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Welcome to Château la Chenevière

We are delighted that you have chosen to stay with us at Château la Chenevière.

Please be assured that every effort will be made to ensure that your visit will be a comfortable and memorable one.

This directory serves as a comprehensive guide to the hotel's services and facilities.

If you have any requests, dietary or otherwise, kindly let us know. We are here to ensure that your every need is fulfilled.

Should you need any assistance, please contact any member of the hotel team who will be pleased to be of service.

We hope you will enjoy your stay with us and wish you a very warm welcome in Normandy.

Yours sincerely

Carine BION-HETET
General Manager

Elise JOUGOUNOUX
Resident Manager



Your Room



All of our rooms are cleaned daily and have AC.

Please call reception (**by dialling 109**) if you do not wish for housekeeping to clean your room during your stay.

Your room is equipped with an individual safe deposit box. Should your items not fit, a larger one is at your disposal at the reception desk. We recommend placing all valuables in these secure locations, as the hotel disclaims all responsibility regarding the loss of valuables that were not deposited in the safes.

The local voltage is 220V. Adaptors are available for purchase at our boutique and for rental at the reception desk, with a 15€ refundable deposit.

In room beverages include complimentary coffee and tea, with the Zenius Nespresso machine, as well as soft drinks, which can be found in the mini bar.

All of our flat-screen TVs have a **Chromecast** system, which allows you to air programmes from your electronic devices straight onto the television in your room.

How to proceed:

Switch your television on

Select CONNECT

Scan the QR CODE

Choose your app directly from your smartphone

You can set your own alarm call on the TV. Please see the procedure at the back of the TV channel guide. We also offer a 24/7 wake up call service. Please contact the front desk (109) and specify the time you wish to be called.

You will find our welcome products in your room. A hairdryer is available in your bathroom, as well as a magnifying mirror. We can also provide a non-slip mat for your shower/bath.

Please call the reception desk, should you unfortunately experience any technical issues.

Reception



Our team remains at your disposal 24/7 to ensure that you have a wonderful stay at Château la Chenevière.

Our reception desk has a concierge service. For all inquiries, please dial 109. Our concierge can organise hairdressing appointments (at a hair salon or on site at the hotel), fitness classes or book you a massage in our treatment room.

We offer a shoe cleaning and shining service. Please contact reception (109) and leave your shoes outside your door.

A night porter is at your disposal from 11pm until 7am.

For your security, the gates of the hotel close at midnight, for the night. We kindly advise you to let reception know should you go out after midnight and leave your key at the reception desk.

Telephone, Internet, Photocopy



Hotel Services

To call reception and room service, dial 109

To call another room, dial its room number (ex: room 214, dial 214)

External calls

To make a call to France: dial 0+ phone number

To make an international call: dial 0 + 00 + area code + phone number

To be reached at the hotel: your caller should dial 02 31 51 25 21 and ask for your room number

Emergency numbers

For all emergencies please call reception 109

We offer complimentary Wi-Fi. We also have a business corner on site, which includes a computer and a printer available 24/7.

We also offer a complimentary laptop with a printing option during your stay. Should you be interested, please ask reception.

Should you be experiencing some issues with your Wi-Fi connection, please get in touch with reception.

We can also photocopy documents for you.

Prices are: 0.30€ per page and 2.50 € for 10 pages

Our Restaurants



Our restaurants celebrate French gastronomy and serve locally sourced produce. Both Le Botaniste, our fine-dining restaurant, and Le Petit Jardin, have a “from vegetable garden to table” philosophy.

Breakfast



The breakfast buffet (32€ per person) and eggs à la carte are available from 7.30am until 10am in the restaurant located on the ground floor of the hotel. Bread and pastries come from the famous Fournil de Saint Loup (bake house), with honey made by the in-house beehives. A continental breakfast can be served in your room from 7.30am to 11am. (27€ per person). An express take-away breakfast, which includes a hot drink, orange juice and homemade cakes is available every day from 6.30am to 11am for 19€ per person.

Le Botaniste, a fine-dining experience

Open Tuesday to Saturday from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. We strongly advise to book ahead. Set menu from 65€.

Le Petit Jardin, from garden to table

Open from Thursday to Monday from 12pm to 13.30pm and 7pm to 10pm. Lunch set menu from 20€.

Every Sunday lunch from 12pm to 13.30pm, enjoy our menu a la carte

Our Bars



Located on the ground floor, Le Botaniste’s bar welcomes you every day from 4pm.

Enjoy a cocktail under Le Petit Jardin’s conservatory before your meal.



Room Service

A room service menu is available from 11am to 2,30am which includes breakfast or an afternoon snack. The menu is available in your room, please dial 109.

Snack menu

A light meal service is available from 11am to 7pm and from 9.30pm to 2am, served at Le Botaniste’s bar.

We also provide take-away picnic hampers. Please order these the day before at the reception desk.

Sports and leisure activities at la Chenevière

Swimming Pool – free access



With its deck chairs, parasols and palm trees, the Château's pool area welcomes you in a lush green setting. Open from the 15th May until 30th September, from 8am until 7pm, our outdoor heated swimming pool is 2m10 deep and also has a children's pool area.

Please be advised that we do not have any lifeguards on site. Parents should be on alert of their children.

Tennis – free access

Booking is advised for the tennis court; rackets are at your disposal at the reception desk.

Bicycles

Electric bicycles are available for rental for either half a day or a full day.

Just ask, and we will be happy to advise you.



Board Games and DVDs

Board games and a DVD library are available at the reception desk. We also offer complimentary popcorn.

Kitchen Garden

You are welcome to walk around our garden which includes a collection of exotic and centennial trees, as well as a permaculture vegetable garden.

Helipad

Please contact reception (109) for further information.

Massages and Beauty Treatments

For a little piece of heaven away from home, massages and beauty treatments can be enjoyed in the comfort of your room. Please contact reception (109) to check our treatment list and book an appointment. The price list can be found at the end of the directory.



Laundry service



You'll find a laundry bag in your room's closet. Please inform reception if you have any clothes and garments to be collected from your room. Please refer to and complete the appropriate form (located in your wardrobe) listing your requirements. Overnight shoeshine is also available (please call 109).

Children



We have extra baby beds, high chairs, changing tables, baby monitors, kid-friendly games & DVDs and kids menus at our restaurants. We can also heat your child's food. Babysitting can also be set up with prior notice, please contact reception (109).

Pets



We know that your pets are part of your family and therefore we treat them as real guests at Château la Chenevière.

We provide beds and bowls for them to also experience the 5-star treatment!

Please let us know as soon as you book your room that you'll be joined by your pet, so we can make sure that he receives all the attention he deserves!

Pet service costs 40 €/night.



Conference Rooms



The Conference room

A modern room equipped with the latest technology: a wall screen and a wireless system Clickshare.

Capacity: up to 120 people

To request a quote and availability, please contact Mme Fauquet :

francoise.fauquet@lachenievriere.com

General Information



For your own and other clients' well-being, Château la Chenevière does not allow any smoking inside the building. Please have your cigarette break on our outdoor terraces. Thank you for your understanding.

Check out time is at 12pm. If you require a late check out or wish to extend your stay, please call reception to check availability. Please note that a charge may be incurred for a late checkout.

We have a range of digital press, available online:

Website: www.pressreader.com

Download the free App PressReader

You'll be able to also use it freely outside of the hotel

Unfortunately, we cannot do anything about the weather, however umbrellas are available at reception, should you require one.

Don't hesitate to call reception, for us to help you with your luggage. We can store them safely until your departure, although we advise you to remove any money, jewellery and other valuable items (electronical, etc.)

We accept the following means of payment: cash, American Express, Visa, Eurocard and Mastercard.

La Chenevière has a private parking secured by video surveillance and closed at night by an electric gate.

We suggest that you don't leave anything valuable in your room outside your safe deposit box, and that you keep your valuables on you in our public areas.

Extra complimentary amenities are available 24/7 at our reception desk: pillows, towels, sewing kit, shoe shine sponge, pocket comb, dental kit, razor, shaving foam, sanitary pads, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion.

An electric shoe polisher is available near the elevator.

The front desk will be happy to give you all of the necessary information about the different ways to move around the area. They will also be able to assist you in ordering a taxi (109).

Environmental policy



At Château la Chenevière, we are fully conscious of the importance of preserving and protecting the environment and have undertaken a program of environmental management to make an active contribution towards the improvement of the quality of life for future generations, facilitating the reduction of pollution and environmental protection towards eco-sustainability. We are fully trying to reduce our impact on the environment, being aware that this is only a small contribution to the cause.

Examples of everyday actions:

- Recycling of paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, cooking oil, toner cartridges.
- We compost all our vegetable waste.
- We use low energy light bulbs.
- We don't use tap water to water our plants, but rainwater as well as water from our wells.
- Since 2010, we use bioengineering application in wastewater treatment, which is entirely eco-friendly. The waste stabilization ponds reduce the organic content and remove pathogen from wastewater.

Raising awareness and training our staff:

- We do continuous training to improve staff awareness in order to avoid water and energy wastage and teach them the importance of waste sorting and recycling.
- We support individuals with disabilities by employing them or by working with businesses that employ them.

We can work together to make less impact on our surroundings: we encourage you to do the following:

- Reducing the replacement of bathroom towels and linen
- Switching the lights before leaving your room.
- Using heating and AC with moderation. Please switch everything off when you open the window.



Farm to table:



- Save the bees! Recent years have seen a steep and disturbing global decline in bee populations. Nature is very important to Château la Chenevière, which has consequently decided to take action in the hopes of preserving these insect pollinators, as their existence is vital to the survival of numerous species. The hotel has acquired several beehives since 2012 and serves its homemade honey for breakfast, and in various dishes and cocktails in both its restaurants.



- Uses the short food supply chain to obtain organic ingredients. Didier Robin, Head Chef at the gastronomic and Hugo Genty, get their supplies from small local producers out of respect for cultural traditions as well as the environment.
- Developed a vegetable garden using the “Permaculture” method. The hotel’s 1000 square metre vegetable garden, which had been planted in 2010, gradually transformed into a permaculture vegetable garden in 2018, under the care of Pierre Vandaële. In its upcoming projects, La Chenevière wishes to develop this vegetable garden over a 2-hectare land. This permacultural step will enable the hotel to amplify its existent policy. This progressive implementation of "Permaculture" has for aim to increase the hotel’s autonomy when it comes to vegetables, flowers, fruits, aromatic and medicinal plants, all the while developing harmonious vegetal spaces, which is essential to the well-being of wildlife, local flora and last but not least our clientele.



WHAT IS PERMACULTURE?



The word “Permaculture” was created in Australia in the 70’s by Bill Mollison and David Holmgren, following the unsettling observation that the agricultural industry was becoming more and more obstructive to our biodiversity. Mollison and Holmgren’s goal was to create an alternative yet efficient method which was respectful of nature.

They were inspired by a Japanese microbiologist, Masanobu FUKUOKA (1913/2008), who was a supporter of natural agriculture.

In his research, he used the forest as the definition of a “high efficiency”, “self-sufficient system”, and therefore as a model to the construction of sustainable, balanced human organisations, in the heart of a protected environment.

Permaculture’s ethic lies on three founding pillars:

- Taking care of our land (soil, water, plants, animals). This implies a rationed use of resources.
- Taking care of Mankind: ourselves, our close ones and the human community as a whole.
- Sharing resources in a fair and supportive manner.

While it was originally based on agriculture, the concept of Permaculture evolved to taking into account the entire human activity. It is now a philosophy of life adapted to our daily routine. It is not a list of does and don’ts, which we have to follow.

For Bill Mollison “the goal of Permaculture is to follow ways of life which won’t damage the environment, won’t exploit humans or living creatures, won’t contaminate soil but have to be economically feasible, and by consequence are sustainable in the long run.”

Sports and leisure activities in the region



Sand Yachting

Yachting and sand yachting initiation and excursions.

Golf

Calvados has 14 golf courses and is known as one of the top golf destinations in the world. You'll be able to enjoy a variety of golf courses in the region, from smaller and more challenging ones, to golf courses in the countryside or on the sea coast. *Please ask reception for our special prices « Château la Chenevière ».*

Jeeps, Quads, Buggy, Kart Cross

In a Willy's jeep, an authentic Second World War vehicle, follow in the footsteps of our liberators and relive history through the roads that led to freedom (with a chauffeur). Enjoy the incredible experience of exploring the magnificent countryside with rides over earth tracks through the Bessin hinterlands in a Buggy or Kart Cross, accompanied by a qualified and experienced guide.

Paragliding

Paragliding over the D-day Landing Beaches and the entire Calvados region.

Horse Riding

Pony and horse trekking for all levels. Short treks available in the countryside or on the beach for experienced riders.

Microlite Flights

Microlite flights take off at Courseulles-sur-Mer. First time flyers are welcome, as well as microlite flight enthusiasts to fly over the D-day Landing Beaches with commentaries in English upon request.

For more information or booking of any of these activities please contact our team at reception.



Places of interest around la Chenevière

The D-Day Landing Beaches

The unmissable

The Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer

The cemetery is located on a cliff overlooking Omaha Beach (one of the landing beaches of the Normandy Invasion) and the English Channel. It covers 70 ha (172 acres), and contains the remains of 9,387 American members of the military.

La Cambe German Cemetery

La Cambe is the largest military cemetery in lower Normandy. It was inaugurated on September 21st 1961. In total, there are 21,222 German soldiers commemorated here, of which 207 unknown and 89 identified are buried in a kamradengraben (or mass grave) below the central tumulus.

The English Cemetery in Bayeux

Bisected by the Bayeux ring road from the triumphal arch and the graves lies the largest British World War II cemetery in France. Here is the last resting place of 4,648 soldiers, sailors and airmen from all corners of the world, including 466 German soldiers.

La pointe du Hoc

Bombarded on June 6th by a team of 260 rangers led by Colonel Rudder, la pointe du Hoc was a German warren of gun emplacements connected by tunnels and underground rooms. Located on a cliff 8 miles west to the American Cemetery, the Pointe du Hoc monument was erected by the French to honour elements of the 2nd Ranger Battalion who scaled the 100 foot cliff and seized the objective at high cost.

Arromanches

Arromanches artificial port's purpose was to ease and speed up the unloading process so that Allied troops were supplied as they advanced across France after breaking out from Normandy. It was capable of moving 9,000 tons of vehicles and goods each day.

Sainte Mère l'Eglise

June 6th 1944 : 14,000 American soldiers from the 82nd Airborne parachuted into the small town of Sainte Mère l'Eglise. Paratrooper John Steele became famous for his parachute being caught in one of the pinnacles of the church tower, leaving him hanging on the side of the church.

Sword, Juno and Gold Beaches

Starting from Ouistreham at the mouth of the Orne and heading west (for 35 km on route D514) to Arromanches, one can find the three British and Canadian D-Day beaches.

Utah Beach

Utah Beach was the most westerly of the five beaches designated for the D-Day landings in June 1944. Located at the base of the Cotentin Peninsula, it was added by General Dwight Eisenhower to the original D-Day plan to ensure the early capture of the vital port of Cherbourg, at the north of the peninsula.

Bayeux

The Bayeux Tapestry

A UNIQUE MASTERPIECE FROM THE 11TH CENTURY

The 70m-long (231ft) tapestry offers a splendidly vivid depiction of the events leading up to the Norman Conquest of England in 1066.

Bayeux Cathedral

Bayeux Cathedral (Cathedral Notre Dame de Bayeux) is a Norman-Romanesque cathedral, located in the town of Bayeux. It is the seat of the Bishop of Bayeux. It was the original home of the Bayeux Tapestry and is a national monument of France.

The War Correspondents' Memorial

This heritage site is dedicated to reporters and to the freedom of the press. This memorial comprises white steles upon which the names of over 2,000 journalists, killed across the globe since 1944, are engraved. It was designed and produced by the Bayeux Council and Reporters Sans Frontières (Reporters Without Borders), and inaugurated on October 7th 2006.

Honfleur

Honfleur became an exceptional art hub in the beginning of the 19th century. Local artist Eugène Boudin, managed to bring to the area renown artists like Alexandre Dubourg, Claude Monet, Jongkind and Charles Baudelaire, among others.

Giverny Monet's Garden

Claude Monet first noticed the village of Giverny while looking out the window of a train he was riding. He made up his mind to move there and rented a house and the area surrounding it. In 1890, he had enough money to buy the house and its land and set out to create the magnificent gardens he wanted to paint. The stunning gardens are open to the public from April to October.

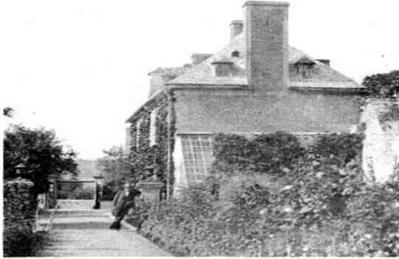
Mont Saint Michel

The Mont's bay and its architecture are Normandy's most visited site and France's 10th most visited site. UNESCO classed the Mont Saint Michel as a World heritage in 1979 and this mecca of tourism welcomes more than three million visitors a year.



History de La Chenevière

In the seventeenth century, La Chenevière was a place dedicated to the cultivation of hemp, used for making rope and clothing for fishermen. In the eighteenth century, the estate became the property of the Gosset family, who built a large house that gradually became the core of a large holding of land. From 1880, Gustave and Pierre Gosset, decided to expand operations and undertake improvements to their places of residence: a floor was added, as well as the wooden balconies and verandas. The property retains the vast stables, now converted into rooms, built at this time to house the mares and foals raised and weaned here before being sent to Barbeville Stud, owned by the Foy family in preparation for the famous Deauville yearling sales.



During World War II, the area was occupied by the Germans. In 1940, a stewardship unit resided on the property whose facilities accommodated from 70 to 80 horses. Soldiers of the Third Reich also lived on the grounds, and sometimes officers even stayed in the main house.

At the time of the D-Day landings, there were no longer any Germans in the house and the Royal Army Service Corps took residence. The town of Port-en-Bessin and La Chenevière became the crossing point for the fuel needed in military operations. Pipelines were installed, including half a dozen around the property, passing through the village to the town of Commes, where the reserve tanks were situated. Behind the house, a pumping station allowed to feed the troops vehicles passing through the artificial harbour at Arromanches.



In 1988 the castle was bought by Marie- Françoise and Thomas Dicker after belonging to the Gosset family for 133 years. Together, they decided to turn it into a luxury hotel. This charming place full of history, which they call "La Chenevière" in honour of the nickname given to the building in the time of hemp fields, "La Chenevrotte". The same year, the hotel is licensed. Four years later, in 1992, Le Manoir restaurant joins Small Luxury Hotels of the World group.