

Avranches

Heading South, we head for one of the larger towns in the area, where on Sunday, hopefully something will be open. The ride loops to Brecey which has some pretty buildings. The return route takes you along the coast and there is an opportunity to look at Mont St Michel at Becd'Andaine.

There are no places to eat or drink until Avranches, so go prepared.

Distance 54.5km / 34.0 miles

Places of Interest**1) Avranches****Saint-Gervais church**

Because of its rich qualities, the treasure reminds us of the importance of the old **bishopric of Avranches**. It is kept in **Saint-Gervais church**, an imposing eclectic building from the second half of the 19th century. Not to be missed is the famous **skull of Saint-Aubert**, founder of Mont-Saint-Michel, where one can see the hole left in his forehead by the finger of Archange Michael

0930-1200 and 1400-1800

Municipal Museum - Place Jean de Saint-Avit

Visitors to the museum can discover the **rich past of the Avranches** area from the Middle Ages to more recent times. The collection comprises examples of **local art and traditions as well as a replica of a rural family home - old costumes and headwear from the Avranches area, workshops of local craftsmen**. In a vaulted Norman hall, a **monastic scriptorium** has been set up with tools, inks and pigments to recreate the atmosphere of medieval book production. This exhibition is a useful prelude to a visit to the Mont-Saint-Michel manuscripts.

930.1200 1400-1800

2) Brecey

Pretty buildings in this small township

3) Becd'Andaine

Lovely view of Mont St Michel from here

There is a fine sanded beach with dunes

4) Genets

Solid granite 12-14th century church

Places to eat

Please note that this is Sunday, so there is no guarantee that anything will be open

24.6km Avranches, lots of places

36.7km Brecey

59.5km Vains, bar and tabac

64.5km Genets, several places

73.9km Cap l'Ouest café

Route Description

Avranches, Brecey –LONG RIDE- Sunday 3rd. June 2012			
Inst.	Miles		Notes
	Total	Stage	
0	0.0	0.0	Head out the back exit of the campsite and bear left at the bottom
1	0.2	0.2	100metres TR at TJ, no SP
2	0.5	0.3	800 metres TL at TJ, towards Lezeaux, along D21
3	1.2	0.7	1.9km In Lezeaux (small community) TL, SP ST Pierre-Langers 3, along D109
4	2.6	1.5	4.3km SO at XR - CARE AS FAST ROAD, SP St Pierre-Langers 0.5, along D109
5	3.2	0.5	5.2km TR at TJ, SP La Lucerne d'Outremer 5, then very shortly afterwards TL, SP Abbaye de la Lucerne 4, La haye Pesnel 7, along D109
6	4.5	1.3	7.3km TR at XR, SP La Rochell-Normande, 3.1
7	5.1	0.6	8.2km TL, SP La Rochelle-Normande 2.1, along D105
8	6.2	1.2	10.1km SO at XR, SP La Rochelle-Normande 0.5, Lolif 5, along D105
9	8.3	2.1	13.5km having passed through the small hamlet of La Rochelle-Normande, SO at XR, SP Lolif 2, along D105
10	9.5	1.2	15.4km In Lolif, bear left, SP Avranches 5, along D105 and continue through the village. There is nowhere to stop at in this village unfortunately
11	10.1	0.6	16.4km TL at XR (Stone cross RHS) SP Shavoy 4.5, along D241
12	12.0	1.9	19.5km SO at XR, SP Chavoy 1.5, along D241 cross D7. Care on this road, it's fast and straight.
13	12.6	0.6	20.3km TL at TJ, SP Chavoy 0.5, along D175
14	13.0	0.4	20.9km TR, SP Plomb 2.5, along D460 (just before church)
15	13.8	0.8	22.2km SO at XR, SP Plomb 1, along D460
16	14.6	0.8	23.5km Having passed through Plomb, pass over A84
17	15.9	1.3	25.6km Ste-Eugienne
18	16.5	0.7	26.7km SO at XR, SP Brecey 11
19	16.8	0.2	27km TL, (Effectively SO) no SP. The sign that continues to the right is Brecey 10, you can take this if you like and follow the signs (It avoids the climb here)
20	17.8	1.0	28.6km, carry SO at the XR
21	18.7	0.9	30.2km TR at XR, SP Brecey 6, along D39 and stay on this all the way to Brecey
22	22.8	4.1	36.7km Brecey. At the staggered XR, opposite the church TR, SP ST Hilaire, Avranches, along D999 LONGER ROUTE SUGGESTION - HEAD EAST for MORTAIN, along D911 (signed left by the church)
23	22.8	0.1	Take the next right, SP Tirepied, Avranche, along D911
24	23.0	0.2	37.1km TL, SP Le Petit-Celland, La Boulouze, along D104
25	24.0	1.0	38.7km TR, along La Brochardiere. (black sign) This is easy to miss as the D104, merges with the D106 here. By taking this turn, you remain on the D104
26	27.7	3.7	Carry SO, sign for Avranches 10 here, along D104
27	31.9	4.2	51.4km TL at TJ, no SP (Sign for St Brice, Plaine Hippique, D104, points back you way you came)
28	33.1	1.3	53.4km TL at roundabout, by the big stone wall, SP Centre Ville, Office de Tourisme
29	33.3	0.2	53.8km Centre. Explore the town. Once finished - from the centre of town head back to the stone wall and the Centre Ville sign, here SO at the roundabout, SP Toutes Directions (head downhill)
30	33.9	0.6	54.7km TL at the roundabout, SP Jullouville, Granville, along D973
31	34.3	0.3	55.3km At the roundabout SO, SP Cherbourg, Jullouville, along D973
32	34.7	0.4	55.9km TL at the roundabout, SP Vains, Jullouville, Genets, along D911
33	36.9	2.3	59.5km Vains, Bar-tabac here
34	40.0	3.1	64.5km Genets, food and drink here
35	40.3	0.3	65km On the outskirts of Genets TL, SP Bec d'Andaine, along D35
36	41.2	0.9	66.4km Bec D'Andaine, view of St Michels Mount
37	42.9	1.7	69.2km Bear left then right, following the coast LHS

38	44.6	1.7	71.9km Bear 90 degrees right away from the coast, heading towards St Jean-le-Thomas. In the village, follow the one way system to the right
39	45.0	0.5	72.6km TL at TJ, no SP, along D911 (Blue street sign-Allee C'Emenceau RHS)
40	45.8	0.8	73.9km Cap de l'Ouest Bar RHS, the road bears left after this
41	47.8	2.0	77.1km In Carolles, bear left SP Jullouville, then bear right SP Jullouville
42	48.0	0.2	77.3km Opposite the church, bear right, then left, SP Groussey, Bouillon, along D261
43	48.8	0.8	78.6km In Groussey, care SO, along D571 towards Bouillon and le Hamel
44	49.6	0.8	80km In le hamel, bear left then bear right, along D471
45	49.9	0.3	80.4km TL at TJ, SP St Pair y Mer 6, Granville 10, along D21. At Leseaux, bear left SP St Pair y Mer 5, Granville 9 and return to the campsite the way you left this morning
46	51.4	1.5	82.9km TR, SP St Aubin des Preaux 3, then left by the cross and back to the campsite
47	51.9	0.5	83.7km FINISH