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Newsletter

<u>Equestrian</u>

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# Sports in Normandy

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### Le Haras du Pin (Stud Farm)

The Haras du Pin, located in L'Orne County, is considered to be "the equestrian Versailles". Nestles in a green haven covering more than 1,000 ha (2,471 acres), this magnificent 18<sup>th</sup> century stud farm was built by order of the French king Louis the XIV<sup>th</sup> as a royal stud farm. Its main goal was to strengthen bloodlines through controlled breeding and it is still the Haras du Pin's main practice today. The Haras, with its castle and stables, is a perfect example of the classical architecture style and was built between 1715 and 1736.

The 21st Century paves the way for a new-style State-run National Stud institution, having the aim of promoting the equine field through breeding & research, training, developing equestrian tourism and providing advice & expertise. In total, the site of Le Pin houses more than 230 horses, a quarter of which are stallions.

Open to the public, do not miss the visit of this true temple to the horse and enjoy one of the many equestrian shows showcase all year-round.



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#### Selection of Events

1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October - Equestrian Show "From farmland to scene" - Juvigny-Val-d'Andaine

**7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October** - French National Republican Guard Parade & Show - Saint-Lô

13<sup>rd</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October - International Jumping Competition - Saint-Lô

16th to 23rd October - Show "William's cavalcade in the Bocage" - various places in Calvados

15th & 30th October - Equestrian & Circus Show - Le-Pin-Au-Haras

18th to 21th October - Galop Expo - Horse Fair & Yearlings Sales - Deauville

11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November - Juniors, Children, Poneys & Amators Competition - Deauville

14th & 15th November - Autumn Horses Sales - Deauville

17th to 20th November - EQUI SEINE (National competition and Horse Fair) - Rouen

2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December - International Jumping Competition - Deauville

21st & 28th December - Christmas Equestrian Show - Le-Pin-Au-Haras

More events on the <u>Normandy tourism website</u>, on the <u>Regional Equestrian Committee of Normandy website</u> and on the <u>Norman Horses Council website</u>.

### Accommodation & info

#### Accomodation nearby

If you're planning a horse riding trip in Normandy, the **Relais de Cisai** located in Cisai St Aubin, just 15 km away from the Haras du Pin stud farm, offers facilities for horses and comfort for the riders. Enjoy the *gîte* (furnished rental home) or the *Chambres d'hôtes* (B&B) which could be rented for one, several nights or a week!

Chambres d'hôtes: from 60€/room/night (for 2 people)

Big gîte (max.6 people): from 250€ to 620€ (for a week)

Little gîte (2 people): from 195€ (for a week)

#### Le Relais de Cisai



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#### Emblematic horses rides itineraries in Normandy The national stud route

The National Stud Route is a riding itinerary of 120 miles in Normandy which promises horse riders, whether beginners or experienced, a journey into the amazing universe of the horse from Le Haras du Pin (L'Orne) to Le Haras de Saint-Lô (La Manche).



Stage 1: Haras national du Pin - Argentan

In the first stage, you will go from Le Haras du Pin to the beautiful city of Argentan over an 11 miles ride.

Download the itinerary online

## Horse riding in Normandy

The Normandy Regional Committee of Tourism gives you all the information about horse riding in Normandy (map of riding trails, adresses of clubs, contact of horse friendly accommodation...).



Have a look at the website to plan your trip in Normandy: www.en.normandie-tourisme.fr/things-to-do/sport-and-activities/horse-riding-437-2.html



