

Avranches

Heading South, we head for one of the larger towns in the area. The return route takes you along the coast and there is an opportunity to look at Mont St Michel at Bec d'Andaine.

There are two areas to be cautious on. Firstly the D7 heading south to Avranches and through Avranches itself.

There are no places to eat or drink until Avranches, so go prepared.

Distance 54.5km / 34.0 miles

Places of Interest

Avranches**Saint-Gervais church**

Because of its rich qualities, the treasure reminds us of the importance of the old bishopric of Avranches. It is kept in Saint-Gervais church, an imposing eclectic building from the second half of the 19th century. Not to be missed is the famous skull of Saint-Aubert, founder of Mont-Saint-Michel, where one can see the hole left in his forehead by the finger of Archangel Michael

0930-1200 and 1400-1800

Municipal Museum - Place Jean de Saint-Avit

Visitors to the museum can discover the rich past of the Avranches area from the Middle Ages to more recent times. The collection comprises examples of local art and traditions as well as a replica of a rural family home - old costumes and headwear from the Avranches area, workshops of local craftsmen. In a vaulted Norman hall, a monastic scriptorium has been set up with tools, inks and pigments to recreate the atmosphere of medieval book production. This exhibition is a useful prelude to a visit to the Mont-Saint-Michel manuscripts.

1400-1800

Bec d'Andaine

Lovely view of Mont St Michel from here

There is a fine sanded beach with dunes

Genets

Solid granite 12-14th century church

Places to eat

24.6km Avranches, lots of places

30.2km Vains, bar and tabac

35.2km Genets, several places

There will be several other places after Genets, notably 44.7km Cap de l'Ouest bar

Route Description

Avranches –SHORT RIDE- Sunday 3rd. June 2012			
Inst.	Miles		Notes
	Total	Stage	
0	0.0	0.0	Head out the back exit of the campsite and bear left at the bottom
1	0.2	0.2	100metres TR at TJ, no SP towards the coast
2	0.5	0.3	800 metres TL at TJ, towards Lezeaux, along D21
3	1.2	0.7	1.9km In Lezeaux (small community) TL, SP ST Pierre-Langers 3, along D109
4	2.6	1.5	4.3km SO at XR - CARE AS FAST ROAD, SP St Pierre-Langers 0.5, along D109
5	3.2	0.5	5.2km TR at TJ, SP La Lucerne d'Outremer 5, then very shortly afterwards TL, SP Abbaye de la Lucerne 4, La haye Pesnel 7, along D109
6	4.5	1.4	7.3km TR at XR, SP La Rochell-Normande, 3.1
7	5.1	0.6	8.2km TL, SP La Rochelle-Normande 2.1, along D105
8	6.3	1.2	10.1km SO at XR, SP La Rochelle-Normande 0.5, Lolif 5, along D105
9	8.4	2.1	13.5km having passed through the small hamlet of La Rochelle-Normande, SO at XR, SP Lolif 2, along D105
10	9.6	1.2	15.4km In Lolif, bear left, SP Avranches 5, along D105 and continue through the village. There is nowhere to stop at in this village unfortunately
11	10.2	0.6	16.4km TL at XR (Stone cross RHS) SP Shavoy 4.5, along D241
12	12.1	1.9	19.5km TR at XR, SP Avranches 5, along D7. Care on this road, it's fast and straight. There is a cyclepath RHS towards the edge of Avranches
13	13.4	1.3	21.6km At the roundabout take the second exit (carry straight over) SP Avranches, and pass under the major road (N175)
14	13.8	0.4	22.2km Carry straight on, SP Centre Ville, passing shops (boulangerie LHS) either side
15	15.0	1.3	24.2km TL at roundabout, by the big stone wall, SP Centre Ville, Office de Tourisme
16	15.2	0.2	24.6km Centre. Explore the town. Once finished. You will have 2 choices, slightly less distance is back the way you came. I will though describe the route back via the coast which is the opposite way to another route done this week, and if you can do the distance is recommended (there is a short section of faster road) So from the centre of town head back to the stone wall and the Centre Ville sign, here SO at the roundabout, SP Toutes Directions (head downhill)
17	15.8	0.5	25.4km TL at the roundabout, SP Jullouville, Granville, along D973
18	16.1	0.3	25.9km At the roundabout SO, SP Cherbourg, Jullouville, along D973
19	16.5	0.4	26.6km TL at the roundabout, SP Vains, Jullouville, Genets, along D911
20	18.7	2.3	30.2km Vains, Bar-tabac here
21	21.8	3.1	35.2km Genets, food and drink here
22	22.1	0.3	35.6km On the outskirts of Genets TL, SP Bec d'Andaine, along D35
23	23.0	0.9	37.1km Bec D'Andaine, view of St Michels Mount
24	24.7	1.7	39.1km Bear left then right, following the coast LHS
25	26.5	1.7	42.6km Bear 90 degrees right away from the coast, heading towards St Jean-le-Thomas. In the village, follow the one way system to the right
26	26.9	0.4	43.3km TL at TJ, no SP, along D911 (Blue street sign-Allee C'Emenceau RHS)
27	27.7	0.8	44.7km Cap de l'Ouest Bar RHS, the road bears left after this
28	29.7	2.0	47.8km In Carolles, bear left SP Jullouville, then bear right SP Jullouville
29	29.8	0.1	48.1km Opposite the church, bear right, then left, SP Groussey, Bouillon, along D261
30	30.6	0.8	49.4km In Groussey, care SO, along D571 towards Bouillon and le Hamel
31	31.5	0.8	50.7km In le hamel, bear left then bear right, along D471
32	31.8	0.3	51.2km TL at TJ, SP St Pair y Mer 6, Granville 10, along D21. At Leseaux, bear left SP St Pair y Mer 5, Granville 9 and return to the campsite the way you left this morning
33	33.3	1.6	53.7km TR, SP St Aubin des Preaux 3, then left by the cross and back to the campsite
34	33.8	0.5	54.5km FINISH