

The peninsula of Jumièges and the fruit route

After a look at the "tank oak", ranked among the 220 most remarkable trees in France, direction Jumièges. St Peter's Abbey (picture above) was one of the oldest and most important monasteries in the West. What remains of the last abbey (eleventh century), masterpiece of Norman Roman art, is probably still "the most beautiful ruin of France", as said Victor Hugo. The countryside is made of pretty fruit courts backed by the river and orchards dotted with traditional houses. The views on this loop, from the cliff overlooking the left bank, are impressive (picture at the top of the page).