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La Petite Folie Honfleur

Among the many splendors of the Normandy coast, Honfleur is in a league of its own. As enchanting as the Impressionist paintings it often inspired, the postcard-sized port town offers history, culture, ambiance and *savoir faire*. Just two hours from Paris by car or train...

...A wander through the narrow cobbled streets allows a close-up view of many architectural styles happily jumbled together, with buildings dating from the 14th to 19th centuries; half timbered fisherman's spruced up with a coat of ky blue or raspberry colored paint next side to elegant houses...



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If Honfleur's year round residents have perfected the art of good living, they've also mastered hospitality....American Penny Vincent and her French husband Thierry, who spent getaway weekends in Honfleur to escape hectic jobs in Paris went from erstwhile admirers to fully committed *Honfleurais* over the span of an afternoon when they wandered into an elegant 19th century townhouse and came out as owners. Two years later Penny has become the chatelaine of La Petite Folie, not only one of the prettiest B&B's in town but also one of the better values-if you can get a room. With only five guest rooms in the main house-all done up in *haute* Parisian style-its best to plan ahead. Wisely the Vincent's also snapped up the half timbered captains house next door and converted it into three gorgeous apartments available for rent for short stays each more beautiful than the rest...



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