

What is it? Bike Normandy offer guided tours on road and off the beaten track for those who want to explore France on two wheels. The Bike Normandy guys live out there, so they know what's what in the area. With this local knowledge they will take you out on rideouts throughout Normandy and beyond on some stupendously good roads. You can choose whether you want to ride all day with short stops en route or prolonged stops at places of interest to split up the riding. They also cater for a wide range of different customers, from the sports bike rider to the dedicated tourer. So no matter what type of rider you are, organisers John and

Jeanette Eggleton can satisfy

your needs. They like to stress that it's not a slow-moving tour of the battlefields (unless that's what you want).

Bike Normandy also offers off-road tours, led by national competition-standard riders who will take you along the best routes in the Pays d'Auge and Suisse Normandie areas. Unlike in this country, trail bike riding is not frowned upon in France, so instead of judgemental stares from ramblers you get to enjoy the rolling countryside without winding up the locals.

Where is it? Between

Vimoutiers and Argentan, and only 5km from Camembert, 'Le Champ Masse' is situated on 'Hill 262', the scene of the final battles of Normandy

during WWII. The accommodation houses up to 10 people, so get some mates organised and get out there.

How much does it cost?

Prices, including bed. breakfast, four-course dinner, all evening drinks and three days of guided riding are: On Road £219 per rider, per three-day/

two-night inclusive break. £189 per pillion, per threeday/two-night inclusive break. Off-road

£219 per rider, per two-day/ two-night inclusive weekend break.

How do I get there? The Transmanche service remains the cheapest crossing to

Normandy and operates

between Newhaven and Dieppe.

If you contact Bike Normandy prior to travelling, they can offer a five-day return for a bike and up to two passengers at £55 for a trip at anytime during the summer.

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"Amazing - great roads, great guides, great hospitality and gourmet food to boot! You could not ask for any more -I'll be back!"

Contact John and Jeanette at Bike Normandy on 0033-233-350065 or www.bikenormandy.com





ALL your drinks are thrown in!

