

## Quistreham/Caen to Caden: En Route Ideas

Have you done the **Mémorial de Caen**? <http://normandy.memorial-caen.com/> If not, it's a must if you are interested in the Normandy landings but if you have small children in tow ..... maybe not.

Then there is **Villedieu-les-Poeles** where they make everything copper from big church bells to pans. Nice place for lunch. (1 hour from Ouistreham)

<http://www.france-voyage.com/tourism/villedieu-poeles-934.htm>

[https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g1018911-Activities-Villedieu\\_les\\_Poeles\\_Manche\\_Basse\\_Normandie\\_Normandy.html](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g1018911-Activities-Villedieu_les_Poeles_Manche_Basse_Normandie_Normandy.html)

<http://www.brittany-ferries.co.uk/guides/france/normandy/villedieu-les-poeles>

### **Discover amazing places**

*between charming medieval streets and quaint cobbled pathways leading down to the river:*

- **Atelier du Cuivre** Etienne Dulin (**The Copper Workshop**), open all year round

- **Fonderie de Cloches** Cornille-Havard (**Bell Foundry**)

After that there is **Fougères**: <http://www.chateau-fougeres.com/en/castle/preparing-your-visit>

[https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction\\_Review-g196527-d247338-Reviews-Chateau\\_de\\_Fougeres-Fougeres\\_Ille\\_et\\_Vilaine\\_Brittany.html](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g196527-d247338-Reviews-Chateau_de_Fougeres-Fougeres_Ille_et_Vilaine_Brittany.html)



Fougères is home to the Château de Fougères, the largest medieval fortress in Europe. The history of Fougères is very much based around its château, around which the town sprang up in the Early Middle Ages. Originally a wooden fortress, the castle was rebuilt in stone after it was destroyed by Henry II of England in 1166 and it is the perfect example of a traditional medieval stronghold. It is built on a rocky islet that is sheltered by hills, surrounded by marshes, and on a bend of the river Nançon. The medieval district Fougères, especially around the Place de Marchix is where you can find several medieval half-timber houses. Due to the amount of cattle in the surrounding area, tanners, cloth makers and dyers worked their trade in Fougères leading to the shoe industry that made the town's fortune in the Industrial era.

1 hour 40 to/from Caden

Ouistreham has a very very nice beach.

