of the Sarthe, the Alençon Arboretum is home to 300 trees able to adapt to wetlands and flooding: oaks, ashes, liquidambar, poplars, sequoia and bald cypresses flourish in this suitable environment.

Gustave Courbet park

This is a true green space reserved for relaxation and fun for children, with many games; it is also ideal for anglers as it is situated on the banks of the Sarthe.

From the park, you can go for a walk along a path that runs alongside the river.



ALSO STROLL...

in **Joubert park** and in **Cerisey park**, in Alençon
in **Gué de Gesnes park**, in Arçonnay
in **Arboretum du Chevain**, in Le Chevain
in **l'Éclat park**, in Lonrai
along **The green route**



SAINT-CÉNERI-LE-GÉREI

AN ARTISTS' VILLAGE



Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei, located 15 km from Alençon, in a pristine natural setting, in the protected Alpes Mancelles region, is listed as **one of France's most beautiful villages**.

For a guaranteed “wow” factor, approach Saint-Céneri via the RD56 where you can enjoy a stunning view of the Romanesque church and pretty houses at the foot of the stone bridge that traverses the Sarthe River.



The village dates back to the 7th century when an Italian hermit, Céneri, who had come to convert the North-Westerly regions to Christianity, founded a monastery.

In the 11th century, the Giroie family built a château, the remains of which you can still see today in the road leading up to the town hall. The origin of the village's name probably came from combining "Saint-Céneri" and "Giroie".

The 12th-century church, where you can still see the original wall paintings, will also surprise anyone who steps inside!

Lower down, an isolated chapel reminds us of the legend of Saint Céneri and is the perfect spot for quiet contemplation and recharging your batteries.

From the late 19th century onwards, artists left their studios so they could work closer to nature, also known as "sur le motif" painting. Many painters discovered the beauty of the village and came to stay and celebrate here every summer. They set up the School of Saint-Céneri and stayed in the village inns where they enjoyed painting on the walls! Evidence of this period can be seen at the Auberge des soeurs Moisy Inn with its curious "salle des décapités" ('room of the beheaded'), as well as the Auberge des Peintres.

The roman church

The pretty Roman church of Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei stands on a rocky outcrop, looking down across the meanders of the Sarthe River. The church, which was built at the behest of the Giroie family, dates back to the 11th century but has undergone a number of transformations during the intervening centuries. Inside, on the left-hand wall, you'll see a pewter way of the cross created by a sculptor from the village. But the church's principal treasure can be seen on the walls of the transept, choir and apse which are completely covered with 14th and 15th century wall paintings. You can also admire the extremely rare, wooden barrel vault with its painted quadrilobe patterns.



Ask for our map of Saint-Céneri at the Tourist Information Centers of Alençon Tourisme



The chapel of petit Saint Célerin

The chapel, which was built in the late 14th century, is said to occupy the site of the old Saint Céneri oratory. Inside, you can admire the chestnut timber roof structure, in the shape of an upturned hull. You can't miss the strange, recumbent menhir on the ground that, it is said, served as Saint Céneri's bed. Two statues adorn one of the walls of the chapel: on the right is a statue of Saint James and, on the left, one of Saint Céneri.



FOR YOUNG WOMEN LOOKING FOR A HUSBAND...

According to legend, a young woman, looking for a soul mate, should plant a needle at the base of the statue of Saint-Céneri. If the needle remains in place, she'll find her chosen partner within a year; if the needle falls, she'll have to wait for another year to start again!

FOR YOUNG WOMEN WANTING TO BECOME PREGNANT...

Legend has it that young women who lie down on the recumbent menhir, in the chapel of Petit Saint-Célerin, will increase their chances of becoming pregnant!

The Moisy sisters' inn

During the late 19th century and the time of the Saint-Céneri School of Painters, artists and villagers enjoyed gathering and feasting at the home of Léonie and Adélaïde Moisy, two sisters who had inherited the inn from their father. The old dining room on the upper floor, which is very much a one-off, offers up a curious spectacle for visitors. In fact, it was here, by candlelight, that the painters drew customers' profiles on the walls, in the style of Chinese shadow puppets, using charcoal and black ink. They called this room "the room of the beheaded"!



ALSO TO VISIT IN SAINT-CÉNERI-LE-GÉREI



AMÉLIE ROMET'S STUDIO



Le Cormier
61250 Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
Tel. +33 (0)6 06 63 85 84
www.galerie-amelie-romet.fr

On your visit to Saint-Céneri you can visit the studio of Amélie Romet, a painter, whose big and beautiful paintings are on display here. This multi-talented artist will welcome you warmly, by appointment, daily from 9am to 6pm.

FIND MORE ARTIST STUDIOS...

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www.marcchatainpeintures.pagesperso-orange.fr

Anne Geaix / Sculptor
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www.artisane-sculpture.fr

Alexandre Gosse / Painter
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Serge Tourneur / Sculptor
Tel. +33 (0)6 86 04 45 69
www.serge-tourneur-sculpteur.odexpo.com



LES JARDINS DE LA MANSONIÈRE



La Mansonnière
61250 Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 73 24
www.mansonniere.fr

Michèle and Philippe fell in love with Saint-Céneri the moment they arrived in the village 30 years ago. As nature lovers with a passion for gardening, they designed this unique place around fifteen or so different themes. In their charming gardens full of trees and flowers, they are delighted to welcome visitors looking to take a break in the country.

*English spoken, shop.
No pushchairs or pets allowed.*

DISCOVER SAINT-CÉNERI-LE-GÉREI A DIFFERENT WAY

GUIDED TOURS WITH DOMINIQUE EUDIER

From Monday to Sunday, on reservation.
Prices on request.
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dominique.eudier@wanadoo.fr

Dominique has been a professional tour guide for 25 years, proposing "made-to-measure" group and one-to-one tours based on individual interests. Follow her through the streets of Alençon or Saint-Céneri, across the department of Orne and throughout Normandy.



ABSOLUTE MUSTS AND THEY'RE NOT FAR AWAY!

Don't hesitate to spend time exploring Alençon's surrounding area.

You'll be pleasantly surprised by the diversity of scenery, the host of small villages with a charm that beckons you to stroll and enjoy the wealth of heritage and the expanse of the nature parks and forests.

The ideal destination to get closer to nature!



The Alpes Mancelles protected site



Explore the **Alpes Mancelles area of natural beauty** between the Sarthe, Orne and Mayenne. Situated in three departments, at the heart of the Normandie Maine Regional Nature Park and Geopark, and crossed by the Sarthe and Mayenne rivers, the Alpes Mancelles offer unexpected landscapes dominated by small mountains.

At the very tip of the Armorican Massif, the Alpes Mancelles contain the highest point in the Grand Ouest region: **the Mont des Avaloirs**. This area, with its rare flora and fauna, is ideal for outdoor activities and is home to a host of marvellous destinations: from some of the "Most Beautiful Villages in France" (Plus Beau Village de France®) to "Characterful Little Towns" (Petites Cités de Caractère®), come and stroll through their narrow streets, wander along the winding lanes and discover a well-preserved and picturesque heritage.

It is said that the name "Alpes Mancelles" was chosen by Céneri, a hermit who, after crossing the Italian Alps, decided to settle in this region where the scenery reminded him of the mountains. In the 7th century, he founded a chapel and a monastery, on a meadow tucked in a bend of the River Sarthe, and gave his name to the village of Saint-Céneri.

Among the must-see sights, we recommend **the Belvédère des Toyères, the Haut Fourché, the Vallée de Misère and the Pierre Bécue**.

The Alpes Mancelles make perfect terrain for outdoor activities like canoeing, dog-hiking, microlight flights, mountain biking and, of course, hiking.



WHAT IS THE "LES ALPES MANCELLES®" BRAND?

In the Alpes Mancelles area of natural beauty between the Sarthe, Orne and Mayenne, the "Les Alpes Mancelles®" brand encompassing 27 municipalities with common landscapes crossed by the Sarthe and Mayenne rivers, sets out to increase awareness of the destination, unite local tourism and economic players, and share and communicate common values.

This logo identifies ambassadors committed to sustainable development in the region.



Ask for the tourist map of the Alpes Mancelles at the Tourist Information Centers of Alençon Tourisme



Normandie-Maine Regional Nature Park A UNESCO Geopark



Created in 1975, this is one of the oldest national parks in France!

Its amazingly hilly landscape includes most of the highest points in Western France: Mont des Avaloirs (416m), Signal d'Écouves (413m), Butte Chaumont (378m) and Belvédère de Perseigne (342m). It is a unique mix of rocky escarpments, gorges, torrents and scree. It took 600 million years for such a breathtaking landscape to form in this part of Normandy and Maine. Besides its geological characteristics, this region is a borderland between the two historical provinces of Normandy and Maine. This explains why there are so many castles, châteaux and medieval towns here, like those of Carrouges, Domfront, Lassay-les-Châteaux, Fresnay-sur-Sarthe and Alençon.



Maison du Parc et du Géoparc

Le Chapitre

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www.parc-naturel-normandie-maine.fr



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE UNESCO GEOPARK LABEL

The UNESCO Global Geopark label is awarded to a region featuring sites and landscapes of international geological significance which are holistically managed, employing concepts promoting conservation, education and sustainable development. This label is awarded in recognition of the ambitious approach adopted by a region and its representatives. The idea of Geoparks was first raised in 1997 and involves a network of actors who work together promoting shared experiences and collaboration.

In 2019 the Normandie-Maine Regional Nature Park submitted its application to UNESCO to obtain this label. Through a series of core missions, Geoparks also implement the sustainable development goals adopted by the UN member countries.

The Normandie-Maine Regional Nature Park should finally be awarded the Geopark label in 2024, having met all the necessary conditions.



Mont des Avaloirs



**Take a deep breath
and take to the heights!**

The Mont des Avaloirs, 416 metres above sea level, is the highest point in the entire West of France. After climbing the 108 steps of the 18-metre viewpoint tower, your efforts are aptly rewarded by a 360° panoramic view over the superb landscape of the Normandie-Maine Regional Nature Park, the Multonne forest and the Alpes Mancelles.

On a clear day you can even make out the silhouette of the Mont Saint-Michel!



LET US TAKE CARE OF NATURE AND PROTECT OUR LANDSCAPES, TOGETHER



If, like us, you have feelings for Mother Nature, please behave accordingly when visiting the forest or countryside, to help us keep them clean. Take your rubbish away with you, including cigarette butts and anything else that might be harmful to our beautiful and precious planet.

ALSO DISCOVER...

Ecouves Forest

Treat yourself to an escapade in the Ecouves Forest, the highest forest in Western France, located just north of Alençon. This vast forest of oak, pine, beech and Scots fir covers 15,000 hectares and offers some beautiful views over the surrounding woodland. Criss-crossed by footpaths and streams and dotted with memorial sites, it makes great hiking terrain. You may even be lucky enough to come across some deer.

The Rochers du Vignage trail follows a rocky ridge and reveals fabulous views over the forest. When you reach the Chêne-au-Verdier crossroads, you can admire an enormous sculpted sequoia. At the Croix de Méday crossroads you'll see the "Valois" tank, hit by a Panzer during the fighting between the 2nd Armoured Division of General Leclerc and German troops in the Battle of Normandy which took place on 12th and 13th August 1944. Lower down, you'll see the necropolis of Les Gateys, a military cemetery which is now a national necropolis where the bodies of 19 of the soldiers killed in those battles were laid to rest.

The combination of Latin crosses and steles engraved with the crescent of Islam or the star of David demonstrates the unifying spirit of brotherhood that reigned among the 2nd Armoured Division.

For a very special experience of togetherness in an outstanding natural environment, visit the Parc Animalier d'Écouves.

This 18-hectare zoo nestling in the heart of the Ecouves Forest is one of a kind. It is home to more than 400 animals from across the world, all roaming in semi-captivity.

As you leave the forest, you'll see the nearby Butte Chaumont appear on the horizon.

This hill of Armorican sandstone towers above the forest at a height of 378 metres.

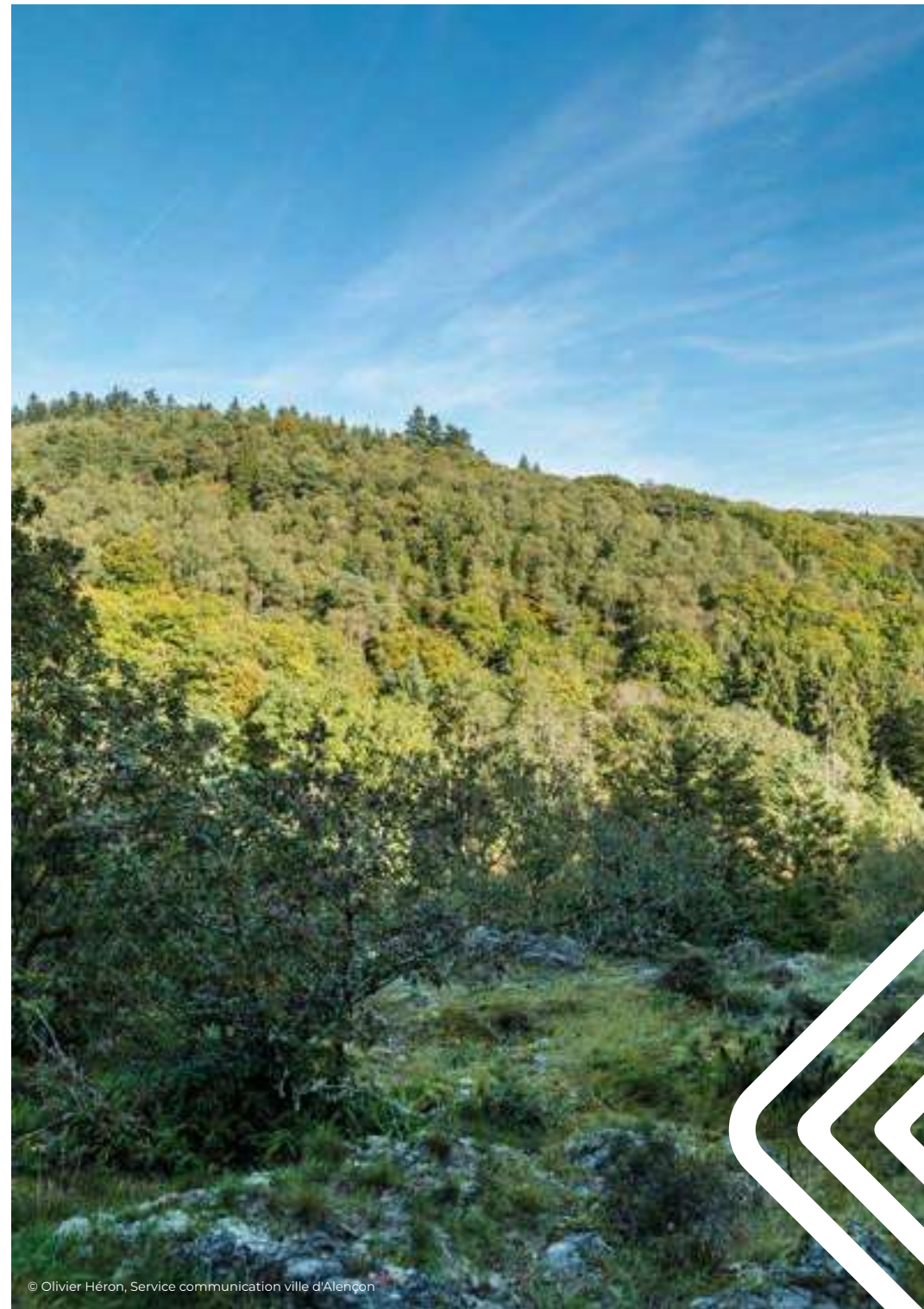


A SHORT WORD

from **Willem**,
OUR TOURIST OFFICE RECEPTION MANAGER

A lover of nature and peaceful places, I enjoy grabbing my backpack and hiking the trails of the Écouves forest. In summer, I particularly enjoy picnicking among the trees, far from the hustle and bustle of the city.

The changing seasons are also incredible, when the green hues of summer give way to the orange and red tones of autumn!



ALSO DISCOVER...

Perseigne Forest

This forest is definitely worth taking the time to explore. There are some lovely walks to be had around the panoramic viewpoint, which is the highest point in the department of Sarthe. By car, motorcycle or bike, make sure you visit the "Vallée d'Enfer".

This valley's rolling landscape makes it perfect for hiking, from Saint-Rigomer-des-Bois or Les Ventes du Four to Le Puits de la Roche or Les Trois Ponts, to follow the Vallée du Gros Houx. Heritage features include the Perseigne Abbey, the church with a portico in Saint-Rigomer-des-Bois, the châteaux of Courtilloles and Aillières-Beauvoir, and the Couesme Manor House.



Gaston Floquet house
37, rue Gaston Floquet
Saint-Rigomer-des-Bois
72610 Villeneuve-en-Perseigne

Saint-Rigomer-des-Bois

The best way to reach Saint-Rigomer-des-Bois is via Champfleury, to see the Château de Courtilloles on the way and enjoy the magnificent views over Alençon and the Ecouves Forest. You'll spot the Romanesque church and its bell as you arrive in Saint-Rigomer, as well as the washhouse lower down.

Leaving the village on Rue Gaston Floquet, you can see and even visit Floquet's house, open to the public on afternoons in July and August. This well-known sculptor knew how to capture the world around him. On his death, in 2001, he bequeathed more than 8,000 of his works, some of which can be seen in the museums of Alençon, Le Mans and Granville.

La Roche-Mabile



This village is named after Mabille de Bellême, daughter of Guillaume II de Bellême. It is a typical little village built on the Sarthon river at the foot of the Butte Chaumont. We recommend you visit the church, one of the oldest in Orne, the feudal mound currently under development, or the intriguing Cassine chapel. The waters of the Sarthon are home to crayfish and freshwater pearl mussels.



Ask for our maps of **La Roche-Mabile / Saint-Denis-sur-Sarthon** at the Tourist Information Centers of Alençon Tourisme



Saint-Denis-sur-Sarthon



In the 18th century, the presence of iron, clay and the River Sarthon led to the development of foundries and earthenware production. Walking through the village, you'll see the magnificent period mansions that still remain from the days of the foundries and pottery works. The Romanesque church and its steeple embellished with console figures has also been very well preserved.

ALSO DISCOVER...



Damigny

As you walk through Damigny, you'll quickly notice that many of the houses have the same appearance. These were the homes of textile workers, built of bare stone and, in some cases, covered in beautiful blooms. Depending on their size, they each housed one or two looms on which hemp and flax was woven into canvas. To the north of Damigny there was a prisoner-of-war camp (1939-1948) as well as a lovely chapel dedicated to the Infant Jesus of Prague.

Champfleür

Between Maine and Normandy, just 5 km from Alençon, enjoy a charming getaway to Champfleür in the heart of Sarthe. This village boasts a rich heritage, including Saint-Martin Church and the convent and cemetery of the Franciscan nuns, who settled here in 1836. Nearby, you'll find the suspended-floor washhouse, an intriguingly ingenious and unique building by Orne architect Charles Arnoult. History buffs will love the Poilu statue and the Liberation Memorial, a tribute to General Leclerc's troops. For a break in the fresh air, the little wood is the perfect place to take a walk or try out the fitness trail!



Château de Carrouges



Don't miss this amazing château and its estate in the heart of the Normandy-Maine Regional Nature Park. With its exceptional parade room, its furniture and collections amassed by the same family over seven centuries, visit the Château de Carrouges and immerse yourself in the history of the great aristocratic families. Once host to famous guests such as Louis XI and Catherine de Médicis, today it is a testament to a certain "art de vivre"! Managed by the Centre des Monuments Nationaux, the château is open to visitors all year round and offers a wide range of events throughout the year.



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Château de Carrouges
61320 Carrouges
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 20 32
www.chateau-carrouges.fr

Le château de Courtilloles

This purely 18th-century château and estate is built in the foothills of the Normandy-Maine Regional Park, offering a magnificent panoramic view of the Écouves Forest to the north, the Alpes Mancelles to the south and the Multonne Forest to the west. It is a place of remembrance, where many people from Alençon and Sarthe can rediscover their roots. The owners are also endeavouring to preserve traditional know-how by restoring... not renovating!

OPENING DAYS : *in July and August, and during the European Heritage Days, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, from 2 pm to 8 pm, by reservation only. Groups welcome.*

English spoken, Wi-Fi, private parking



Lieu-dit château de Courtilloles
72610 Villeneuve-en-Perseigne
Tel. +33 (0)6 80 47 36 57

OUTDOOR

TRAIL

For the more active, there's also a trail running resort for all levels from beginner to expert, with routes ranging from 7 to 31 km.

A pleasant way to combine an activity in the great outdoors with an exploration of the local heritage. The resort also proposes courses for those who wish to be coached.



HIKING

As an outstanding destination for nature lovers, our region has no shortage of walking routes. With its greenways and long-distance hiking trails (GR® 22, 36 and 235) from the Alpes Mancelles to the forests of Écouves, Perseigne and Multonne, and along the footpaths around Alençon, there's something to please every walker!

A SHORT WORD

from **Fanny**,
OUR DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER

**“What I like best,
it's hiking in the Alpes Mancelles.”**

“Starting from Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei, the Sarthe Valley is, for me, like a magnificent playground, perfect for a walk.

In autumn, I like to leave the village along the Chemin des Gaulois and enjoy the views of this “Most Beautiful Village in France” and over the valley. The path leads me to Saint-Léonard-des-Bois and the Domaine du Gasseau before returning to the village via the Trotté Mill.”



Practical informations

Trail Running Resort of Écouves
Radon 61250 Écouves

On-site services: car park, covered and uncovered picnic areas, shower and equipped meeting room.

www.onpiste.com
www.alencontourisme.com

Download the
“On Piste” application



Topoguide of 14 hiking routes*

On sale in the Alençon Tourism shop



*Don't hesitate to let us know if you encounter any problems on the routes.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Visitors can take their pick of indoor and outdoor activities!

From having fun with family or friends, discovering wildlife and enjoying nature, to discovering our unique heritage and local expertise, solving riddles as a team and so much more... you will be spoilt for choice!

SKATE PARK

Rue Frédéric Mistral
61000 Alençon

So, if you're after a spot of urban gliding, whether you're an expert or novice, this is the place for you! This skate park, which is perfect for all skaters, extends over some 1 400 m² with a street course area and a 2 m deep bowl area.

The facility, located near the town centre, is the only one of its kind in Orne and is one of the biggest in Normandy!

OPENING DAYS:

open every day,
November to April, 9am to 6pm
March to October, 9am to 9pm.



PARC ANIMALIER D'ÉCOUVES

La Houssaye
61500 Le Bouillon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 82 04 63
www.parc-animalier-ecouves.com

In an exceptional natural environment, explore a zoo that's one of a kind with over 400 animals roaming in semi-captivity. Discover a fabulous adventure that's both fun and educational.

OPENING DAYS:

April to September, 10am to 6pm
July and August, 10am to 7pm
February, March, October and
November from 2pm to 5pm

Closed in December and January.

*English spoken, holiday vouchers,
pets accepted, shop, picnic tables.*



PRÉFÉRENCE PLEIN AIR TREETOP PARK

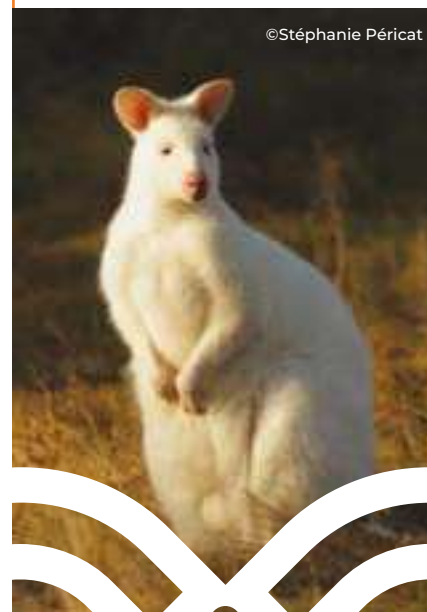
Le Gasseau
72130 Saint-Léonard-des-Bois
Tel. +33 (0)7 83 83 93 77
www.preferencepleinair.com

Nestling in the heart of the Alpes Mancelles, the Gasseau adventure park is the ideal place to get your fill of nature! From tree to tree, you'll follow six treetop adventure trails designed for young and old, to reach the long zipwire at the top of the park and enjoy an even better view of the plants and wildlife.

OPENING DAYS:

Daily during school holidays from April to September, from 10am to 12pm and from 1pm to 7pm.
Outside these periods: open on Wednesdays and weekends.

*English spoken, holiday vouchers,
pets accepted, shop, picnic tables.*



PRÉFÉRENCE PLEIN AIR CANOE RENTAL

Tel. +33 (0)6 71 09 68 73
www.preferencepleinair.com

Rent out canoes for a few hours or by the day, for gliding down the River Sarthe to admire this unspoilt valley in the heart of the Alpes Mancelles. You can stop off at the characterful little towns of Saint-Céneri-le-Cérei (also listed as one of "France's most beautiful villages") or Saint-Léonard-des-Bois.

OPENING DAYS:
every day during school holidays
from April to September,
from 10am to 12pm and
from 1pm to 7pm.

Outside these periods: open on
Wednesdays and weekends.



LES IMAGINIUMS

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www.imaginariums.fr

Les Imaginariums offers a unique experience with a selection of captivating activities such as private karaoke, TV-style quizzes, escape games, murder mystery parties, and a variety of board games.

Want to travel? Switch to Canadian French with the new Quebecois quiz: guaranteed laughs!

Each session allows players to share unforgettable moments of fun and escape. Whether with family or friends, Imaginariums is the perfect place to fill up on fun and laughter!

OPENING DAYS:
every day except Monday, 2pm to 11pm
Reservation required.

English spoken, wifi access, disabled access, shop, cocktail machine, snack bar, WC.

PARC RUSTIK

171-173 Le Bois Maheu
61500 Chailloué
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www.rustik.fr

Travellers, welcome to RustiK, a unique realm in which immersion is the true essence of your experience. Here, you won't just be visitors, but protagonists at the heart of a fantastic medieval world in Normandy. Meet weird and wonderful characters and embark on thrilling adventures in a 40-hectare forest estate.



Solve riddles, interview the locals and do battle with mysterious creatures for an unforgettable experience!

OPENING DAYS
From March to November.
By reservation only.

NORMANDY EXPERIENCE

Take part in the Normandy Experience "Medieval fantasy adventure" at RustiK.

This one-of-a-kind adventure in Normandy takes you on a quest to the heart of the RustiK park for a family adventure in a fantastic medieval world. Get ready for an afternoon unlike any other, where you'll be the protagonists in your own adventures!

Informations:
www.normandie-tourisme.fr/experience/parc-rustik-famille/



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AUX PRÉS D'ÉCOUVES EDUCATIONAL AND THERAPEUTIC FARM

8 route des Gateys 61250 Écouves
Tel. +33 (0)7 45 27 38 09
www.auxpresdecouves.fr

The idea for this educational farm came from two passionate individuals who wanted to share their love for farm animals and help change people's often simplistic views on this topic. Located on the edge of the Écouves Forest, it offers enriching activities revolving around farm animals. Take part in guided tours, children's workshops and even camping holidays. An ideal venue for families and nature lovers, focused on animal welfare and entertaining education!

Additional activities: birthdays, group bookings, animal-assisted therapy

OPENING DAYS: from Tuesday to Saturday. Reservation required.

English, German and Italian spoken, WIFI access, private car park, disabled access, pets accepted, shop, picnic tables, WC, play area, activity room in case of bad weather.



HIKING WITH A DONKEY LA CHOUETTE MULOTTE



Chemin de La Chauminette
61250 Colombiers
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www.chouettemulotte.fr

Situated in the heart of the Normandy bocage, near the Écouves Forest, La Chouette Mulotte offers donkey treks in an unspoilt environment, the perfect place to enjoy peaceful new experience in nature.

Lucile grew up with donkeys and has been trekking with them since the age of 5. Today, she continues the family business, sharing her passion in a spirit of respect, gentleness and conviviality.

OPENING DAYS:
from Monday to Sunday.
Reservation required.

English and Spanish spoken, picnic tables, private parking.

EQUESTRIAN CENTRE LA MÉNAGERIE

4, chemin de La Ménagerie
72600 Villeneuve-en-Perseigne
Tel. +33 (0)6 86 58 18 19
www.celamenagerie.com

A family equestrian centre based on animal welfare. Set in 14 hectares of meadows, with direct access to the Perseigne forest, children and adults alike can enjoy a range of activities throughout the year: classes, courses, competition outings, walks and much more.

The centre places great importance on listening to riders and their needs in order to provide a quality service.

OPENING DAYS:
everyday from 9am to 7pm.

WIFI access, private car park, disabled access, pets allowed, picnic tables, WC.



HARAS NATIONAL DU PIN

61310 Le Pin-au-Haras
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 36 68 68
www.haras-national-du-pin.com



Formerly dedicated to breeding stallions, the Haras du Pin now houses stables for horses of various breeds, a collection of horse-drawn carriages, and the ceremonial tack room. Equestrian shows bring this "Versailles of the horse" to life during every school holiday. Meet a team passionate about horses and eager to share their love of the sport.

OPENING DAYS:
open daily from 10am to 6pm
from April to September.
From 10.30am to 5pm
during school holidays.

Closed December 25th and in January.
Guided tours available. Reservations required for shows.

English spoken, WIFI access, private car park, disabled access, pets welcome, lift, shop, picnic tables, WC.



PORTRAIT

Odile and Jean-Claude Besniard,
OWNERS OF THE
EQUESTRIAN FARM
"LA FERME DES TERTRES"

Jean-Claude and Odile are Orne natives who met 40 years ago. At the time, he had taken over his father's dairy farm, and she was a pharmacy assistant.

They both love meeting people. So, in the late 90s, they decided to change careers and create a horse farm and guesthouse.

Jean-Claude is passionate about horses and has a diploma in equestrian tourism. He was even the French champion of TREC (Trail Riding Equestrian Competition) in 2019! The aim of this discipline is to help riders and horses learn, so that they feel comfortable travelling on horseback in complete safety. Today, Jean-Claude and Odile own around 20 horses, all of which were born on the farm and are used to carrying riders of all abilities on trail rides throughout the year.

Here's a little anecdote: every time a foal is born, visitors to the farm suggest names and the owners choose the winner from the list. That's how Totem, Polka and Perle were baptised...

Some rides take place in the Écouves Forest, a place that Jean-Claude knows by heart. For experienced riders who want to go further, Jean-Claude takes them on longer trips for multiple days: whether in Brittany, Cotentin, Baie de Somme or Seine Maritime, there's no shortage of horse-friendly trails in France! As for Odile, she's kept busy managing their five guest rooms.

Their clientele is loyal, whether for accommodation or horse treks, and visitors appreciate the welcome, quality of service and friendliness of their hosts. One couple has even been coming several times a year since La Ferme des Tertres opened!

EQUESTRIAN FARM "LA FERME DES TERTRES"



Les Tertres
61500 La Chapelle-prés-Sées
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 74 67
www.fedestertres.com

Horses and ponies are waiting to take you exploring the Écouves Forest. And if you get peckish, you'll find on the premises a range of delicious dairy products, because these riding stables are also a dairy farm.

OPENING DAYS:
every day from 10am to 6pm.
1-hour or full-day tours.

*English spoken, wifi access,
pets welcome, picnic tables.*

All in all, Odile and Jean-Claude give a positive report. The two 60-somethings are delighted with this rewarding adventure, which has lasted for almost 30 years, and are very happy to have succeeded in combining the world of agriculture with the world of horses.

AU FER À CHEVAL

Les Bordeaux
61420 Gandelain
Tel. +33 (0)6 20 99 51 78

If you enjoy horse hacking or horse-drawn carriage rides, let the owners of these riding stables take you on an escapade in the forests of Écouves and Multonne.

Located very close to the GR®22 hiking trail, their property offers a panoramic view of the forest and pastures where the horses graze.



JARDINS DE LA MANSONIÈRE



5, Le Coupier
61250 Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 73 24
www.mansoniere.fr

Michèle and Philippe fell in love with Saint-Céneri the moment they arrived in the village 30 years ago. As nature lovers with a passion for gardening, they designed this unique place around fifteen or so different themes. In their charming gardens full of trees and flowers, they are delighted to welcome visitors looking to take a break in the country.

*Holiday vouchers, English spoken,
shop.
No pushchairs or pets allowed.*



SLED DOG RIDE - DOG-HIKING

61250 Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
Tel. +33 (0)6 09 96 54 17
www.sleddogride.fr

From Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei, try a unique experience in the company of Benjamin and his huskies. Attached with special equipment to one of the dogs, you'll enjoy an energetic hike at the animal's enthusiastic pace. This is also your chance to share the joys of walking with a four-legged companion with whom you'll develop an instant bond.



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Ideal for moments of togetherness with family or friends!

NORMANDY EXPERIENCE

Take part in the Normandy Experience "Dog-hiking around Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei" with Sled dog ride.

A one-of-a-kind hiking experience awaits you in Orne. A dog-hiking adventure! A highly unusual outdoor activity led by Benjamin... and his huskies! Participants follow a 4-km fitness trail around Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei, designated one of France's Most Beautiful Villages. Off we go!

Informations :

<https://www.normandie-tourisme.fr/experience/cani-rando-saint-ceneri-le-gerei/>



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"LA BELLE ÉCHAPPÉE" BICYCLE MUSEUM



8, rue de la Forêt de Perseigne
72600 La Fresnaye-sur-Chédouet
Tel. +33 (0)2 43 34 39 11
www.lemuseeduvelo.fr

For cycling enthusiasts and others, this is an original, surprising and exciting place that should not be missed. Created more than 20 years ago by Ivan Bonduelle, an inveterate collector, the museum is dedicated to the history of the bicycle and the Tour de France, from 1870 to today. Its magnificent collection, unique in France, includes fabulous old two-wheelers, three-wheelers, jerseys of famous cyclists, posters, advertising material, games and many other treasures, such as an Asian rickshaw and the world's largest bicycle.

Holiday vouchers, spoken English, wifi access, disabled access, picnic tables



FROMAGERIE E. GRAINDORGE



42, rue du Général Leclerc
14140 Livarot
Tel. +33 (0)2 31 48 20 00
www.graindorge.fr

Founded in 1910 by Eugène Graindorge, a Livarot manufacturer and affineur, the E. Graindorge cheese dairy is a unique business. In fact, it is the only one to make all 4 of Normandy's PDO cheeses. Do you love cheese? Then come and visit the production workshops and discover each stage in the making of Livarot and Pont-l'Évêque. It's a fun, interactive tour, ideal for learning all about this "Made in Normandy" expertise!

Video-guided tour + room in the tour dedicated to the manual moulding of Camembert from Normandy.

Guided tours.

OPENING DAYS:

Monday to Saturday.

English and Spanish spoken, disabled access, shop, lift, wifi, private parking, WC.



Other addresses

AÉROCLUB D'ALENÇON ET DE SA RÉGION

Aérodrome d'Alençon-Valframbert
61000 Alençon
www.aeroclub-alencon.org

ALENCÉA - CENTRE AQUATIQUE

Rue de Villeneuve
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 63 32

CENTRAL 8 - CENTRE MULTI-LOISIRS

Le Moulin à vent ZAC Portes de Bretagne
61250 Condé-sur-Sarthe
www.central8.fr

CENTRE ÉQUESTRE LE CHAMP GALLET

Route d'Écouves
61250 Damigny
www.champgallet.fr

CLUB HIPPIQUE L'ÉTRIER DE CHAUVIGNY

Rue des Bertaux
61000 Saint-Germain-du-Corbéis
www.etrierdechauvigny.org

GOLF D'ALENÇON EN ARÇONNAY

Rue du Petit Maleffre
72610 Arçonnay
Tel. +33 (0)6 69 48 64 90

GOLF DE L'HIPPODROME

Impasse du 31^e RIT
104, rue d'Argentan 61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)6 84 44 90 39

GP SPORT LOISIR

Les Arcs 61250 Saint-Nicolas-des-Bois
www.gpsportloisir.fr

KARTING 61

2, Le Moulin 61200 Aunou-le-Faucon
www.karting61.com

MÉDIATHÈQUE DE LA COMMUNAUTÉ URBAINE D'ALENÇON

Cour Carrée de la dentelle 61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 82 46 00
www.mediatheques.communaute-urbaine-alencon.fr

MONTGOLFIÈRES CLUB DE L'ORNE

14, rue André Breton
61250 Condé-sur-Sarthe
Tel. +33 (0)6 08 90 56 71

PLANET CINÉ

194, rue de Bretagne 61000 Alençon
www.planetcine.fr

SUPER KID

Parking Super U
107, av. de Basingstoke 61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 82 32 49

OBSERVATOIRE ASTRONOMIQUE D'HÉLOUP

Route de Saint-Germain-du-Corbéis
61250 Héloup
www.observatoire-astro-hesloup.fr

YAPUKA

2, rue de Lonrai 61250 Colombiers
yapuka@lilo.org



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FISHING SPOTS

Whether you're a novice or seasoned angler, Orne is a great destination for fishing!

The Orne region boasts some 5,000 km of rivers and a unique wealth of fish species, thanks to the good quality of its waters.

There are two categories of rivers here: first-category and second-category rivers. But what is the difference between the two?

First-category rivers are characterised by their salmonid content (trout rivers), like the Sarthon and Briante and their tributaries.

Second-category rivers, like the Sarthe, on the other hand, are home to cyprinids (white fish such as bream, tench and carp).

There are a variety of fishing techniques that will delight young and old alike, from beginners to experienced anglers: Minnow, lure, toc and fly fishing will enable you to catch the likes of brown and rainbow trout, grayling, carp, pike, pike-perch and perch, hook, line, and sinker...



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WHERE ARE THE BEST SPOTS FOR FISHING?

- **Plan d'eau du Chédouet** in Villeneuve-en-Perseigne
- **Plan d'eau de l'Étansiau** in Saint-Denis-sur-Sarthon
- **Plan d'eau des Foidras** in Valframbert
- **Le Sarthon** in La Roche-Mabile and Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
- **Sarthe river banks** in Alençon, Mieuxcé and Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
- **Étang de Saint-Pierre-des-Nids**
- **Étang de Champfrémont**

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO FISH?

From March to September

WHERE CAN I GET A FISHING LICENCE FROM?

Saint-Germain-du-Corbéis : "Le St Germain"
9, rue du Général Leclerc
Condé-sur-Sarthe : "Les Alpes"
Rue des Alpes Mancelles
Damigny : Bar tabac du Pont de Fresnes
Saint-Denis-sur-Sarthon : Bar Tabac de la Mairie / Viveco
Arçonnay : Decathlon Alençon

WHERE CAN I FIND AN ASSOCIATION?

- Association de Pêche de la Roche-Mabile
- Les pêcheurs de Saint-Céneri
- La Gaule Alençonnaise

WHERE CAN YOU LEARN TO FISH?

- Fishing school in Rémalard

WHERE CAN I BUY EQUIPMENT?

- Montsort chasse et pêche
20, rue du Mans 61000 Alençon

TWO SPECIES TO PRESERVE:

- La mulette perlère et le triton crêté



LET'S GO OUT TONIGHT!

After exploring all the delights of our destination, you decide to look for a great way to round off the day... What better way to relax and enjoy yourself than by booking a seat in one of our entertainment venues?

LA LUCIOLE, SCÈNE DE MUSIQUES ACTUELLES

171, rue de Bretagne
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 83 33
www.laluciole.org

Discover La Luciole, a contemporary music venue in Alençon founded in 1994, embracing values of openness, engagement and humanism. Supported by the Eurêka association, it promotes culture in rural areas, inclusion and diversity by organising a variety of events including concerts, workshops and conferences. La Luciole creates social links and supports regional artistic creation by ensuring accessibility for all, equality and a commitment to the environment. Join us in celebrating culture together!



Tickets sale : Wednesday to Friday from 2pm to 6pm + on concert days from 2pm to 6pm

Closed from July 14th to August 31st. Open on public holidays if there is a concert.

English spoken, sign language, wifi access, disabled access, lift, bar.

SCÈNE NATIONALE 61 THÉÂTRE D'ALENÇON

2, av. de Basingstoke 61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 16 96
www.scenenationale61.com

Scène nationale 61 (Snat61) is a must for anyone interested in sharing and discovery, staging a rich multi-disciplinary programme of theatre, dance, circus arts and music. Based in Alençon, Flers and Mortagne-au-Perche, it supports contemporary creation while offering a wide range of cultural activities for everyone.

Les Bonus des anges invites the public to take part in artistic workshops and meet the artists. Awarded the "Fabrique de territoire" label for its contribution to the creation of key local "third places", Snat61 is also developing accessible and interconnected third places tailored to everyone's needs!

OPENING DAYS:

Monday to Friday, 2pm to 7pm.
On show weekends, 1 hour before each performance.

*English spoken, free WIFI access, lift, private car park, disabled access, picnic tables, WC.
Places to work and relax.*



ANOVA

171, rue de Bretagne
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 85 29 40 00

All year round the Anova centre hosts multiple shows, exhibitions and corporate events. The main hall has outstanding acoustics and can accommodate substantial volumes.

Check out the full programme and offers on
www.anova-alenconexpo.com



BARIKADE



48, rue aux Sieurs 61000 Alençon

Barikade is located in the heart of Alençon. Its owners are passionate about promoting the arts scene, so you'll find a decor as quirky as they are, and a cultural program as eclectic as the rest of the establishment! In a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, you can enjoy 100% local food and drink specialties.

OPENING DAYS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: afternoon and evening. Thursday and Saturday: morning, noon, and evening.

Open on public holidays.



LE BERCAIL

15, rue du Bercaill 61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 15 75

Le Bercaill is a friendly bar where you can enjoy craft beers brewed on site, accompanied by platters and pizzas made with local ingredients. The warm atmosphere also makes for a pleasant evening, with regular concerts.

OPENING DAYS: Tuesday to Friday evenings. Saturday, lunch and dinner time.



Other addresses

BE' BAR

10bis, rue de la Cave aux Bœufs
Alençon

BLACK BEAR

31, rue du Pont Neuf - Alençon

FIEBRE LATINA

73, rue du Mans - Alençon

L'EMBUSCADE

4, rue de la Halle aux Toiles - Alençon

LE BAYOKOS - DISCOTHÈQUE

25, cours Clémenceau - Alençon

LE TOUCAN

58, Pl. Cdt Daniel Desmeulles - Alençon

Warning: alcohol abuse is dangerous for your health, consume in moderation.

READY FOR THE SADDLE!

“When we set off early in the morning, when we set off on the roads... by bicycle!”

These are the words to a French song for you to have a tune in your head and feel motivated for an adventure with every freedom - now get on your bike and set off to discover our green valleys and precious heritage. Alençon and its surrounding area are home to **3 exceptional cycle routes** that will amaze you. Whether you are alone, a couple, with friends or family, whether you have an electric bike, a hybrid bike or a mountain bike, whether you are coming from Paris, Chartres, Le Mans, Tours, Saumur or Mont-Saint-Michel, all routes lead to Alençon... so climb in the saddle!



La Vélobuissonnière®



This 250 km route linking Alençon to Saumur, in the Loire Valley (UNESCO site), takes you through the countryside on small, quiet roads and greenways. Along the way, you will be able to contemplate incredible views, the small valleys of the Alpes Mancelles or the banks of the Loire, discover a rich heritage and stop off at the pretty squares of the remarkable towns and villages you will pass through.



Ask for the map of **La Vélobuissonnière** at the Tourist Information Centers of Alençon Tourisme



ROUTE FROM ALENÇON TO SAINT-LÉONARD-DES-BOIS (33 KM)

Before leaving Alençon, fill your saddlebags with provisions and take the small country roads to Saint-Cénéri-le-Gérei, classified as one of the “Most Beautiful Villages in France”. Notice how time seems to have stopped... Linger on the banks of the Sarthe and then climb the Alpes. After a well-deserved break at the Domaine du Gasseau, where you can relax and unwind, take the road to Saint-Léonard-des-Bois, a “Petite Cité de Caractère” nestling in the heart of ancient scree slopes.

More information:
www.sarthetourisme.com

From La Vélobuissonnière®, you can join the cycling routes: **La Sarthe à vélo**, **La Véloscénie** and **La Loire à vélo**®.

“La petite reine” circular route

As you leave Alençon, “La Petite Reine”, a 130 km circular route along quiet roads and a greenway, will take you from the Alps Mancelles to Perseigne State-owned forest.



“LA PETITE REINE” ROUTE (130 KM)

Leaving the ancient City of the Dukes, head out along quiet roads in the Alpes Mancelles, through the green countryside, before entering the majestic Perseigne forest, with its surprising hollows and valleys, pathways and clusters of tall trees. Nature lovers can look forward to picnicking on the Sarthe riverbanks or in the forest, with a visit to the Halles de Mamers a must.

In the heart of Perseigne forest, at a height of 30 metres the Belvedere is the highest point in the Sarthe département (340 m). Once at the top, you’ll love the breathtaking 360° panoramic view. The Bicycle Museum “La belle échappée”, in Villeneuve-en-Perseigne, is also well worth a visit as it charts the history of the Tour de France from its beginnings to the 1990s.



From this route you'll be able to carry on along the **La Véloscénie** cycle route.



La Véloscénie



Alençon is a major stopover on this “Grand spectacle” route which links Paris to Mont-Saint-Michel over 450 km. La Véloscénie takes you to the heart of the Chevreuse valley, the Perche and the Normandy bocage and allows you to (re)discover the most beautiful monuments in French history.



More information:
www.veloscenie.com

ROUTE FROM LE MÊLE-SUR-SARTHE TO ALENÇON (24 KM)

Alternating flat stretches, road crossings and a route through the Bourse forest: this pleasant greenway will take you straight to the heart of Alençon town centre.

But on the way, there is nothing to stop you from making a short 6 km diversion in the direction of La-Fresnaye-sur-Chédouet to visit the fascinating bicycle museum “La Belle Echappée”.

ROUTE FROM ALENÇON TO PRÉ-EN-PAIL-SAINT-SAMSON (29 KM)

Suitable for family outings, this route starts in Damigny and follows an old railway line that has been converted into an easy and safe greenway. You will cross large unspoilt areas such as the Sarthon valley or the Mont des Avaloirs regional nature reserve, the latter being accessible by bike via a rather strenuous diversion but amply rewarded by the superb view over the bocage from the belvedere.

ROUTE FROM ALENÇON TO CARROUGES (29 KM)

This is certainly the most athletic stage of La Véloscénie... but take heart, your efforts will lead you to beautiful views of the Écouves forest and a memorable finish at Château de Carrouges. On your way, don't hesitate to stop in the village of La Roche-Mabile, on the banks of the Sarthon at the foot of the famous Butte Chaumont.

From La Véloscénie, you can join the cycling routes of **La Sarthe à vélo**, **La Vélobuissonnière**®, **La Vélo Francette**® and **La Vélo maritime**® in Normandy.



“Accueil vélo” accommodation



HOTELS

HÔTEL DES DUCS***

50, avenue Wilson
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 03 93

LA LENTILLÈRE

1R La Lentillère - RN12
61320 Lalacelle
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 38 48

GUESTHOUSES

LA HULOTTE

47, rue Albert 1^{er}
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 28 11

LA MAISON D'HÉLIOS

75, rue Cazault
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)7 62 18 28 45

LE VERGER

2, chemin Le Verger
61250 Colombiers
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 43 58 / (0)6 21 47 06 56

CHAMBRE D'HÔTES COURTOUX

Courtoux
61420 Saint-Denis-Sur-Sarthon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 13 96 / (0)6 68 51 05 12

LES BRUYÈRES

La Chapelle
61420 Gandelain
Tel. +33 (0)6 21 03 55 85

LES CHÈVRES DE SAINT-CÉNERI

Le Massacre
61250 Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
Tel. +33 (0)7 83 06 52 07

GITES AND FURNISHED HOLIDAY LETS

LE RANDONNEUR

Les Bruyères
61420 Gandelain
Tel. +33 (0)6 21 03 55 85

QUIRKY ACCOMMODATION

LE TCHANQUÉ

8, route des Gateys
61250 Radon
Tel. +33 (0)7 45 27 38 09

CAMPSITES

CAMPING AUX PRÉS D'ÉCOUVES***

8, route des Gateys
61250 Radon
Tel. +33 (0)7 45 27 38 09



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À ALENÇON
38, rue aux Sieurs

À SAINT-CÉNERI-LE-GÉREI
Auberge des Sœurs Moisy



Chain ferry allowing crossing of the Sarthe river, at Saint-Pierre-des-Nids.

OUR CRAFTSPEOPLE AND PRODUCERS HAVE TALENT!

In Alençon and the surrounding region you'll find a host of producers and craftspeople who showcase the expertise and culinary delights of this very special land.

So, why not succumb to temptation? Go to meet these local experts whose enthusiasm keeps our region overflowing with riches.



AMÉLIE ROMET'S STUDIO



1, Le Cormier
61250 Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
Tel. +33 (0)6 06 63 85 84
www.galerie-amelie-romet.fr

Amélie is a natural and accomplished artist. With her love of nature, highly sensitive to its colour and light, she has a passion for painting. You can visit her studio by appointment, any day of the week between 9am and 6pm, and also purchase her artwork.



CHARLÈNE PORET, ARTEXILES

11, route de la Raterie
61420 L'Orée-d'Écouves
Tel. +33 (0)6 77 72 62 43
www.chapo-artextiles.fr

After spending 5 years at the Atelier National du Point d'Alençon (national needlepoint lace workshop), Charlène Poret is now an embroiderer, lacemaker and dyer. She makes unique bespoke items, and offers Textile Arts training sessions and conferences for the public at large in the aim of showcasing and preserving this precious craftsmanship which, in some cases, has been recognised as UNESCO World Heritage.





PORTRAIT

Manuel Girones,
Master craftsman,
soap-maker

Manuel has both Norman and Catalan blood! Born in Perpignan, he grew up in the Perche region.

After studying tourism, he spent almost 10 years abroad, driven by a desire for adventure: first in the UK, then in the Netherlands. There, during a visit to a local soap factory, he began to take an interest in this rather unique work.

Attracted by the field of chemistry, the variety of tasks and the creative side of the job, he could absolutely imagine himself in a laboratory, experimenting with formulas...

He started out at home, teaching himself about cosmetics regulations and the fundamentals of soap-making. He then returned to France, to study at Université Européenne des Saveurs & des Senteurs in Forcalquier.

His entrepreneurial spirit prompted him to set up his own business and he moved to Alençon, opening his laboratory and shop under the name "Savon Barbe Noire" in June 2015.

He offers handcrafted soap made from vegetable oils, cold-process and cured for a very long time, making it much gentler and non-drying for the skin. Everything is developed with respect for the environment and sustainability in mind.

He has enjoyed great success and found a loyal customer base, producing around 10,000 bars of soaps a year with scents of amber, lemon, wood, fruit or honey.

Manuel is a multi-tasker and stays very busy, as he manages everything on his own! Not only does he make the soap, he also sells it at markets in Alençon, through retailers and via his website.

Today, he is proud to have obtained the title of Master Artisan (one of only two soap-makers in Normandy to hold this title). The recognition from his customers and other professionals encourages him to continue his work, always committed to creating quality products that respect the consumer's body and well-being.



**SAVON BARBE
NOIRE /
LES SAVONS
D'ALENÇON**



39, Cour Clémenceau
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)6 13 45 18 42
www.savonbarbenoire.com

The Barbe Noire organic soap factory in Alençon produces very mild soaps in its workshop using cold saponification. Thanks to this method, the soaps preserve their fatty acids and vitamins.

OPENING DAYS:
Workshop/boutique.
Tuesday to Saturday,
9.30am to 7pm.

*English, Dutch, pets
welcome.*

LE PETIT CHOCOLATIER

234, av. du Général Leclerc
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 31 72 73
www.lepetitchocolatier.fr

Le Petit Chocolatier is a traditional chocolate producer and Olivier Viel is a real chocolate-lover. To create a unique dark chocolate, he went to meet cocoa farmers in the various countries of production and select the beans. The result is a chocolate exclusively available in his shop.

Le Petit Chocolatier offers classes to teach people about the craft of chocolate-making: with Olivier's help, participants make their own



chocolate, which they take home at the end of the workshop.

OPENING DAYS: Tuesday to Saturday,
9am to 12.15pm and 2pm to 7pm.
Closed on public holidays.

Private parking, disabled access, shop, workshops.

NORMANDY EXPERIENCE

Take part in the Normandy Experience "From cocoa bean to exceptional chocolate" with Olivier Viel from Le Petit Chocolatier.

This unique Normandy experience gives participants the chance to join Olivier Viel, a talented and passionate chocolatier who selects his cocoa beans directly from a producer, in his workshop at the "Le Petit Chocolatier" shop and listen as he unveils the secrets of making chocolate. You'll be able to craft about 20 delicious chocolates to take home with you afterwards!

Information and registration: Tel. +33 (0)2 33 31 72 73
[www.normandie-tourisme.fr/experience/
atelier-chocolat-alencon-avec-olivier-viel/](http://www.normandie-tourisme.fr/experience/atelier-chocolat-alencon-avec-olivier-viel/)



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CHOCOLATS GLATIGNY

44, Grande Rue
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 18 23
www.chocolatsglatigny.fr

Glatigny proposes a wide chocolate selection in many flavours. The staff will be happy to advise you on how best to satisfy your tastebuds. Their specialities include Étriers Normands, Point d'Alençon and Sieurs d'Alençon.

Medal-winning products:
Étriers Normands / Sieurs d'Alençon

OPENING DAYS:
Tuesday to Saturday,
9am to 12pm / 2pm to 7pm.



DESFRIÈCHES CIDER FARM

Lieu-dit L'Aunay
61320 Sainte-Marguerite-de-Carrouges
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 39 86

Corinne and Hugues Desfrièches welcome you to their farm standing among a 10-hectare apple and pear orchard. They use traditional methods to make apple juice, pear juice, dry and medium-dry cider, Normandy AOC pommeau (aged for at least 4 years), white brandy and AOC calvados (aged up to 30+ years). After a quick tour and tasting, you'll find all these delicious products in their shop.

OPENING DAYS: Monday to Saturday,
10am to 12pm and 2pm to 7pm.
Visits require reservations, and reservations are recommended for the shop during the off-season.

Services: *disabled access*

Labels and brands:
Organic farming
Bienvenue à la Ferme
AOC (Pommeau, Calvados).



LES CHÈVRES DE SAINT-CÉNERI



Lieu-dit "Le Massacre"
61250 Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
Tel. +33 (0)7 83 06 52 07
leschevresdestceneri@gmail.com

Camille invites visitors to her farm to watch the goats being milked and sample her organic cheeses. To ensure diversity and milk quality, and to play a role in preserving the breeds of goat that she keeps, Camille has built up a herd of two breeds: the Poitevine goat and the Fossés goat.

A range of tasty cheeses in a variety of shapes and sizes are available for sale:

- at the farm on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm
- at the local farmers' market in Condé-sur-Sarthe on Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

Labels and brands: Organic farming



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Tel. +33 (0)2 31 48 20 00
www.graindorge.fr

Founded in 1910 by Eugène Graindorge, a Livarot manufacturer and affineur, the E. Graindorge cheese dairy is a unique business. In fact, it is the only one to make all 4 of Normandy's PDO cheeses. Do you love cheese? Then come and visit the production workshops and discover each stage in the making of Livarot and Pont-l'Évêque. It's a fun, interactive tour, ideal for learning all about this "Made in Normandy" expertise!

What's new in 2025: video-guided tour + new room in the tour dedicated to the manual moulding of Camembert from Normandy.

OPENING DAYS:
Monday to Saturday.

English spoken, disabled access, shop, wifi access.

LE ZÈBRE QUI FUME

1, rue de l'Écusson 61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)9 73 53 47 50
www.lezebrequifume.fr

Le Zèbre Qui Fume is an artisanal roastery, where production and tasting come together. You will be welcomed by Sabine, the roaster, and Constance, the barista, in an intimate, friendly setting where you can share their passion for the values and culture of speciality coffee. At the roastery, which is open to the public, you can watch the roasting process and discover the secrets of exceptional coffee, from traceable and ethical sources. In the boutique/coffee shop, visitors can buy tea or freshly roasted coffee, in bulk or in bags, enjoy gourmet drinks and experience the warm atmosphere.

OPENING DAYS: Tuesday to Saturday, 10am-12.30pm / 2pm-7pm.
Closed on public holidays.

English spoken, Wi-Fi, disabled access, shop, workshops (by reservation), tastings (by reservation).

Label: éco défis



LE P'TIT COIN

63, Grande Rue
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 15 53 72

This is a lovely shop in the centre of Alençon specialising in wines, spirits, coffee, loose-leaf tea and delicatessen products, mainly from France and Normandy.

Christophe, the owner, will welcome you. A former restaurateur and Alençon local, he is always happy to share his passion and conviction for his products, in a warm atmosphere that smells of freshly roasted coffee!

OPENING DAYS: from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 7pm and Sunday from 10am to 1pm.
Closed on public holidays.

Wi-Fi, disabled access.

Other addresses

ARNAUD LECLER / PATRICK GAUGAIN
beekeeper (honey)
61250 Valframbert
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 31 73 63

BREBIS D'ÉCOUVES
(cheeses, sheep's and cow's milk yogurts, lamb meat)
61250 Saint-Nicolas-des-Bois
Tel. +33 (0)6 19 89 41 89

CHOCOLATERIE PEDRO
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 00 47

CIDRE FOURNIER
(apple juice, cider, perry, Pommeau, Calvados)
61320 Lalacelle
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 40 00

DOMAINE DE BAZONNEL
(beef)
61420 Gandelain
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 73 78

EQUI-ART-DESIGN
(saddlery, harnesses and leather goods)
61250 Condé-sur-Sarthe
www.equi-art-design.com

FERME DE LA BRIANTE
(fruits, apple juice, cider, vegetables, flours)
61250 Colombiers
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 96 20

FERMES DES MANETS
(butcher shop - delicatessen)
61250 Semallé
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 49 52

GAEC À L'ORÉE DE CHAUMONT
(poultry)
61420 Saint-Denis-sur-Sarthon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 33 05

LA BIÈRE ALENÇONNAISE
Bio Terre (beer)
61250 Valframbert
Tel. +33 (0)6 27 20 25 40

LA FERME DU PLATEAU
(eggs and chickens)
61250 Hérouloup
Tel. +33 (0)6 79 50 17 26

LE PORC DE L'ÊTRE PITOIS
(pork and charcuterie)
61320 Longuenoë
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 23 32

LE VERGER DE LA VALLÉE
(apples and strawberries)
61250 Larre
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 91 60

LES VOLAILLES DE FONTENAI
(poultry and processed products)
61420 Fontenai-les-Louvets
Tel. +33 (0)6 76 25 71 01

Ô GRAND JARDIN
(vegetables, berries, meats, eggs)
61250 Hérouloup
Tel. +33 (0)6 63 17 68 66

TELLEMENT JARDIN
(homemade jams, fruit from their gardens)
61320 Saint-Didier-sous-Écouves
Tel. +33 (0)7 83 31 03 98

VERGER DE LA DAGUENETERIE
(cider and apple juice)
61420 La Ferrière-Bochard
Tel. +33 (0)6 26 36 93 29

MARKETS

What better way to soak up a friendly and authentic atmosphere, chat with local producers and get hold of mouthwateringly delicious regional produce than by taking a stroll through Alençon's markets!

PERSEIGNE MARKET

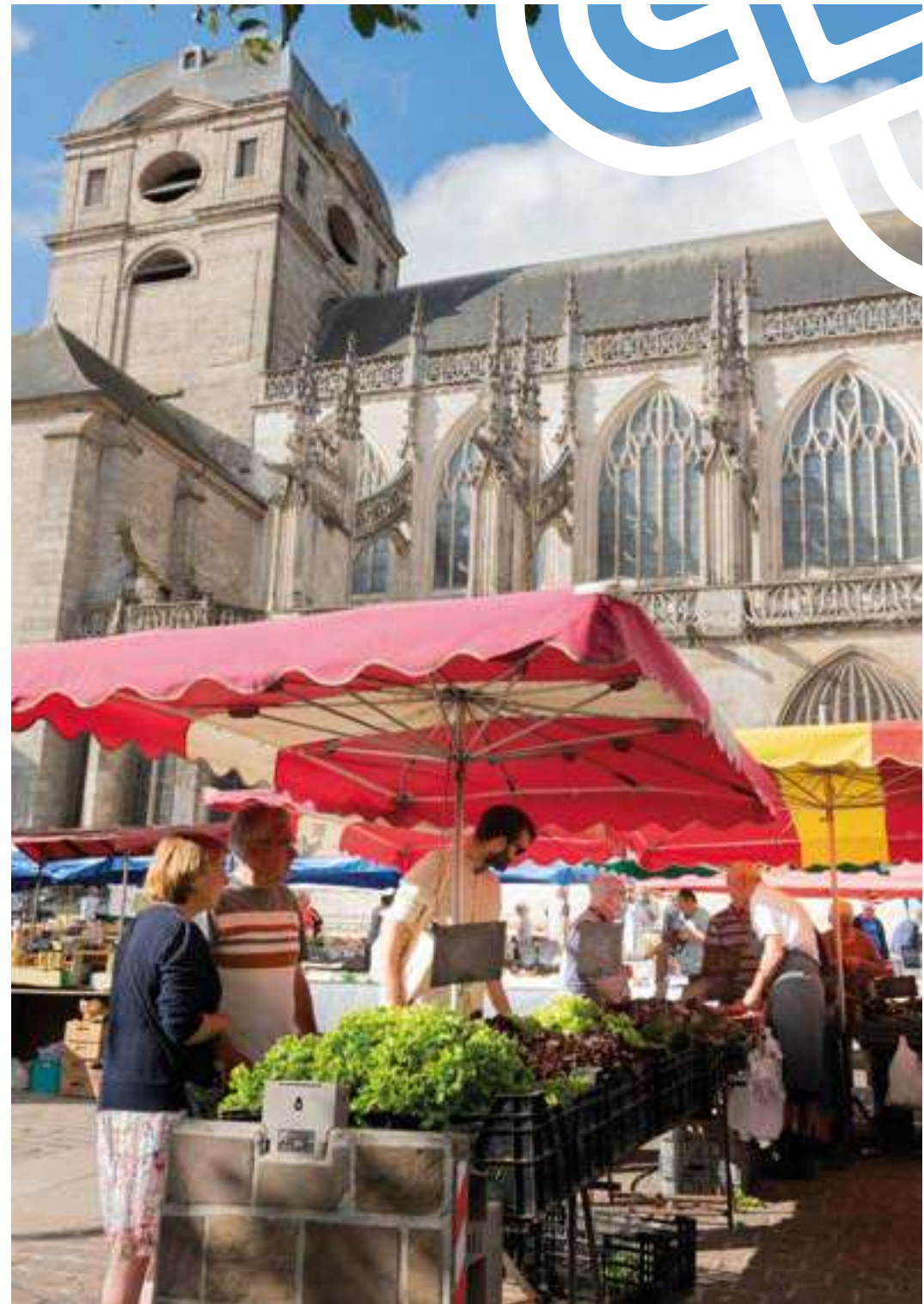
Place de la Paix
Tuesdays, 8am to 1pm.

CITY CENTRE MARKET

Place de la Magdeleine
Thursdays and Saturdays, 8am to 1pm.

COURTEILLE MARKET

Place du Point du Jour
Sundays, 8am to 1pm.



LEGENDS

 American Express	 Children's menu	 Sports hall
 Chèque Vacances	 Vegetarian menu	 Jacuzzi
 Ticket restaurant	 Vegan menu	 Sauna
 Disabled access	 Tea room	 Wellness area
 Sign language	 Restaurant	 Swimming pool
 Free Wi-Fi	 Take away	 Tennis court
 Air-conditioning	 Small kitchen area	 Play area
 Pet welcome	 Dishwasher	 Indoor games
 Pets on a lead	 Washing machine	 Bike loan
 Horses welcome	 Tumble dryer	 Cycle parking
 Baby facilities	 Private room	 Private parking
 Children's area	 Garden	 Car park
 Ground-floor bedroom	 Terrace	
 Television	 River-side terrace	
 Lift	 Lake and fishing	

TO TICKLE YOUR TASTEBUDS

Stopping off in our region also gives you an opportunity to dine at some of our finest restaurants and appreciate all the creativity of our chefs, who are committed to introducing you to the delights of our delicious, high-quality local cuisine. Book now, you're in for a real treat!



Gault&Millau restaurants



GÁLLOS EXPÉRIENCE

Gault&Millau



21, rue de Sarthe 61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 51 69
www.gallosexperience.fr

The chef was French Cooking Champion at Worldskills in 2018. His team works with seasonal, local produce in order to bring the traditional flavours of our region to the recipes, all in a quest for innovation to surprise you.

OPENING DAYS: from Tuesday to Saturday,
lunch and dinner time

MENU: from 23€ to 28€ at lunch time
and from 32€ to 42€ at dinner time



Traditional restaurants



L'ÉVIDENCE

72, place du Cdt Desmeules
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 23 17
www.restaurant-levidence-
alencon.fr

Located in the dynamic Lancrel district, in the heart of Alençon's historic centre, the family-run L'Évidence restaurant stands proudly as a beacon of gastronomy. The team invites gourmets and foodies to discover an exceptional cuisine in a warm and friendly atmosphere. The speciality here is "Grandma" dishes with a twist.

OPENING DAYS: from Tuesday to Saturday,
lunch and dinner time

MENU: from 21,90€ at lunch time
from 31,90€ at dinner time



LA SUITE



19, place Auguste Poulet-Malassis
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 70 85

In a sophisticated setting the Renou brothers both unleash their savoir-faire: deliciously subtle cuisine from Christophe, a warm welcome and friendly service from Frédéric.

OPENING DAYS: from Monday to Friday,
lunch and dinner time

MENU: from 27,90€ at lunch time
to 37,90€ at dinner time



Traditional restaurants



HAUT MINISTÈRE

10, rue Saint-Blaise
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 54 33
www.haut-ministere.com

In a cozy, family-friendly atmosphere reminiscent of an English pub, discover generous cuisine that blends tradition, regional flavors, and Italian influences, with pizzas and linguine taking center stage. The team is quick and attentive, welcoming you with a smile to satisfy every appetite!

OPENING DAYS: from Monday to Saturday,
lunch and dinner time

MENU : 15,90€ at lunch time.
From de 21€ at dinner time



CAMPANILE ALENÇON

ZAT du Londeau
Rue de l'Industrie
61000 Cerisè
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 53 85
www.campanile.com

For a meal with family or friends, or a business lunch, here you'll savour a whole variety of healthy regional dishes or deliciously traditional cuisine, all concocted from seasonal ingredients.

OPENING DAYS:
from Monday to Sunday, dinner time.
Open at lunchtime for groups only.

MENU:
from 12,95€ / From 17,95€ at dinner time.



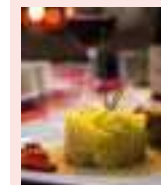
L'AUBERGE NORMANDE

11, Le Pont du Londeau
61250 Valframbert
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 43 29
www.aubergenormande.
wixsite.com

L'Auberge Normande has been open for over 100 years! The friendly and helpful team will do everything they can to ensure you enjoy your stay in this friendly, family-run establishment. Don't miss the chef's speciality: Tournedos Rossini flambéed in Calvados.

OPENING DAYS: from Tuesday to Saturday,
lunch and dinner time. Sunday lunch only.
Service from 12pm to 2pm and from 7pm to 9pm.
Open on public holidays.

MENU: from 18,90€ during the week and 27,90€ on
Friday dinner and during the week-end.



LA LENTILLÈRE



Lieu-dit La Lentillère
61320 Lalacelle
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 38 48
www.lalentilliere.fr

At this family-run establishment since 1964, you'll enjoy a warm and friendly welcome. The idea is to offer not just a good meal, but a good time where you feel at home. In summer, enjoy the lovely terrace and veranda overlooking the park, and in winter, a spacious dining room where you can savour warming cuisine.

OPENING DAYS: from Monday to Saturday,
lunch and dinner time. Closed on public holidays.

MENU: lunch time from 16€.
Dinner time and week-end from 32€.
Dishes from 18€.



Traditional restaurants



LA MAISON DU GASSEAU



Domaine du Gasseau
72130 Saint-Léonard-des-Bois
Tel. +33 (0)2 53 96 72 33

www.lamaisondugasseau.com

The team provides friendly service in a charming building dating back to 1940, where you can enjoy delicious food made with local, organic ingredients.

OPENING DAYS:

From Thursday dinner time to Sunday lunch time.
6 days a week in the summer.

MENU: from 30€ to 45€



CHEZ FANO

22, rue Saint-Blaise
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 16 84

Fano really makes you feel at home. In a friendly, welcoming atmosphere, you'll enjoy creative cuisine served in generous portions with flavour combinations that will amaze you.

OPENING DAYS:

from Monday to Friday, lunch and dinner time

MENU: from 19,90€



Brasseries



LE DÉJEUNER GOURMAND

36, rue aux Sieurs
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 98 06

Set up 13 years ago in a pedestrian shopping street in the centre of Alençon, this family-run restaurant offers specialities of buckwheat galettes and sweet crêpes, as well as daily specials and mixed salads in summer. From June onwards, enjoy a soft-serve ice cream, sundae or smoothie on the terrace!

OPENING DAYS: Tuesday to Saturday, at lunchtime.
Closed on public holidays.

MENU: from 15,80€



International cuisine



LE HANGAR



12, place à l'Avoine
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 79 49 11 97

This bistro, the Renou brothers' second restaurant in Alençon, specialises in homemade Italian cuisine: pizza, risotto and fresh pasta of course! Not forgetting the dessert menu with pear pavlova and tiramisu with a twist...

OPENING DAYS:

from Tuesday to Friday, lunch and dinner time.
Saturday, dinner time.

MENU: from 11€



Brasseries



LA RÉSERVE BY FANO

3, place Auguste
Poulet-Malassis
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 04 11

Enjoy a cocktail or a glass of wine with delicious tapas dishes, served by an enthusiastic team in a welcoming setting. Make the most of the south-facing terrace for a great dining experience with friends or family.

OPENING DAYS: from Monday to Friday,
lunch and dinner time

MENU: from 19,90€



LA DENTELLE

7, rue aux Sieurs
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 31 14 48

Didier and Kadija extend a warm welcome and propose a wide range of traditional dishes and tagines made from fresh local produce. For a sweet treat, don't hesitate to order a crêpe or a delicious hot chocolate to enjoy on the terrace.

OPENING DAYS: from Monday to Saturday,
from 9am to 10pm

MENU: from 14,50€ / Dishes from 12€



International cuisine



À KABOUL

19, rue Cazault
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 59 47

The Kabul-born owners opened this restaurant to showcase and share the flavours of Afghan cuisine. Their specialities: lamb kabili and dumplings. The team go out of their way to ensure you enjoy your time with them.

OPENING DAYS:
from Tuesday to Saturday,
lunch and dinner time

MENU : from 15€



SOO GOOD

12, Grande Rue
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (06) 52 77 89 82

100% homemade, fresh, colorful, and creative: Soo Good takes you on a culinary journey around the world with exotic Asian and Anglo-Saxon flavors blended with French influences. A friendly and delicious atmosphere guaranteed! The specialty: soft-boiled egg with smoked garlic cream and mushrooms.

OPENING DAYS: from Monday to Friday,
from 11am to 3pm. Closed on public holidays.

MENU : dishes from 8€. Menu from 15€.



International cuisine



DEL ARTE

ZC Des Portes de Bretagne
194, rue de Bretagne
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 80 16 71

In a typically Italian setting, come and discover the antipasti, pastas, and pizzas of Del Arte. The team kneads its dough fresh daily to bring you the very best of Italy. A dynamic and friendly team welcomes you as if you were family. You won't just come to eat, but also to have a good time.

OPENING DAYS: from Monday to Sunday, lunch and dinner time

MENU: dishes from 9,90€. Menu from 12,90€. Menu bambino 7,90€.



L'ÉCHOPPE GOURMANDE

2, route de Saint-Pierre
61250 Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
Tel. +33 (0)6 29 27 33 28

This Roman-inspired Italian restaurant offers authentic Italian cuisine prepared with exceptional local and Italian ingredients. In warmer weather, enjoy its charming garden and terrace, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming. The specialty: the pinsa romana, crispy and light!

OPENING DAYS: Monday to Sunday, lunch and dinner, including public holidays. Closed during Christmas week and in January.

MENU: dishes from 14€, menu from 26€



Snack food



LA TAVERNE GIROISE

Le Bourg
61250 Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
Tel. +33 (0)7 72 11 28 99

Ideally located in the heart of one of France's most beautiful villages, the young and dynamic team at Taverne Giroise will welcome you with a smile in a warm and friendly atmosphere. In summer, enjoy a pleasant break on the lovely shaded terrace.

Here, the speciality is 100% home-made snacks using local produce.

OPENING DAYS: during peak season and on public holidays, every day, lunch and dinner. **Off-season,** Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

MENU: dishes from 8,50€



Bars, cafés, pubs



LE BERCAÏL

15, rue du Bercaïl
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 15 75

Le Bercaïl is a friendly bar where you can enjoy craft beers brewed on-site, accompanied by cheese or charcuterie boards and pizzas made with local ingredients. In a warm and inviting atmosphere, you can also enjoy pleasant evenings and concerts that are regularly organized.

OPENING DAYS: from Monday to Friday, dinner time. Saturday, lunch and dinner time. Closed on public holidays.

MENU: dishes from 10€



PORTRAIT

**Tom Roustain
and André Descours,**
CO-MANAGERS OF BARIKADE

These two were destined to meet!

Tom and André are both Orne locals who are very active in the community and cultural scene, becoming friends around 10 years ago. At the time, André was an employee of the D'Écouves Verte association and Tom worked in administration in the public finances department, alongside his time spent volunteering with the Le Chant des Arbres association.

Eager to shake up their daily lives and get out of their comfort zone, in 2023, the two friends embarked on a project that reflected their passions and interests. The concept was to open a local bar that would be a real cultural meeting place, giving artists from all backgrounds a chance to express themselves.

They settled in Alençon, taking over the Bar des Piétons in Rue aux Sieurs, one of the pedestrian shopping streets in the town centre.

DIY enthusiasts to the core, Tom and André set to work on the refurbishment, using wood for the furniture, particularly for the bar counter. The decor was entrusted to a number of local artists (painters, mosaicists, sculptors, ceramists, etc.) and evolved with their ideas. The artists were given free rein, provided that they respected one request from the two owners: to maintain a link between all the works.

Barikade opened its doors in September 2024, offering customers a place to hang out and acting as a real showcase for local associations, where concerts, shows, discussions and a friendly moment can be shared over a drink and tasty aperitif platters. "We wanted to work with producers and businesses from the region. Here, everything is local: spirits, beers, wines, fruit juices, soft drinks, spreads, cured meats and cheeses. You can even order baskets of organic vegetables from us every Thursday," explains André.

Over a year after the adventure began, Tom and André report back positively: "We're delighted, the result of this project is everything we imagined it would be!"



BARIKADE



48, rue aux Sieurs
61000 Alençon

Barikade is located in the heart of Alençon, in a pedestrian shopping street in the historic centre. The owners are keen to promote the arts scene, so you'll find the décor as zany as they are, along with a wide range of cultural events on the programme! In a friendly, fun atmosphere, enjoy 100% local food and drink specialities.

OPENING DAYS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: afternoon and evening. Thursday and Saturday: morning, noon, and evening. Open on public holidays.

MENU: cheese or charcuterie boards between 14€ and 18€



Other addresses / Traditional restaurants

ALENÇON

BISTROT DE LA HALLE

70, place de la Halle au blé
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 20 32

COCO VINS

7, rue de la Halle aux toiles
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 82 96 50

L'ENTRACTE

44-46, Avenue de Quackenbruck
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 03 72

LA BOUCHERIE

ZAC Portes de Bretagne
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 89 19

LE CAFÉ DU THÉÂTRE

78, place de la Halle au blé
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 05 13

LE SAINT LÉO

2, rue Saint-Léonard
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 34 38

LE PETIT NORMAND

183, av. du Général Leclerc
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 67 67

LES 4 SENS

25, rue Cazault
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 06 97

ZINC DE L'AVIATEUR

Aérodrome - Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 11 58

CERISÉ

AU NÉGOCIANT

13, rue de l'Industrie
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 79 79

CIRAL

FERME DU PETIT GERMANCÉ

Le petit Germancé
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 07 16

CONDÉ-SUR-SARTHE RESTAURATION DES ALPES MANCELLES

18, rue des Alpes Mancelles
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 70 00

CUISSAI

LE CHAUMONT

3, rue de la Plaine
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 05 59

LE RELAIS DES HANAPS

8, Grande rue
Vingt-Hanaps
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 74 67

PACÉ

LE RELAIS DU CHÊNE

Lieu-dit Le Chêne
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 72 06

SAINT-CÉNERI-LE-GÉREY L'AUBERGE DE LA VALLÉE

Le bourg
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 94 70

SAINT-DENIS-SUR-SARTHON AU PÈRE TRANQUILLE

Le bourg
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 31 03

SAINT-GERMAIN-DU-CORBÉIS LE DO RÉ MI

49, route de Fresnay
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 07 85

VALFRAMBERT

BUFFALO GRILL

Les Grouas Gatel
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 31 19 28

VILLENEUVE-EN-PERSEIGNE

LE FRESNAYON

3, rue du Chédouet
La Fresnay-sur-Chédouet
Tel. +33 (0)2 43 34 42 44

Other addresses / Brasseries

ALENÇON

AU BUREAU

12, place du Palais
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 26 49

BAR DES COURSES

73, rue d'Argentan
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 04 70

LA MAGDELEINE

9, place de la Magdeleine
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 06 17

Other addresses / International cuisine

ALENÇON

AUX GOÛTS D'ICI ET D'AILLEURS

2, rue Michelet
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 93 37

BAMBOU

155, Grande rue
Tel. +33 (0)9 50 99 70 01

CHEZ MAMA

13, rue de Fresnay
Tel. +33 (0)2 50 24 05 29

ÉTOILE INDOCHINE

4-6, rue de la Poterne
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 23 32

L'EDEN ROSE

8, cours Clémenceau
Tel. +33 (0)7 66 04 37 35

L'ÉTABLI

44, rue du Mans
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 52 10

L'ORIENTAL

7, rue des Filles Notre-Dame
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 19 30

LE CÈDRE

2, place du Cdt Desmeulles

LE NAPOLI

158, Grande Rue
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 44 24

LE SAKURAA SUSHI&THAÏ

17, Grande Rue
Tel. +33 (0)9 83 42 28 25

LE SAN REMO

2, rue de Fresnay
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 82 68 68

LE VENETIA

2bis, rue Porchaine
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 90 90

RAJ MAHAL

125, Bld de la République
Tel. +33 (0)7 55 68 11 36

ARÇONNAY

WOK TCHEN

Zone du Petit Coudray
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 02 75

CONDÉ-SUR-SARTHE

LE PANDA

51, rue d'Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 31 88 88

Other addresses / Crêperies

ALENÇON

LA CHANDELLE

26, rue des Tisons
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 48 85

Other addresses / Snack food

ALENÇON

421

59, rue Pierre et Marie Curie
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 41 50

ANATOLIA KEBAB

105, av. Rhin et Danube
Tel. +33 (0)9 88 52 00 61

BOULANGERIE DE LA HALLE AU BLÉ

16, place de la Halle au blé

ISTANBUL KEBAB

3, rue du Bercail
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 12 70

L'ATELIER DU BISCUIT

6, rue du Jeudi
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 18 18

LE CHARY'S

85, rue Saint-Blaise
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 24 42

LE SPEEDWAY

137, av. du Général Leclerc
Tel. +33 (0)9 83 81 26 49

LES BURGERS DE LANCREL

64, Place du Cdt Desmeulles
Tel. +33 (0)9 81 07 23 44

LIVAROT PIZZA-CRÊPES

14, rue Saint-Léonard
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 79 18

MC KEBAB

52, place du Cdt Desmeulles
Tel. +33 (0)9 53 43 09 73

PIZZA CROUSTY

27, rue des Capucins
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 80 00

PLAISIRS & GOURMANDISES

6, rue de la cave aux boeufs

ROYAL KEBAB

66 Grande rue

WHY NOT

29, Cours Clémenceau
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 00 00

À ARÇONNAY

BURGER KING

ZA du Petit Coudray

MAC DONALD'S

ZA du Petit Coudray

RESTAURANT FLUNCH

Centre commercial Leclerc
Route du Mans
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 95 38

À CONDÉ-SUR-SARTHE

BOULANGERIE LOUISE

69, rue d'Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 72 96

BURGER KING

50, rue d'Alençon

MAC DONALD'S

44, rue d'Alençon

À DAMIGNY

KIKAL KEBAB

14, rue du Pont de Fresne
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 82 66 26

**Other addresses /
Tea room**

À ALENÇON

GAMOJI

62, rue aux Sieurs

PEDRO CHOCOLATIER

39, Grande Rue
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 00 47

L'ATELIER DU BISCUIT

39, Grande Rue
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 00 47

**Other addresses /
Caterer**

À ALENÇON

SOO GOOD

12, Grande Rue
Tel. +33 (0)9 54 40 98 79



FOR SWEET DREAMS

There's no need to count sheep here... You'll be drifting off to sleep as soon as your head touches the pillow!

Cosy, charming, welcoming, unusual or nestled in a peaceful natural setting, the range of accommodation available in our destination promises you an enchanted break with dream-filled nights...



Hotels with restaurant



CAMPANILE NATURE ALENÇON***

ZAT Du Londeau,
rue de l'Industrie
61000 Cerisé
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 53 85
www.campanile.com



The easily accessible Hôtel Campanile, ideal for both business and leisure stays, offers you a warm welcome in a comfortable setting. Enjoy a friendly atmosphere, attentive service and delicious cuisine for a pleasant and memorable stay.

ACCOMMODATION
41 bedrooms, from 69€ to 300€
Breakfast 13,90€

From Alençon town centre
→ 3 km



L'AUBERGE NORMANDE

11, Le Pont du Londeau
61250 Valframbert
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 43 29
www.aubergenormande.wixsite.com

This inn, which is about a hundred years old, is very easy to access, located just off the motorway. The staff, both in the dining room and the kitchen, welcomes you in an authentic and family-friendly atmosphere and will be attentive to your needs to make your stay as pleasant as possible.

ACCOMMODATION
9 bedrooms, 20 people
From 48€ to 76€
Breakfast 9€
Closed on Sunday evening.

From Alençon town centre
→ 3 km



HÔTEL INN DESIGN**

Rue de Gatel
61250 Valframbert
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 42 64
www.hotel-inn-alencon.fr

This hotel is easy to reach, just 5 minutes from Alençon centre. On the ground floor or upstairs, the 46 modern rooms offer comfort in a pleasant and tranquil setting. Jérôme, Julie and Mylène will be delighted to welcome you and tell you about all the region's appealing features.

ACCOMMODATION
46 bedrooms, from 55€
Breakfast 8,90€
Evening stopover 81€

From Alençon town centre
→ 3 km



Hotels with restaurant

**LA LENTILLÈRE****

1R Lieu-dit La Lentillère
61320 Lalacelle
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 38 48
www.lalenticilliere.fr



Whether you're on holiday, travelling for business or organising a seminar, La Lentillère is the ideal place to stay: located near Alençon on the RN12, between Paris and Mont-Saint-Michel, and between the Loire châteaux and the Normandy coast. This family-run hotel since 1964 offers comfortable, fully-equipped rooms, with those on the garden side offering a lovely green setting.

LOGEMENT

12 bedrooms, 27 people, one of which is for disabled access.
From 62€ to 108€
Breakfast 15€

From Alençon town centre
→ 18 km

**LA MAISON DU GASSEAU**

Domaine du Gasseau
72130 Saint-Léonard-des-Bois
Tel. +33 (0)2 53 96 72 33
www.lamaisondugasseau.com

Victoire and Dorine have maintained a "country cottage" feel in the rooms and have named each one after a different flower from the garden. This hotel and restaurant is located in the Alpes Mancelles region, in unique surroundings great for relaxing or getting out for walks in the great outdoors.

ACCOMODATION

3 double rooms - 3 family rooms
1 disabled access room
from 80€ to 215€, breakfast 15€
Wellness area dedicated to massages
Closed in January and February

From Alençon town centre
→ 18 km



Hotels

**CHÂTEAU DE SAINT-PATERNE******

4, rue de la Gaïeté
72610 Saint-Paterne
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 54 71
www.chateau-saintpaterne.com

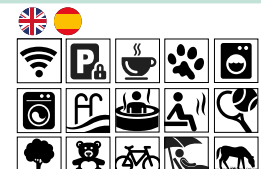


Charles-Henri and Ségolène, the owners, have entirely renovated this château where Henry IV arranged his secret rendezvous. At this tastefully decorated site, you won't be perturbed by your journey from tradition to modernity. Saint-Paterne has a very special spirit, the feel of an authentic family château.

ACCOMODATION

11 bedrooms,
from 180€ to 290€
Breakfast 18€,
table d'hôtes from 52€

From Alençon town centre
→ 4 km

**HÔTEL DES DUCS*****

50, avenue Wilson
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 03 93
www.hoteldesducsalencon.com



Located opposite the SNCF train station and 650 m from Alençon town centre, this 3-star hotel is ideal for both business and leisure trips to the Orne region. The team will welcome you in a friendly atmosphere, with service and customer care its first priorities. Plus, there's a garden and terrace to make the most of sunny days.

ACCOMODATION

28 bedrooms, 58 people
From 91€ to 150€
Breakfast 14€,
Closed on public holidays.

Alençon town centre



Hotels

**HÔTEL IBIS ALENÇON*****

13, place Auguste Poulet-Malassis
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 80 67 67
www.https://all.accor.com/a/fr.html



The Hôtel Ibis Alençon, located in the centre of the ancient City of the Dukes just 10 minutes from the train station, offers 52 comfortable rooms for your business or leisure stays. Make the most of our proximity to must-see sites and discover the nature, heritage and gastronomy of Normandy. Our dedicated team is at your service.

ACCOMODATION

52 bedrooms, 99 people
From 74 to 134€
Breakfast 11,90€
24-hour reception

Alençon town centre

**BRIT HÔTEL *****

187, av. du Général Leclerc
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 68 68 04
www.hotel-alencon.britihotel.fr

More than just accommodation, this establishment has been designed to be a real home away from home, on a human scale. Whether it's for a night, a weekend or a longer stay, every guest is given a warm, simple and attentive welcome from the team. Here, every detail pays tribute to the elegance of Alençon: lace, the common thread running through the decor, reminds us that this is much more than just a hotel...

ACCOMODATION

56 bedrooms, 126 people
(3 for disabled access)
From 67€ to 262€
Breakfast 12,50€
2 meeting rooms
Open all year round.

From Alençon town centre
→ 2.5 km



Hotels



HÔTEL B&B ALENÇON NORD**

10, rue François Arago
61250 Valframbert
Tel. +33 (0)8 92 78 80 02
www.hotel-bb.com/fr/hotel/alencon-nord

This hotel, located just off the A28 motorway, is ideal for a stopover during your journey. The team, passionate about hospitality and human interaction, enjoys welcoming a diverse clientele to a simple, warm, and friendly hotel where everyone feels welcome.

ACCOMODATION
60 bedrooms, 144 people
From 53€ to 150€
Breakfast 9,50€ (adult)
4,50€ (child)

Reception open
from Monday to Thursday
6.30am-11am / 5pm-9pm
Friday 6.30am-11am /
5pm-8.30pm
Saturday and Sunday
7.30am-11am / 5pm-8.30pm

From Alençon town centre
→ 3 km



LE CHAPEAU ROUGE

3, bd Duchamp
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 50 24 99 64
www.lechapeaurouge.net

Originally from Paris, Belghil Hadi has brought an atmosphere of serenity to his fully-renovated hotel, where you can wander round and gaze at the old black-and-white photographs of film stars. The Chapeau Rouge is located close to the town centre.

ACCOMODATION
14 bedrooms from 64€ to 74€
Breakfast 7€

Alençon town centre



HARAS NATIONAL DU PIN

Cité Pontavice - Maison Pontavice
61130 Le Pin au Haras
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 36 61 92
www.haras-national-du-pin.com/fr/calendrier/cite-formation-pontavice/

Take advantage of your visit to Haras du Pin and spend a night (or two) in the Cité Pontavice. It has been recently restored, offering comfortable and practical accommodation in a peaceful environment. The passionate team is united by a sense of service and a human touch. They will be delighted to welcome you to these guestrooms, featuring a warm atmosphere and an exceptional setting.

ACCOMODATION
37 bedrooms, 39 people
(2 disabled access rooms)
From 59€ to 110€
Breakfast 9€

From Alençon town centre
→ 44 km



Guesthouses



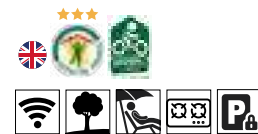
LA HULOTTE

47, rue Albert 1^{er}
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 28 11

When the countryside comes to the heart of the old town! Jocelyne and Jean-Pierre were very inspired when they converted this cottage with imaginative taste. They will enjoy sharing with you their passion for vintage cars and their knowledge of the region. You'll never tire of hearing the song of birds every morning and evening.

ACCOMODATION
1 Suite for 4 people
1 suite for 3 people
1 room for 2 people
from 70€,
breakfast included

Alençon town centre



LA MAISON D'HÉLIOS

75, rue Cazault 61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)7 62 18 28 45
www.lamaisondhelios.com



La Maison d'Hélios, located in the heart of Alençon, offers Zen-style guest rooms, ideal for a restful and tranquil break. Close to shops, bars and restaurants, it is just 6 minutes from the SNCF train station. A lockable garage provides secure storage for bicycles. Bernard prepares a breakfast each morning using local produce, including specialities such as Carrouges cheese and fresh apple juice.

ACCOMODATION
3 bedrooms for 6 people
From 90€,
breakfast included

Alençon town centre



LES DEUX MARGUERITE

18, rue de la Porte de la Barre
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 42 63
www.lesdeuxmarguerite.com

Located below the Château des Ducs in Alençon's medieval quarter, this beautiful guesthouse is the perfect place for a peaceful break in the town centre. One of the tastefully decorated rooms has a balcony. The pleasant garden invites you to relax and soak up the sun. A haven of peace where you can enjoy the town in a peaceful setting.

ACCOMODATION
3 bedrooms
1 family suite for 10 people
from 110€ to 260€,
breakfast included

Alençon town centre



Guesthouses



LE MANOIR DE LA CHAPELLE

1, rue des Alpes Mancelles
61250 Condé-sur-Sarthe
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 29 65 54

The Manoir de la Chapelle, built in the fifteenth century, is a haven of peace inherited from a lover of history, for a relaxing break in a timeless setting. It offers a serene setting that promotes well-being for both individuals and groups. Take advantage of its 13 hectares of outdoor areas for relaxing walks, meditation and other opportunities to connect with nature. Group and team seminars available.

ACCOMODATION
5 bedrooms, from 95€ to 120€,
breakfast included
**Open from June 1st to
September 1st**

From Alençon town centre
→ 5 km



LE VERGER

2, chemin Le verger
61250 Colombiers
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 43 58

Annie inherited a family house, which she completely renovated in keeping with local tradition, and the house has regained its former charm while offering modern comforts. Located on the edge of the Écouves Forest, near the town of Alençon and close to the Véloscénie cycling route, the area offers numerous opportunities for activities.

ACCOMODATION
2 bedrooms, 4 people
From 80€ to 85€
breakfast included
1 gîte 4 people

From Alençon town centre
→ 6 km



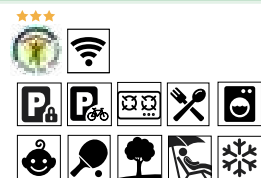
LE HAUT MONTRAYÉ

7, Le Haut Montrayé
61250 Pacé
Tel. +33 (0)6 71 66 18 42

At a quiet spot on the outskirts of Alençon, near the Alpes Mancelles, you'll stay in an inviting house, tastefully decorated by the owner who has a passion for interior decor and antiques. Monique is full of sincerity and very natural with her guests.

ACCOMODATION
5 bedrooms, 12 people
from 80€ to 88€,
breakfast included
Table d'hôtes on request

From Alençon town centre
→ 9 km



CHAMBRE D'HÔTES COURTOUX

Courtoix
61420 Saint-Denis-Sur-Sarthon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 13 96 /
(0)6 68 51 05 12

Choose one of the 2 rooms at this comfortable little house located a short distance from Alençon and the Alpes Mancelles. The owner, a former rider and amateur breeder, will share with you her passion for horses.

ACCOMODATION
2 bedrooms, 6 people
from 62€,
breakfast included

From Alençon town centre
→ 10 km



LES CHÈVRES DE SAINT-CÉNERI

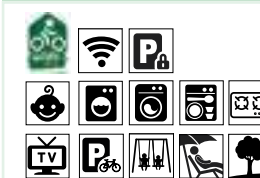
Le Massacre
61250 Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
Tel. +33 (0)7 83 06 52 07
leschevresdestceneri@gmail.com



Camille had always dreamed of being a farmer. So she moved with her family into a farmhouse on 10 hectares of land and set about making her dream come true: rearing a few goats according to organic methods, making goat's cheese, and opening up these lovely B&B guest rooms. Breakfast is all organic and homemade.

ACCOMODATION
2 bedrooms, one of which is a family room / 6 people
From 65€ to 85€
breakfast included

From Alençon town centre
→ 12 km



Guesthouses



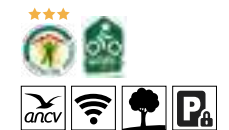
LES BRUYÈRES

5, La Chapelle
61420 Gandelain
Tel. +33 (0)6 21 03 55 85

Simone enjoys sharing pleasant moments with her guests. When it comes to hospitality, togetherness is her watchword. Here, everything encourages you to respect the environment. Rainwater is collected and stored, and household cleaners are replaced with natural products. The stunning views of Butte Chaumont, Mont des Avaloirs and the Multonne Forest are an added bonus.

ACCOMODATION
3 bedrooms, 9 people
from 58€ to 119€,
breakfast included
2 gîtes

From Alençon town centre
→ 13 km



Guesthouses



AU FER À CHEVAL

Les Bordeaux
61420 Gandelain
Tel. +33 (0)6 20 99 51 78



Between the Alpes Mancelles and the Ecouves Forest, you'll be made to feel welcome in this charming guesthouse. A stone's throw from the greenway, Romain and his wife, both passionate horse riders, propose hacks and horse-and-carriage rides as well as carp fishing!

ACCOMODATION

3 bedrooms, 13 people
from 50€ for 1 person and
100€ for 5 people,
breakfast included

From Alençon town centre

→ 16 km



LA FERME DES TERTRES

Lieu-dit Les Tertres
61500 La Chapelle-près-Sées
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 74 67 /
(0)6 88 08 94 47
www.fedestertres.com



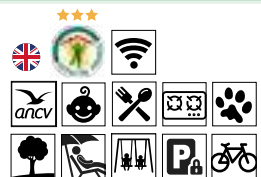
This equestrian farm is ideal for exploring Écouves Forest on horseback! The pleasant, comfortable guest rooms are located in a stone longhouse. The owners also run a milk production activity, the wholesome products from which you'll be able to buy directly on-site.

ACCOMODATION

5 bedrooms, 15 people
from 49€ to 61€,
breakfast included

From Alençon town centre

→ 20 km



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LES 3 PETITES POMMES

31, Grande rue
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 32 16 84

Beautiful and spacious rooms in the heart of Alençon. Here, you'll enjoy a peaceful south-facing terrace and a location close to amenities and the town's main attractions.

ACCOMODATION

5 bedrooms, 10 people
From 70€ to 350€

Alençon town centre



LA GRANGE DE CERISÉ

11A, rue du Pont de Londeau
61000 Cerisé
Tel. +33 (0)6 08 99 33 67 /
(0)6 76 88 14 52
www.lagrangedecerise.com

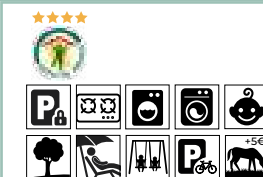
Just outside Alençon, this renovated gîte is a blend of traditional architecture and contemporary decoration, for a pleasant family holiday. Laurence and Jean have a passion for built heritage and love sharing all the region's gems with their guests. Jean, a rider in his spare time, will be happy to let you share the field with his two horses.

ACCOMODATION

3 bedrooms, 7 people
From 560€ to 760€ per week
(mid-week and week-end also possible)

From Alençon town centre

→ 4 km



LE CHALET DE LA FORÊT

16, route des Gateys
61250 Radon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 75 02 /
(0)6 08 70 14 63
www.ecouves.net



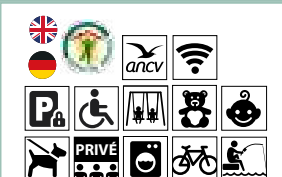
At the top of the driveway lined with oaks and arbores, the Chalet de la Forêt is a retreat for nature-loving holidaymakers in need of a rest. It offers a panoramic view over the Alençon plain, Butte Chaumont and the Ecouves Forest. For the more energetic, the trail-running resort is just 3km away.

ACCOMODATION

1 chalet, 4 people
From 75€ per night,
280€ per week

From Alençon town centre

→ 10 km



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**GÎTE D'ÉCOUVES**

16, route des Gateys
61250 Radon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 75 02 /
(0)6 08 70 14 63
www.ecouves.net



The Gîte d'Écouves is a country getaway, a place for family get-togethers, and the ideal spot to fully appreciate the surrounding countryside. With direct access to the forest, a nearby lake and grazing horses visible from the picture windows, you're sure to enjoy some wonderful moments.

ACCOMODATION
3 bedrooms and
1 dormitory 11 beds, 17 people
20€ per night,
500€ per weekend

From Alençon town centre
→ 10 km

**GÎTE VANESSA**

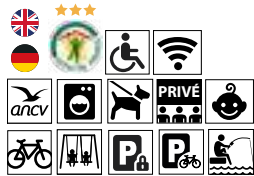
16, route des Gateys
61250 Radon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 75 02 /
(0)6 08 70 14 63
www.ecouves.net



Nature lovers, welcome!
The Gîte Vanessa stands in an ideal spot at the crossroads between 2 footpaths and near the GR22® and GR36® long-distance hiking trails, all in a lush green setting on the edge of the Écouves Forest. The owners also propose horse-and-carriage rides.

ACCOMODATION
1 bedroom, 5 beds
From 80€ per night and
285€ per week (other
accommodation available)

From Alençon town centre
→ 10 km

**GÎTE DE MADAME BERTHEMET**

Les Rangées
61250 Écouves
Tel. +33 (0)6 63 75 45 99

Agnès and Olivier want you to have a great time in their house, which has a range of leisure and sports facilities. This early 20th-century manor house will delight young and old alike (summer kitchen, swimming pool, sports room, pool table and pinball machine).

ACCOMODATION
5 bedrooms, 14 people
From 509€ to 599€ per night
(2 nights minimum)

From Alençon town centre
→ 10 km



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**LA GRANGE ÉPICURIENNE**

2, route de la Poôtée
61420 La Ferrière-Bochard
Tel. +33 (0)6 84 37 94 88
www.lagrangeepicurienne.fr

The gîte's owners wanted to create a cosy place and a cocoon of well-being for romantics at heart to come and enjoy a moment of peace and relaxation. You simply won't be able to resist the gorgeous living room, which looks out over a small pool and sauna with shower, not to mention the whirlpool bath at the foot of the bed! An ideal place to recharge your batteries and leave more deeply in love than ever!

ACCOMODATION
1 bedroom, 2 people
From 275€ to 360€
Breakfast included

From Alençon town centre
→ 11 km

**GÎTE LE CHÂTEAU**

25, route Principale
61420 Saint-Denis-sur-Sarthon
Tel. +33 (0)6 82 96 95 01

In the heart of the countryside, Véronique and Philippe warmly welcome you to their family gîte, located in a magnificent 18th-century manor house steeped in history. Passionate about the legends of the château, they love sharing its unique charm and revealing its secrets. This gîte combines historical charm with modern comfort, offering a peaceful and spacious setting, perfect for families seeking relaxation and convivial moments.

ACCOMODATION
2 bedrooms, 7 people
From 90€ to 120€
Open from the beginning of April to the end of October, including public holidays.

From Alençon town centre
→ 12 km

**LE CHÂTEAU DE VAUX**

Château de Vaux
72130 Gesnes-le-Gandelin
Tel. +33 (0)6 85 83 89 16
www.chateau-de-vaux.fr

You will be welcomed by the owners, who have been restoring this historic family home for the past 20 years. They will be delighted to show you this unique setting. Nestled in lush greenery and overlooking the surrounding area, you will enjoy complete independence in one of the renovated outbuildings, designed with eco-responsibility in mind.

LOGEMENT
3 bedrooms, 8 people
480€ per week-end,
2 250€ per week
Breakfast 12€
Open year-round, including public holidays.

From Alençon town centre
→ 12 km



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LE GÎTE DE SAINT-CÉNERI

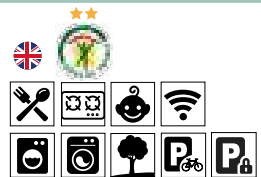
Route d'Alençon
61250 Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 60 00



The municipal team wanted to create a comfortable place to stay for groups and families looking for a quiet, laid-back location on a remarkable site. This group gîte is ideal for hikers keen to explore Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei deep within the Alpes Mancelles, one of the "most beautiful villages in France".

ACCOMODATION
3 bedrooms, 14 people
650€ per week-end
1250€ per week

From Alençon town centre
→ 12 km



LE FOUBERT

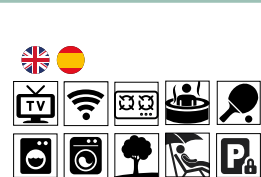
2 Le Foubert
61250 Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei
Tel. +33 (0)6 42 12 11 35



Nestling in the heart of one of France's most beautiful villages, Le Foubert is a chalet renovated with passion, combining wood, nature and authentic beauty. Enjoy this haven of serenity while soaking in the Nordic bath with its panoramic views over the Sarthe and the village. Nearby picturesque alleyways and local artists' studios, offering decorative items for sale, enhance the experience.

ACCOMODATION
1 bedroom, 2 people
(without children)
From 129€ to 279€,
2 nights minimum

From Alençon town centre
→ 12 km



LE DOMAINE DE LA TOUCHE

Lieu-dit La Touche
61420 Saint-Denis-sur-Sarthon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 72 94
www.domainedelatouche.fr

This top-of-the-range family-run gîte in Normandy is located between the Alpes Mancelles and the Écouves Forest, within easy reach of Alençon, Le Mans and Paris. The lovingly restored former farmhouse offers a vast living room with fireplace and home cinema. The owners are passionate about offering their guests a lovely welcome and a pleasant stay in a simple, authentic and rejuvenating setting.

ACCOMODATION
5 double rooms, 10 people
From 900€ per weekend.
24-hour reception.
Open year-round, including public holidays.

From Alençon town centre
→ 13 km



Gîtes and furnished holiday lets



GÎTE L'ÉPART

3, impasse de l'Épart
61420 L'Orée-d'Écouves
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 27 73 95 /
(0)6 72 31 25 91

Thérèse and Daniel will be happy to welcome you to their gîte on the edge of the forest. This comfortable country house makes a choice holiday spot for anyone wanting to get closer to nature while remaining relatively close to the town of Alençon. You'll be greeted with a courtesy bottle of cider!

ACCOMODATION
2 bedrooms, 4 people
From 215€ to 360€ per week
Mid-week and week-end on request.

From Alençon town centre
→ 15 km



LA MAISON DU GASSEAU

Domaine du Gasseau
72130 Saint-Léonard-des-Bois
Tel. +33 (0)2 53 96 72 33
www.lamaisondugasseau.com

The Domaine du Gasseau gîte, separate from the hotel, but with the same "country cottage" feel, is a friendly and sociable place in the Alpes Mancelles region. It's ideally suited to large families and groups of friends, with surroundings that are great for relaxing and enjoying outdoor activities.

ACCOMODATION
2 bedrooms, 7 people
From 185€

From Alençon town centre
→ 18 km



GÎTE LES GRANDES LANDES

15, Route du Pâtis
61320 L'Orée-d'Écouves
Tel. +33 (0)6 20 87 79 34
www.lesgrandeslandes61.fr

This gîte in a house with 105 m² of space has a heated indoor swimming pool, to be shared with the second gîte. Set in the heart of a family-run farm raising Charolais and Wagyu cattle, you'll be surrounded by cows, pigs, donkeys, goats, chickens, llamas and sheep. Ideal for lovers of the great outdoors, it is located in the Orne region, amidst natural beauty, Norman gastronomy and cultural heritage.

ACCOMODATION
3 bedrooms, 6-8 people
From 130€
Open all year round,
including public holidays.

From Alençon town centre
→ 18 km



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GÎTES ALPES MANCELLES



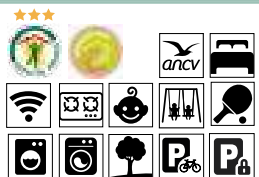
La Rousselière
72130 Saint-Léonard-des-Bois
Tel. +33 (0)6 73 95 09 15
www.gitesalpesmancelles.fr

The owners of Gîte Alpes Mancelles have been hosting guests for 25 years now, with their watchwords: calm, relaxation, comfort and small kindnesses. They are passionate about hospitality, making you feel at home and ensuring your stay is a success. Their three holiday houses have the "Gîte de France®" label, combining comfort and tradition, each with a different atmosphere.

ACCOMODATION

3 gîtes, 12 bedrooms,
35 people max
From 200€ to 1100€ per week.

From Alençon town centre
→ 20 km



GÎTE DU HARAS DES ALPES MANCELLES



2, Le Bas Courtoin
53370 Gesvres
Tel. +33 (0)6 86 41 56 24

Would you like to relax in the peace and quiet of the countryside? This family-run gîte in the heart of a pony farm is just what you need! There are also plenty of outdoor activities in the area, including hiking, canoeing and mountain-biking. The owners often welcome families and invite anyone who is interested to come along to visit and feed the animals.

ACCOMODATION

3 bedrooms, 8 people
150€ per night.
2 nights minimum.
Open from April to November,
including public holidays.

From Alençon town centre
→ 21 km



Quirky accommodation



AUX PRÉS D'ÉCOUVES LE TCHANQUÉ

8, route des Gateys
61250 Radon
Tel. +33 (0)7 45 27 38 09



This 45 m2 wooden chalet on stilts was inspired by fishermen's huts. It is a unique place to stay and features a south-facing terrace with a view over the pond. At the edge of the Écouves Forest, it is the ideal departure point for walks, horse treks, or bike rides. Located within the Écouves campsite enclosure, you can enjoy its leisure facilities during the summer season, as well as the educational farm.

ACCOMODATION

2 bedrooms, 6 people
From 110€ per night and
470€ per week. "Mid-term,
off-season" rate from
September to April. Weekly or
monthly rentals available.

From Alençon town centre
→ 10 km



LA ROULOTTE

16, route des Gateys
61250 Radon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 28 75 02 /
(0)6 08 70 14 63

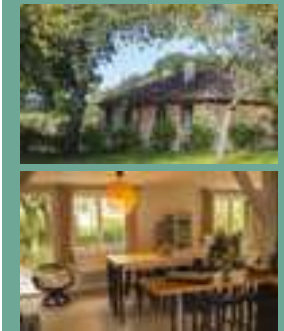


With its beautiful panoramic view of the Écouves Forest, this gypsy caravan occupies an ideal spot where a number of hiking trails meet, just a few kilometres from Alençon. You'll be able to enjoy the weekly mountain bike excursions and nature walks organised by the owners during the holiday season.

ACCOMODATION

1 gypsy caravan, 3 people
80€ per night
305€ per week

From Alençon town centre
→ 10 km



LODGE-COTTAGE DU PARC ANIMALIER D'ÉCOUVES

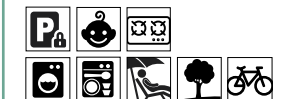
La Houssaye
61500 Le Bouillon
Tél. +33 (0)2 33 82 04 63
www.parc-animalier-ecouves.com

In this cottage-lodge located in Écouves animal park, you'll be able to wake up beside the animals, with the views of the 6-hectare plain surrounded by the forest all to yourself. There is also a nice wooden terrace looking out on to a leafy garden for you to enjoy. Vincent and his team will give you a warm welcome.

ACCOMODATION

2 bedrooms, 6 people
From 160€ per night
(2 nights minimum)
Cleaning charge 60€

From Alençon town centre
→ 18 km



Campsites



CAMPING MUNICIPAL DE GUÉRAMÉ

65, rue de Guéramé
61000 Alençon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 34 95
www.cu-alencon.fr

On the riverbank just outside Alençon, the Guéramé campsite offers a choice setting of lush greenery and tranquility.

ACCOMMODATION

54 camping pitches
Open from mid-April to mid-October

Adult: 3,30€
Children under 10: 2,70€
Children under 1: free.
Package without vehicle: 5,30€
Package with vehicle: 7,30€

Alençon town centre



CAMPING AUX PRÉS D'ÉCOUVES***

8, route des Gateys
61250 Radon
Tel. +33 (0)7 45 27 38 09



This 3-star campsite, nestled on the edge of the Écouves forest, invites you to enjoy a unique experience surrounded by nature. Take advantage of a rejuvenating setting, whether alone, with family, as a couple, or with friends, and enjoy an educational and therapeutic farm home to goats, chickens, rabbits, and guinea pigs. The campsite is also conveniently located near the Véloscénie cycling route

ACCOMMODATION

29 pitches, suitable for motorhomes, caravans, and small trucks. From 8.50€ per night. Open from May 1st to September 30th.

Educational farm and animal activities for a fee (reservation required).

From Alençon town centre
→ 10 km



CAMPING AUX PRÉS D'ÉCOUVES*** 1 CHALET - 1 CABANE

8, route des Gateys
61250 Radon
Tel. +33 (0)7 45 27 38 09



These accommodations are nestled in an exceptional natural setting, around a nearby pond. Located within the Écouves campsite, they also allow guests to enjoy the seasonal leisure facilities and the educational farm. It's an ideal starting point for walks, horseback riding, or cycling.

ACCOMMODATION

Chalet L'Écureuil, 2-6 people
From 100€ per night and 430€ per week. "Mid-term, off-season" rate from September to April. Weekly or monthly rentals available.
Cabane Cocotte, 1-4 people (an additional 5€ for the 4th person). From 18,50€ per night and 100€ per week.
Open from May 1st to September 30th.

From Alençon town centre
→ 10 km



Motorhome parking

CAR PARK

Le Bourg
61250
Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei

SERVICE AREA

Camping de Guéramé
61000 Alençon

61350 La Roche-Mabile

72600

La Fresnay-sur-Chédouet
Villeneuve-en-Perseigne

CAR PARK

Bd de la République
61000 Alençon

TRAIL STATION

CAR PARK
61250 Radon

Reception rooms / Seminars



LE DOMAINE DE LA TOUCHE

Lieu-dit La Touche
61420 Saint-Denis-sur-Sarthon
Tel. +33 (0)2 33 26 72 94
www.domainedelatouche.fr

The Domaine de la Touche offers a unique setting in Normandy, the perfect place for your events. The modular, well-equipped and light-filled rooms can accommodate groups of different sizes for meetings, workshops or conferences. It is also a reception and accommodation venue, run by a team committed to providing a warm, high-quality welcome in a natural, unspoilt setting.

CAPACITY

Large room (150 m²) :
180 people / 200 people for a cocktail reception
Small room (50 m²) :
50 people / 60 people (cocktail)
Outdoor courtyard (1000 m²) :
300 people for a reception
Covered courtyard (100 m²) :
120 people (cocktail) /
80 people seated

From 800€ (small room) up to 5 490€ for a full weekend (all spaces + all 53 beds)

Open year-round by reservation.

From Alençon town centre
→ 13 km



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VALFRAMBERT

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FORGES-ÉCOUVES

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