

DISCOVER AN OYSTER FARM



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Cancale,

In the bay of

Le Mont saint Michel,

Where the sun and the

moon plan oyster

farmer's work.

LA FERME MARINE, A WONDERFUL NATURAL SETTING



With a wonderful view on Cancale harbor and on the bay of le Mont saint Michel, la Ferme Marine was built right on a cliff. It's perfectly integrated into the natural elements that surrounds it. Being eco friendly is a real concern for us. On spring we can dive into such a « Japanese vibe » .

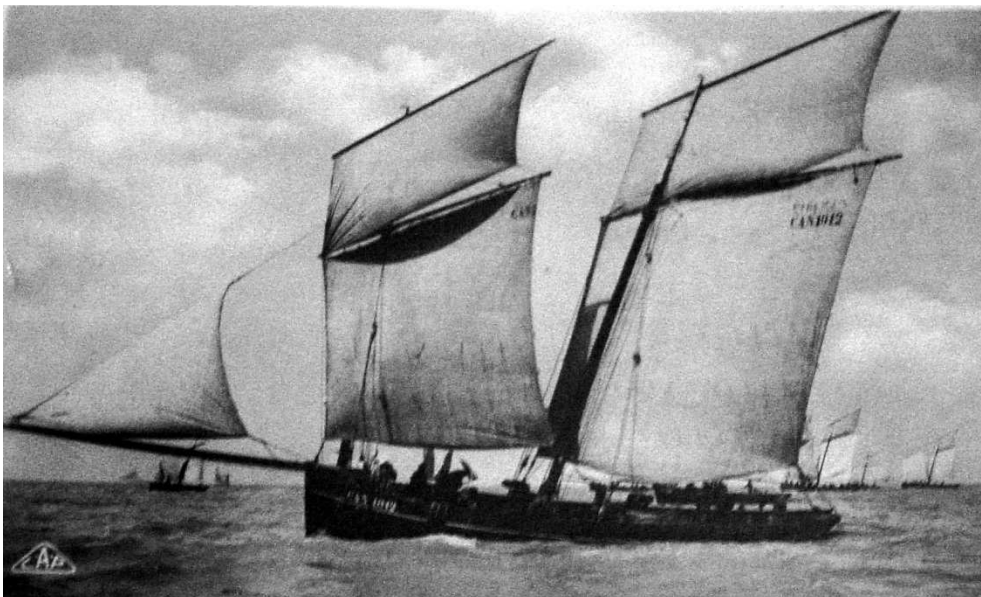
The influence of the tides on the landscape of Cancale is also undeniable. In High tide, the noise of waves will accompany your visit. While in low tide, it is the oyster beds which will come to light. Far off, Mont Dol, Granville and the Norman coasts are visible. Just like of course the Mont Saint-Michel which stays up its bay, classified in the world heritage by The UNESCO since 1979.

The oysters ...

A local tradition



Cancale is a small harbor village of 5500 inhabitants. It built up its reputation thanks its oysters in the bay. Fished from the shore or on board of these typical « bisquines », (local fishing boats) the oysters were, and are still considered as a precious treasure.



A FAME SINCE CENTURIES ...

Oyster history started 350 millions years ago. Closer to our own time. Greeks where aware of their dietetics qualities. They used to crush the shell to recover the mother of pearl that they reduced in powder to eat it. This mother-of-pearl had it seems, aphrodisiac virtues ... But the shells where above all used as ballot paper. The papers of the roman time tell a considerable place which took oysters in banquets. The needs for the Romans in oysters were so important as they came up to Cancale and near other Breton coasts to provide themselves in oysters. We tend to think that they filled up tanks of sea water that they renewed frequently. Over centuries, oysters seduced many celebrities such as Marie-Antoinette, Henri IV or Marshal Juno who used to swallow 300 every morning...



LA FERME MARINE, AN INVITATION TO DISCOVER OYSTER FARMER'S JOB...

Joseph PICHOT, created its oyster farming company « Les Parcs St Kerber » in 1968. After 20 years he got the idea to open its workshops doors to visitors.

That's how in june1989, le « Le Musée de L'huitre » began to welcome tourists from worldwide. Today This museum renamed « La Ferme Marine » is directed by his daughter, Véronique ALLEAUME. More than 30000 visitors come with pleasure discover all the Cancale oysters secrets.

This family company organizes tours for individuals and for groups.



A GUIDED TOUR ADAPATED TO ITS AUDIENCE...

↪ The progress of the visit:

- ♦ The visit begins in a screening room, where the guide describes the oysters' history, the different species which are bred, and their taste.
- ♦ A film deals with the rigorous work for those sea gardeners near their oyster beds. Visitors will also learn how an oyster creates a pearl...
- ♦ The group is finally taken to the workshops near all the tanks and the machines. So the job appears more concrete for them. Indeed, from Mondays to Fridays, mechanical cleaners, sorting machines, and forklifts are used.



A friendly tasting :

At the end of the tour, the group can enter a cozy tasting room to appreciate the unique flavor of the Cancale oyster. Freshly open and deliver and platter or on plates, they will be accompanied with a glass of white wine, a piece of buttered local bread and a slice of lemon..



Tasting possibilities

A : 3 common Oyster

A+ : 2 common Oysters and 1 flat oyster

B : 6 common Oysters

C : 3 common Oysters and

D : 2 seafood pate toasts

Prestige : 6 **Tsarskaya** * Oysters

Excellence : 3 **Tsarskaya** et 3 flat oysters (00 very big)

* « **TSARSKAYA** » oysters are special oysters, very Fleshy with an iodine flavor. This oyster is our own product bred in Cancale. Tsarskaya oysters have been 3 times awarded in Paris during the national competition.

A seashell exhibition with amazing colors

To finish their tour in la Ferme Marine, seashell lovers will be flabbergasted by our wonderful museum. We gathered in fact more than 1500 seashell behind vitrines. Many starfishes, nautilus or Scallop and well shown



AN ORIGINAL GIFT SHOP..

Our bright gift shop offers a large choice of jewels; clothes, cosmetic products, seashells, decoration souvenirs about the sea world or also gourmet products.



HOW TO FIND US ?



To find us : many different ways.

From Rennes : turn right at the Cancale sign. Drive 13 km on the D74, till you see another Cancale sign and turn right near the 3 big flags, on the view road, VC15. You will find "La Ferme Marine" after 200 m on your right.

From St Saint Malo via St Coulomb : Keep driving in Cancale to the crossroad. At this traffic light, turn right and drive 2 km. As soon as you see 3 big flags, turn left. You will find, "La Ferme Marine" after 200 m on your right.

From St Malo via St Méloir Cross St Meloir city center to Cancale. At the crossroad turn left on the D74, up to Cancale sign and turn right near the 3 big flags. On the view road, VC15. You will find "La Ferme Marine" after 200 m on your right.

From le Mont St Michel : Drive with the bay on your right side. Cross all the villages. After Saint benoit des Ondes keep driving 1km then turn right to Cancale, on the D74. After 2 km turn right near 3 high flags, on the view road, VC15. You will find "La Ferme Marine" after 200 m on your right.

GENERALITIES ON OUR SERVICES...

↳ Our services can last 2 hours

↳ We organize tours from 9am to 5 pm, every day all year round except the 3 last weeks of the year. On week ends the workshops are not working.

↳ 55 places assises sont disponibles pour la dégustation. Pour les groupes plus conséquents, une préparation sous forme de buffet peut être organisée.

↳ Des questionnaires sur l'ostréiculture et le monde de la mer peuvent être distribués aux groupes scolaires.

↳ Une salle de pique-nique est à disposition sur place.

↳ Il est possible d'organiser ces visites en anglais ou en allemand.

↳ Concernant les tarifs et si vous souhaitez de plus amples informations, n'hésitez pas à nous contacter...

*SEE YOU SOON
AT LA FERME MARINE !!!*

