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# Abbaye

2024

# -aux- Hommes



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de la libération  
de Caen  
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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**: "Summer of '44" and its new section about the Liberation of Caen, and "Norman Worlds". There are also regular **temporary exhibitions** in the scriptorium, so keep a look out when you come and visit.

### Opening hours

#### ✚ 01 April to 02 June (closed on 01 May)

- Monday to Thursday: 8.00-18.00
- Friday: 8.00-17.00
- Weekends and public holidays: 9.30-13.00 and 14.00-18.00

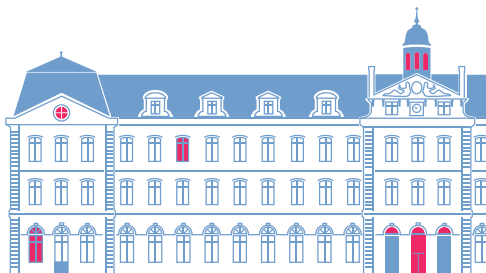
#### ✚ 03 June to the 29th of September

- Monday to Friday: 8.00 to 19.00
- Weekends and public holidays: 9:30 to 19.00 pm

#### ✚ 30 September to 31 March (closed on 25 December, 01 January and all weekends in January)

- Monday to Thursday: 8.00 to 18.00
- Friday: 8.00 to 17.00
- Saturdays, Sundays during school vacations and public holidays: 9.30 to 13.00 and 14.00 to 18:00

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





The cloister

**Entrance:** 6 € / Students (-26yo): 3€

4€ / Students 2€ when there are no temporary exhibitions

Free\*: for children under 18 years old, jobseekers, journalists, residents of the twin towns, tour guides, disabled persons

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



Complete your tour with the **Heritage Collection** book (on sale at the ticket desk for 5€)



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



## The "Exceptional Heritage" guided tour (1 hour)

Discover some of the Abbey's most prestigious areas with a guided tour through the 18<sup>th</sup> century monastic rooms, cloister, 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 at least 24h 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, some guided tours may be cancelled. Visitors will however be able to enter and visit the Abbey on their own.

### Tour times

✚ **01 April to 30 June and 01 to 30 September**  
(closed on 01 May)

- Every day: 10:30, 14:30 and 18.00
- No guided tour on Saturdays in case of weddings

✚ **01 July to 31 August**

- Monday to Friday: 10:30, 12:30, 14:30, 16.00 and 17:30
- No guided tour on Saturdays in case of weddings
- Sundays: 10:30, 14:30 and 16.00
- English guided tour: Monday to Friday, 11.00, 13.30 and 15:30 at least 24h before your visit.

✚ **01 October to 31 March**

(closed 25 December, 01 January and all weekends in January)

- From Monday to Friday, only during school holidays: 10:30 and 14:30
- Sundays during school and public holidays (except in January): 10:30, 14:30 and 16.00

**Prices:** 12€ / Students (-26yo) and 12-18yo: 8€\*\*

Free for: under 12yo, jobseekers, disabled persons, journalists, tour guides

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



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## Themed guided tour: "Summer of '44: the Abbey becomes a medical shelter"

(1h30)

Only in French. On the morning of 6 June 1944, the Allies landed in Normandy to liberate Europe from Nazi occupation. At dawn, the city of Caen was bombed, and the abbey quickly became a refuge for the population. This visit describes how the life of 10,000 civilians, all awaiting for the Liberation, continued to be organised during the Battle of Caen.

### Dates\*

07, 11 and 25 June, 02 and 09 July

Prices: 10€ / Students (-26yo): 7€ / 12-18yo: 4€

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## Theatrical guided tour "Summer of '44, life goes on..." (1h30)

Only in French. This guided tour, interspersed with theatrical interludes, pays tribute to those whose exemplary courage enabled thousands of men, women and children to live despite the deadly chaos and devastation of the Battle of Caen. Designed for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, it will be played as a final tribute as part of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary programme.



### Dates\*

🕒 18 June, 19 and 23 July, 14.00

\* Proposed dates subject to change due to the calendar of commemorations

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## 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 tours desk.

✚ Solo visits or guided tours

**Information and reservations** 

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 space.



### 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 guided tour. Adapted bathroom facilities (flashing lights in the event of an alarm).



### Visual disabilities

There is a 3D 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 in french 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!

## Useful information

**The Abbaye-aux-Hommes is also one of France's most beautiful town halls.**

- 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 or credit card
- Tips not accepted
- Service dogs allowed (even in the church)


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

*Important: these times may be modified by the Parish*

## Contact and reservations

User relations desk

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