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\$650,000 Homes in Normandy, France

A renovated thatched-roof cottage, a stone house with a glass pavilion, and a restored 19th-century fisherman's cottage in Villerville.

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Carcagny | €638,000 (\$674,000)

Two houses conjoined by a modern glass addition to form a country manor

With a glass pavilion added 20 years ago, the owners of this stone house in the tiny village of Carcagny linked two adjacent houses to create a six-bedroom, three-bathroom mini-manor. The older building, dating to the early

20th century, has a stone facade; the other, several decades younger, is finished in lime plaster.

Carcagny is about five miles southeast of Bayeux, the first major town to be liberated by the Allies in the D-Day invasion, and a starting point for many visitors retracing the World War II landings in Normandy. Caen, another key D-Day site with a busy town center, is about 14 miles southeast of Carcagny. Caen's train station offers direct routes to Paris, about 150 miles east. Ferries also operate from Caen to Portsmouth, England. Since Carcagny is solely residential, villagers travel to Caen or Bayeux for services, dining and shopping.

Size: 2,734 square feet

Price per square foot: \$246

Indoors: The sellers used a covered terrace off the older structure as a main entrance. The entry hall features original stone walls and leads to a great room with dining and living spaces. The adjoining open kitchen has an island and a small wine cellar. A double-sided fireplace divides the kitchen and the living room. Original wood ceiling beams throughout have been restored; tiled floors are new. The glassed-in section of the property has polished concrete floors and includes a sitting area, a laundry area and a half bathroom.

The older part of the home has three levels. On the second floor are two bedrooms with cathedral ceilings, including a principal bedroom with en suite bathroom. A teak landing connects to two bedrooms in the newer section of the home. Those bedrooms share a bathroom. The third floor has another bedroom, and a sixth, larger bedroom is in the home's attic, with an en suite bathroom bedecked in 1970s-style brown and yellow tiles.

Outdoor space: The 375-square-foot swimming pool is in front of the house, along with a 1,000-square-foot stone terrace. The 0.3-acre property also features a large vegetable garden and fruit trees. There are two small storage buildings behind the house.

Costs: Annual property taxes are €1,350 (\$1,425).

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