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10 ways to experience en Seine-Maritime

1 Watch the sunset in Étretat



What is a perfect weekend? It could be like an autumn weekend in Étretat with your loved one: a pretty seaside resort, the sea, the cliffs, the quaint little village, blue sky... That's it, what more could you ask for? In Étretat, you can ask for more: the sunset over the sea to top the weekend off! The Amont cliff offers a perfect view over the Aval cliff and its needle and arch, and one of the most beautiful sunsets in the world.

2 Discover Varengeville-sur-Mer: the church and marine churchyard



Georges Braque rests there. Claude Monet set up his easel there. Hanging over the sea, the marine churchyard of Varengeville is one of those magical places that leave a mark on visitors because of their unique setting.

3 Walk across the Normandy Bridge



What a view! From the top, you can look out over the Seine Estuary. Honfleur on one side, Le Havre and its port on the other, and the river Seine flowing under your feet...the view is just stunning and unique!

4 Walk down a «valleuse» and find yourself alone in a spectacular setting



Those who have not walked down one of the numerous «valleuses» (dry-hanging valleys), hidden notches scattered along the Alabaster Coast, do not know Seine-Maritime. Let's go...

5 Goûter au célèbre fromage de Neufchâtel et sa forme de cœur



Normandy is renowned for its cheese. One of the oldest ones is Neufchâtel, which is made in the Pays de Bray. It is made with cows' milk and is shaped like a heart. Enjoy!

6 Cycle along the Fruit Trail and cross the river Seine with the ferry



Why not go on a foodie bike tour, not far from the Abbey of Jumièges among apple trees, pear trees, plum trees and cherry trees and cross the Seine on one of the many river ferries that still operate. An unusual tour in a spectacular setting!

7 Admire the bright blue flax fields



Every year, the magic strikes again... By mid-June, the Caux countryside is ablaze with electric blue, before quickly giving way to a surprising geometrical scene made by the large stalks of flax that were pulled up and left to rot in the open air... Seine-Maritime alone is planted with 19,000 hectares of flax of the 60,000 hectares in France.

8 Take the funicular railway in Le Tréport and enjoy the view



No spectacular arrival in Le Tréport without taking the funicular! Take the funicular railway from the top of the cliff, ride through the chalk tunnel and come out above the roofs. The view is stunning.

9 Ride an inflatable boat along the cliffs between Fécamp and Étretat



The closer you get to the cliff, the more spectacular the view is! Sail under the arch in Étretat, have a look at intimate «valleuses» (dry-hanging valleys) from the sea, etc. An experience you don't want to miss!

10 Get close to sea giants



Immerse yourself in the heart of one of Europe's busiest ports and enjoy a unique time. Visit the port on board a boat that takes you to admire container and cruise ships, a way to take in the vastness of the ocean.

“If I had to show the sea to a friend, I would choose Étretat”

Alphonse Karr

What's new in 2017?

Happy birthday Le Havre!

A Summer in Le Havre
27 May – 5 November 2017

An exceptional major event for 2017, «A Summer in Le Havre» will celebrate the city's 500th anniversary programmed by artistic director Jean Blaise.

A generation of artists well-known for their creative uses of public spaces has been invited to create contemporary, permanent or temporary interventions that take a fresh look at the city and the port. Among them are Chiharu Shiota, Surasi Kusolwong, Julien Berthier, Lang/Baumann, Karel Martens, Baptiste Debombourg, Olaf Breuning, Vincent Lamouroux, Jace, Vincent Ganivet, Christian Andersson, Stéphane Thidet, Le Gentil Garçon, Michael Landy, Franck Gérard, La BaZooKa. In 2017, unknown and popular places in the city, including some that have never been accessible to the public before, will be open to mark this anniversary.

↪ Prestigious exhibitions

> **MuMa / Pierre et Gilles / 27 May – 20 August**
The MuMa, Museum of Modern Art will hold an exhibition dedicated to the French artists Pierre and Gilles. Visitors will delve into the creative world of sophisticated portraiture combining photography and painting thanks to a retrospective exhibition of 80 of their works from the end of the 1970s to today.



> **MuMa / Impression(s), soleil / 9 September – 8 October**
A major exhibition inspired by Claude Monet's famous painting Impression, sunrise. It will showcase the city and its light with paintings by Eugène Boudin, Raoul Dufy, Gustave Le Gray, William Turner, etc.

> **Passenger Terminal / French Line / 27 May – 8 October**
A poetic trail to learn more about Le Havre's maritime history developed by the association French Lines displaying the largest collection of archives of shipping companies in Europe.

↪ Major art and popular events

> **Magnifik Parade by the collective of artists Art Point M / 27 May**
The opening event, organised by the collective of artists Art Point M, will be a spectacular and original performance in which the inhabitants of Le Havre will be involved in order to connect the upper and lower parts of the city.

> **Christening of MSC Meraviglia / 4 June 2017**

> **Company Royal de Luxe / 6 – 9 July**
The long-awaited return of the Company Royal de Luxe and its giants for new extraordinary performances gathering hundreds of thousands of spectators.

> **Final port of the Tall Ships Regatta / 31 August – 3 September**

> **Le Havre – New York on board Queen Mary 2 / 15 – 22 September**
«500 passengers for 500 years» – Grand transatlantic crossing between Le Havre and New-York.



La Bande des Havrais

Eight artists from Le Havre have left to explore new horizons thanks to artist residency programmes abroad: Brasilia, Detroit, Tokyo and Liverpool are among the destinations chosen for an international movement to emerge and to provide an ideal shot in the arm. The project «La Bande des Havrais» was developed as a counterpart to the international artists who come to take a fresh look at the city and to show it to its inhabitants and to visitors. It is conceived as an exchange programme for artists who leave their home port to «look elsewhere», to open up new horizons.

Further information at www.uneteauhavre2017.fr

> Closing event / 8 October

A large popular gathering associated to a symbolic work of art that celebrates creatively the anniversary of the foundation of the city and its port.

> Transat Jacques Vabre 2017 / 27 October – 5 November

Thirteenth edition of the most famous double-handed transatlantic race. Leaving from Le Havre, the city will set up a village for nine days before an exceptional start of the race as the boats leave for South America.

↪ Public places taken over throughout the anniversary period

> The passenger terminal

The old cruise terminal will be open throughout the anniversary period. During the day, the snack bar will be enlivened by a series of performances. During the night, it will be turned into a club: 4 major partying weekends with electronic music are organised by the collective of artists Art Point M who created the N.A.M.E festival.

> The fish market

The square where the fish market is held in the heart of Saint-François district will be restyled by designers. The market stalls will be integrated to the work done there for more than 4 months.

> The Fort!

The «Fort!» (Fort of Tourneville) will be turned into a creative lab for artists, architects and designers to meet and exchange in order to stimulate the creative ferment of the Le Havre's art scene. A free programme of activities, concerts, picnics, electro naps, etc. open to all.

> The Temple of 5,000 wishes and the Japanese Garden

The Japanese Garden, created in 1992 to mark the twinning of the ports of Le Havre and Osaka, will be open to the public throughout the whole anniversary period. La BaZooKa will put together a dynamic facility: a zen temple floating in the Barre basin and inviting visitors to leave their wishes.

What better way to celebrate Le Havre's anniversary than with wine made in Le Havre!

After observing that the soil in Le Havre has all the qualities and sunshine necessary to grow vines, Ludovic Messiers has decided to produce sparkling white wine. First, he planted vines in the hills above Sainte-Adresse and he will produce his first vintage for Le Havre's 500th anniversary (Clos Simon). Then, he will produce the Clos de l'Abbaye wine with vines planted in the hills above Graille Abbey, and the Clos Arsène wine, with vines planted in Étretat, and finally will come the Domaine de Fontaine-la-Mallet wine. His crazy idea of planting vines in Normandy, where he was born, has turned successful. Now, it's time to taste this 100% Norman product.

Further information at www.ludovicmessiers.com



2017 is also the Picasso year in Rouen

**A season dedicated to Pablo Picasso
1 April – 11 September 2017**

Three museums in Rouen hold a major exhibition dedicated to Pablo Picasso.

Numerous works of art made by the artist will be displayed. The Centre Pompidou, the Picasso museums of Paris and Antibes and the Münster Museum in Germany have agreed to lend many pieces for the duration of the exhibition including sculptures, engravings, paintings, drawings, etc. These works of art will be displayed in three different places: the Museum of Fine Arts in Rouen, the Museum of Ceramics, and the Le Secq des Tournelles Museum.



These exhibitions will also provide the opportunity to learn more about the artist and his life at the Château of Boisgeloup in Gisors between 1931 and 1935, a little-known period of his life.

- > [Museum of Fine Arts / Picasso in Boisgeloup](#)
- > [Museum of Ceramics / Pablo Picasso's ceramic works](#)
- > [Museum Le Secq des Tournelles / Picasso & Gonzales – A solid friendship](#)

Further information at www.musees-rouen-normandie.fr



The Carré des Docks in Le Havre



This new Convention Centre will enable the city to increase its share of the business tourism market. Numerous conferences and seminars are already planned in 2017. Instead of the Docks Café, this new convention centre is divided into two parts:

- > The first part comprises an auditorium (2,450 seats maximum) used for concerts as well, meeting rooms and a restaurant (800 guests maximum).
- > The second part is dedicated to exhibitions with 7,700 m² divided into three halls on the ground floor. On the second floor, a 283 m² reception hall and a 2,230 m² exhibition hall were built.

Please note that there are two new hotels that complement Le Havre's hospitality sector:

- > A Première Classe Hotel that is the first hotel in France certified PASSIVHAUS, a German certification with rigorous standards in terms of environment: high level of insulation, water recovery, airtightness, etc. And more importantly, it should use very little energy for heating, less than 15kWh per square metre per year. 88 bedrooms.
- > A Campanile Hotel located in the city centre that has 84 bedrooms.

Further information at www.codah.fr

The Château de Bosmelet

Beautiful example of Louis XIII architecture, this château stands at the centre of the longest alley of three-hundred year-old lime trees in Europe. The park, designed by Le Nôtre's head gardener, contains a chapel (18th century), an orangery (16th century), an enclosed garden planted with flowers and remains from the Second World War (blockhouse and V1 launch pads restored in memory of Michel Hollard, «the man who saved London»). Inside the château, you can see some drawings, theatrical costumes, painted backdrops and props which belong to Alain Germain's collection, the new owner of the place whose costumes are kept at the Performing Arts Department of the National Library of France. A convivial place of cultural exchange, the Château de Bosmelet will hold art exhibitions, concerts and conferences, and house an international centre for contemporary poetry.



Further information at www.bosmelet.fr

The Wolf Park in Muchedent

We already knew about the Canadian bison living there, but in spring 2017 Rêve de Bisons opens a two-hectare park in which four packs of eight wolves will roam freely. The purpose of this park is to inform the general public about this animal that we often see in tales and legends but remains unfamiliar.

Further information at www.revedebisons.com



Where to sleep in 2017?

Our favourites



B&Bs

📍 The Villa de Mesnil-Val / Criel-sur-Mer 1

With a stunning view over the sea and located a stone's throw away from the beach, the Villa is the perfect place to stay and relax for a few days. In the heart of Normandy, Mesnil-Val (a hamlet of Criel-sur-Mer) is a small seaside village known for its shingle beach and its chalk cliffs, the highest ones in Europe. It's a haven for walkers, fishermen and holidaymakers. The Villa comprises 5 carefully decorated and unique bedrooms. It also has a large indoor pool open to guests. Extra bonus: the table d'hôtes meals. Xavier, the owner of the villa is a professional cook. Cooking classes available.

Further information at www.lavillamesnilval.com

📍 The Source / Montivilliers – 4 épis 2

Situated in a 60 m² outbuilding close to Le Havre, the Source is a tastefully decorated luxury B&B with an indoor pool and fitness facilities. The hostess also provides table d'hôtes meals and serves only homemade dishes.

Further information at www.gites-normandie-76.com

📍 The Manoir / Étainhus 3

Régine Boidin, a renowned chef in the region, now offers guest rooms in her pretty Impressionist manor house. One of the bedrooms is actually a replica of Claude Monet's bedroom in Giverny. Her cookery courses are inspired by the painter's Cooking Journals. A timeless gourmet break.

Further information at www.thegourmetmanor.com

📍 The Adresse Normande / Rouen

Beautiful detached house with a large garden planted with trees for a bit of countryside in the city! This new B&B provides two refinedly decorated bedrooms with the highest standard of comfort. The B&B also has a terrace overlooking the garden. Breakfasts are prepared with organic local produce.

Further information at www.gites-normandie-76.com



📍 The château du Bec / Saint-Martin-du-Bec 4

The Château du Bec innovates; in addition to the guest rooms and the lodge, the chateau now offers two new out-of-the-ordinary guest rooms:

> The Bubble Tent

Enjoy a unique experience in a bubble tent on the water: dip your feet in the water while looking up at the stars! A round bed and a 360° view of the sky for a one-of-a-kind night! And out-of-the-ordinary does not mean poor quality breakfast. Large terrace with sun loungers and pulleys to move away from the side. Heated bubble, the temperature is kept at 18°C throughout the night.

> The Shelter

If you want to get closer to nature, the Shelter is the ideal place. It is a wood cabin built on the hillside with a four-metre-high overhanging terrace offering a stunning view over the lake and the back of the château. The cabin comprises a large bed and a sitting area with a stove, as well as a bathroom.

Further information at www.chateaudubec.com



📍 The Domaine du Sequoia / Contremoulins – 4 épis

Located in the heart of a splendid park of several hectares planted with many trees, the Sequoia Manor House has two beautiful guest rooms. Peace and tranquillity lie at the heart of this very romantic place. Two guest rooms awarded 4 ears of corn by Gîtes de France located a few kilometres away from Fécamp in a beautiful house where Catherine and Frédéric, the owners, offer a warm welcome. Table d'hôtes meals and Assiette Go urmande (generous single plate with various ingredients) upon reservation.

Further information at www.domainedusequoia.com

📍 The Paddock / Fécamp

In the heart of Fécamp, this house has been fully renovated and decorated with a car theme; it comprises three bedrooms including two family suites. Enjoy the peace and tranquillity of this house with its pretty garden and well-being area equipped with a Turkish bath and a sauna. Massages available by appointment.

Further information at www.le-paddockfecamp.hotels-fr.net

Holiday cottages

📍 The Logis Saint-Éloi / Rouen – City break 5

Set in a beautiful 16th century townhouse in the heart of the city of Rouen, this house has been fully renovated in 2016 and now provides 3 luxury holiday flats to spend a night, a weekend or a week in Rouen in a refined and elegant setting.

Further information at www.logis-saint-eloi.com

📍 Caramel Holiday Cottage / Saint-Martin-l'Hortier 6

Close to Neufchâtel-en-Bray and Dieppe, welcoming single-storey holiday cottage that can sleep 5 people with a well-being area and a heated indoor swimming pool open day and night: a dream cottage to try ASAP!

Further information at www.gites-normandie-76.com

City break in Le Havre

Destination Porte Océane !

Listed a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the city of Le Havre has become over the years a trendy place to visit, ideal for a city break! Here is a feature story for a weekend in Le Havre!

Saturday

Arriving in Le Havre

Paris - Le Havre, it only takes 2 hours by train! The tram stop is just outside the station and will take you directly into the city centre. Stop at the Town Hall (Hôtel de Ville). Let's go to the Oscar Hôtel first, a small hotel with 13 bedrooms decorated with a 1950s theme that immerses visitors in the heart of Auguste Perret's work. After dropping off your luggage, enjoy the view from the bedroom window over Oscar Niemeyer's famous «Volcan». This cultural centre, now completely rehabilitated, houses a library that is worth a visit. Visitors can only be fascinated by the beauty of the curves and the comfort inside the Oscar Niemeyer library, which is open 7 days a week.

12:30 pm / Lunch

Let's go the Enfants Sages, a very unusual restaurant located in a former school. Vintage decor, cosy atmosphere, pleasant garden, it is perfect for lunch in the sun: free range baked egg with Camembert, then sea bream tartare! Delicious!



02:30 pm / Perret's Architecture 1

Visit of the city listed a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2005. What could be better than our new sightseeing tour of Le Havre: the minibus, a glass roofed, convertible 30 seater coach to discover all the maritime attractions and hot spots of the city during a one hour and a half guided sightseeing tour! It's called «Bee le Havre». The city unfolds before your eyes as well as its rich cultural, natural and architectural heritage, its 500 years of history, its iconic districts, its panoramic views, etc. Guided by the comments and anecdotes, take a fresh look at the city. Of course, we have to go and visit Auguste Perret's Show Flat. It is a surprising place enabling visitors to understand and appreciate Perret's work.

06:30 pm / a drink on the seafront 2

Now off to the «Saison 2», a beach restaurant facing the sea, an ideal place to have a drink at the end of the day and enjoy the last rays of sunshine...



8:30 pm / Dinner time

The Taverne Paillette, a true institution in Le Havre since 1596, is a place locals enjoy: seafood specialities, meat, etc. all served with the renowned Paillette beer*. A nice pub not far from the hotel for a drink before going to bed: The Trappist, with its pleasant setting and wide range of beers*.

Sunday

10:00 am / Muma 3

Le Havre's iconic museum invites visitors to admire major Impressionist works of art. It is unique in that the paintings can be viewed in daylight facing the entrance of the port; the view is simply stunning. It holds the largest collection of Impressionist paintings in France after the Musée d'Orsay. By the way, Monet painted his famous Impression, Sunrise - which gave its name to the art movement - only a stone's throw away from here. Painting that will be there in September 2017 for the 500th anniversary of the city.

12:00 pm / Lunch on the beach

Les restaurants y sont nombreux et les terrasses toutes plus agréables les unes que les autres. Le Lauda's propose un brunch, parfait pour un dimanche midi.

02:00 pm / Visit of the Port by boat 4

Get on board to get close to the largest container ships in the world and to the most beautiful and luxurious cruise ships. You will learn about the shipping activity of this busy international sea port. An impressive and unique experience.

04:00 pm / Time to treat yourself

Looking for a way to relax, then head to the swimming pool Les Bains des Docks designed by Jean Nouvel. Inspired by Roman baths, this swimming pool is absolutely divine. Well-being area, outdoor pool, etc. Unwind and enjoy a moment of absolute relaxation. Before you leave, take time to go shopping at the Docks Vauban, a shopping centre open 7 days a week and located in a former dock warehouse where coffee used to be stored.

Our selection of great places

Restaurants

- Les Enfants Sages / 20 rue Gustave Lennier / +33 (0)2 35 46 44 08 / www.restaurant-lesenfantssages.com
- La Taverne Paillette / 22 rue Georges Braque / +33 (0)2 35 41 31 50 / www.taverne-paillette.com
- Lauda's / beach promenade / +33 (0)202 35 21 29 98
- Saison 2 / beach promenade / +33 (0)2 35 47 61 01 / www.saison-2.fr

Accommodation

- Oscar Hôtel / 106 rue Voltaire / +33 (0)2 35 42 39 77 / www.hotel-oscar.fr
- Hôtel Vent d'Ouest / Spa Nuxe / 4 rue Cailligny / +33 (0)2 35 42 50 69 / www.ventdouest.fr

Shopping

- Halles Centrales
- Docks Vauban shopping Centre
- Coty Shopping Centre
- LH Concept Store / www.lh-original.com

Bars & Pubs

- L'escapade / 34 boulevard Albert 1^{er} / www.lescapade-lh.fr
- Le Trappist / rue Racine / www.le-trappist.com

Things to do

- Muma - André Malraux Contemporary Art Museum / www.muma-lehavre.fr
- Perret's show Flat / Maison du Patrimoine / 181 rue de Paris
- Bee Le Havre / www.beelehavre.com
- Oscar Niemeyer Library
- Visit of the Port of Le Havre / www.visiteduport-lehavre.fr
- Les Bains des Docks / www.vert-marine.com / www.les-bains-des-docks-le-havre-76

Getting there

- SNCF Train / Paris - Le Havre
- Ferry / Portsmouth - Le Havre
- By car / A13, A29

Further information at www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com www.lehavretourisme.com

City break in Rouen

Destination the medieval city



Only one hour away from Paris, Rouen, known for its historic city centre, its cathedral, its half-timbered houses, its cobble-stone streets, etc. is packed with great places to enjoy a fun and interesting weekend.

Saturday

Arriving in Rouen

Paris-Rouen, 1 hour and 8 minutes! That's quick! When you arrive at the train station, take the metro to «Théâtre des Arts», it's only a few minutes away from an original hotel located in the Place du Vieux-Marché (Old Market Square), the Best Western Gustave Flaubert hotel. A tastefully decorated, literary-themed hotel immerses visitors in the atmosphere of Madame Bovary, Salammbô and in the writer's world and friendships. Then head to the Place du Vieux Marché (Old Market Square) where Joan of Arc was burnt in 1431 to visit the Church of St Joan of Arc with its upside-down ship's hull. The square is very pleasant, the church is surrounded by numerous cafés and restaurants. Visitors coming from all over the world meet there: Japanese, American and Spanish people are chatting on the terraces.

12:30 pm / Lunch

Let's go to In Situ, a brand new restaurant in Rouen, close to the Museum of Fine-Arts. Patricia and Laurent Blanchard serve homemade dishes only, all prepared using fresh, mostly locally-sourced products; the menu changes every day. We had tomato and red pepper gazpacho with fresh goat cheese, sesame-crustéd mi-cuit tuna, leeks vinaigrette and chocolate crème brûlée... Yummy!



02:30 pm / Museum of Fine-Arts

A visit to the Museum of Fine-arts is de rigueur. The museum holds remarkable collections; including works of illustrious artists: Rubens, Caravage, Velázquez, Poussin, Ingres, Monet, Gericault, Delacroix and Degas... The quality of the works of art displayed there makes it a very impressive museum.

04:00 pm / Joan of Arc Museum 1

Have a walk round the pedestrian streets to go to the Historial Jeanne d'Arc. Located in the Archbishop's palace, which is where Joan of Arc was condemned to death, this museum makes you relive her second trial. You will be taken back in time to better understand who Joan of Arc was.

8:30 pm / Dinner time

For dinner, discover a new gourmet restaurant: Chez Rodolphe. This restaurant became a reference in the Gault Millau guide. Excellent meal, fresh ingredients, delicious flavours, etc. A place we recommend without hesitation!



10:30 pm / Rouen by night 2

Let's go to the Cathedral to admire «Cathédrale de lumières». A beautiful sound and light show about the Vikings, in particular, and the history of Normandy. And a last little stop in a new place, Le So (a bar, restaurant and nightclub all at the same time). The decor is just incredible and the view over the river Seine is really pleasant.

Sunday

10:00 am / The Clos Saint-Marc 3

After a hearty breakfast at the hotel, off to Place Saint-Marc for a walk around the market! What a lively market place! All the people from Rouen come here to do their shopping, and all the cafés around are full. With friends or with family, it seems to be a ritual for everyone in Rouen. After having a walk around and a coffee at the Clos Saint-Marc, we're heading for the banks of the river Seine to look for a nice restaurant. There's plenty of choice, all the former warehouses have been rehabilitated and converted into restaurants, bars, nightclubs, etc. The Cargo restaurant looks nice! And it's Sunday so they serve brunch... Before leaving, a last stop at the Panorama XXL to admire a panoramic view of Rouen in the time of Joan of Arc.



Our selection of great places

Restaurants

New in store

- 👉 In Situ / 35 rue Lecanuet / +33 (0)2 35 46 44 08 / www.insitu-restaurant.fr : nouveau
- 👉 Le Cargo / Hangar 10 / Quai Ferdinand de Lesseps 76000 Rouen / +33 (0)2 2 35 98 03 27 / www.lecargorouen.com

Gourmet places

- 👉 Rodolphe / 35 rue Percière / promenade la plage / +33 (0)2 2 35 73 32 58 / www.restaurant-rodolphe.com

Bistro style

- 👉 Bistro Nova / 29 place du Lieutenant Aubert / +33 (0)2 2 35 70 20 25

Accommodation

- 👉 Hôtel Gustave Flaubert / 33 rue du Vieux Palais / +33 (0)2 2 35 71 00 88 / www.hotelgustaveflaubert.com
- 👉 Le Logis Saint-Éloi / 20 place Martin Luther King / +33 (0)2 6 60 69 58 80 / www.logis-saint-eloi.com

Shopping

- 👉 La rue du Gros-Horloge
- 👉 Marché Place Saint-Marc
- 👉 Les Docks 76
- 👉 La Maison Pinel

Bars & Pubs

- 👉 La Taverne de Thor / 2 quai Pierre Cornelle / www.latavernedethor.com
- 👉 Le So / Hangar 9 - Quai Ferdinand de Lesseps / www.so-rouen.com

Things to do

- 👉 Musée des Beaux-arts / www.musees-rouen-normandie.fr
- 👉 Panorama XXL / www.panoramaxxl.com
- 👉 Historial Jeanne d'Arc / www.historial-jeannedarc.fr
- 👉 Croisière sur la Seine / www.rouentourisme.com
- 👉 Jardin des plantes / www.rouen.fr
- 👉 La Cathédrale / www.rouentourisme.com

Getting there

- 👉 SNCF - Ligne Paris-Rouen - Le Havre
- 👉 Voiture - A13, A28

Further information at
www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com
www.rouentourisme.com

Exploring the Alabaster Coast



The Alabaster Coast, with its cliffs and beaches stretching over 130 km (80 miles), is the ideal place to enjoy holidays by the sea. If you like water sports activities, basking in the sun, cultural visits, sailing, etc. the Alabaster Coast's seaside towns offer a wide range of things to do that suit all tastes.

Water sports and seaside activities

A wide range of activities 1

Windsurfing, kitesurfing, wakeboarding, stand-up paddle surfing, funboard surfing, sea kayaking, catamaran sailing, flyboarding, jet skiing, fishing, etc. There are numerous sailing schools that allow everyone to try their hand or practice an activity. Both children and grown-ups can thus enjoy water sports activities in an exceptional setting: the Alabaster Coast.

Stand-up Paddle Surfing in Étretat

Experience stand up paddle surfing in a unique place in the world: Étretat and its renowned cliffs. Depending on the tide, it is possible to surf under the arch. Every year, Étretat organises the «Étretat paddle beach», the event that marks the end of the summer season and gathers some 150 paddle surfing enthusiasts coming from all over France.

Further information at www.voilesetgalets.com

Cruise aboard an old sailing ship in Fécamp 2

Learn more about old sailing techniques and take in views over the highest cliffs of the Alabaster Coast from the port of Fécamp. Weigh anchor and hoist the sails for a great boat trip! You can choose between two options: a 2-hour-long cruise towards Yport or Saint-Pierre-en-Port or a 4-hour-long cruise to Étretat.

Further information at www.fecamptourisme.com

Sea wading

Sea walking, this new activity is recommended by doctors for its health benefits: increased muscle strength, straight backbone, etc. This outdoor activity is open to everyone...

Further information at www.snph.org

Cruises along the Alabaster Coast

Get on board an inflatable boat for a two-hour-long boat trip along the Norman coastline. Sail under the arch in Étretat, admire the cliffs, the beaches and the «valleuses» (dry-hanging valleys) from the sea, a unique point of view. Tours: from Fécamp to Étretat and from Le Havre to Étretat (as of summer 2017).

Further information at www.lamerpourtous.fr

Shellfish picking 3

Shellfish picking is also very popular along the coast. Go shellfish picking during the high tides to cook your own produce afterwards! A great activity to entertain children (and grown-ups) who will enjoy learning more about the coastal environment while looking for periwinkles and mussels under rocks with their boots on and a bucket in their hands!



Sea and culture

Impressionism

With its wide palette of colours encompassing the green and blue of the sea, the white of the chalk cliffs and a variety of grey shades depending on the clouds in the sky, the Alabaster Coast is an endless source of inspiration. The cliffs look different depending on the moment they were captured on the canvas. Two of the five Impressionist trails in Seine-Maritime are located along the Alabaster Coast: «Seaside resorts» in Dieppe and Pourville, and «The Sea» in Fécamp, Yport, Les Petites Dalles and Les Grandes Dalles. These trails follow the footsteps of Monet, Pissarro, Morisot and Boudin and show how this fabulous coastline has been an extraordinary source of inspiration for them.

Lire à la Plage (Read on the beach) – July & August

Every summer since 2006, the Department of Seine-Maritime has 12 beaches equipped with a reading area open to all. Free, good books that are easy to borrow and sometimes activities make this unique operation a success every year (Beaches of Le Havre, Sainte-Adresse, Saint-Jouin-Bruneval, Étretat, Yport, Fécamp, Saint-Valéry-en-Caux, Veules-les-Roses, Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer, Dieppe, Criel-sur-Mer and Le Tréport).

Further information at www.seinemaritime.fr



Nature activities

Coastal walks

To explore and learn more about the coastal environment, the Department of Seine-Maritime organises free, two-hour-long guided tours to discover the geological features specific to the area, the marine wildlife, shellfish picking, the fauna and flora, etc.

Further information at www.seinemaritime.fr

The «valleuses» (dry-hanging valleys) 4

Geological curiosities particular to the Pays de Caux: there are in fact depressions, which enables access to the sea between two cliffs. Streams of water created these notches, thus shaping spectacular and surprising landscapes all along the Alabaster Coast. A small road, a path, sometimes steps, or even just a ladder lead to the beaches. An unusual way to explore the coastline...

Key figures

The Alabaster Coast:

130 km (80 miles) limestone coastline

3 nautical resorts:

> Le Havre, leading maritime city in France

> The Alabaster Coast (Veules-les-Roses, Saint-Valéry-en-Caux, Veulettes-sur-Mer, Lac de Caniel in Vittefleury)

> Dieppe, the oldest seaside resort in France

26 beaches

5 marinas (Le Havre, Fécamp, Saint-Valéry-en-Caux, Dieppe et Le Tréport)

8 casinos (Le Tréport, Dieppe, Saint-Valéry-en-Caux, Veulettes-sur-Mer, Fécamp, Yport, Étretat, Le Havre)

Following the river Seine



Breathtaking panoramic views, traditions of river life, tow paths, tourist routes, etc. The River Seine hides many stories to be told. Rouen, La Bouille, Duclair, Caudebec-en-Caux, Lillebonne, etc. are among the numerous towns and villages located along the 105 km-long (65 miles) meandering river that runs in Seine-Maritime. There, from the banks of the river, you can see the numerous boats and ships sailing up and down the river.

Archaeology in the Seine Valley

The Roman Amphitheatre

The Roman Amphitheatre of Lillebonne is the most important remain of the Roman period in the Seine Valley. Built during the 1st century, altered in the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD, Lillebonne's Amphitheatre is the most important remain of Roman monumental construction that can still be seen in Normandy and the biggest Roman remain above the River Loire.

Further information at www.theatreilillebonne.fr

Lillebonne Museum

«Juliobona», the Gallo-Roman Museum of Lillebonne, has just reopened; it showcases the local Gallo-Roman heritage. After several months of work, the museum reopened with a new scenography. There are some 300 artefacts displayed, and new pieces coming from the stored collections of the Musée des Antiquités (Antiquity Museum) of Rouen will complete the exhibition. The museum takes visitors back to Juliobona: Lillebonne (formerly called Juliobona) was indeed an important city in antiquity. It was the main city of the Caletes' territory, which corresponds to the current Pays de Caux. At that time, city-planning was implemented with the Romanisation of the town. Buildings were constructed between the 1st and 4th centuries. Remains were unearthed in the 19th century thanks to archaeological excavations. Those precious discoveries are displayed in different dedicated areas: «theatre», «trade», «baths», «daily life» and «necropolises, cults and worships».

Further information at www.musee-juliobona.fr



Culture in the Seine Valley

Norman abbeys 1

«The most beautiful ruin in France...» More than a century after he wrote this, Victor Hugo would still probably say the same thing if he came to Jumièges again. Built in the heart of one of the most beautiful meanders of the river Seine, this spiritual centre remains one of the most beautiful gems of the Seine Valley; just like other Norman abbeys: Valasse, Saint-Wandrille, Sainte-Honorine, Saint-Ouen and Saint-Georges-de-Boscherville. But more than architectural masterpieces, the abbeys and their remains keep the history of the Seine Valley alive. They are witness to ten centuries of history and took part in the events that made the grandeur of Normandy.

Further information at www.abbayes-normandes.com



MuseoSeine

This new museum located in Caudebec-en-Caux opened in April 2016. It invites visitors to better understand the river. From the estuary to its many different meanders, the museum tells a story; the story of the river Seine and its people, the story of a commercial waterway but also of a recreational river, of sailing difficulties, geographical features, etc. It provides an opportunity to sail back through the history of this exceptional river.

Further information at www.museoseine.fr

Impressionism along the river Seine

The Seine Valley, with its meanders, its green banks, its high white cliffs, its picturesque towns and villages became a home to artists captivated by the setting and especially by the unique, distinctive light. The harmony between the ever-changing sky and its reflection on the water stimulates their creativity. Three of the five Impressionist trails in Seine-Maritime are located along the Seine Valley: «The light of the estuary» in Le Havre and Sainte-Adresse, «the river» from Villequier to La Bouille and «the fleeting moment» in Rouen. Pissarro, Monet, Boudin and Sisley have let their paintbrushes capture on the canvas this distinctive light that seems to enliven the river.



A Valley to explore

Riding a horse in the Seine valley, it's now possible!

The tour «La Chevauchée en Vallée de Seine» (Seine Valley Bridleway) connects two beautiful abbeys: Jumièges Abbey and Valasse Abbey. It is a 76-km-long (47 miles) picturesque and bucolic ride striking in its simplicity and beauty. It leads horse riders along the meanders of the river bordered by thousand-year-old forests.

Map available at www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com

The Fruit Trail 3

Just its name, the Fruit Trail, says it all! Or it's rather a sign of the flavours that visitors will be enjoying along this trail, which follows perfectly the meander around Jumièges. For several centuries, apples of course, but also pears, plums, and cherries have benefited from an ideal microclimate to grow and ripen peacefully. Set in the heart of the Boucles de la Seine Normande Regional Natural Park, the Fruit Trail invites visitors to wander round leisurely from one bank of the river to the other thanks to the river ferries. This trail can be followed on foot, by bike or by car.

Further information at www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com

The «bacs», the Seine river ferries 4

Providing a way to go from one bank to the other, the river ferries, now powered by engines, maintain a tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages. There are eight ferry crossings along the river Seine. The crossing lasts only a few minutes and offers a relaxing break as well as stunning views over the meanders of the river.

Enjoying a taste of Seine-Maritime



Seine-Maritime showcases the very best of Norman produce and takes pride in offering local specialities: seafood, cheese, apple, cream, etc. With about ten Michelin-starred restaurants, Seine-Maritime is considered as one of the best places to eat in France.

Highlights

Top ten foods to try in Seine-Maritime

- > **Neufchâtel Cheese** **1**
With its heart shape it clearly is the most romantic cheese in France...
- > **Scallops**
Dieppe is the scallop capital! Every year in November, a festival celebrates scallops.
- > **Bénédictine Liqueur***
World-famous liqueur made in Fécamp. It is made in a palace.
- > **Veulaise oysters**
This oyster has a particularly salty taste. It is raised in the open sea by the foreshore in Veules-les-Roses.
- > **Duclair Duck**
Raised in the Seine Valley, it is used in the dish Duckling à la Rouennaise, which has made great chefs famous.
- > **Cider beef**
A luxury item just like Kobe beef. Here, cows are fed with cider!
- > **Flax**
Seine-Maritime is the largest flax producer in the world.
- > **Cider***
To enjoy with friends... Here cider is part of the culinary scene!
- > **Herring** **2**
Celebrated in November along the Alabaster Coast, herring the «king of fish» in Seine-Maritime!
- > **Saint-Saëns Cabbage**
Weighing up to 20 kg and measuring up to 1.30 metres large, Saint-Saëns cabbage is probably the biggest cabbage in France!



New in store

Mozzarella made in Normandy

Since 2009, Christophe and Angélique have been developing their range of products made with donkey milk (creams, shampoo, washing liquid, etc.). They have now set themselves a new challenge, to start a buffalo dairy to make Mozzarella cheese. The dairy has opened at the end of 2016 and the first Mozzarella balls made in Normandy are now available. A rare, high-quality product whose recipe is known only to Angélique...

Further information at www.unefeedanslasinerie.com

Divine Brewery

To ensure financial resources for the community to live, the monks of the Abbey of St Wandrille went into beer production*, the only French beer – to this day – brewed and bottled by monks within their abbey. The brewery is located in the monastery and the recipe, created by the monks themselves, makes an original beer made only with French hop and cereal. A business in keeping with their monastic life of prayer; «for then they will be true monks, living by the work of their hands» (The Rule of Saint Benedict, chapter 48). In the cloister, a carved frieze representing hop was like a message to the monks to produce themselves this high quality beer.

Further information at www.st-wandrille.com



One of our traditional local recipes

Marmite Dieppoise, traditional fish stew from Dieppe

> Ingredients (serves 6)

- 300 g (10 1/2 oz) fillets of monkfish
- 6 fillets of sole
- 6 scallops
- 6 Dublin Bay prawns
- 400 g (14 oz) mussels
- 150 g (5 oz) prawns
- 40 g (1 1/2 oz) butter
- 100 ml (3 1/2 fl. oz) crème fraîche (thick fresh cream)
- 2 shallots
- 1 onion
- 1 leek
- 2 carrots
- 300 ml (10 1/2 fl. oz) dry cider

> Method

Wash, peel and chop the vegetables, chop the onion and shallots finely. Pour half the shallots, 100 ml ((3 1/2 fl. oz) of cider and all the mussels into a large saucepan. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes on medium heat. Once the mussels are cooked, remove them from their shells. Keep the juice. In a casserole dish, melt the butter over low heat and add the chopped vegetables, the onion and the remaining shallots. Once the vegetables are lightly golden, pour the remaining 200 ml (7 fl. oz) cider, the mussel juice and the crème fraîche. Simmer gently for 15 minutes. In the meantime, cut the monkfish into pieces and add to the vegetables after 15 minutes, as well as the fillets of sole. Cook for 5 minutes, then add the scallops, prawns, Dublin Bay prawns and mussels. Let it cook for another 5 minutes before serving this delicious and traditional dish from Seine-Maritime.

Our Michelin-starred chefs

2 Michelin stars

👉 **Jean-Luc Tartarin** for the restaurant Jean-Luc Tartarin in Le Havre / www.jeanluc-tartarin.com

👉 **Gilles Tournadre** pour le restaurant Gill à Rouen / www.gill.fr

1 Michelin star

👉 **Tristan Arhan** for the restaurant Les Voiles d'Or in Neuville-les-Dieppe / www.lesvoilesdor.fr

👉 **Éric Buisset** for the restaurant Au Souper Fin in Frichemesnil / www.souperfin.fr

👉 **Pierre Caillet** **4** for the restaurant Le Bec au Cauchois in Valmont / www.lebecaucauchois.com

👉 **Pierre Chrétien** for the restaurant l'Auberge du Dun in Bourg-Dun / www.auberge-du-dun.fr

👉 **Olivier Da Silva** for the restaurant L'Odas in Rouen / www.lodas.fr

👉 **David Goerne** for the restaurant G.a. in Caudebec-en-Caux / www.restaurant-ga.fr

👉 **Laurent Kleczewski** for the restaurant Le Colombier in Offranville / www.lecolombieroffranville.fr

👉 **Benjamin Lechevalier** for the restaurant Origine in Rouen / www.restaurant-origine.com

Further information at www.seine-maritime-tourism.com

Our selection of new restaurants

👉 **Restaurant Le Saint-Pierre** in La Bouille / www.le-saint-pierre.com

👉 **Restaurant La Table de Flore** in Rouen / www.latabledeflore.com

👉 **Restaurant Chez André** in Le Havre / +33 (0)2 35 21 88 07

*Alcohol abuse is dangerous for health, please drink responsibly

Cycling around Seine-Maritime!



Going from Paris to London through the Pays de Bray, following the Alabaster Coast and admiring stunning views, going up the river Seine from the estuary to Rouen, etc. Experience Seine-Maritime by bike!

Our cycle routes

1 The Alabaster Coast Cycle Route

From Le Tréport to Le Havre, the «Véloroute de la Côte d'Albâtre» (Alabaster Coast Cycle Route) is a cycle route that follows the Channel coastline. It guides you through a mosaic of exceptional landscapes. Between the sea and the countryside, this cycle route comprises almost 180 km (111 miles) of small signposted roads that wind through the Alabaster cliffs and greens valleys linking quaint villages and seaside resorts in Seine-Maritime. This cycle route is rather challenging but remains accessible to any physically fit cyclist. A cycle route with breathtaking views.

2 The Flax Cycle Route

The latest cycle route in Seine-Maritime, the "Véloroute du Lin" (Flax Cycle Route) is an easier alternative to the Alabaster Coast Cycle Route. When it is finished, it will eventually allow cyclists to link Dieppe to Fécamp thanks to long sections of greenways. The section between Hautot-sur-Mer and Saint-Pierre-le-Viger is already finished, thus providing some 40 km (24 miles) of safe route. This cycle route goes from the Alabaster Coast to the Pays de Caux through flax fields and along valleys such as the Scie and the Saâne, which allows visitors to realise Seine-Maritime is the largest flax producing region in the world. For now, the greenway ends in Saint-Vaast-Dieppedalle. The extension of this greenway to Fécamp will start in 2017.



3 The Seine Valley Cycle Route

This new 120 km-long (75 miles) cycle route will allow visitors to enjoy the natural features and heritage sites of the Seine Valley. Starting from Elbeuf-sur-Seine, upstream, this cycle route runs along the river Seine and goes through Rouen, Duclair, Jumièges, Villequier... to arrive in Le Havre. Its exceptional situation makes it a major tourist attraction. With stretches of dedicated cycle lanes and greenways, the Seine Valley Cycle Route is perfect for tourists looking for a change of scenery as well as for those who enjoy long-distance bike rides.

4 The London-Paris Avenue Verte

The London - Paris Avenue Verte links two of the greatest European capitals. In between, you will discover a mosaic of landscapes punctuated by numerous châteaux, cathedrals, and lovely little towns and villages. The London-Paris Avenue Verte also allows cyclists to immerse themselves in urban atmospheres as well as in nature! There are two options to get from Paris to



London: either cycling via the Oise Valley (Picardy) or via the Epte Valley (Normandy). The second option is more direct. On the French side, it is 406 km-long (252 miles) much of it in Seine-Maritime. It is indeed in Seine-Maritime, along the former railway track that used to link Dieppe to Paris, that this cycle route project was born. It is the longest stretch of greenway of the route and the one that provides the most services: «Accueil Vélo» (Cyclists Welcome) accredited accommodation, restaurants, places to stop for a break, attractions, etc. Seine-Maritime has indeed tried to preserve the local railway heritage.



That way, the former railway stations have been converted into restaurants or holiday accommodation, the level crossings and the gate keeper's houses have been kept, the markers remain the former railway mileposts. A map and a website are available:

www.AvenueVerteLondonParis.com

You can find all these cycle routes at www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com as well as in Seine-Maritime's map of greenways and cycle routes.

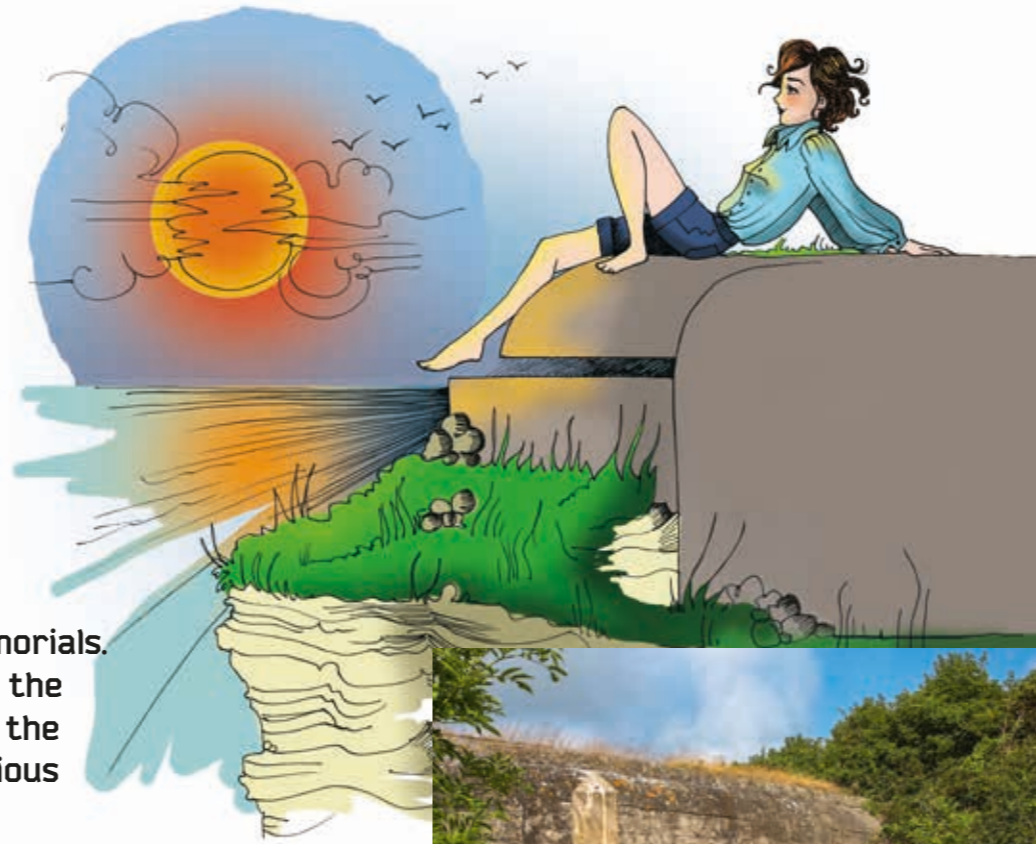
Experience Seine-Maritime by bike – 325 km (202 miles)

In Normandy, Seine-Maritime has been developing cycle routes and greenways all over its territory for several years. This network of routes create a 325 km-long (202 miles) tour and allows tourists and cyclists to admire the wide range of impressive landscapes: the meanders of the river Seine, the cliffs of the Alabaster Coast and the gourmet Pays de Bray.



Normandy, land of freedom

Seine-Maritime has numerous World War II sites and memorials. Visitors who visit all those sites get to better understand the Battle of Normandy, its preparation, its fights, its tactics, the first Landing in Dieppe and discover remains of the notorious Atlantic Wall...



Sites steeped in History

The Resistance and Deportation Museum in Forges-les-Eaux 1

Spread over two floors, it highlights the dark years of the Second World War thanks to objects and documents (weapons, clothes including uniforms, posters, etc.). Room with video projection. Numerous testimonies of Resistance fighters and people who were deported.

Further information at www.musee-resistance-deportation-forgesleseaux.fr

The Kahl Bürg in Le Tréport

Dug out of the chalk cliffs of the Alabaster Coast, the impressive Kahl-Bürg was built by the Germans after Operation Jubilee in Dieppe in 1942. Squeezed between garage doors, the entrance to the Kahl-Bürg goes unnoticed, and is even unexpected. Who would have thought that here, in the middle of houses overlooking Le Tréport, is located one of the most unsettling and best-preserved sites of World War II.

Further information at www.kahl-burg.fr

Cap Fagnet Blockhouses in Fécamp

Built during WWII by order of the German army, the Cap Fagnet blockhouses are remains of the Atlantic Wall whose construction began in 1942. The guided tour of these two reinforced concrete structures allows visitors to better understand the role of this important observation post during the war but also how the economic cooperation worked and the limits of this military strategy. The second part of the tour takes visitors down to the «German military hospital» which is dug out of the rock.

Further information at www.ville-fecamp.fr



19 August 1942 Dieppe Raid Memorial

This site pays tribute to the soldiers who died during Operation Jubilee in which Anglo-Canadian troops launched a raid on Dieppe. From Sainte-Marguerite-sur-Mer to Berneval-le-Grand, the beaches of the Alabaster Coast were the theatre of intense fighting. Documents, objects, models pay tribute to the soldiers, sailors and pilots who took part in the Raid. There also is a film about Operation Jubilee.

Further information at www.dieppe-operationjubilee-19aout1942.fr

1942 / 2017 – 75th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid

A series of commemorations and events is planned to mark this occasion. From Varengeville-sur-Mer to Berneval-le-Grand including Dieppe, Pourville and Puys, all this stretch of the Alabaster Coast is going to commemorate the Raid of 19 August 1942.



The Val Ygot in Ardouval 2

In the forest of Eawy, Val Ygot was a V1 bomber launching site and is now a memorial and reminder of the bombings carried out by the German army during World War II. Built in 1943 over 3 hectares, the site comprises 13 buildings: shelters, workshops and launch pads that were restored and preserved by an association of enthusiastic volunteers who wanted to highlight the military history of the place.

Other WWII sites

The August 1944 Museum

“Hell on the river Seine” in Duclair / www.chateau-du-taillis.com

The Bruneval Memorial 3

in Saint-Jouin-Bruneval / www.bruneval42.com

The Canadian War Cemetery

in Hautot-sur-Mer

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Further information at www.seine-maritime-tourism.com

New

↪ **Pont-Rouge in Paluel 3**
Trail with information panels located on a strategic site part of the Atlantic Wall that enabled the defence of the coastline in Veulettes-sur-Mer and of the Durdent estuary. The trail is dotted with bunkers including three that were converted into interpretative centres.

- > **Va011:** it used to house an antiaircraft gun, but now this bunker contains 8 information panels explaining why the German army was stationed in Paluel and Veulettes-sur-Mer.
- > **Life under the occupation:** this big bunker alone symbolises the power and the deceptive appearance of the Atlantic Wall. With its 10 information panels, it tells us about the reasons for the construction of the Atlantic Wall and the local inhabitants' lives between 1940 and 1944.
- > **Memory Bunker:** set in a former ammunition depot, this room highlights the war heritage and tells visitors about wartime life.

↪ **Museum / Two restored «Philip Morris» camps in Gonfreville-l'Orcher**
Also called the «Cigarette Camps», these army camps were built in 1945 to accommodate American G.I.s. After the war, they were used as temporary housing for people whose houses had been destroyed. More than 4,000 people lived in these camps. The two restored barracks tell visitors about these two periods. For now the Gonfreville Association of Temporary Housing exhibits the inside of barracks and displays models of the temporary camps. Soon they will recreate a G.I.'s bedroom (1945-1947) and the inside of a house in the temporary camps (1952-1980).

Further information: Mr Burette – +33 (0)6 06 56 18 79

The gardens of Seine-maritime

Normandy is known throughout the world for the beauty of its gardens designed by talented botanists and landscape architects. English style, French style, classic or modern, Seine-Maritime is home to 35 parks and gardens scattered over the whole territory. A profusion of gardens that makes it France's second most important department for gardens and parks.



Remarkable gardens

Coastal gardens 1

Along the Alabaster Coast and more precisely in the region of Dieppe, are located two sumptuous gardens: Le Vasterival in Sainte-Marguerite-sur-Mer, which is the result of Princess Sturdza love for plants, and The Bois des Moutiers (1) designed at the end of the 19th century by Sir Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll, which is a fine example of an extraordinary garden that managed to take advantage of an exceptional location in a valley that leads visitors to the sea.

Urban gardens

Gardens can also be found in cities. In the heart of Rouen, on the left bank of the river, take time to explore the Jardin des Plantes, a botanical and landscape garden with a wide variety of plants covering 24 acres. In Le Havre as well, gardens are present with the Japanese garden, a gift from the port of Osaka to the port of Le Havre, which takes visitors to the Land of the Rising Sun on 1/2 acre. Located in a former military fort, the Hanging Gardens take visitors on a journey across the 5 continents.

Country gardens 2

In the heart of the Pays de Bray, the gardens of Bois-Guilbert evoke romanticism. On this 17 acre park, Jean-Marc De Pas (sculptor and landscape artist) has created



a vast poetic setting dotted with sculptures. The no-fuss Jardin d'Angélique is a fine example of an amateur garden where the owners, in memory of their daughter, have managed to create a garden that is both romantic and an ideal place to dream. As for the Parc de Clères, it displays a completely different biodiversity. The Renaissance chateau, surrounded by 32 acres of ponds and remarkable trees sits in the middle of 1,300 free-roaming animals and birds. In Seine-Maritime, there are also exceptional vegetable gardens: the vegetable garden of the Château de Miromesnil (2), where Guy de Maupassant was born, is what makes this chateau so famous. Luxurious flower beds carefully arranged, rows of vegetables that give



a fine example of what a traditional vegetable garden looks like. A few miles from there, the château of Mesnil-Geoffroy in Ermenouville has a vegetable garden planted with heirloom varieties in the heart of the largest private rose garden in Normandy.

Focus on Alexandre Thomas and the Agapanthus Gardens 3

For more than 25 years this passionate landscape architect has been designing gardens in France and abroad. His signature is to plant striking plants for an immediate result. Come and visit his garden in Grigneuseville, a kind of laboratory, to have a look at his work and talent.

The garden is covered with a thin layer of sand that enhances it. Surprising in every season, this garden has become a real source of inspiration. The profusion of plants also incorporates decoration, furniture, fountains and many animals that bring the garden to life and make it unique.

This contemporary 2.2-acre garden is characterized by a powerful structure. Strongly emphasized groundworks, a network of terraces and walls, watercourses and pools create different atmospheres.

Les Jardins d'Agapanthe
1 impasse d'Agapanthe – 76850 Grigneuseville
www.jardins-agapanthe.fr – Tél. +33(0)6 08 62 24 58



New

Étretat Gardens
The Étretat Gardens benefit from an exceptional location on the cliff. Inspired by the natural features of Normandy, it was designed by IL NATURE landscape architects. This garden is a beautiful example of modern, abstract and imaginary art. There are many contemporary works of art including Samuel Salcedo's rain drops depicting people's feelings, Wiktor Szostalo and the Tree Hugger Project (THP), sculpture exhibited in different European capitals which will stay 6 months in Étretat, Thomas Roesler and his oak sculptures, etc.
Avenue Damilaville – 76790 Étretat
Tel.: +33 (0)2 35 27 05 76 – www.Etretatgarden.fr

The three-legged toad
1.7-acre terraced garden with ponds and waterfalls.
Wavy hedges of hornbeam, colourful flowerbeds planted with majestic trees and an eclectic mix of shrubs combined with lettuce, poppies and cabbages.
By the way, the three-legged toad is a Feng Shui symbol of wealth and prosperity.
14 rue de la Houssaye Béranger – 76270 Lucy
Tél. : +33 (0)6 73 21 54 78
www.lecrapaudatroispattes.jimdo.com/le-jardin/

Find the complete list of gardens at www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com
Please note that the Normandy Regional Tourist Board publishes every year a brochure entitled «Parks and Gardens of Normandy», which is made available by the Seine-Maritime Tourist Board and the Tourist Information Centres.

Discovering the history of Seine-Maritime

Five Towns and Lands of Art and History, abbeys, chateaux and castles, etc. Seine-Maritime meets all cultural interests!



The medieval Seine-Maritime

Medieval towns and cities 1

Rouen : Undoubtedly the symbol of the medieval Seine-Maritime. Its historic city centre comprises beautiful half-timbered houses, narrow little streets, numerous Gothic buildings such as Notre-Dame Cathedral, Saint-Maclou Ossuary, the Keep, etc. The city where Joan of Arc was burnt has kept its exceptional medieval heritage, which is now completed with the former Archbishop's Palace. This place has been

Harfleur : Located at the mouth of the river Seine, Harfleur and its port were entirely built by the Vikings. Now the port no longer exists; it has been replaced by the port of Le Havre, but the centre of this picturesque little town has preserved important medieval heritage sites.

Abbeys 2

Along the river Seine stands the Abbey Saint-Georges-de-Boscherville, a fine example of Romanesque architecture in Normandy, then there is Jumièges Abbey consecrated in 1067 by William the Conqueror. Further away, under the Brotonne Bridge, there is the Benedictine Abbey of Saint-Wandrille-Rançon, which is also a beautiful example of the medieval period and where monks still live and work. Close to Le Havre, Montivilliers also has a beautiful abbey which used to be home to nuns. The splendid cloister, the Gothic refectory and numerous rooms have been restored and are open to visitors. Not far from there, the Brisgaret Ossuary, a medieval cemetery has kept its original purpose.



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Castles, chateaux and manor houses 3

Not far from Rouen, in the hills above La Bouille, the ruins of the castle of the Château de Robert Le Diable still stand proudly overlooking the river Seine. This castle used to be a strategic place on the river. Along the Alabaster Coast, there still are numerous places or remains of this medieval period: the ducal palace in Fécamp which used to be home to the Dukes of Normandy, the castle of Arques-la-Bataille which used to be an imposing fortress and whose ruins are now reminders of Henry IV, William the Conqueror and Joan of Arc. Well, Seine-Maritime boasts plenty of surprising places, witnesses to the medieval period in this pretty part of Normandy.

Have a look at all the medieval sites at www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com



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Seine-Maritime, home to illustrious people

The Houses of Illustrious People certification 4

With no less than 11 sites granted the «Maison des Illustres» (Houses of Illustrious People) certification, Seine-Maritime is the leading French Department. This certification aims at keeping alive and passing on the memory of the men and women who have lived there and marked the political, social and cultural history of France.

- > **Maurice Leblanc** / The Clos Lupin in Étretat / www.Étretat.net
- > **Victor Hugo** / Victor Hugo Museum & House in Villequier / www.museevictorhugo.fr
- > **Pierre Corneille** / Birthplace in Rouen / www.rouentourisme.com
- > **Pierre Corneille** / Pierre Corneille Museum in Petit-Couronne / www.museepierrecorneille.fr
- > **Louis-Philippe** / The Château in Eu / www.chateau-eu.fr
- > **Gustave Flaubert** / Flaubert's house in Canteleu / www.rouentourisme.com

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- > **Gustave Flaubert** / The Flaubert and Medical History Museum / www.chu-rouen.fr/museeflaubert
- > **Guy de Maupassant** / Château of Miromesnil in Tourville-sur-Arques / www.chateau-miromesnil.com
- > **Abbé Pierre** / The Abbé Pierre Centre in Esteville / www.centre-abbe-pierre-emmaus.org
- > **Jehan Ango** / Ango's Manor House in Varengeville-sur-Mer / www.manoirdango.fr
- > **Pierre de Pesant de Bois-Guilbert** / Château of Bois-Guilbert / www.lejardindessculptures.com

Le Havre's Literary Walk

This walk introduces literary texts dealing with specific places in the city of Le Havre. It also mentions other forms of art, painting, photography, cinema, etc. in which the city is represented. It comes in two forms: a literary walk in the city and a virtual tour online on the website «promenade litteraire-lehavre».

The literary walk in the city comprises 20 stops marked by benches. Each bench is located exactly where the authors wrote their texts between 1830 and 2014, which are displayed on the armrests. Each text comes with a QR code that will take you to the website and provide further information for each stop. It opens on a map of Le Havre showing the 20 key places.

For each place, there are additional texts written by other authors, as well as views of Le Havre at different periods of time. Recordings of the main texts are also available.

Further information at www.promenadelitteraire-lehavre.fr



New

The Keep, known as "Donjon"

In Rouen in 2017, the Normandy Rouen Metropole will carry out a new project inside the Joan of Arc Tower, known as «the Keep», the only remain of the Castle of Rouen.

This new idea, «Brainscape» – a game in which teams have to escape by finding clues and solving puzzles – aims to preserve and highlight this historic building, a symbol of the medieval period and to tell the story of Rouen in a fun, interactive and educational way. Families, kids, teens, visitors, businesses, etc. It will be open to everyone!

It will open in April 2017...

Further information at rouentourisme.com

It is happening in 2017!

Here is a selection of must-go-to events to have an amazing 2017. Exhibitions, festivals, street theatre, etc. Save the dates!



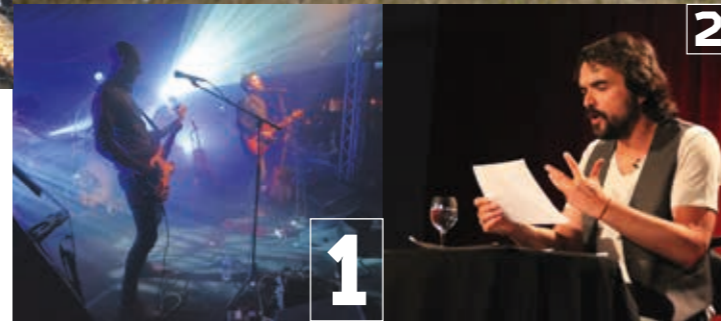
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In January

«Le goût des autres» Literary Festival 1

19 - 22 January

«Four days, four evenings and a whole night for some literature as you have never seen it before!» 2017 will be the year for new literary boundaries in Le Havre.

In February 1517, King Francis I founded Franciscopolis, one of the first French sea ports. Le Havre was born. Fortified port city, Le Havre quickly became a gateway to the world and a witness to the history of Europe and of transatlantic crossings.

In January 2017, the festival «Le Goût des Autres» will set the tone of Le Havre's 500th anniversary by telling the story of New Worlds Literature. Because Le Havre is a world city, a utopian city, a city steeped in history and looking towards the future, it will gather for 4 days, 4 evenings and a whole night literature coming from the other side of the Atlantic, from New-York to Lima including Caracas, Rio, Port-au-Prince and more...

In March / April

«Terres de Paroles» Art & Literary Festival 2

23 March - 30 April

Once again, the festival prepares a varied and themed programme that will give pride of place to meetings and workshops with authors and artists in residence in the region.

From 23 March to 30 April, Terres de Paroles will stop in some 20 towns and villages in Seine-Maritime with a programme made of readings, performances, etc. An invitation to the heart of cities and countries to discover contemporary creations and literature.

Further information at www.terresdeparoles.com

In May

Festival Graines deJardin

20 and 21 May

Come and enjoy a colourful event at the Jardin des Plantes in Rouen. On 20 and 21 May, the Normandy Rouen Metropole, in partnership with the City of Rouen, will organise the 9th edition of the garden festival «Graines de Jardin». This event has established itself as one of the largest gardening events in France. Nature is once more magnified thanks to this colourful festival, which will focus on the theme of «foliage». Do not miss the plant and garden jumble sale, which is the ideal opportunity to find new varieties of plants and flowers at affordable prices.

In June

Viva Cité 3

The leading festival of street theatre in Europe, the 28th edition will hold more great moments. This must-see event for street theatre amateurs and professionals provide is a unique three-day festival when artists make the town buzz with excitement: street theatre, visual arts, music, dance, pyrotechnics, etc.

Further information at www.vivacite.com

In July

The Linen and Fiber Art Festival

During the first weekend of July, the Dun Valley will be decked out in an array of colours for three days of events and performances. Linen, this natural cultivated fibre, constitutes the wealth of the region thanks to its exceptional quality.

Seine-Maritime is one of the largest flax producers and exporters which makes it a centre of expertise in this field.

The Festival has events spread over three days that deal with flax growing, its history, its environment thanks to many exhibitions of contemporary and traditional textile art, fashion shows, visits of factories, linen fairs, activities and walks, etc. A packed programme of events, ideal to explore the Norman countryside!

In August

The Sea Festivals

All summer long, the Alabaster Coast celebrates the sea thanks to a key event: the sea festivals! The sea festivals are above all an opportunity to remember and honour the memory of missing sailors and to celebrate the seamen's years of experience. Visitors can listen to the stories of sailors' families living in the coastal towns of the Alabaster Coast. Just stroll along the quays and waterfronts to take in the atmosphere of the sea festivals. There are numerous boats to visit, new and old ones gathered especially for the festivals and decked out in bright colours that contrast with the colour of the sea.

Comfortably seated on the seafront, share special moments listening to traditional sea shanties and sea songs and attend the Blessing of the Fleet.

In September

Normandie Bulles Comics Festival

22nd edition of this unmissable event for avid comics readers and fans - Exhibitions, activities, meetings with authors, rewards, etc.

In October

The «Fête du Ventre» Food Festival 4

In Rouen, it is the must-do gourmet event for food lovers. During two days, the Food Festival gives pride of place to an impressive producers' market where everyone can find high-quality local products. Chefs' demonstrations, cooking shows, cooking introduction classes, etc. enliven this big gourmet event.

In November

The Herring Month! 5

Marinated, grilled, cooked with lemon or served with a glass of white wine*, herring is given pride of place along the coast.

Bumping into a cook wearing safety glasses and an apron while grilling herrings, walking through the acrid smoke of barbecues, sitting down to try herrings prepared in many different ways, etc. These festivals are also the opportunity to eat scallops, which is also associated to this event as Dieppe is the first French port for scallops.

The 2017 Herring Festivals

- > Étretat: 28 October
- > Le Tréport: 11 and 12 November
- > Dieppe: 18 and 19 November
- > Saint-Valéry-en-Caux: 19 November
- > Fécamp: 25 and 26 November

In December

Merry Christmas

In Rouen or in Le Havre, Christmas markets are made for children and grown-ups. Ferris wheels, lights, Dutch doughnuts, grilled chestnuts, etc. the Christmas spirit is at work. Everywhere in Seine-Maritime, there are also many small Christmas markets that are held for a weekend or a week. Find the complete list of Christmas markets at www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com



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Food, culture, music, etc. There is always something to do...

Local flavours and traditions

- ~ The Watercress Festival 1 / Veules-les-Roses / March
- ~ The Neufchâtel Cheese Festival / Neufchâtel-en-Bray / september
- ~ The Apple Festival / Forges-les-Eaux, Caudebec-en-Caux / September - October
- ~ Fête de la Gastronomie / September
- ~ The Rose Festival / Veules-les-Roses / June
- ~ The Flax Festival / Doudeville / June

Musical events

- ~ Dixies Days Jazz Festival / Sainte-Adresse / May
- ~ The Bakayades / Grand-Quevilly / June
- ~ Archo Jazz Festival / Blainville-Crevon / June
- ~ Hello Birds 2 / Étretat / July
- ~ Green Horse Festival / Mauquenchy / July
- ~ Pete the Monkey 3 / Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer / July
- ~ Mo'zaïque Festival / Le Havre / July
- ~ The «Terrasses du jeudi» Festival 4 / Rouen / July
- ~ The «Murmure du Son» Festival / Eu / July
- ~ Musical Normandy / Seine-Maritime / July and August
- ~ Offenbach Festival 5 / Étretat / August
- ~ Bach Academy Festival / Arques-la-Bataille / August
- ~ The Loup Vert Festival / Le Mesnil-sous-Jumièges / September
- ~ Quest Park Festival / Le Havre / October
- ~ «Chant d'Elles» Festival 6 / Seine-Maritime / November

Cultural events

- ~ The Literary Days - Tapovan / Sassetot-Le-Mauconduit / May
- ~ The Joan of Arc Festival / Rouen / May
- ~ Secret gardens / Seine-Maritime / May to October



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- ~ The Bell Tower Festival / Seine-Maritime / Whit Monday
- ~ Detective stories on the beach Festival / Le Havre / June
- ~ Lire à la Plage (Read on the beach) / Alabaster Coast / July and August
- ~ Tourism night / Le Havre / October
- ~ Children's book Festival / Rouen / December

Other events...

- ~ Sea bathing on 1 January 7 / Alabaster Coast / January
- ~ The 24-hour powerboat race / Rouen / May
- ~ The Viking Festival / La Chapelle-Saint-Ouen / June
- ~ Finish line the Solitaire du Figaro Race / Dieppe / June
- ~ Sound and light show "Cathédrale de lumière" 8 / Rouen / June to September
- ~ Motorcyclists' light ride / Fécamp / July
- ~ Rouen sur Mer (Rouen by the sea) / Rouen / July
- ~ Tour de France à la voile sailing race / Fécamp / July
- ~ Corsiflor float parade / Le Havre / August
- ~ The Normans' Festival / September
- ~ Tapovan Open University Yoga and Ayurveda / Sassetot-le-Mauconduit / September
- ~ Transat Jaques Vabre 9 / Le Havre / October

More information and events
at www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com



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And don't forget...

Happy birthday Le Havre!

A Summer in Le Havre
27 May - 5 November

An exceptional major event for 2017, «A Summer in Le Havre» will celebrate the city's 500th anniversary programmed by artistic director Jean Blaise.

Further information at www.uneteauhavre2017.fr

Picasso in Rouen

A season dedicated to Pablo Picasso
1 April - 11 September

Three museums in Rouen hold a major exhibition dedicated to Pablo Picasso.

- > Museum of Fine Arts / Picasso in Boisgeloup
- > Museum of Ceramics / Pablo Picasso's ceramic works
- > Museum Le Secq des Tournelles / Picasso & Gonzales - A solid friendship

Further information at
www.musees-rouen-normandie.fr

Key figures

Here is a selection of 12 key figures (2015) that help understand the importance of the tourism industry in Seine-Maritime.



+15.5%
of domestic stays compared to 2014, which means 3 million visitors in Seine-Maritime



+3.9%
of domestic nights, which means 9.6 million nights



3.2 nights
The average length of stay in Seine-Maritime



+1.4%
increase in accommodation occupancy (hotels, campsites, self-catering)



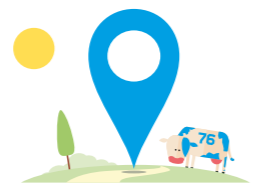
+3%
increase in international visitor nights in Seine-Maritime



+18.5%
increase in camping nights



74.9%
of short stays in Seine-Maritime



126 walks
available on Seine-Maritime Tourism's web and mobile devices



1,967 km
(1,222 miles) of hiking trails part of the Departmental Plan for Walking and Hiking Routes (walking, riding and cycling)



11,144
cyclists have used the Dieppe-Newhaven ferry as part of the London - Paris Avenue Verte



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International tour operators and travel agencies selling the London-Paris Avenue Verte



€1.68 millions
direct economic impact for the Avenue Verte London-Paris



Travelling to Seine-Maritime

Seine-Maritime is ideally located one hour and a half away from Paris, 3 hours away from Brussels and 3 hours and a half away from London.

- > Paris - 1 h 30
- > Beauvais - 1 h 00
- > Caen - 1 h 00
- > Rennes - 2 h 00
- > Lille - 2 h 30
- > Tours - 3 h 00
- > Bruxelles - 3 h 00
- > Londres - 3 h 30
- > Luxembourg - 4 h 00
- > Reims - 2 h 45
- > Amsterdam - 5 h 00
- > Bonn - 5 h 00

Getting to Seine-Maritime...

By car

- > From Paris, Caen and Rennes via the motorway A13
- > From Amiens and Reims via the motorways A29 and then A28
- > From Lille and Brussels via the motorways A1, A29 and A28
- > From Bordeaux and Tours via the motorway A28

By train - SNCF

- > Paris Saint-Lazare - Rouen - Le Havre
- > Paris Saint-Lazare - Gisors - Serqueux (Forges-les-Eaux)
- > Paris Gare du Nord - Eu - Le Tréport
- > Marseille - Lyon - Rouen - Le Havre (high-speed train)

- > Lille - Amiens - Rouen
- > Caen - Rouen

By ferry

- > Portsmouth - Le Havre (Brittany Ferries)
- > Newhaven - Dieppe (DFDS Seaways)

By plane

- > Le Havre-Octeville airport
- > Deauville-Saint-Gatien airport
- > Beauvais-Tillé airport

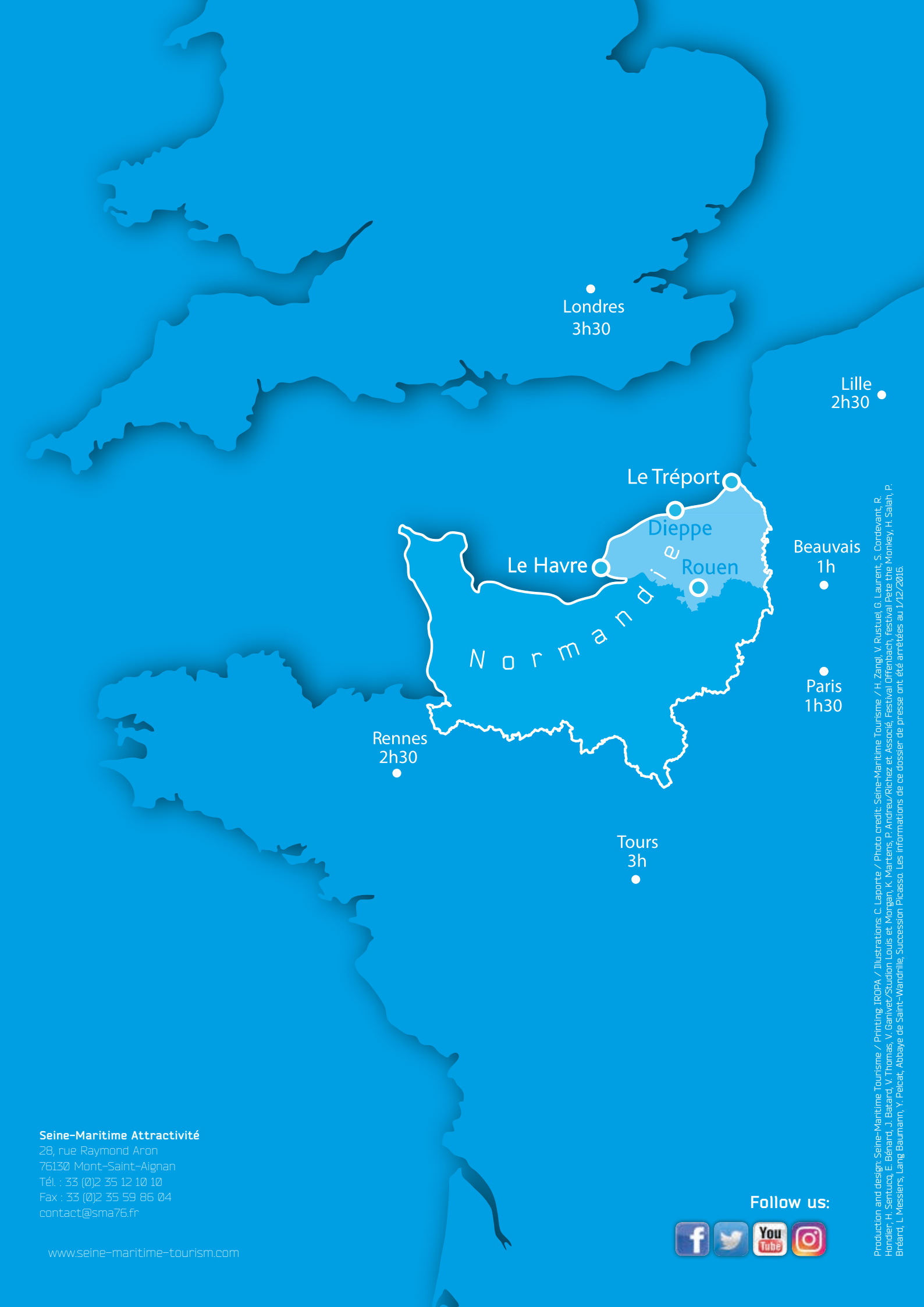
By bus

Numerous bus services have daily connections between Seine-Maritime and Caen, Paris and Roissy - Charles De Gaulle airport: Oibus, Flixbus, Isilines, etc.

Further information at www.busradar.fr



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