

## Le Havre, France

Le Havre is the closest cruise port for visiting Paris and the Beaches of Normandy. Paris is a two and a half hour drive away and Normandy just shy of two hours away.

### History

Founded in 1517, Le Havre (translation, The Harbor) is a major port city situated on the northern banks of the Seine and the southwestern banks of the English Channel. The city suffered major damage in WWII. The port is the major industry and employer in the region, with its deep water access, it handles 60% of France's import/export traffic.

### Local Flavors

- Pot-au Feu de Lotte - monkfish stew made with leeks and carrots and slow-cooked in white wine.
- Apples, apples, apples! Normandy is apple country, you'll see apples featured in many dishes.
  - Apple ciders
  - Calvados - apple brandy.
  - Pommes Caramélisées aux Fruits Secs - caramelized apples with dried fruits, usually served with crème anglaise and a scoop of vanilla ice cream.
  - Tarte Tatin - caramelized apple tart with buttery pastry, served with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.
- Coquilles Saint-Jacques - fresh scallops served in their shells, cooked with butter and breadcrumbs.
- Moules Marinières - mussels steamed in white wine, garlic, and herbs.
- Camembert Fondue - unique fondue with Camembert cheese.

### Unique Animals

Le Havre is home to the Silver Gull and the Walls' lizard.



### Language

French with a Norman dialect. English is widely spoken as well. As a heavily touristed area, signage is often in French and English.



### Currency

The Euro

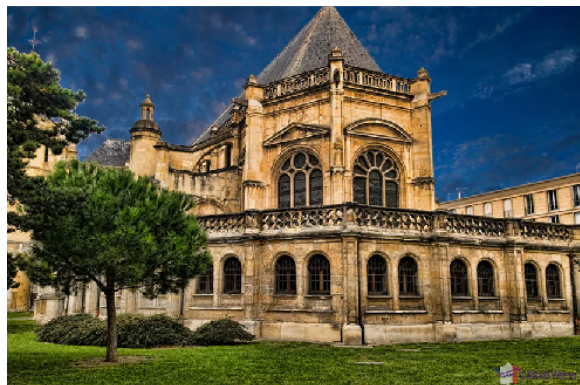
### Driving

Your US driver's license is valid here. Drive on the right side of the road. Most vehicles have a manual transmission. Roundabouts are common.

### Sites to See

- St. Joseph's Church - modern architecture by Auguste Perret.
- Musée d'Art Moderne André Malraux aka "MuMa" - Five centuries of art on display, featuring: Braque, Dubuffet, Friesz, Dufy, Monet, Musée d'Orsay, Manet, Renoir, Degas, Sisley, Gauguin, Monet, Delacroix, Gustave Courbet and Eugène Boudin.

- Place de l'Hôtel-de-Ville - Circa 1958, Le Havre's city hall and square.
- Le Havre Beach - pebble beach excellent for strolling, with many local seaside restaurants to enjoy.
- Les Jardins Suspendus (Hanging Gardens) - Hilltop location with great views of the city and harbour, placed inside a 19th-century fortress. Walk through the bastions into the botanical gardens; plots and greenhouses. Free and. opened to the public.
- Parc de Rouelles - A 160 acre park with fields, ponds and woodlands. Twenty kilometres of trails, a colombier (dovecote) built here in 1631. Home to 259 tree varieties. A teenage Claude Monet painted the park in 1858.
- Le Havre Cathedral - Circa the late 1500s, it's the oldest building in Le Havre to survive the bombing. The Great Organ was donated to the cathedral by Cardinal de Richelieu.
- Square St. Roch - a two acres public garden located in the city center, contains 30+ varieties of trees and is decorated with statues and water features.



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