

TOURIST SITES AND ACTIVITIES AROUND CANINATURE

CITIES AND TOWNS

NONANCOURT: SMALL TOWN, 4 KILOMETRES WEST

- Small boutiques
- Some restaurants
- Open-air market: Wednesdays 8-13

DREUX: CITY, 7 KILOMETRES EASTBOUND ON THE N12

- Everything you expect of a small city with regards to services and shops
- Cute car-free centre with shops and restaurants
- Several historic monuments: chapels, chateau...
- Open-air markets: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 8-13
- Free parking for two hours in these two underground garages: Parking Mésirard, at place Mésirard, and Parking Métézeau, at place Métézeau.
- Tourist info: <http://www.ot-dreux.fr/>

VERNEUIL SUR AVRE: CHARMING MEDIEVAL TOWN, 26 KM WESTBOUND ON THE N12

- Several historic landmarks
- Old, charming city centre
- Several large, fastfood-type restaurants around the town perimeter
- Traditional French restaurants in the town centre
- Open-air market: Saturday, Sunday 8-13
- Tourist info: <http://www.normandie-sud-tourisme.fr/>

CHARTRES: CITY, 50 KILOMETRES SOUTH, FOLLOW N154 FROM DREUX

- Charming city centre with old wooden houses, outside restaurants and boutiques
- Famous cathedral, the goal for annual pilgrimages from Paris
- Art museum
- "Maison de picassiette", house covered by broken porcelain pieces
- Nearby Maintenon castle
- Open-air market: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-13
- Chartres light show: every night mid-April-early October (dates change every year)
- Tourist info: <http://www.chartres-tourisme.com/>

PARIS: 80 KILOMETRES EAST ALONG THE N12

The best way to spend a day in Paris is that you take the car to the train station in Dreux (7 kilometres), park the car in the outdoor parking next to the station and from there take the train Transilien to the end station Paris Montparnasse. Depending on the train, it takes 45-75 minutes. This train also stops in Versailles. From Montparnasse you can either start exploring Paris by foot or take the subway around.

The Dreux-Paris trains run in both directions about once per hour all day and until a bit past midnight, so please check the departure times for your return train before heading out into Paris. Depending on how you plan to get around, it may be advantageous to buy a day ticket for subways and buses in Paris; these are available at the Montparnasse stations. Have fun! ☺

SITES

GARDENS OF MONET: IN GIVERNY, 65 KILOMETRES NORTH-EAST

Where Monet painted many of his most famous works.

Tourist info: <http://giverny.org/>

VERSAILLES: 65 KILOMETRES EAST, FOLLOW THE N12

The famous castle and gardens of Louis the 13th -16th, and Marie Antoinette.

Tourist info: <http://www.chateauversailles.fr/>

ETRETAT: 173 KILOMETRES NORTH-WEST

Cute town by the ocean with famous cliff formations along beautiful coastline.

Tourist info: <http://www.etretat.net/>

REIMS AND THE CHAMPAGNE DISTRICT: 270 KILOMETRES NORTH-EAST

All the famous champagne makers are located around the charming city of Reims; you can follow prepared trails or focus on your favorites when visiting vineyards, cellars and souvenir shops of the legendary brands.

Tourist info: <http://www.champagne.fr/>

MONT ST MICHEL: 300 KILOMETRES WEST

The famous monastery island, one of France's top tourist destinations, is located in the beautiful coastal region with cute towns and fishing villages.

Tourist info: <http://www.ot-montsaintmichel.com/en/accueil.htm>

ACTIVITIES

GO CART: 7 KILOMETRES EASTBOUND ON THE N12

Info: <http://www.prokarting.fr/>

RACE CAR DRIVING: 7 KILOMETRES EASTBOUND ON THE N12

Always dreamt of pushing a Lamborghini or Ferrari to its max around sharp bends? At this race car centre you can get lessons in driving a fast sports car and then try it out on their tracks.

Info: <http://www.pro-pulsion.com/>

PAINTBALL: 19 KM WESTBOUND ON THE N12

Info: <http://www.acting-paintball.fr/>

CENTER PARC: WATER ACTIVITY PARC, 38 KM WESTBOUND ON THE N12

Center Parc is chain of activity complexes where you can stay or visit for the day, and have access to many different activities. The closest one, Les Bois-Francis, is located about 30 minutes from Caninature, near the charming city of Verneuil sur Avre on the N12 and offers, among other activities, a big aqua park and horseback riding.

Info: <http://www.centerparcs.fr/>

PARC ASTERIX: 130 KILOMETRES NORTH-EAST

Amusement parc that many consider friendlier and nicer than Euro-Disney.
Buy the tickets online before going for better price.

Info: <http://www.parcasterix.fr/>

EURO DISNEY: 130 KILOMETRES EAST

The most famous amusement parc of France with special programs and shows all year round.
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<http://www.disneylandparis.fr/>