

CIRCUIT DÉCOUVERTE COURSEULLES-SUR-MER

To the rhythm of its fishing port

📍 3 km

🕒 1h30



Jetty | Photo : N. Papouin



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Near the carrousel place de Gaulle.

1 50 mm KWK39 German anti-tank gun

This is an example of the artillery that the Canadians had to face on Juno Beach against the Germans. The town was particularly armed by the occupying force due to its port.

2 « Bold » Tank of the 1st Hussars

The most famous in the range of special armoured vehicles developed by the Allies – dual propulsion by caterpillar tracks on land and by propeller on the water equipped with a buoyancy system. This tank was raised offshore in 1970.



« Bold » Tank | Photo : F. Dupont



Commemorative stone of the combattante
Photo : A. Perez-Nedelec

3 Commemorative stone of the combattante

Commemorative signs on the theme of the « Combattante » : a vessel that took part in the operations on 6 June 1944. On 14 June, it took Général de Gaulle from England to Courseulles-sur-Mer for his first return to France. Road studs are used to follow the path of signs along the avenue.

4 Jetée des pêcheurs

Built in the 19th century, it did have a sister jetty alongside it. They were destroyed during the occupation and the current jetty was rebuilt after the war.

Go down quai des Alliés.

5 Fish stalls

Opened in 2007, these stalls are used by fishermen to sell their daily catch. With 12 stalls rented annually, they represent the famous fish market.

6 Bassin de Joinville

Named after the Prince of Joinville, son of King Louis Philippe who was supposed to have been present in 1831 to lay the first stone of the new port.

Take the bridge on your left and then turn left to go up to the outer harbor. If the bridge is closed to traffic, go around the port.



7 Bassin d'échouage and bassin de plaisance

At the end of the outer harbor, turn left into Juno Park.

8 Parc Juno, les jardins de la mer

Information areas on the history of Courseulles-sur Mer and its natural environment.

At a bend in the path you will see: Observation post R666

A bunker at the heart of the defence connected with the command post, it was an advanced position capable of providing information about enemy positions and movements.

(It is only accessible as part of visits to Parc Juno offered by the Juno Beach Centre).

Bunker R612 called « Cosy »:

Named in homage to Cosy Atken, a soldier of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Regiment who was responsible for destroying the bunker.

9 Juno Beach Centre

The unique Canadian museum on the D-Day Beaches. It relives the history of Canada and the involvement of Canadians in the conflicts of the Second World War.

Continue straight ahead, voie des Français Libres.

10 Cross of Lorraine

A symbol of the landing of Général de Gaulle on 14 June 1944 at this place. It conveys a powerful symbol of not falling under the supervision of a government of the Allies, which enabled the sovereignty of France to be restored.



Cross of Lorraine | Photo : A. Perez-Nedelec



Ile de Plaisance | Photo : A. Perez-Nedelec

Retrace your steps and walk down to the river following the path bordered by the wooden fence.

11 Ile de Plaisance

It takes its name [pleasure boating island] from the land that is surrounded on three sides by the river Seules and to the east by the harbour basin. « Plaisance » [pleasure boating] because a visionary called Nicolas Hervieux Duclos from 1831 decided that he would make this area a festive and recreational space based on the Grand Tivoli in Paris. This place was thus the stage of a vast project that gave rise to culinary delights as well as recreation park activities in the 19th century.

12 Parc à huîtres

In the 18th century the town had 300 parks. Now there is only one.

Go up the rue Marine Dunkerque, cross the road to Ver then take the walk along the Seules.

13 Meander of the Seules

The river Seules is 71 km long and its source can be found in Brimbois forest in the commune of Dialan-sur-Chaine (previously called Jurques).

Walk down the Allée de la Percherie. Cross the Rigaud Bridge on your right and enter the parc du chant des oiseaux.

14 Parc du chant des oiseaux

A natural environment on the banks of the river Seules providing a play area for children.



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Books on the commune on sale in our tourist office in Courseulles-sur-Mer.

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15 Old mill

This 15th century mill belonged to the Lord of Courseulles who collected the income that it generated. Previously there were two wheels in the mill to grind the wheat. The site of the mill, full of charm, was very popular with painters. In the past there was a boat wash-house on the Seules close to the mill.

Go up the path, along the wall of the castle, (beware of narrow sidewalks) pass in front of the market place and take a right on rue Amiral Robert you will find :

16 Musée du Vieux Courseulles

Here you will find an exhibition of traditional Norman objects, multi-coloured lace (from the manufacture of Courseulles lace), boat models of the Labrèque brothers and tools from the old shipyard.

(Subject to the opening to the public.)

17 Saint-Germain church

In 1785, the old church in Courseulles then located near the cemetery was at risk of collapsing. The central path of the cemetery corresponds to the outlines of the early church. It is also possible to see old tombstones of priests. Too dilapidated, it was destroyed by a storm and fire. It was then decided to build a new church in Clos Lucas at the heart of the village. In 1786, the new church was in the hands of carpenters and roofers. In this church you will find a large canvas given by Emperor Napoléon III in 1869 « Saint-Sixte and Saint-Laurent ».



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