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Duration: 3h · Type: Classic

Departure by coach for a cultural and historical immersion. Your first stop will take you to Saint-Wandrille Abbey, a peaceful haven nestled in the heart of a lush, typically Norman landscape. Accompanied by your guide, you will explore this centuries-old site, steeped in the faith of the religious who still reside there today. After this visit, you will continue your journey towards Villequier, a place deeply connected to Victor Hugo. It was here that his eldest daughter, Léopoldine, and her husband tragically perished in a shipwreck. The Victor Hugo House, a former 19th-century residence that belonged to the Vacquerie family, Léopoldine's in-laws, is now a museum. Although the writer only visited once, it offers an immersion into his personal life through numerous mementos from the Hugo and Vacquerie families. These objects and testimonies poignantly remind us of the poet's grief after the loss of his daughter. Overlooking the Seine, the house blends seamlessly into the Norman landscape, bathed in the light that inspired so many Impressionist painters and which Victor Hugo himself mentions in *Les Contemplations*. Return on board with the coach.

PLEASE NOTE

- The order of visits can change.
- Times are approximate.