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Trips

Trip Numbers

Trip Stop

Walking tour

Trip Detour

Route Markers

Hydrography

Canal

Areas

River/Creek

Water

Glacier

Beach

Park

Urban Area

Forest

Sportsground

Cemetery

(Christian)

Cemetery (Other)

E-road network

M100 National network

Intermittent River

Swamp/Mangrove

Dry/Salt/ Intermittent Lake

Map Legend

Routes

Trip Route Trip Detour

Linked Trip

Walk Route

Tollway Freeway

Primary Secondary

Tertiary Lane

Unsealed Road Plaza/Mall

Steps = Tunnel Pedestrian

Overpass Walk Track/Path

Boundaries

-- International State/Province - Cliff

- Wall **Population**

Capital (National) ◉

Capital (State/Province) City/Large Town

Town/Village

Transport

Airport

++⊕++ Cable Car/ Funicular

Parking

Tram

Underground Train Station

Symbols In This Book

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Your Trips













Essential Photo







Sights

Beaches

Activities

Courses Tours

Festivals & Events Sleeping

Eating

Drinking

Entertainment

Shopping

Information & Transport

These symbols and abbreviations give vital information for each listing:

Telephone number

Opening hours

P Parking

Nonsmoking

Air-conditioning

Internet access

Wi-fi access

Swimming pool

Vegetarian selection

English-language menu

Family-friendly

Pet-friendly

□ Bus

😟 Ferrv

Tram ☐ Train

apt apartments

d double rooms

dm dorm beds

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r rooms

s single rooms

ste suites

tr triple rooms tw twin rooms

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Destinations

Normandy (p50)

From the Norman invasion of England in 1066 to the D-Day landings of 1944, Normandy has long played an outsized role in European history.

Lille, Flanders & the Somme (p80)

When it comes to culture, cuisine, beer, shopping and dramatic views of land and sea – not to mention good old-fashioned friendliness – these regions compete with the best France has to offer.

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Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Melbourne, London and Oakland, with more than 600 staff and writers. We share Tony's belief that 'a great guidebook should do three things: inform, educate and amuse'.

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