

Barfleur



25km east of Cherbourg is the beautiful little harbour village of Barfleur that was once the biggest port in Normandy. Also a short 30 minute walk will take you to Gatteville the second tallest lighthouse in France. It protects sailors from the dangerous rocks that drowned William, the son of Henry 1st in 1120 along with 300 of his nobles.

Unlike other ports that have been overtaken by tourism Barfleur has remained unspoilt and kept its charm



Barfleur has an attractive and active fishing port, Dominated by the Church of St Nicholas the fishing port is still active. The streets are lined with sturdy granite houses, each with white shutters to brighten the facades and some pleasant small beaches are nearby within walking distance.

Barnville-Carteret



Facing Jersey and Guernsey is the beautiful beaches of Barneville and Carteret. Barneville is built on the top of a hill with a fortified roman church. The beach is ideal for families (supervised between July and August) with its golden sands protected in the bay and blessed by the afternoon and evening sun.

Around the headland, that is topped with the lighthouse and also houses a church ruin there are mile sand miles are golden sand. So much so that it is used for sand-yachting and speed-sailing. This is the perfect place to relax away from the Madden crowd with nothing but the blue sea in front of you and sand dunes with wild landscape behind it. These are two of our favourite beaches. The crowds have all headed to the south of France leaving the beaches of the North quiet and uncrowded.