

# Abbaye-

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# Hommes

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## Discover the Abbaye-aux-Hommes for yourself

### Visit the Abbey (without a tour guide)

All year round, you can take all the time you need to explore **the cloister, the warming-house, the scriptorium, the staircase of honour and the gatehouse.**

The warming-house and the gatehouse are home to **permanent exhibitions** «Norman Worlds» and «Summer of 44», which you can access with your entrance ticket. There are also regular temporary exhibitions at the scriptorium, so keep a look out when you come and visit.

### Opening hours

✦ From the 1<sup>st</sup> of April to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, and from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of September (closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May)

- Monday to Thursday, from 8 am to 6 pm
- Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm
- Weekends and public holidays from 9:30 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 6 pm

✦ From the 1<sup>st</sup> of July to the 31<sup>st</sup> of August

- Monday to Friday, from 8 am to 6:30 pm
- Weekends and public holidays from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm

✦ From the 1<sup>st</sup> of October to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March (closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and all weekends in January)

- Monday to Thursday, from 8 am to 6 pm
- Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm
- Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 9 am to 1 pm and from 2 pm to 5:30 pm

Please note that the ticket office will close 30 minutes before the visitor spaces.



The Cloister

**Entrance: 5€**

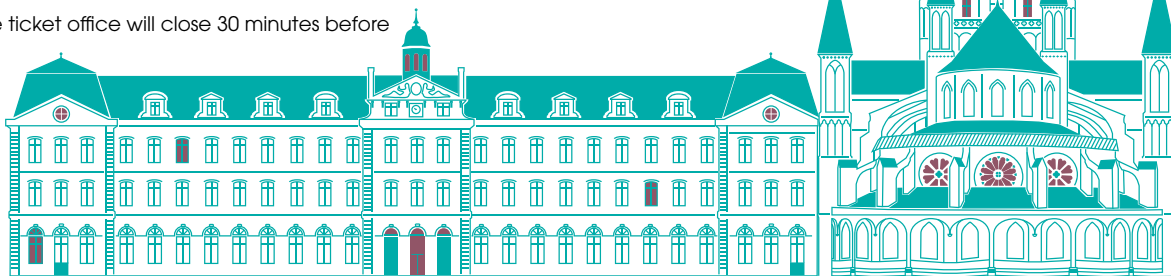
3€ when there are no temporary exhibitions

Free\* for under 18's, jobseekers and inhabitants of Caen.

\*Upon presentation of relevant identification (see entrance conditions).



Don't forget to pick up the **Heritage Collection book** (on sale at the ticket desk for 5€)



# Take a guided tour of the Abbaye-des-Hommes



## The «Exceptional Heritage» guided tour (50 minutes)

**Discover some of the Abbey's most prestigious areas with a guided tour through the 18th century monastic rooms, cloisters, guardroom, press and Abbey Church.** This tour is suitable for all visitors. This tour is in French. For English guided tours, please contact us before your visit.

Advance booking to the reception and guided tour desk is required.

The visit may be modified according to the time, availability of the spaces and minimum number of participants.

Depending on the schedule or other events in the Abbey, certain guided tours may be cancelled. Visitors will however be able to enter and visit the Abbey on their own.

### Tour times

✦ From the 1<sup>st</sup> of April to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, and from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of September (closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May)

- Every day: at 10:30am, 2:30pm and 6pm

✦ From the 1<sup>st</sup> of July to the 31<sup>st</sup> of August

- Every day: at 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4pm and 5:30pm

✦ From the 1<sup>st</sup> of October to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March (closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and every weekend in January)

- From Monday to Friday, only during school holidays, at 10:30am and 2:30pm

- Sundays during school and public holidays (except in January) at 10:30am, 2:30pm and 4pm

**Ticket price: 8€**

6€ when there are no temporary exhibitions

Free\* for children under 18 years old and jobseekers

\*Upon presentation of relevant identification, please see conditions at reception

## Useful information



The Abbaye-aux-Hommes welcomes more than 50,000 visitors every year, who come to enjoy the splendour of one of France's most beautiful town halls.

The Church of Saint-Etienne, the former abbey church at the Abbaye-aux-Hommes, is still a functioning church but is now separate from the former monastery. You can visit for free from Monday to Friday from 9am to 6pm, on Saturday from 10am to 6pm and Sunday from 2pm to 6pm, when the church is not being used for services or religious ceremonies.

Important: these times may be modified by the Parish. Dogs are not allowed in the church, with the exception of guide dogs for the blind.

- Buy your tickets at the Hôtel de Ville (City Hall) entrance hall
- The ticket desk closes half an hour before the rest of the visiting areas
- You can pay by cheque, cash, credit card or holiday vouchers
- There's free Wi-Fi at the Hôtel de Ville
- Please do not tip the staff



The Refectory

### Getting to the Abbaye-aux-Hommes in Caen

- By road: Paris is 220km away (A13) and Rennes is 190km away (A84)

- By rail: Caen is 2 hours from Paris

- By air: the Caen-Carpiquet airport is just 10 minutes from the city centre

- By sea: the Ouistreham ferry port is 15 minutes from the city centre. You can take a ferry from Portsmouth to Caen, which takes 6 hours.





## For disabled visitors

The Abbaye-aux-Hommes was awarded the "Tourisme et Handicap" label (for services to people with mental and hearing disabilities) as a reward for its work to improve their tours and offer properly-adapted services.

Tours may vary according to times and availability; please contact the reception and guided tour desk.

✚ Solo visits or guided tours

### Information and reservations

by e-mail to: [abbayeauxhommes@caen.fr](mailto:abbayeauxhommes@caen.fr)  
or by phone at +33 2 31 30 42 81

Free for disabled people and one companion



### Motor disabilities

Depending on the visit, the tour is accessible between 75% and 100%. Wheelchairs may be borrowed (subject to availability). Adapted bathroom facilities. Disabled parking.



### Hearing disabilities

The reception and ticket desk is equipped with a magnetic loop. Portable magnetic loops and tablets with French sign-language videos are available to use during the tour. Adapted bathroom facilities (flashing lights in the event of an alarm).



### Visual disabilities

There is a tactile model to present the buildings, and a sensory visit of the Abbey allows visitors to touch the décor (woodwork, stone, ironwork, church clothes) and discover the gardens. The solo visit route features information panels in large print and Braille.



### Mental disabilities

An "Easy to Read and Understand" document is available upon request. For groups (upon reservation only), there are adapted workshops and tools to help visitors discover the Abbey in a fun and friendly way. Adapted visit times.



## Gift Shop – Souvenirs

The Abbey gift shop offers a wide range of souvenirs: pop-up cards, mugs, commemorative coins, children's items... all featuring the Abbaye-aux-Hommes and its illustrious cast of characters!

## Themed books and the Heritage Collection

- for sale at the reception desk, for 5€
- available in French and in English



## Contact and reservations

**User relations desk**  
**Reception / Guided tours**

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