How to access Mont-Saint-Michel

**By car**

With my car, I access the vast compulsory car parks. Numbered from 1 to 13, I am situated near the shuttle that takes me to the Mount from 7:30 to midnight. At the entrance of the car park, I take my ticket: I pay before taking the autonomous service to the Mount. The car park includes the shuttle as well as the free services of the CIT (baby area, information).

**By foot**

I go to the Mount on foot

1. Around 65 min

   From the parking lot, I reach Mont-Saint-Michel on foot through Saint-Malo.

3. Itineraries are proposed to me:

   • The footpath, “La Caisnet”, an incredible view of the Mount via a well-paved pedestrian path, accessible to all.
   • The central footpath “Mount Saint-Michel” takes me through the “Casernet”, an area of activities where we find hospitals, restaurants and a supermarket.
   • The footpath, “The river banks of the Couesnon”, take advantage of the sun and the mountain landscape, work on the restoration of the maritime character of Mont-St-Michel.

I access the Mount with the free shuttle

2. Around 12 min

   Free shuttle service: a public bus, corresponding to the itinerary “The river banks of the Couesnon”.

   • On arrival, I am taken by the shuttle to the Mount Saint-Michel.

3. Itinerary is proposed to me:

   • The “Casernet”, an incredible view of the Mount via a well-paved pedestrian path, accessible to all.

I reach the Mount with the bus line

3. Around 20 min

   From Pontorson train station, a regular bus, corresponding to the itinerary “The river banks of the Couesnon”. The bus stops in the center of the city, near the entrance of Mont-Saint-Michel.

4. Itinerary is proposed to me:

   • The “Casernet”, an incredible view of the Mount via a well-paved pedestrian path, accessible to all.

Arrival / departure Public bus lines (SNCF)

2. Around 25 min

   Free shuttle service: a public bus, corresponding to the itinerary “The river banks of the Couesnon”.

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5. Itinerary is proposed to me:

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Good to know!

Problems getting around

- If you are lost, call the touristic service “Tourisme à你的 tour”. When available at a G3.

- Contact us at the Tourist Information Centre in the parking lot.

- The shuttle is accessible to the Mount Saint-Michel.

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Discover the surrounding area of Mont-Saint-Michel

I visit Avranches, the Scriptorial and the treasure of St Cervals

On the outskirts of the Mount, I take the road of the Saint-Cervals, the river, the Scriptorial and the treasure of St Cervals.

I get to know the salt marsh sheep

I fly over Mont-Saint-Michel

I understand the tides and the tidal bore

I stroll on the dam and the bridge

I hike on the footpaths of Mont-Saint-Michel

I stay on the footpaths of Mont-Saint-Michel

I climb the dam and the bridge

Mont Saint-Michel
Tourism Office - Normandy

The Mount of Mont-Saint-Michel, at the foot of the Bay of Mont-Saint-Michel, located on the coast of the English Channel, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979. It is a major religious site and a place of spiritual and cultural interest. The Mount is also a site of economic and social importance, with a rich historical and cultural heritage.

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THE RAMPARTS

The ramparts consist of crenelated ramparts, and the walkways are paved with granite stairs. They were built in the early Byzantine period and were added to over the centuries. The ramparts were restored in 1874 and 1966. The ramparts were originally built to defend the island from invaders, and they have been well-preserved over the centuries.

THE ABBEY AND THE CLOISTERS

The abbey and cloisters are located at the top of the island. The abbey is the largest in Europe and was completed in the 12th century. The cloisters are located on the north side of the abbey and were added in the 12th century. The cloisters are open to the public.

NIGHT SHOW IN THE ABBEY

The night show in the abbey is a spectacular event that takes place every evening. The show is a multimedia experience that includes lighting, sound, and video projections. The show is performed in the cloisters and is open to the public.

GASTRONOMY

The local cuisine is known for its fresh seafood and game dishes. The region is famous for its oysters, which are harvested from the nearby bay. The bay is also famous for its salt marsh lamb, which is raised on the nearby salt marshes.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER

The parish church of St. Peter is the oldest church in the area and was built in the 12th century. The church has a beautiful interior with stained glass windows and a fine altar. The church is open to the public.

SOUVENIRS

The gift shop offers a variety of souvenirs, including postcards, magnets, and local crafts. The shop is located in the main square of the town and is open from 9am to 7pm daily.

CUCKOLDS’ ALLEY

Cuckolds’ Alley is a narrow street that runs along the north side of the island. The street is named after the famous Cuckolds’ Alley in London. The street is lined with historic buildings and is a popular tourist attraction.

ARCHАНCEL SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael's Archangel is the patron saint of the abbey and is venerated throughout the year. The archangel is depicted in many of the works of art in the abbey.

THE SMALL GARDENS

The small gardens are located in the cloisters and are open to the public. The gardens are filled with flowers and plants and are a relaxing place to sit and enjoy the scenery.

The grand site of Mont-Saint-Michel was originally a small tidal island. In the 5th century, the monks of Mont-Saint-Michel built a castle on the island. In the 9th century, the monastery was founded and a church was built. In the 11th century, the church was replaced by the present-day abbey.

The abbey was built on a rocky summit and is surrounded by the sea on three sides. The monastery was closed during the French Revolution, but it was reopened in 1874. The site was listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1979.