

Historic chapel near Monet's cliff is for sale

THE NOTRE-DAME-DE-LA-GARDE chapel, perched on clifftops at Etretat in Normandy, is up for sale.

The chapel has been in private ownership and Paris estate agent Patrice Besse, whose firm specialises in preserving French heritage, hopes to find a buyer who will put it to use for the public. He said: "I've had a lot of interest. It's a special place, and was built in memory of sailors lost at sea.

"I don't want it to become a house, or to be used to sell waffles and chips or for a McDonald's. I'd like it to have a cultural use, such as an art gallery."

On sale at €280,000, the building is situated in a stunning location overlooking the famous *Aiguille Creuse* (hollow needle) rocks, which were painted by Monet (*right*) and had a key role in one of Maurice Blanc's novels about the "gentleman thief" Arsène Lupin.



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