

## *Cité de la Mer Cherbourg*



### *The thrill of the deep*

La Cité de la Mer, opened in April 2002, and is a vast scientific, cultural and fun centre. It displays the immense riches of the oceans and oceanographic exploration. It has attracted a million visitors already and it is launching a second extension phase.

It is housed in the former Cherbourg trans-Atlantic passenger docks which helped to save and restore the Art Deco masterpiece, the former

trans-Atlantic passenger terminal. Here you can also visit the nuclear submarine *Le Redoutable* the biggest submarine open to the public in the world.

There is a 3 hour attraction that takes you on a journey to the abyss with one of the deepest aquariums in Europe (10.70m) containing over 3,500 fish. The submarine tour is 45 minutes explaining how the submarine works and what life onboard is like for its crew.

### OPENING TIMES

1<sup>ST</sup> July to 31<sup>ST</sup> August 9.30 to 7pm    September 9.30am to 6pm October to 31<sup>ST</sup> December 10am to 6pm    Closed Christmas Day and New Years Day

## *Cap De La Hague Cherbourg*



At the north western tip Normandy is **Cap de la Hague**. It has wild landscapes of great beauty with small villages in their traditional form. Said to be magnificent and most haunting by many it is also a place for migratory birds as it never freezes. The views are stunning and ever changing. The climate also bodes well for the tropical garden at Vauville Castle which has palm trees from central China and eucalypti and bamboos. The gardens are owned by Guillaume Pellerin and have beautiful setting overlooking

the sea. Guillaume has made it his life's work to create a tropical haven. Originally started by his father in the 1950's with four acres he now has 10 acres.