

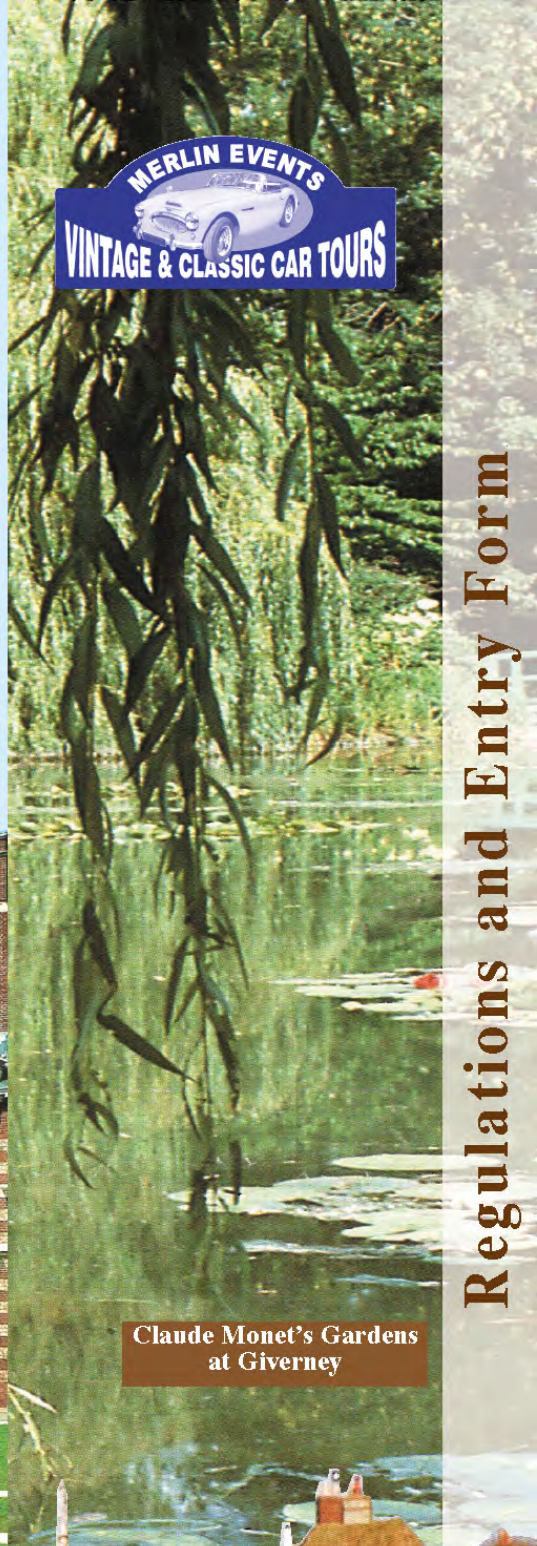
Normandy Tour

for Vintage, Classic
and Sports Cars

17th - 21st JUNE
2012



Palais de Benedictine



Claude Monet's Gardens
at Giverney

Five days classic
touring in
the beautiful
French
countryside



Honfleur Harbour

Regulations and Entry Form

MERLIN EVENTS

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Introduction

Several years ago I ran a series of popular Normandy tours. However, time has passed by and it will be six years since we visited the area so I feel a return is due.

Normandy is one of my favourite areas of France, with its rolling agricultural landscape, attractive timber framed barns and houses, mellow stone villages and towns. An abundance of beautiful chateaux, abbeys and grand cathedrals grace the region, providing a great variety of historic and architectural masterpieces for the visitor to enjoy.

Our tour commences with an afternoon ferry crossing from Portsmouth to Caen-Ouistreham. Time can be spent relaxing before an excellent Brittany

Ferries dinner in our reserved section of the restaurant. On arrival at Ouistreham, we spend the first night at the Hotel Mercure in nearby Caen. The following morning we take a highly scenic coastal drive east through Cabourg and Houlgate before turning in land to Pont l'Eveque.

Our first visit is to the Chateau de Betteville where we visit the adjoining motor museum housed in ancient barns and the Museum of Costumes in the chateau itself.

Moving on we continue our drive to the picturesque harbour town of Honfleur. Plenty of time is allowed to explore the little cobbled streets of specialist shops, art galleries, bars and restaurants. The unique wooden church of Saint Catherine is a must to view, as is the Eugene Boudin Museum and Art Gallery. What better also to enjoy a leisurely lunch at one of the harbourside restaurants.

A short drive then takes us to our base hotel, the characterful Le Clos Deauville Saint Gaten.

Half timbered buildings are assembled around the swimming pool and the restaurant is renowned for its gastronomic cuisine.

The next two days are spent touring the eastern regions of Normandy with special visits arranged. The first day takes us across the River Seine and up to the coast at Etretat with a spectacular coastal drive to Fecamp.

Our day's visit is to the remarkable Palais Benedictine, a lavish and totally ostentatious structure in which the Benedictine monks invented the famous liqueur of the same name. We tour the distillery, the museum and art gallery before tasting the liqueur.

For our next touring day we head east to cross the Seine at Vernon before arriving at the village of Giverny. Here we visit the famous gardens created by the impressionist artist Claude Monet.

After a lunch break we take a drive along the banks of the Seine to Les Andelys before heading back to our hotel at Saint Gaten.

Our final day sees us taking another scenic drive to Le Village Fromager in the village of Livarot. Here we can see how the regional cheeses are produced and enjoy a tasting.

Finally we make our way back towards Caen-Ouistreham but take a lunchtime break at the Memorial Museum at

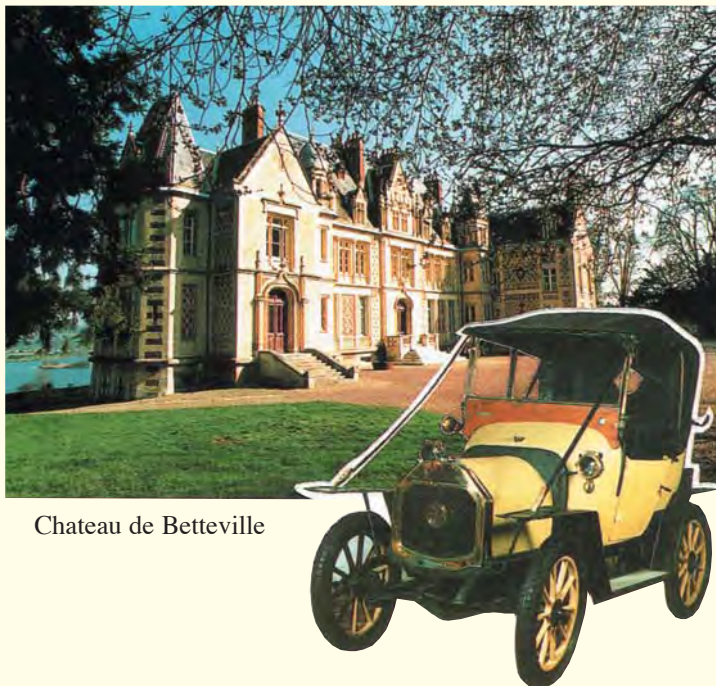
Pegasus Bridge at Benneville. This famous bridge was liberated by the British 6th Airborne Division shortly before D-Day. A must is to walk across the new bridge (a larger replica of the original) to the Cafe-bar Gondree, the first building to be liberated and still run by Mdme Gondree, daughter of the owner during the war.

So we end our five day visit to Normandy and return to Portsmouth aboard the Brittany Ferry - enjoying another amazing dinner on the way.

I can promise you a superb classic motoring holiday in a region blessed with beautiful natural scenery and with the most interesting places to visit.

Motoring in France is an absolute joy, so quiet and traffic free and with good quality roads - so unlike motoring in the UK!

Come and join us for this early summer break, you will be glad you did.



Chateau de Betteville

Keith McGee

Regulations

1. Organisation and Administration

1.1 The Merlin Normandy Tour is a Touring Holiday from 17th to 21st June 2012. The Tour is organised by Merlin Events, the trading name of Dalkeith Enterprises Ltd.

1.2 The Organiser of the Tour is Keith McGee. All enquiries and entries should be addressed to:

**Merlin Events,
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Somerset BA21 4BQ
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Mobile: 07767 200744
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1.3 Reservations for travel and hotel accommodation are being administered by Phoenix Holidays Ltd. No direct communication is required between the entrant and Phoenix Holidays Ltd. All communication to be as per para 1.2 above.

2. Entries

2.1 Entries open with the publication of these Regulations and close on **1st February 2012** after which date any entries received will be accepted subject to availability of hotel accommodation and ferry space.

2.2 Entries must conform to these Regulations and must be completed on the official entry forms, accompanied by the required payments.

2.3 The Organiser reserves the right to refuse any entry without reason.

3. Administration and Special Features Fee

3.1 The Administration and Special Features Fee is £299.00 per person.

3.2 The Administration and Special Features Fee is payable to MERLIN EVENTS and sent to the address in para 1.2

4. Travel and Accommodation Fee

4.1 The Travel and Accommodation Fee is £759.00 per person, based on two persons in a car and sharing hotel accommodation. Additional persons may be included at £759.00 per person, but there is a £285.00 supplement for single room occupancy. (For the four nights).

4.2 For entrants making their own travel arrangements the accommodation only fee is £639.00 per person. Single supplement (hotel only) £185.00.

4.3 The Travel and Accommodation Fee is payable by cheque only to PHOENIX HOLIDAYS LTD TRUST ACCOUNT.

4.4 Ferry cabin charges. Although both sailings are daytime, you may wish to take a cabin for your added comfort.

The charges are per cabin per sailing.
Commodore Suite £75.00
4 Berth Outside £35.00
2 Berth Inside £25.00

4.5 Entrants not travelling with the Tour Group should make their travel arrangements to ensure arrival at the Hotel Mercure, Caen on the evening of Sunday 17th June 2012.

5. The Fees Include

5.1 Return Ferry Service - Brittany Ferries Portsmouth - Caen Ouistreham - Portsmouth

5.2 Dinner on the outward ferry sailing.

5.3 Dinner on the return ferry sailing.

5.4 Admission to the Pegasus Memorial Museum.

Exclusive parking in Honfleur.

Admission to the Palais de Benedictine.

Admission to Claude Monet's Gardens.

Admission to the Musee la Belle Epoque and Chateau de Betteville.

Admission to Village Fromager at Livarot.

5.5 Four nights accommodation at three and four star hotels. Ref. as per paragraph 12.

5.6 Safe overnight car parking at the tour hotels.

5.7 Souvenir Rally Plate.

5.8 Fully detailed Road Book.

5.9 Merlin Events' Executive to accompany tour throughout.

5.10 All administration costs, including VAT.

6. Deposits

6.1 Two deposit payments are required with entry.

6.2 An Administration and Special Features deposit of £100.00 per person is payable by cheque only to MERLIN EVENTS with entry.

6.3 A Travel and Accommodation Deposit of £100.00 per person is payable by cheque only to Phoenix Holidays Ltd. Trust Account.

Both deposit payments to be sent to the address in para 1.2

7. Balance Payments

7.1 All balance payments to be paid in full by 23rd April 2012 on receipt of invoice. Balance Payments to be by cheque only made payable as per para 6 above.

8. Not Included In This Tour Package

8.1 The following are not included in the tour package.

(A) Personal and Medical Travel Insurance.

(B) Vehicle Breakdown and Repatriation Service.

(C) Meals not referred to in these Regulations.

(D) Cabins on ferries.

9. Vehicle Eligibility

9.1 This Tour is open to any pre-war and post-war classic cars introduced prior to 1985, plus later British, European and American Sports and Grand Touring Cars, and other cars of special interest.

All cars must be equipped with a red warning triangle, spare light bulbs and headlamp deflectors. You must also carry a first aid kit, an approved fire extinguisher and a high visibility jacket or waistcoat. Cars must also display a GB sticker.

9.2 All cars must be correctly registered, currently licensed, possess a valid M.O.T. certificate and be fully insured for continental use on public and private land as appropriate to this Tour.

The Organiser reserves the right to refuse any entry should the car be deemed unsuitable or inappropriate for this Tour.

9.3 Radar speed detectors are illegal in France. Do not have one in your car. If you are caught you will be fined and the device confiscated.

10. Travel Arrangements

10.1 The official travel route from the UK is by Brittany Ferries Portsmouth - Caen Ouistreham - Portsmouth.

10.2 The outward ferry leaves Portsmouth at 2.45pm on Sunday 17th June arriving at Caen Ouistreham at 9.30pm French time.

10.3 The return ferry is from Caen Ouistreham at 4.30pm on Thursday 21st June arriving at Portsmouth at 9.15pm English time.

11. Hotel Accommodation Arrangements

11.1 Sunday 17th June:
Hotel Mercure, Caen.
3 Star B+B

11.2 Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th June (3 nights 1/2 Board).
Hotel Le Clos Deauville, St. Gatien,
4 Star 1/2 Board
Superior room supplement £279.00 per room for the 3 nights.

11.3 Safe overnight parking will be provided at the tour hotels. Whilst every effort will be made to ensure the safety of your car, no responsibility can be accepted by Dalkeith Enterprises Ltd, trading as Merlin Events, or Phoenix Holidays Ltd. for any loss or damage.

12. Assembly and Registration

12.1 Assembly and Registration is at the Portsmouth Ferry Terminal by 1.30pm (1330hrs) on Sunday 17th June 2012.

13. The Routes

13.1 Each days' route will include a mix of main and secondary roads with some unclassified roads adding to the variety.

13.2 The total distance of this Tour is approximately 450 miles. The maximum distance on any one day is not expected to exceed 125 miles.

14. Tour Finish

14.1 The Tour Finish will be at the Caen Ouistreham Terminal on Thursday 21st June.

15. Tour Support

15.1 There will be no technical support on this tour. Entrants are expected to belong to one of the established breakdown and recovery organisations who can provide a far more comprehensive service than we can. Entrants should help each other and are expected to carry reasonable spares and tools.

15.2 It is recommended that you contact Norton Insurance Brokers on Tel: 0121 246 5050 for details of their Heritage Classic European Rescuable Service. Unlike most 'Get-You-Home' services, Heritage caters for classic cars and the rates are considerably cheaper than most other schemes. Personal insurance protection is available. Refer to Merlin Events and this tour.

16. Souvenir Rally Plate

16.1 A traditional styled souvenir rally plate will be issued with Final Instructions. This must be securely and prominently affixed to the front of the car and must not be defaced in any way.

17. Maps

17.1 Whilst maps are not required for navigational purposes, it is strongly advised to carry an appropriate map. The recommended Michelin map is No. 513.

Alternatively, a good French Road Atlas will suffice but may not feature some minor roads being used.

18. Road Book

18.1 A Road Book, containing detailed daily itinerary and Tulip diagram route instructions, will be issued at Registration.

19. Cancellation by the Organiser

19.1 The Organiser reserves the right to cancel or amend the Tour or any part thereof. In the event of cancellation by MERLIN EVENTS for any reason a full refund of entry fees paid to MERLIN EVENTS will be made as soon as is practical. Should the Tour itinerary have to be altered for any reason we will endeavour to keep such changes to a minimum while still ensuring a similar level of services and facilities are provided.

In order for this event to go ahead a minimum of 20 persons is required. Should this figure not be achieved the Organiser may decide to cancel the Tour. In this case any payments made to Merlin Events will be refunded in full. The deadline for cancellation of this Tour should insufficient numbers be achieved is 1st February 2012.

20. Cancellation by you

20.1 If you have to cancel your entry you must notify the Organiser in writing. Cancellation charges are as follows:

- a) more than 56 days - deposit
- b) 29-56 days - 50%
- c) 28 days or less - 100%

21. Alterations by you

21.1 If you wish to alter any details of your entry, ie change of car or number of persons in your party, you must notify the Organiser in writing. If the changes are made after 1st February 2012, you may incur an administration charge. In addition if the alterations involve a reduction in the number of persons in your party then cancellation charges will be incurred. Please refer to para 20.

21.2 Any alterations to your travel and accommodation arrangements may incur additional charges or cancellation charges as per para 20.

22. Travel Insurance

22.1 For Personal and Medical Travel Insurance please refer to para 15.2 above

23. Passports and Visas

23.1 Passports are required by all persons accompanying this Tour. Although British citizens do not require Visas for Europe it is the responsibility of all persons to check Visa requirements, especially with regard to non British or European subjects.

24. Special Dietary Requirements

24.1 Should you have any special dietary requirements, ie; diabetic, vegetarian etc. please state on the entry form.

25. Final Instructions

25.1 The Final Instructions Pack, containing travel tickets where applicable and souvenir rally plate, will be posted to entrants 10 days prior to the commencement of the tour.

If you have any queries regarding this tour please contact Keith McGee at Merlin Events on:

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