

ALSO WORTH SEEING IN POSES

Poses

This Norman village is also a charming little place stretching along the river Seine. You will also have the opportunity to enjoy :

- The Seine river and its towpath as well as its small green islands and Amfreville hills,
- The **dam** built in 1885 and renovated in several stages, and the **locks** located on the right bank Amfreville-sous-les-Monts. The dam is the most important one on the river Seine and the locks also mark the limit on the sea reach
- The **hydroelectric plant**, the **fish ladder** and its **observation room** (open to the public)
- Its **church** (from 13th to 16th centuries), its listed ancient statuary (16th century), its particularities related to the river
- Its **open air water sport resort and leisure center**
- The **boat trips** on the river.

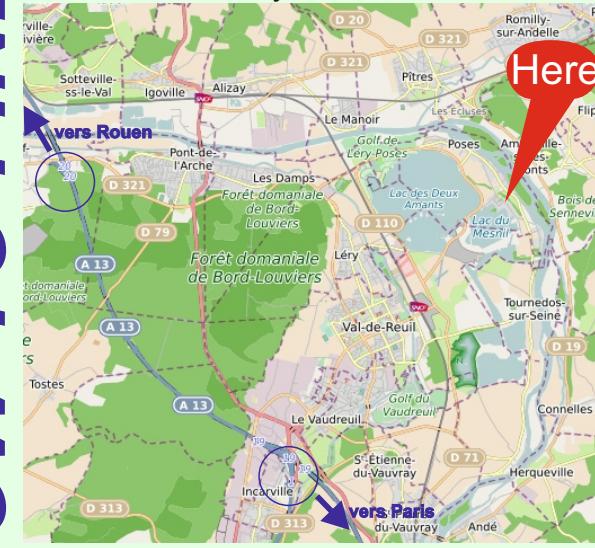
The Association of « Anciens et Amis de la Batellerie » (The Inland Water transport Seniors and Friends Association), is an association under French Law 1901, made of volunteers amongst whom a lot of former watermen whose aim is to bring back to life the heritage of the river Seine



HOW TO FIND US

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The village of Poses is 110 km away from Paris and 25 km away from Rouen. Take the Val-de-Reuil or Pont-de-l'Arche exit from A13 motorway.



Guided visits

From March 1st to October 31th,
Tuesday to Saturday
from 112pm to 6 pm
(closed Sundays and public holidays)

Groups (> 10 persons)
with reservation from March 1st
to October 31th

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Poses (Normandy - France)

*Discovering
the world of watermen*



*Enjoy the guided visit
of the tugboat « Fauvette »
and
the museum barge « Midway »*



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POSES, THE VILLAGE

Poses, a village marked by the river

Known as early as year 700, "PAUSE" would get its name from the difficulties the watermen had to get over a strong current section called the "strait of Poses". This section required a lot of horses and men and also a moment of "pause" (french word for break) after the efforts.

In the 19th century, when more than 80% of the local population was made of watermen- the inhabitants of Poses - who used to be haulers and carters, in the age of steam, became tug captains, their speciality during one century.

History anecdote : Nicolas Kassillon, a man from Poses, transferred in 1840 the ashes of Napoléon I from Rouen to Paris.

The Association suggests that you come for a guided tour of the Fauvette and the Midway. These boats are intended to show you our rich heritage in connexion with the river.

THE MIDWAY BARGE

The Midway barge



Originally this barge was used to be towed.

It gives you the opportunity to see a waterman and his family's quarters. You can discover in the hold its huge helm, other instruments and tools which are displayed forming a real museum: the waterman's everyday personal items, a steam engine, old engines, Seine boats models, models of the dam showing the evolution of the work, one of which is on a scale of 1 to 10 and a model of the lock actually showing the process.

A modest history of the river Seine is also presented to you as well as some historical local facts.



THE FAUVETTE

The Seine river tug, the Fauvette

After being abandoned for 14 years, this boat was turned into a push barge and was purchased by the local council in 1987. The wreck that was naturally doomed to scrap iron was completely refitted to its original state thanks to former watermen.



It was officially listed as part of the national heritage in 1992 and is now able to sail again.

This boat dating from 1928 is unique in its kind and entirely open to visitors who can see the captain's cabin and the engine room.



You will be guided by former watermen who will bring back to life the bygone days for you.