



PAFRA

Pilots and Friends of Rochester Airport

I am organising another

“Over-Nighter” to Caen

A reminder of the concept:

Between the **Monthly One-Day Fly-outs** arranged by PAFRA, and the **whole Week Tour** that I have organised each summer, there is clearly a place in our Flying Calendar for an **“Over-Nighter”** i.e. 24 hours away with a One/Two night stay somewhere. A place where we can relax together in a convenient nearby hotel; have a meal; (+ drink without the worry about having to fly again too soon!); an evening where we can share ‘hangar talk’ etc.; and/or just ‘Chill out’. Although an outline programme is proposed, **pilots/people can come for whatever period they like and everyone is entirely free to use their time as they wish.**

The trip, as always, is not restricted to pilots/planes from Rochester/Lydd; but is open to all. Help & assistance is offered for those unfamiliar with ‘Going Foreign’.

Our Route and Travel arrangements: **either via Le Touquet or flying Direct to Caen:**

From Rochester/Lydd/ your airfield, fly Either Direct via NEVIL (1hr 10mins) or via Le Touquet (for regular Customs and only 2 hr PPR).



Customs and Landing

at Caen are strictly PPR: Arrival and departure subject to 24HR PPR for all flights requiring parking. PPR to be requested to aerotrafic@caen.cci.fr - (They usually reply quickly and in a friendly manner). Any aircraft which does not comply with these criteria and **does not have PPR number will not be allowed by ATC services.** For Customs: PN compulsory for extra-Schengen flights - MON-FRI: PN 24HR; SAT & SUN:PN 72HR Each request not compliant with PN will be refused. i.e. You must **apply Thursday morning, if arriving Friday and leaving Sunday.** Caen has RNP Approaches for both Rwy 13 and 31 & ILS for 31. There is Avgas (BP + Credit Cards).

Travel from Airport: There is a bus, Twisto, Liane 3, every 15 minutes to the centre of Caen. The reloading bus card costs 0.20€ and is available at the airport sale desk. Travel each way costs 1.50 €. For our hotel, alight at ‘Saint-Jean Eglise’ - it is then about a 6 minutes walk.

“Over-Nighter”

Caen

Friday - Sunday

3rd — 5th May

2024

Why Caen?

William the Conqueror made Caen a strategic centre during the Middle Ages and to this day you can explore its charming medieval streets and half-timbered houses. Caen’s two abbeys, the *Abbaye aux Hommes* and the *Abbaye aux Dames*, date back 1,000 years and are jewels of Norman Romanesque architecture. They were built in preparation for William the Conqueror’s wedding with his cousin, *Matilda of Flanders*. Inside the *Abbaye aux Hommes*, you can’t miss William’s imposing tomb.

Thousands of British and French forces landed on Sword Beach in *Caen la Mer* on June 6, 1944. The **Caen Memorial** is truly THE reference museum when it comes to the Second World War—a worthwhile visit requires though about 3 - 4 hours.

The **D-Day Wings Museum** (which being near the airport should perhaps be best done on the day of landing or departure) is the only museum in Normandy devoted to the aircrafts and air operations on D-Day. It is the place to learn all about the missions, aircrafts and airforce personnel.



Saturday Dinner:

I will arrange a Dinner at **La Poterne**, 9 rue de Vaugueux, a popular restaurant for our dinner at 7.30pm.

Suggested Hotel:

There is a wide range of hotels in Caen. I have booked into the **Hôtel Mercure Caen Centre Port de Plaisance*****, 1 rue de Courtonne, Caen [If booked directly, they allow cancellation up to 25.59 the previous night of arrival]

PILOTS MUST MAKE THEIR OWN DIRECT BOOKING FOR ACCOMMODATION

Do send me a text/mobile phone # if you are interested and/or would like further information. I can then add you to the **WhatsApp group** which will keep you updated and is useful for making contact during the trip itself.

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