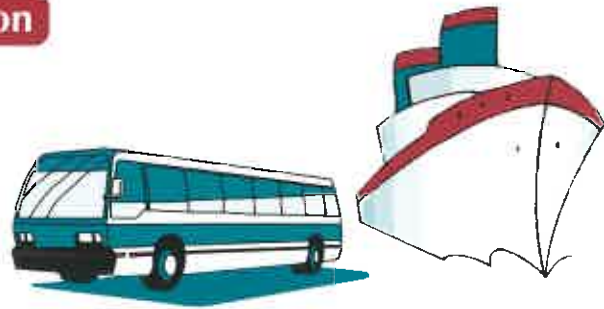


Travel Information



Travel is arranged by Castaway School Travel utilising ferries from the Brittany fleet of Portsmouth, Poole and Plymouth. Coaches contracted by them comply with all relevant UK and European legislation, including those laws concerning seatbelts on coaches and drivers hours.

Coach Operators have all appropriate and current Operating Licences for the vehicles hired and appropriate Insurances.

We are only 1 1/2 hours from the Port of Caen (the Chateau) so the overall travel time is not too long. All groups will need some packed food or money to buy snacks on the journey. Its a good idea to have a separate day bag as the main luggage stays in the hold for the duration of the journey.

Safety and Security

It is our responsibility to provide a safe and secure environment. Our natural position in the Blaise Valley is ideally located for this as it is naturally remote and surrounded by farms.

There are many additional safety features as well. There is extensive exterior lighting, all ground floor windows are barred and all doors in the accommodation block have combination locks for entry.

There is full 'dry run' fire drill at the start of every week and there is always one member of our staff team on active duty 24 hours a day. One of our staff team accompanies each group on off-site visits to help generally and to provide expert local knowledge. All of our staff have both the experience and qualifications for any activity they perform. Most of our staff team are qualified first aiders.

We do our utmost to cater for different dietary requirements, allergies and medical conditions. We do need notification of these things in advance.

Overall, our staff and the accompanying teaching staff work together as a team to look after the pupils. The teachers look after the supervision and general care (loco parentis) and we provide a safe environment.

Our Staff Team

L'Encadrement

Our staff are special. They have been carefully chosen for their skills and experience as well as their ability to create a friendly community spirit, which is an essential part of the Château experience. Uniquely, all our staff are French speakers and the majority are native French speakers. This means that French is spoken everywhere and the pupils quickly get the feeling for French language in everyday situations and in turn expect to use it themselves.

Our French team include the centre directors, Darren and Lotta who will look after you and your groups needs. They will be in contact with you six weeks before departure to plan your programme, rooming, excursions and French language



requirements. Sophie and Benedicte are our French leaders and organise our team of ten French native animateurs. Gerald has lived at the Château for over 30 years. He keeps everything in working order as well as maintaining the lawns and gardens. Andree is our local French chef and has been cooking traditional French food at the Château for over nine years. Nick and his small friendly team run the UK office and organises all the pre visit planning and admin as well as travel arrangements.

Prices

Our prices vary (quoted on application) depending on party size and time of year. Please telephone (01273 827 333) for your individual price quotation.

Prices include (Minimum Party Size of 10)

- A full week educational tour from Sunday - Saturday
- Good quality accommodation
- Three substantial and good quality French meals per day
- Return transport including ferry, organised by Castaway School Travel
- A full programme of excursions, activities, formal French tuition and evening events
- All instruction and equipment and teaching materials
- Transport for all off site excursions
- Free places for accompanying adults

PLEASE NOTE THAT PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE MEALS ON ROUTE OR ENTRANCE TICKETS FOR EXCURSION TRIPS.
(our recommended excursion venues provide free entrance)



Château de la Baudonnière

Learn/v. gain knowledge of, or skill in, by study, experience, or being taught; commit to memory; receive instruction, be informed (of), find out (that, how, etc.) [OED]