Portsmouth Caen Friendship Committee – Trip to Caen, March 25th 2017.

Hello and thank you for your interest in our forthcoming trip to Caen, Portsmouth’s twin-town, just across the channel and within easy reach of our city.

This is the first such trip we are offering.

In order to make booking through the French agency easier. I have been charged with collating all the wishes of customers in advance, rather everyone individually sending requests to the agency in France.

I can then translate these requirements into a format the agency in France can easily process and they will then send you an e-mail with information on how you can pay for your place on this trip.

By filling out this table, you are registering your desire to participate in the forthcoming planned trip from late on Friday March 24th to early on Sunday March 25th.

You will receive an e-mail as a result from the agent in France. (I will have helped construct all the e-mails). It will not necessarily be a rapid response. This e-mail will lead to their website’s online paying system.

If you feel you would rather pay in cash or by cheque, this can be arranged, but you would have to contact me separately about this possibility. Secure online payment by credit card directly with our partner agency is the easiest and most secure method.

Once you have paid the required fee, your place is the trip is guaranteed.

Remember we do need a minimum of 20 people to allow the trip to run. If we do not have the required 20 participants by March 14th and you have paid, the entire amount will be refunded to you, during the following week. (We hope that this will not be the case).

If you decide you must cancel after March 14th, we cannot refund anything, as we will have booked and paid for the ferry and other costs by this time. (You may be able to take out a private insurance policy, with an insurance company of your choice, to cover any need you may have to cover such an event.)

The quoted £99 per person price includes: Return transfer on the car-ferry with reclining seat, Continental breakfast in a restaurant opening especially for us in Ouistreham, all coach transfers, two course dinner in a restaurant in Caen (water will be on the table).

You may add a berth in a cabin to your ticket. We have a special rate for our tickets and cabins, however we have to pay per cabin. We are confident that £15 per person per crossing will cover cabin occupancy and not lead to a loss. We may need to add £5 single cabin occupancy; however, we hope that this will not be the case. It may be possible to arrange for single travellers to share with another participant.

The cabins will either be 2 berth or 4 berth and have private bathroom with shower, WC and wash basin. Towels are provided and usually some liquid soap/shower gel. Cabins do have French power sockets (bring your adaptor).

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Other requirements (dietary information etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you indicate you are interested in the tapestry and the abbey you would need to bring around €15 in cash to cover the entry to these places. We will organise these visits subject to demand on board the ferry or at breakfast time in Ouistreham.

Bayeux Tapestry will cost at most €10 (if we have 10+ going) and the Abbey costs around €4,50. We will get a slight reduction the more we take…

The British Cemetery in Bayeux is a World War 2 cemetery dedicated to British troops who lost their lives in the Bayeux area after D-day in 1944 and is well worth a visit if you have never seen one before. It is free to visit.

Still have a question?

E-mail me: portsmouth-caen.twinning@virginmedia.com

Call: 07972 922627

The French travel agency’s full terms and conditions and details (over 11 pages) can be found on this link. (in case anyone wants to read them)

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/59400312/All%20Terms%20and%20Conditions%20of%20the%20website%20www.pdf>

These terms and conditions are also linked on our newsblog on our committee’s website.

Please remember, it is your responsibility to have a valid passport or EU identity card with you for this trip.

We highly recommend, if you have already got one, that you obtain an EHIC card. This card covers many medical treatments required in France, should the need arise. However, it is not a valid replacement for personal travel insurance. This can be obtained for a few pounds for such a trip as ours from places like comparethemarket.com, (which will also offer you a full year’s subscription to their 2 for 1 cinema tickets for buying travel insurance). Other insurance companies and comparison website also offer similar deals.

Further details can be found here:

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx>

If you have an EHIC, do check it is still valid as they do expire and you are not generally written to to remind you of the expiry. The EHIC will be cost free if you use the link above.

A reminder of what is included in the £99 price for the trip.

* Return journey by car ferry to Caen-Ouistreham, including reclining seat.
* Coach transfers from Ouistreham to Bénouville, Bayeux, Caen and back to Ouistreham. Stops at a hypermarket and wine, beer and spirits superstore in Ouistreham just before our return.
* Breakfast in a café bar in Ouistreham, which is opening especially for us. A chance there to buy some locally home-made Norman produce.
* Dinner in a Caen city restaurant, with a chance to meet members of the Caen-Portsmouth twinning association of Caen.
* Accompaniment by French speakers for the entire journey and services of a local English speaking French tour guide in Normandy.
* You will, of course have the opportunity to have time to yourselves in Bayeux and Caen, should you so desire.
* Further details are included on the Itinerary available from our website:

<http://portsmouthcaen.wixsite.com/twinning/single-post/2017/01/18/Trip-to-Caen---March-25th-2017>