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Hot property: five homes for sale in Normandy, France

From a house with a river outside and an amazing pool inside to a manor with stud farm and gîtes



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Château, Domjean, €2.5mn

Where In the Manche département of Lower Normandy. Domjean village and its shops are within a 5-minute drive and the closest city is Caen, about an hour away.

What A 900 sq m château with 11 bedrooms and 10 bathrooms, decorated in a traditional style. The lounge is in the oldest part of the building, dating back to the 15th century. The property features a large stone cellar with a workout area, as well as a separate caretaker's house.

Why The castle comes with 24 hectares of park and forest, including a pond, a dovecote, further outbuildings and a tennis court.

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House, Falaise, €750,000

Where In the town of Falaise, Calvados département, close to Falaise Castle. Many amenities are within walking distance. Paris is about 3.5 hours away by car.

What A six-bedroom, five-bathroom house, traditionally renovated with parquet flooring, panelled walls and grand fireplaces. It sits on a 5,800 sq m plot of parkland, with a river running across. There's also a garage with electric car charging, a woodshed and a wine cellar.

Why On the lower floor there's an ornate indoor swimming pool with frescoes and full-length windows looking on to the gardens, along with a shower room and toilets.

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Manor house and farm, Argentan, €4.75mn

Where Just outside the village of Neuvy-au-Houlme in a rural part of Orne département. The nearest town is Falaise, which is a 15-minute drive.

What An 18th-century, 560 sq m house on a 120ha stud farm. The house has three reception rooms, six suites and a conservatory. Outside, there's a formal garden, covered pool and two tennis courts.

Why The property features four gîtes as well as equestrian facilities including 57 boxes, an arena, a Havrincourt ring and stables.

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House, Caen, €1.94mn

Where In the commune of Biéville-Beuville in Calvados, between Caen and the coast. It's about 20 minutes to central Caen by car, and a similar journey time to the port at Ouistreham.

What A four-bedroom, four-bathroom house dating back to the 16th century. The interior has had a modern refurbishment with a fitted kitchen, sleek fireplaces, triple-glazed windows, parquet flooring and underfloor heating. However, it retains its exposed beams and Caen stonework.

Why The property's outbuildings include a 400 sq m stable and a 700 sq m barn — there's also an old wine press. The total plot is just under a hectare.

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House, Cabourg, €2.94mn

Where In Cabourg on the Calvados coastline, less than a 10-minute walk from the beach. Caen port is a 25-minute drive.

What A half-timbered house with Belle Époque-style features. There are multiple reception rooms, eight bedrooms and three bathrooms across the main three floors, and in the basement there's a wine cellar and a laundry room.

Why Surprising given its semiurban location, the house is set on 1.3 hectares. At the end of the lawn there's a pond with an island and bridge and a children's cabin.

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