#
Normandy Sightseeing Tours - Private Tour: Rouen and Giverny Day Trip from Bayeux

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| **Location:**
Bayeux, France
**Language:**
English
**Duration:**
8.0 hours
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**Highlights:**

- Start with a pickup from your Bayeux hotel in the morning and meet your private guide. Aboard your private minivan, sit back and enjoy the Normandy scenery on your 1.5-hour journey west to Rouen, the capital of Upper Normandy.

Listen to a historical introduction to Rouen, one of medieval Europe’s largest and most prosperous cities. Hear how it was one of the capitals of the Anglo-Norman dynasties, which ruled both England and large parts of France between the 11th and 15th centuries.

Walk to Rouen Cathedral, an exceptional Gothic church topped by the highest spire in France. Art lovers may recognize the cathedral’s exterior from Monet’s series of paintings that highlight the Gothic façade at different times of day and in various lights. Inside, see the narrow and high nave and look up to see stained-glass windows that date back to the 13th century.

After a break for lunch (own expense), follow your guide on a stroll along Rouen's cobblestone streets lined with old half-timbered houses — some that have scarcely changed since the Middle Ages. Look out for other Gothic monuments such as the Church of St Ouen, Church of St Maclou and the Hall of Justice as you walk.

See the Great Clock (Gros Horloge), a symbol of Rouen, before arriving at the city’s famous market square, where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in 1431. Hear the story behind Joan of Arc’s heroic quest through France during the Hundred Years’ War against England. Finish with a visit to the modern church St Joan of Arc, constructed after World War II.

Later in the afternoon, leave Rouen behind and travel to the lovely country village of Giverny, where Monet and his family lived until the artist's death in 1926. It was here that Monet painted some of his most beloved masterpieces.

Amble around the colorful lanes of Monet’s gardens and you’ll feel as if you’ve entered an Impressionist painting. Blooming flowers, bamboo trees and weeping willows surround a large glassy pond. Admire the tranquil water lilies and spot the iconic Japanese bridge seen in so many of Monet's paintings.

Follow your garden stroll with a visit to the artist's former house to see Monet’s collection of Japanese prints. Depending on the time left available, either pay a visit to Giverny Museum of Impressionisms with your guide or enjoy some free time to explore the village, perhaps seeing the church and cemetery where Monet is buried. Your tour then finishes with a drop-off at your Bayeux hotel in the evening.

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**Description:**
While in Bayeux, take a day trip to Rouen and Giverny to discover Normandy’s medieval past and visit the places that inspired Impressionist painter Claude Monet. Admire the Gothic architecture of Rouen Cathedral and visit the square where Joan of Arc was executed. Then, visit Monet’s house and gardens in Giverny to see the settings that inspired the artist's renowned water lily paintings. The itinerary on this tour can be customized to your preferences, but all entrance fees are at your own expense.

**Inclusions:**

Hotel pickup and drop-off

Transport by air-conditioned minivan (maximum 8 people)

Private guide

**Exclusions:**

Food and drinks

Gratuities

Guide's lunch (approximately €20)

Tickets fees

**Know Before You Book:**

- Duration: 8h

- Mobile tickets accepted

**Health items:**

Guides required to regularly wash hands, Transportation vehicles regularly sanitized

### Locations:

**Pickup:**
none

**Starts Notes:**
Traveler pickup is offered.<br>Bayeux train station and city center<br>Hotel pickup is offered. View the hotel list on our checkout page to see if yours is included among the pickup points.

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
standard

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
24
hours

**Cancellation Notes:**
If you cancel at least 7 days in advance of the scheduled departure, there is no cancellation fee.

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