

Information Booklet for groups 2010



Saint-Georges de Boscherville Abbey





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2010 Tariffs

Offers reserved to professionnels :

Travels agencies, coach companies, T.O. ...

And for groups more than 10 people.

Payment by vouchers accepted

GROUPS		
	Guided tour	Free Visit (or with your own guide)
Adults	5,50 €	4,50 €
Free entry for attendant and the coach driver + 2 free entries for 20 paying ➤ more than 300 entries during the year : + 3 free entries for 20 paying		
Students	4,50 €	3,50 €
School children	2,00 €	2,00 €
Free entry for attendant and the coach driver +1 adult free entry for 10 students or school children		

These fares are strictly reserved to professionals and subject to our prior approval



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Groups : 2010 visit conditions

More than 10 people.

Opened every day (except 25th December and 1st January) all year round by appointment.

Two weeks notice required.

The guided tour includes: Abbatial church, chapter house, monastery, Chapel of the Chamberlains and abbey gardens.

Possibility of themed visits on request - Architecture

- Benedictine spirituality
- Life of the monks
- Role of abbeys in the Middle Ages
- Garden-themed visit etc.

• Guided tours

Visit duration : from 1h00 to 2h00

- Adults :** 5,50 €, free entry for the group leader and the coach driver
+ 2 free entries for 20 paying
- Students :** 4,50 €, free entry for the group leader and the coach driver
+1 adult free entry for 10 students .
- Schoolchildren :** 2,00 €, free entry for the group leader and the coach driver
+1 adults free entry for 10 schoolchildren.

• Free tours

- Adults :** 4,50 €, free entry for the group leader and the coach driver
+ 2 free entries for 20 paying
- Students :** 3,50 €, free entry for the group leader and the coach driver
+1 adult free entry for 10 students .
- Schoolchildren :** 2,00 €, free entry for the group leader and the coach driver
+1 adult free entry for 10 schoolchildren.

Information / Reservation



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2010 Reservation form

Group reference :

Contact name :

Address :

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Tel. : Fax :

Email :

Date and hour of visit :

Themed visit for guided tour :

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Number of people :

Fixed price per person : look at the « Visit conditions » form

Cost : € x persons = €

Deposit of 30% on booking: €

Payment of difference: Voucher in hand
 Cash
 Cheque
 Credit Card

Date : Signed :



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On alliance of Art, History and Nature

2000 years of history

This benedictine abbey was constructed in the 12th century on a site where since 50 BC, three pagan temples, a christian chapel and a collegiate church had been successively built. The abbey church (12th c.) is striking for its Norman Romanesque style, its light and the harmony of its construction proportions. In the chapterhouse (end of the 12th c.), the visitor discovers remarkable column statues and capitals showing biblical and secular scenes, and in the former monastery building built in the 17th century, arched stone ceiling work. The visit leads to the 13th c. Chamberlain Chapel.

A **discovery itinerary** is dotted with signboards retracing the history and the architecture of the place.

The gardens of the abbey

Created in 1680 by the Maurist monks, the « à la française » gardens have been restored to their original state from archives. They offer, in our area, a unique example of a self-supporting monastic garden. The kitchen-garden will be appreciated for its combination of flowers, vegetables, aromatic and medicinal plants and the orchard for the old varieties of its fruit trees, trained in a diversity of forms, while the upper terrace can be reached through flower-beds and groves. From this animating point, a panoramic table allows the visitor to discover one of the most typical landscapes of the river Seine valley.

Art and Culture

Throughout the year, our association organizes temporary exhibitions on various themes, thus animating the monastic building and gardens.

In June and September, concerts provide great moments of musical enchantment under the vaults of the abbey church.

The programme is available on request.



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Brief history

From 1978 to 1993, excavations have been led by two archaeologists, Mr Jacques le Maho and Mr Nicolas Wasylszyn, in the abbey grounds.

Combined with years spent in researching archives, they have made fabulous discoveries about the history of the site.

1. From the pagan temple to the Benedictine abbey

While digging on the site of the Benedictine cloister, the archaeologists have uncovered :

- A pagan temple dating back to the 1st century B.C.
 - A roman temple of the 2nd century A.D.
 - A Christian chapel, already dedicated to St Georges, founded in the 7th century, period during which the lower Seine valley was being christened.
 - A collegiate church, built around 1050 by Raoul de Tancarville, Chamberlain of Normandy and tutor of William the Conqueror, to set up a community of canons.
- All these pagan and christian buildings stood on the same ground.

2. From the Benedictine abbey to the French Revolution

In 1113, Benedictine monks are called to replace the secular canons. They organize their own monastic life and start building a new monastery :

- St Georges' abbey, a pure Norman Romanesque church of elegant proportions and full of light ; its cornerstone was laid in 1114 and it took about 30 years for it to be completed.
- The chapter house, built around 1180.
- The monastery enclosure and buildings, the cloister.

The abbey was not spared by time : it was particularly damaged during the Hundred Years' war, the wars of Religion and weakened by the Commend regime.

In the 17th century, the Benedictine order undergoes the so-called St Maur's reform, aiming at reorganizing their monastic communities.

This reform was applied to St Georges' abbey when Maurist monks arrived in 1659.

They laid out the gardens and from 1690, undertook the construction of new monastery buildings.

3. Decline and restoration

After the 1789 French Revolution, the abbey is divided and sold as national property :

- The abbey church is bought by the village council and becomes the parish church.
- The grounds are sold to a textile manufacturer, who later goes bankrupt, dismantles part of the buildings and sells the stones.
- In 1822, they become a farm estate until 1987 when a huge program of restoration starts.

Led by the parish priest who creates the A.T.A.R. in 1954, the people of St Martin's work endlessly to save the abbey from decay.

Thanks to their efforts and to the archaeological discoveries revealing 2000 years of history, the Department of Seine Maritime decides to take over the abbey.

The A.T.A.R. is entrusted with the management of the site. The restoration, the upkeep of the buildings and gardens, and the opening to the public are its main missions.

The state and department fundings give a new lease of life to the abbey. All the architectural and mineral components have now been restored.

It is certainly worth noting that each year, some 30 long-term unemployed persons work on the site under the supervision of staff approved by the "Monuments Historiques" for 7 or 9 months.

The abbey grounds thus become a rehabilitation center allowing approximately 25% of the workers to find a job at the end of their contract.

4. The gardens

The next step in the ATAR restoration mission is the relaying out of the gardens as they were created by the Maurist monks in the 18th century.

They are classic gardens "à la française", offering displays of borders, terraced and held by retaining walls.

They are designed on both sides of a central dividing line consisting of a pavilion, then a staircase, a rotunda, an alley and the basin of a fountain.

With the plantation of fruit trees, vegetable, medicinal and ornamental plants, the gardens have recovered their original aspect, a combination of aesthetics and usefulness as required by the monks for their daily needs.





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Suggestions of visits on a day

- **For the amateurs of adventure**

Near Saint-Martin de Boscherville, (1km from the abbey),
Accrobranche: an adventure course in the trees taking about 2 hours.
Tel: 06 71 17 36 03

- **Rouen - Vallée de Seine, Boucle de Roumare**

In the morning : ➤ **Visit Rouen**: the historical centre

In the afternoon : ➤ **Visit the Saint-Georges de Boscherville Abbey** (about 10km from Rouen)
➤ **Visit the Manoir de Villers** at Saint-Pierre de Manneville (7km from the Saint-Georges abbey), 16th and 19th century Manor house located in a 18th park . 02 35 32 07 02

- **Rouen - Vallée de Seine, Route des Abbayes**

In the morning: ➤ **Visit Rouen**: the historical centre. Contact the office of tourism to 02 35 08 08 41

In the afternoon: ➤ **Visit the Saint-Georges de Boscherville Abbey** (about 10km from Rouen)
➤ **And visit the abbey of Jumièges** "the most famous ruins of France " (18km from the abbey Saint Georges) 02 35 37 24 02
➤ **Or visit the abbey of Saint-Wandrille** still lived in by Benedictine monks (20 km of the abbey St-Georges) 02 35 96 23 11

- **The Abbeys of val de Seine**

In the morning : ➤ **Visit the Saint-Georges de Boscherville Abbey**
➤ **Visit the Jumièges abbey** "the most famous ruins of France " (18km from the abbey Saint Georges). Tel : 02 35 37 24 02

In the afternoon: ➤ **Walk along the Seine and the visit the Victor Hugo Museum** in Villequier 02 35 56 78 31
➤ **Visit of the abbey of Saint-Wandrille** still lived in by Benedictine monks (20 km from the abbey St-Georges). Tel : 02 35 96 23 11

- **Heritage and nature**

1st suggestion:

In the morning : ➤ **Guided tour of Rouen with theme.** Contact the office of tourism .Tel : 02 35 08 08 41

In the afternoon: ➤ **Visit the Saint-Georges de Boscherville Abbey**
➤ **Visit The Vallois Ropeworks Industrial Museum (musée industriel de la Corderie Vallois)** in Notre Dame de Bondeville .
Tel : 02 35 74 35 35

- **Heritage and nature**

2nd suggestion :

In the morning : ➤ **Visit The Museum of Norman Arts and Traditions** (Musée des Traditions et Arts Normands). Tel : 02 35 23 44 70
➤ **Visit Angélique's Garden** in Montmain. Tel:02 35 79 08 12

In the afternoon: ➤ **Guided tour of the Saint-Georges de Boscherville Abbey**
➤ **Visit the Manoir de Villers** at Saint-Pierre de Manneville (7km from the Saint-Georges abbey), 16th and 19th century Manor house located in a 18th park . Tel : 02 35 32 07 02

- **Valley of the Seine, between nature and heritage**

In the morning : ➤ **Guided tour of the Saint-Georges de Boscherville Abbey**

In the afternoon: ➤ **Visit the abbey of Jumièges and its park** (18km from the abbey Saint Georges). Tel 02 35 37 24 02

➤ **Visit the Victor Hugo Museum** in Villequier 02 35 56 78 31

Or ➤ **Visit Saint-Wandrille abbey** of still in lived by Benedictines monks. Tel: 02 35 96 23 11



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In the Seine valley,
discover 2000 years of history
at the youngest of the great romanesque abbeys in Normandy

- **Getting to Saint-Martin de Boscherville**

- **Coordinated GPS (lat x lon):** 49.44677003 x 0.9646933
 - **From Rouen:** take the RD982 in the direction of Duclair via Canteleu
 - **From Le Havre:** take the A29, then the RN15 and the A150, Maromme exit, in the direction of Canteleu and finally, the RD982 to Saint-Martin de Boscherville
 - **From Amiens:** take the A28 as far as Rouen, then follow the river and take the RD982 in the direction of Duclair via Canteleu
 - **From Beauvais:** take the RN31 as far as Rouen, then follow the river and take the RD982 in the direction of Duclair via Canteleu
 - **From Paris:** take the A13, until exit 25, then the RD313 until the Pont de Brotonne bridge and then the RD 982 until Saint-Martin de Boscherville
 - **From Caen:** take the A13, until exit 25, then the RD313 until the Pont de Brotonne bridge and then the RD 982 until Saint-Martin de Boscherville
From Le Mans: Take the A28/A13 in the direction of Caen until exit 25, then the RD313 until the Pont de Brotonne bridge and the RD982 until Saint-Martin de Boscherville
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- **Facilities**

Free on site coach parking
Partial disabled access
Information point
Reception room, bookshop
WC
Gastronomical restaurants nearby.



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Surrounding sites

➤ Saint-Martin de Boscherville

Acrobatic route in trees: An adventure in trees, secure and overseen by the team of the Space Normandy Aventure, Val Saint-Léonard 76840 Saint Martin de Boscherville.
Contact : Aldric Offroy , tel : 06 71 17 36 03

Natural hike: 6 km of discovery of swamps, biodiversity, people influence on the landscape, banks of the Seine the reprocessing of the waste, guided tour under the direction of a presenter of the Natural Antenna of Regional Natural reserve of the loops of the Norman Seine. Contact : Antenne Nature 02 32 20 27 10

La ferme des Templiers: Manor house Knight Templar of the XIIIth century, then dependence of the abbey St Georges de Boscherville. Tel: 02 35 32 02 71

➤ In the Roumare forest(3 km)

Wildlife park: on 26 ha, the park accommodates wild boars, stags, hinds, red deers and roe deers. A kiosk of information, lookouts, and interactive panels offer a privileged vision of animals in their environment. Free access. To know more about it: www.agglo-de-rouen.fr

➤ Dieppedalle-Croisset (8 km): Seine Valley to Rouen

Mushroom beds built in old quarries; this very typical visit shows the culture of mushrooms. Tel: 02 35 36 61 82

➤ Saint-Pierre de Manneville (7km) Seine Valley

Manoir de Villers :The Manor house (16th and 19th century), property of the same family since 1764 where you can see the evolution of the decorative arts from the 16th to the 19th century and its links with the history .Tel: 02 35 32 07 02

➤ Jumièges : (19 km) Seine Valley

The Abbey : “the most famous ruins of France “ .Witness of the first big Norman abbey :
Tel: 02 35 37 24 02

➤ Saint-Wandrille (20 km) Seine Valley

Abbaye de Fontenelle : still lived in by Benedictines monks; Visit of the ruins of the former church and the cloistre; services sung in Gregorian. Tel : 02 35 96 23 11

➤ Caudebec-en-Caux (25 km) Seine Valley

Navy museum of the Seine: museum dedicated to the history of the river, the sailors, the fishermen, the builders of boats ... Tel: 02 35 95 90 13

➤ To have information about Rouen (10 km), the capital of Normandie:

Tel: 02 32 08 32 40 or consult www.rouentourisme.com



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Restaurants (suggestions)

La Roumardière (500 m from the Abbey)

73, route de Duclair

76840 Saint-Martin-de-Boscherville

Tél. : 02 35 32 43 03 – Fax : 02 35 34 43 32

La Belle de Mai (in front of the Abbey)

2 place de l'Abbaye

76 840 Saint-Martin de Boscherville

Tél. : 02 32 80 18 38

Le Relais de Montigny (5 km from the Abbey)

Rue du Lieutenant Aubert

76380 Montigny

Tél. : 02 35 36 05 97 - Fax : 02 35 36 19 60

Restaurant de la poste

(10 km from the Abbey)

286, quai de la liberation

76480 Duclair

Tél. : 02 35 37 50 04

To have information about restaurants of our region please consult ,

The Tourist Office of Rouen:

Tél.:+ 33(0)2 32 08 32 40

www.rouentourisme.com

The Departmental committee of Tourism :

Tél. :+33(0)2 35 12 10 10

www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com

**It is down to the group leader to contact restaurants
to make reservations and arrange payment.**