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NotSoFarFrance is a small group of direct booking self-catering gîtes and B&Bs located on the southwest border of the Lorraine region – an easily accessible but often forgotten quiet rural piece of France, just a five-hour drive from Calais.

Our little corner of France has vast deciduous forests that turn golden yellow in autumn, limestone plateaux where wild orchids grow, pleasant valleys, green meadows, and the languorously meandering Meuse river. On the very doorstep of your gîte or B&B in a peaceful pastoral atmosphere, quiet country roads, tracks and numerous signposted walks will lead you through beautiful and varied countryside, dotted with herds of robust cattle and in which delightful impromptu sightings of deer on a calm summer evening will surprise you.

In the village of Grand, admire the largest Gallo-Roman mosaic preserved *in situ* in the north of Europe, and what was one of the largest amphitheatres in Roman Gaul. In the charming village of Domrémy-la-Pucelle, you can visit Joan of Arc's birthplace, the church where she was baptised and where she said she heard voices telling her to help fight the English, a museum, and the beautiful Bois-Chenu basilica that dominates the Meuse Valley. Joan was given her first armour in the small local town of Vaucouleurs and from there she set off on her mission that ended in 1431 when she was burnt at the stake.

Churches and wayside crosses abound, ancient forts are brought back to life by local enthusiasts, small country châteaux have beautiful interiors, there are rich collections of buildings from the Renaissance period, and our villages are full of small architectural detail, fountains, and wash houses. Our golden yellow *mirabelle* plum and Quiche Lorraine are known worldwide. Add a bottle of the local Gris de Toul wine to relax, and your French experience will be complete!

To find out more, visit the NotSoFarFrance [website](#) and more come and talk to us on Stand L89 at the France Show 2015. You can take part in our quiz and enter our free prize draw to win one of the local products we'll have on show.