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Le Havre has a large commercial port used by cruise ships, ferry boats, and a marina. The city was devastated by bombings in WW II. You won't find many old buildings. The city was rebuilt in modernist style by famous architect Auguste Perret. He's called the “concrete poet” because he rebuilt the city in concrete.

Favorable lighting along the beach and Seine estuary attracted Impressionist artists to Le Havre. In 1872, Claude Monet painted “Impression, Sunrise” in Le Havre. If you love art, visit the Malraux Museum. Popular tourist sites include museums and:

- St Joseph’s Church, an architectural masterpiece
- The sample apartment, a new type of post-war housing, Espace Coty, a large shopping center, and Le Volcan, a huge entertainment complex.

You can walk, take a cab, or a shuttle bus (usually for a fee) from the cruise dock to center city.

Cruise lines describe Le Havre as the port for Paris, but the 10.5 hour tour involves a 6-hour bus ride. Four and a half hours is not much time to explore Paris. I'd suggest staying overnight in Paris before/after your cruise.

Here's my list of things to see and do from Le Havre Port:

- You could stay in Le Havre if you want to relax and walk around exploring the city.
- Honfleur is a picture-perfect village with a beautiful harbor and it's only a half-hour from Le Havre.
- Rouen has exceptional architecture ranging from medieval houses to the majestic Palais de Justice and the cathedral. It's a city of museums. It's a one-hour train ride from Le Havre.
- Paris is a long, long bus ride and you'll only have 4.5 hours to see the city.
- Bayeux has the world famous tapestry, a beautiful cathedral, and a war museum. It's a two hour ride.
- Normandy D-day beaches are next to Bayeux, about a two hour ride from Le Havre.

Caveat
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Tom Sheridan
I would like to thank Mike Engelberg and Keith Henderson for their help on this port guide.
The map above shows cruise ships docked next to the cruise terminal. Note the scale of 1000 feet.

You can walk 2.3 km to the train/bus station in 30 minutes, but sometimes the port is closed to pedestrians. Check with your cruise line or the tourist office in the terminal re whether you can walk through the port.

The fastest way to get to Le Havre center city or to the train or bus station is by cab. There is a list of flat rate taxi fares (for up to four people) in the cruise terminal. The 2013 taxi rates are: center of town €9, train station €10, Honfleur €25, and Étretat €25. Taxi tours for 8-hours are 450 euros for up to 4 people and 540 euros for 5 to 6 people. Be sure to get a driver who speaks fluently in your language.

There will be public buses from the cruise terminal into the city or the cruise ship will provide a shuttle bus (usually for a fee). The shuttle bus usually drops passengers off at the Le Vulcan entertainment complex or at the Espace Coty shopping mall. Check with your cruise line to determine the bus stop location(s).

You can rent a car at the cruise terminal. For self-guided touring to Honfleur, take a taxi from the cruise terminal, or a bus from Le Havre. The only public transit option to Rouen is a train from Le Havre.
GPS Coordinates
This guide includes GPS Coordinates for tourist sites and key locations. Open this guide in one window on your computer and open Google Maps in a second window. Copy and paste the GPS coordinates into Google maps to find sites and get directions and time for travel by car, bus, walking, or bicycle. The coordinates can be used with any Google map format such as “map”, “satellite”, “earth”, and “terrain” to see detailed views of the location at any map scale.

These coordinates can also be used in hand-held or vehicle GPS devices. Note that these devices can accept different formats. It's important to set your device to accept data in this format:

-Degrees, Minutes, and Seconds shown as N ddd° mm' ss.ss”,  E ddd° mm' ss.ss”

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Things to See and Do in Le Havre
Visit the tourism website = http://www.lehavretourisme.com/en/visits-things-to-see/museums-sites.html

The Le Havre tourist sites listed in this port guide are all within walking distance of center city. I've included GPS coordinates so you can locate these sites on Google Maps and plot your own walking route.

Le Havre was devastated by bombings in WWII. After the war, the city was rebuilt quickly using concrete and steel. Auguste Perret, one of the best architects and city planners, headed the project. Innovative, new designs were used for the apartments. A few “show” apartments, dating back to the 1940's, are on display for tours. Walking through Le Havre gives you the opportunity to see the story of rebuilding the city after the war and visit shops, restaurants, museums, parks and churches.

Le Havre Is the Birthplace of Modern Art
Impressionist art is named after Claude Monet's “Impression, Sunrise” painted in Le Havre in 1872.

This painting (photo at left) is in the Marmottan Museum in Paris. Le Havre has the largest collection of Impressionist paintings outside Paris at the Malraux Museum (Musée Malraux) near the harbor.

Monet's mentor, Eugène Boudin was born near Le Havre, in Honfleur. He began painting and developed his skill in Le Havre.

Monet and the impressionist painters gave art a new lease on life by challenging centuries of codified academic painting. Today, impressionist art is the most popular and fascinating art form.

Raoul Dufy claimed that the outstanding light at the mouth of the estuary in Le Havre was crucial and the port, beach, and regattas inspired all the major painters of the Impressionist movement (Pissarro, Sisley, Boudin, Monet, Jongkind, etc.).

A) Malraux Museum (Musée Malraux):  N 49° 29' 5.74", E 0° 6' 9.65"
2 Boulevard Clemenceau 76600 Le Havre, France
See http://www.muma-lehavre.fr/

Exhibits include works of the French impressionist works of art such as Eugène Boudin, Monet, Dubuffet, Friesz and Braque who were either born or raised in Le Havre as well as Renoir, Pissarro, Sisley, Degas, Corot, Marquet, Derain, Friesz or Matisse. and Fauvist Raoul Dufy.
The museum has extensive views of the exterior and filters light through louvres. The museum is France’s first Cultural Centre (1961). Architects: Lagneau, Audigier and Jean Prouvé.

During the second edition of Normandy Impressionist festival (24 april till 29 september), come and visit the "Pissarro dans les ports" exhibition.

Opening hours : Week : 11.00am – 6.00pm, Weekends : 11.00am - 7.00pm
Closed on Tuesdays, 1st January, 1st May, 14th July, 11th November and 25th December
Adulte: 5 €

B) Espace André Graillot  N 49° 29' 5.34", E 0° 6' 22.14"

An exhibition space devoted to maritime heritage which is run by volunteers and naval associations. The design of the building – a glass pyramid topped by two masts that reach skywards – is a clear allusion to the city's connection with the sea. Three exhibitions per year to promote the riches of this heritage.

Open Wednesdays to Sundays from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.  Adulte : 2 €  Free entrance : each first Saturday of a month

C) Notre-Dame Cathedral and Museum: (photo right)  
N 49° 29' 12.08", E 0° 6' 25.92"

The cathedral dates from the foundation of the town in the 16th c. (lantern tower). The Museum dates from the 18th century. They were restored to resemble originals. Notre-Dame Cathedral is one of the last remains of what Le Havre looked like in the 16t century. The western side, the altarpieces of the 17th century and the organ were given by Richelieu as a gift (and restored in the 19th and 20th centuries) and are worth looking at.

Shortly after the city of Le Havre was founded, in 1522, a thatch and wood chapel (surrounded by a graveyard) was built along the main street of the city, rue Saint-Michel which later became rue de Paris. A bell tower was added in the 16th century. It had to be restored in the 19th century as a result of damages caused by the French revolution. Damaged by the bombings in September 1944, the restoration work was
over in 1974 at the time when the parish church became the cathedral of the diocese. The classical western side displays a superimposition of decorations and orders. The limestone bas-relief of the side gate, nicknamed “the angels playing trumpet” with Ionic veined columns was started in 1630, as for the central tympan, it came from the renovations started in the Restoration period. The inside shelters some well-preserved furniture. The great organ, given by Richelieu as a gift when he was Governor of Le Havre in 1639, was restored several times in the 19th and 20th centuries but was completely destroyed in the bombings. The organ case was rebuilt in 1980. Open everyday.

D) Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle  N 49° 29' 15.41", E 0° 6' 32.65"
Place du Vieux Marché

Le Havre Natural History Museum offers temporary exhibitions to explore the riches of our animal, vegetable and mineral environment. Families are provided with various activities so that parents and kids can enjoy their outing. For example, the April 2013 features Antartica. Become a scientist in Antartica and discover how to live in an extremely violent environment.

Open from Tuesday till Sunday from 10 am till 12 am and from 2 pm till 6 pm
Closed on Thursday morning and Monday and on January 1st, May 1st, May 8th, July 14th, Nov11th, Admission is free

E) Shipowner’s House (Maison de l’Armateur):  N 49° 29' 12.65", E 0° 6' 45.70"

A late 18th-century mansion. It includes a very rare, and breathtaking, central well of light flanked by living rooms and corridors. The façade is based on Louis XVI architecture style. Parquet flooring, made from exotic wood, can be found alongside stone flooring featuring geometric patterns. There are 5 floors with rooms displayed around a wide skylight.

Opening hours :- Every day from 11:00am till 12.30pm & from 1.30pm till 6pm, except on Wednesdays from 2:00pm till 6:00pm. - Guided tours on Saturdays at 11:00am and 3:30pm / on Sundays at 11:00am
Closed on Tuesdays, on Wednesday mornings and on 1st January, 1st and 8th May, 14th July , 11th November and 25th December
Adulte : 5 €

F) Saint-François District:  N 49° 29' 16.06", E 0° 6' 45.98"

The second of the town’s historic areas, still boasting a few buildings dating from the 16th to 18th centuries. This district has a strong character of its own. It was not rebuilt by the Auguste Perret workshop and its architecture includes regional features such as sloping roofs, brick and slate. The 16th century town plan designed by Jérôme Bellarmato has been reintroduced here.

G) Footbridge (passerelle de la Bourse):  N 49° 29' 23.12", E 0° 6' 45.32"
32 Quai Lamblardie

The bridge spans the Commerce Basin, one of the oldest harbour basins in Le Havre. The bridge provides an admirable view of it. It was built by Guillaume Gillet in 1969.

H) Place de l’Hôtel de Ville:  N 49° 29' 30.30", E 0° 6' 27.77"

It's in a huge design including a square and apartment blocks designed by Auguste Perret. The Town Hall (hôtel de ville), a symbol of the rebirth of Le Havre, is also an example of the architect’s ideas. The great colonnade gives it a Classical look while its tower rising to more than 70 metres is decidedly modern.

Appartement Temoin (show flat)
The guided tour meeting point is in the square in front of Hôtel de Ville:  N 49° 29' 30.30", E 0° 6' 27.77"
This is a very popular tourist site. It's a display of a new type of housing, interior design, and furniture based on Auguste Perret's research on how to rebuild cities after WWII.

This show flat gives the opportunity to understand how the Perret working group aimed at rehousing the locals after the town was 80% destroyed as a result of second world war bombing operations. This fully-
furnished apartment provides the visitor with a great chance to see what modernity looked like in the early "post-war boom" years.
The show flat is designed to help visitors visualize where families were rehoused after almost ten years of living in rudimentary shelters. Perret's heartfelt vision was to give them the optimum comfort with large and bright living spaces in a quiet neighbourhood. The furniture in the different rooms was designed by various architects such as René Gabriel, André Beaudoin and Marcel Gascouin. This was the first time that mass-produced furniture was used for middle-class families.
The rooms were fully equipped: a kitchen with a fridge, a gas stove, a pressure cooker, a rubbish chute, a record player, a writing machine in the living-room, a hoover and a washing machine in the bathroom.
Guided tours: Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays at 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 and 5:00 PM
Meeting point: "Maison du Patrimoine" (181 rue de Paris 76600 Le Havre)
Visite guidée adulte individuel: 3 € Contact the tourist office for tickets Tél. 1 : 02 32 74 04 04 E-mail: convention-info@lehavretourisme.com

30 Rue Richelieu 76600 Le Havre, France


J) Le Volcan:  N 49° 29' 26.00", E 0° 6' 25.00"
Le Volcan is is the premier cultural venue with concert halls and an art cinema. It's a huge, amazing structure. Access is via ramps and stairs. The architecture represents a white veil of concrete, with curves and open shapes. There are two structures. One is hyperbolic and asymmetric and shelters a theatre with 1200 seats and a cinema; the other is cylindrical and shelters a multi-purpose room with 200 to 500 seats and offices. For details on the architecture, plans, photos, etc, see [http://www2.archi.fr/DOCOMOMO-FR/fiche-havre-volcan-va.htm](http://www2.archi.fr/DOCOMOMO-FR/fiche-havre-volcan-va.htm)

K) Central market (Halles Centrales):  N 49° 29' 27.51", E 0° 6' 16.50"
57 Place des Halles Centrales 76600 Havre (Le), France
Built on the site of the pre-war market, it was designed in 1960 by André Le Donné, Charles Fabre and Jean Le Soudier. It has a vaulted concrete roof.
L) Raoul Dufy Junior High School (collège Raoul Dufy)  N 49° 29' 26.40", E 0° 6' 10.93"  
25 Rue Dicquemare  76600 Havre (Le), France  
Inaugurated in 1956. Designed by Pierre-Edouard Lambert, a member of the Perret workshop, it refers back to the structural Classicism (cornices, screen walls, columns) seen in the building of the Economic and Social Council in Paris (designed by Perret in 1946).

M) St Joseph’s Church (église Saint-Joseph): N 49° 29' 27.46", E 0° 6' 4.21"  
Dedicated to the memory of the victims of the bombings, it is the emblem of the reconstruction period in Europe. Saint-Joseph Church stands out as one of the architectural masterpieces of the 20th century.  
Building began in 1951, based on previously unused plans by Auguste Perret for a basilica church in Paris. The bell tower was completed in 1957 by Georges Brochard and Raymond Audigier, after Perret’s death.  
Saint Joseph church can be compared to a lighthouse because of its octagonal lantern-tower reaching a height of 110 metres. It is joined to the square base of the building, sheltering the nave and the choir.  
Inside the church, 6500 pieces of coloured glass light up the concrete. Colours are different depending on the time and the sunlight intensity.  
Free entrance - Opened every day from 10:00am to 6:00pm except during ceremonies

This Google satellite photo below shows St Joseph's Church, Dufy School, the Central Market, and Le Volcan.

N) Square Saint-Roch Public Garden:  N 49° 29' 39.15", E 0° 6' 6.30"  
This public garden was recreated to its original design and has now regained many of the features of its “English-style” garden layout (1868). The wall repeats the screen wall motifs seen on Place de l’Hôtel de Ville. They were designed solely by A. Perret.

Walking Tour of Le Havre

I used the GPS coordinates for the tourist sites above to create a walking tour map of centre city Le Havre. The distance is 2.7 miles one-way and a 60-minute walk. Le Havre is an easy city to walk. The walkways are flat and there are no hills to climb in centre city. Along the way, you'll pass many shops, cafes, and restaurants.  
You can use the GPS coordinates to create your own map to walk the city. Explore the sites by enlarging the map scale Google map, satellite, and earth views. Drag the little yellow man icon onto the map to see street level photos, preview your walk, and decide the route that is best for you.  
There are many excellent tourist sites just outside centre city, but you'll need transportation. Check the tourism website http://www.lehavretourisme.com/en/visits-things-to-see/museums-sites.html for places to visit near, but outside of Le Havre centre city.
Walking Tour Map for Centre City Le Havre

**Tourist Site**

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C) Notre-Dame Cathedral and Museum
D) Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle
E) Shipowner’s House (Maison de l'Armateur)
F) Saint-François District
G) Footbridge (passerelle de la Bourse)
H) Place de l'Hôtel de Ville & Appartement Temoin
I) Normandy Business School (école supérieure de commerce):
J) Le Volcan
K) Central market (Halles Centrales)
L) Raoul Dufy Junior High School (collège Raoul Dufy)
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Popular Tourist Sites

The map above shows travel distance and time to tourist sites from Le Havre by car or taxi. The ship's excursion bus to Paris is 180 minutes one-way. Travel by train or public bus could take more time considering the time to get from the port to the bus or train station and time waiting for the bus or train.

Self-Guided Touring Options
I believe it's best to pre-plan my excursions and decide whether I will use a private guide, public buses/trains, or rent a car. I have included comments in this guide on renting a car at the Le Havre port by Keith Henderson (see pages 31-32) and hiring a taxi at the port by Mike Engelberg (see pages 33-34).

Using the Normandy bus website to find bus schedules
Step 1: Go to http://www.busverts.fr/
The screen (below) appears. Click on DOC a' DOM

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Step 2: The screen below appears. Click on WWW

Step 3: The screen below appears. Find the departure city in the list. Note that the cities are NOT listed in alphabetical order.
Step 4: The screen below appears. It shows the Normandy network public bus lines (20, 50, & 39) serving Le Havre. Click on any of the bus lines to see and download the schedule for that line.

I edited the schedule to show all the buses between Le Havre and Honfleur (below). The main bus station in the city is called “gare routière”. It could be anywhere in the city, but it’s usually near a train station. Honfleur does not have a train station; the bus station is near the harbor. I show the main bus stations and provide GPS coordinates for them in this port guide.

Please download the bus schedule for the destination and time you will be traveling.

The [http://www.commentjyvais.fr/](http://www.commentjyvais.fr/) website is similar, but I find it easier to use for travel in Normandy. This website has a simple, user interface and it finds travel options by train, tram, bus, boat, etc. Enter your departure and destination cities with the travel date and starting time.
Here's the screen filled out for departure from Le Havre and arrival at Honfleur on October 31, 2013. **There is an anomaly with this website because it enters <font><font> before and after “Le Havre (76600)”. I have to erase the <font> to avoid an error message.**

![Search routes](image)

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Click on the “Details of journey” to see a map of the route. Enlarge the map to see the exact location of the bus stations in the cities. The map on the next page shows location of the gare routiere (bus station) in Honfleur as number “2”. Note that I set the map to “Satellite” view.
The map below shows the location of the main bus station (gare routiere) in Honfleur.

Here are the GPS coordinates for the bus stations in Le Havre and Honfleur:

- Le Havre gare routiere (bus station): N 49° 29’ 31.15”, E 00° 07’ 34.58”
- Honfleur gare routiere (bus station): N 49° 25’ 7.47”, E 0° 14’ 16.71”

**Honfleur**

Honfleur is only 22 km and 30 minutes from Le Havre cruise terminal. It's a beautiful setting with a scenic harbor, old buildings, restaurants, cafes, museums, shops, and a lovely park area. The area is small enough to explore on foot or you can use the small, tractor-pulled sightseeing train.

The tourist bureau for Honfleur has done a phenomenal job of creating a website. It has excellent descriptions of things to see and do, an outstanding map of the city, and many beautiful photos you can download to study the area or use as screen savers on your computer.


Located in the heart of the Bay of Seine, Honfleur offers many opportunities to discover the fauna and flora specific to the estuarine environment. From simple walks to hiking trail, the country of Honfleur and thirteen towns welcome you in their territory...

Woods and forests around promise to nature lovers of beautiful walks between sea and countryside. Among them, the forest of Saint-Gatien (the largest in the department) and the Bois du Breuil maintained by the Conservatoire du Littoral in terms of its rich heritage.

Rich in contrasts and traditions, Township Honfleur invites you to explore its villages, to meet the craftsmen and its local producers.
“Breathtaking beauty” is my first impression of this lovely city center. This is a wonderful place to visit and explore on foot. Note the sun shades along the buildings beside the harbor. Those are cafes, shops, and restaurants. Plan on spending at least half a day in Honfleur.

You can download this photo above and many others and see virtual tours of the area at


Download brochures and maps at http://www.ot-honfleur.fr/photos-videos-brochures/espace-telechargements/

**Honfleur Map**

I modified the tourist map to add a distance scale, highlighted location of the bus station (gare routiere), and number the parking lots as P1, P2, etc. so I could list GPS coordinates for them. I separated the list of tourist sites from the map, and displayed it in larger, more easily readable text. I hate teeny-tiny print.

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Tourist Sites on the Honfleur Map (in LARGE, READABLE PRINT)

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2. Chapelle Notre-Dame de Grâce F1
3. Église Saint-Léonard H3
4. Église Sainte-Catherine G2
5. Greniers à Sel G3
6. Lieutenance G3
7. Phare du Butin F1
8. Phare de l'Hôpital F2
9. Manoir du Désert H3
10. Manoir de Roncheville G3

**Musées / Museums**
1. Maisons Satie F2
2. Musée d'Ethnographie G3
3. Musée Eugène Boudin G2
4. Musée de la Marine G3

**Loisirs / Leisure**
1. Musée Découverte du Chocolat H4
2. 3 cours Jean de Vienne - 02 31 88 19 13
   www.chocolats-hautot.com
3. Naturospace F2
   Boulevard Charles V - 02 31 81 77 00
4. Petit train touristique / Sightseeing train G3

**Espaces naturels / Natural areas**
1. Jardin des Personnalités E2
2. Jardin Public / Public Garden F3
3. Mont-Joli G1
4. Plage / Beach E1

**ADRESSES ET INFORMATIONS PRATIQUES**

**Banques / Banks**
Les banques sont fermées le lundi
Banks are closed on Mondays

**Culte / Worship**
Chapelle Notre-Dame de Grâce
messe samedi à 18h30 et dimanche à 11h30
presbytère : Plateau de Grâce - 02 31 89 19 63
Église Saint-Léonard
messe du mardi au vendredi à 18h
Église Sainte-Catherine
messe le dimanche à 10h
presbytère : 13 rue des Capucins - 02 31 89 11 83
Mosquée
Route Emile Renouf

**Culture**
1. Cinéma / Cinema G3
   Cours des Fossés - 02 31 89 51 76 - 0892 687 023
2. Médiathèque / Library H3
   Place de la Porte de Rouen - 02 31 89 23 56
3. Salle des Ventes / Saleroom H2

**Marchés / Markets**
Marché traditionnel / Traditional market
samedi matin / saturday morning
Cours des Fossés - Place Sainte-Catherine
Marché aux poissons / Fish market
samedi matin / saturday morning
Jetée de Transit
Marché bio / Organic market  
mercredi matin / wednesday morning  
Place Sainte-Catherine

Santé et Sécurité / Health and Security

35 Cabinet médical / Health centre  
Cours Albert Manuel - 02 31 98 81 00
33 Centre Hospitalier Côte Fleurie / Hospital  
RD 62 - Cricquebœuf - 02 31 89 89 89
37 Centre Hospitalier de l'Estuaire / Hospital  
dialyse, gériatrie / dialysis, geriatrics  
La Plane - Équemauville - 02 31 89 89 89
30 Gendarmerie  
98 rue Saint-Léonard - 02 31 14 09 50
39 Laboratoire d'analyses médicales / Medical lab  
50 rue de la République - 02 31 89 18 34
3 MÉDECINS ET PHARMACIES DE GARDE  
week-end et jours fériés  
02 31 14 44 45

35 Police / Police station  
Rue Villey - 17 - 02 31 14 44 45
34 Police municipale  
du lundi au vendredi  
Hôtel de Ville - 02 31 81 88 00
33 Pompiers / Fire station  
tél. 18
31 Poste de secours sur la plage  
juillet et août / july and august  
Plage du Butin - 02 31 89 23 96
3 SMUR  
tél. 15

Services publics / Public Services

35 Bureau de Poste / Post Office H2
32 Déchetterie / Dump
3 Hôtel de Ville / City Hall  
Place de l'Hôtel de Ville - 02 31 81 88 00
3 Office de Tourisme / Tourist Office H3

35 Salle des Fêtes / Community Hall H4
33 Station d'épuration / Water-treatment plant
3 Tour radar / Radar  
Jetée de l'Est - 02 35 52 96 63
3 Trésorerie / Tax inspector's office  
Le Bouloir - 02 31 89 01 95

Sports

Abeille Parachutisme  
02 31 89 77 66 - www.abeille-parachutisme.com
3 Cercle Nautique Honfleurais / Yacht Club G3  
8 rue Saint-Antoine - 02 31 98 87 13  
www.cnh-honfleur.net
3 Ligue de Tennis de Normandie / Tennis League F2  
Boulevard Charles V - 02 31 14 48 90
3 Tennis Club F2  
Boulevard Charles V - 02 31 89 06 03
3 Piscine / Swimming pool F2  
Boulevard Charles V - 02 31 89 16 28

33 Pétanque / Game of bowls F2
34 Skate park E2
35 Stade / Stadium H4

Transports / Transportation

B Gare routière / Bus station H3  
Rue des Vases - 02 31 89 28 41
P Parkings / Car parks F2 F3 G3
P Parking autocars / Coach park G3
P Parking camping-cars / Camping-car park H4

Aéroport Deauville-Normandie / Airport:  
Saint-Gatien des Bois - 02 31 65 65 65
SNCF / Train:  
tél. 3635
Popular tourist sites in Honfleur. The number in red is the number shown on the tourist map.

4) **Saint Catherine's Church**  
   **N 49° 25' 16.42", E 0° 13' 55.47"**
   This is the largest surviving wooden church in France. It was built without saws by “axe master” craftsmen. The ceiling resembles an upside down hull of a ship.

   Fire is always a risk with wooden buildings. Because the bell tower would be a fire hazard to parishioners during services, the tower was built at a separate location on a hill. It is not attached to the church.

   **Hours:**  
   - 10am-12am and 2pm-6pm   summer (and winter week-ends)  
   - 2.30pm-17pm   winter weekdays.   Closed on Tuesday.

**Markets at Place St. Catherine, next to the church**

   - Fresh fruits, vegetables, fish, and local products for sale   Saturday morning 8.30am to 1pm
   - Organic agriculture -fruits, vegetables, breads, cheeses, eggs, cosmetics, wines, ciders, meat   Wednesday 8h30 to 13h

**St Catherine's Church, Bell Tower, and the Lieutenancy (map below)**

One of the many advantages of GPS coordinates is that you can explore the area before your cruise. I entered GPS coordinates for St. Catherine's Church into Google Earth. It placed a yellow pushpin between the church and bell tower. I enlarged the image and added text to create the **map above** of this area next to the harbor.

6) **Lieutenancy**  
   **N 49° 25' 15.48", E 0° 14' 0.68"**
   The Lieutenancy is one of the oldest houses of the sixteenth century. It was used as the home of the Lieutenant to the King. This monument is the only significant remains of the fortifications of the city, rebuilt over the centuries, especially in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Therefore, it is difficult today to recognize the signs of the fortified gate, called "Gate of Caen", who commanded the Middle Ages, the entrance to the fortress Honfleur. However, if you look closely, you can still see traces of both sides of tearing the old walls, which started from the Lieutenancy to surround the fortified city.

   The door dates from the early seventeenth century. It is surrounded by a niche containing a statue of the Virgin Mary (Our Lady of the Port), and flanked by two graceful corbelled turrets, decorated with the arms of the city.
It was preceded by a drawbridge and defended the north by a crenellated bastion which no longer exists. Facing the Lieutenancy of the other side of the bridge was the "Square Tower." Chains under the water were drawn tight at night to prohibit entrance to the harbor. The tower was destroyed in 1808.

Google Street Level Photo of the Lieutenancy (below)

I entered GPS coordinates for the Lieutenancy into Google Maps and dragged the little yellow man icon onto the map and walked him around the Lieutenancy to get this photo.

People often send me emails asking, “Can we move around the city in a wheelchair?”, or “Are there many steep streets or stairs to climb?” My answer is to use GPS coordinates to locate the tourist site on Google Maps and use the little yellow man icon to walk through the city. You'll see the hills, slopes, steps, etc. and can decide if walking the city is right for you. You'll also spot cafes, restaurants, shops, etc. that you may want to visit. I can't emphasize enough the advantage of using this technique to explore the city from the comfort of your home computer, BEFORE you go on a cruise.

13) Musee Eugene Boudin  N 49° 25' 21.18", E 0° 13' 50.83"  
Eugene Boudin's was a forerunner of the Impressionist movement. The museum has an important collection of paintings and contemporary pré-impressionist Norman painters who stayed in Honfleur: Courbet, Boudin, Dubourg, Jongkind, Monet, Dufy, Friesz, Gernez, Hamburg, Herbo

Normandy Impressionist Festival from June 22 to September 30: daily from 10am to 13pm and 14pm to 18pm  
March 14: in week from 14:30 to 17:30 - the weekend from 10am to 12pm and from 14:30 to 17:30

11) Maisons Satie House and museum N 49° 25' 24.73", E 0° 13' 50.56"  
The Satie Houses has an original musical tribute to the musician and composer. Erik Satie was born in this place, in 1866. Equipped with headphones of an innovative process, the visitor is guided through a series of musical scenes to the beat of the work of Erik Satie.

Allow an hour for the tour. Cost ~ 4 euro.

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16) **Naturospace**  
N49° 25' 31.57", E 0° 13' 45.22"  
Website = www.naturospace.com  
Duration of the visit about an hour. Let yourself be transported thousands of kilometers in the heart of the largest tropical butterfly house in France emissions: a tropical forest of 800 m² which reign throughout the year a temperature maintained at 28° C.  
You'll discover an exceptional variety of tropical plants with evocative names: orchids, bougainvillea, pineapple, bird of paradise, palm trees, vanilla, and will walk in the company of more than a thousand butterflies fluttering over your head. You can also discover the hatcher where you will attend the opening of pupae and the birth of butterflies. Outbreaks of butterflies are seen mainly in the morning. Photos and video are allowed only for private and family use.

**Opening Hours 2013**  
February 2 to December 1, groups and individuals:  
Every day from 9:30 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 17:30.  
From 1 April to 30 September:  
Every day from 9:30 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 18:30  
July and August, groups and individuals:  
Every day from 9:30 to 18:30  
Adult admission = 8.30 euro

18) **Le Jardin des Personnalités (the Garden of Personalities)**  
N 49° 25' 39.71", E 0° 13' 39.26"  
It's an attractive, well maintained garden filled with busts of famous painters and inhabitants of Honfleur. The Bing map below shows the location of the gardens north of the center city. From St. Catherine's Church, it's 976 m (3200 feet) to the garden.
Rouen

Rouen is 91 km and 66 minutes from Le Havre. The 3-hour public bus ride is not practical. Take a train and you'll be in center city Rouen in 46 to 53 minutes. The 11-11-2013 train schedule is (at right).

Check http://www.raileurope.com for the train schedule when your ship will be in Le Havre.

Trains depart from Gare du Havre,

GPS = N 49° 29’ 33.37”, E 0° 7’ 31.87”
76600 Le Havre, France

Trains arrive at Gare de Rouen-Rive-Droite

GPS = N 49° 26’ 55.40”, E 1° 5’ 38.46”
Place Bernard Tissot 76000 Rouen, France

The Rouen tourist website = http://www.rouentourisme.com

Rouen is the ancient capital of Normandy and the largest river port in France.
The city has historic, half-timbered medieval houses, impressive Gothic churches, and several museums. It is called a museum city (ville musee). Joan of Arc was imprisoned, tortured, and burned at a stake in Rouen in 1431. There is a church and museum in her honor at Place du Vieux Marché, the main square in old town.

On the walk from Place du Vieux Marché to Cathedrale Notre Dame, you will pass through an arch under Gros Horloge, a large clock built in 1889. It's one of the oldest working clocks in Europe.

Popular Tourist Sites

The center city map on the next page shows the train station, several museums, churches, and squares. I've shown a few parking lots which may be helpful is your are arriving by rental car.

GPS coordinates are included for all sites. You can create your own walking tour maps with route, distance, and walking time. Use the coordinates to view the tourist sites at large magnification and preview your walk through the city on Google Maps.

A) Gare de Rouen-Rive-Droite
N 49° 26’ 55.40”, E 1° 5’ 38.46”
If you arrive by train, it's 900 m and an 11-minute walk south on Rue Jeanne d'Arc to Place du Vieux Marché. You can reduce walking time by taking the tram south from the train station to the first stop at Palais de Justice. Then you walk west ~ 200 m.

B) St Romain Church
N 49° 26’ 53.74”, E 1° 5’ 43.05”
The church dates back to the 17th century. It's east of the train station as shown in the photo above.
C) Musée de le Céramique  N 49° 26' 43.85", E 1° 5' 37.35"

*The museum has one of the best collections in Europe. It's in the former Hôtel d'Hocqueville.*

Address: Hôtel d'Hocqueville, 1 rue Faucon, F-76000 Rouen, France
Opening hours: 10am-1pm, 2pm-6pm; Closed: Tue
Entrance fee in EUR: Adult €2.30, Concession or reduced rate €1.50, Child 18 & under FREE

D) Musée des Beaux-Arts  N 49° 26' 40.54", E 1° 5' 38.04"

*Musée des Beaux-Arts is on the east side of the tree-planted Square Verdrel. It's one of the finest provincial museums in France, with a notable collection of 16th to 20th C. pictures, including works by David, Rubens, Veronese, Caravaggio, Ribera, Velázquez, Clouet, Poussin, Fragonard, Ingres, Géricault, Delacroix, Monet, Sisley, Renoir, Dufy, Duchamp, Soulage and Dubuffet.*

Address: Esplanade Marcel-Duchamp, F-76000 Rouen, France
Opening hours: 10am-6pm; Closed: Tue
Entrance fee in EUR: Adult €3.00, Concession or reduced rate €2.00, Child 18 & under FREE
Disability Access: Full facilities for persons with disabilities.

E) Wrought Ironworks Museum  (Musée Le Secq de Tournelles)  N 49° 26' 39.61", E 1° 5' 42.27"

*It's the old Gothic church of St-Laurent and has a unique collection of wrought-iron work, including grilles, signs, doors, locks and clocks. Nearby stands the Gothic church of St-Godard (15th C.), with magnificent stained glass, including a "Tree of Jesus" in the Lady Chapel.*

Opening hours: Closed: Tue
Entrance fee in EUR: Adult €2.30, Concession or reduced rate €1.50, Child 18 & under FREE
Disability Access: Full facilities for persons with disabilities.

F) Palais de Justice  N 49°26′33.4″, E 01°05′28.4″

*The Palais de Justice is a masterpiece of Gothic architecture. It has outstanding gargoyles. Once the meeting-place of the Parlement (Exhiquier) of Normandie, it was built by Roulland Le Roux in 1508-1509, badly damaged in 1944 and subsequently restored.* Address: 36 rue aux juifs, F-76000 Rouen, France

G) Place du Vieux Marché  N 49° 26' 34.93", E 1° 5' 18.19"

The large, old town square is one of the most popular places to visit. It's the center of the city with medieval houses, narrow side streets, the Joan of Arc church, the Joan of Arc museum, and near the Market (Les Halles).


Ste Jeanne d'Arc Church  N 49° 26' 34.93", E 1° 5' 18.19"

*The modern design church of Ste-Jeanne-d'Arc has a 16th C. window from the church of St-Vincent and a large cross in memory to Jeanne d'Arc, who was burned at the stake here on May 30 1431.*
Musée Jeanne d'Arc  N 49° 26' 34.18", E 1° 5' 16.18"

The Musée Jeanne d'Arc has wax figures portraying her life and work.

The museum is across the street from the church at: 33 place du Vieux Marché, F-76000 Rouen, France
Opening hours: Apr 15 to Sep 15: 9:30am-1pm, 1:30pm-7pm
Sep 16 to Apr 14: 10am-12pm, 2pm-6:30pm
Entrance fee in EUR: Adult €4.00, Students €2.00

H) Musée Flaubert  N 49° 26' 43.83", E 1° 4' 55.59"

This museum contains a display of 17th to 19th century medical equipment.

Address: 51 rue de Lecat, F-76000 Rouen, France
Opening hours: 10am-12pm, 2pm-6pm; Closed: Sun, Mon
Entrance fee in EUR: Adult €2.20, Child FREE

I) Hôtel de Bourgtheroulde  N 49° 26' 31.25", E 1° 5' 17.52"

Hôtel de Bourgtheroulde is a splendid mansion built between 1486 and 1531 for Guillaume Le Roux, with a beautiful courtyard and fine relief ornament.

Popular walking route in the old town area
A suggested walking route (750 m and 9 minutes) is on a pedestrian street from Place du Vieux Marché to the cathedral along Rue du Gros-Horloge. You'll pass many shops and walk through the arch under the large clock (Le Gros Horloge). You can climb to the top of the clock for a view of the city. You will see many attractive buildings along this route. See the map below.

J) Le Gros Horloge  = N 49° 26' 29.71", E 1° 5' 28.17"

A defensive tower was built in 1389-98. The large clock dates back to 1889. It is one of the oldest working clocks in Europe. You can climb the tower for a view of the city.
Le Gros Horloge, the old clock (Photo at left)

M) Rouen Cathedral Notre Dame  N 49°26′25.6″, E 01°05′39″
Rouen Cathedral is one of the largest Gothic cathedrals in France. It is the subject of a series of famous paintings by Monet, who painted the cathedral in different lighting situations. In summer evenings, there is a light show projecting some of Monet's cathedral paintings onto the facade of the cathedral itself. The show lasts approximately 10 minutes and runs until about midnight.

N) Eglise St Maclou  N 49° 26’ 23.36", E 1° 5' 53.06"
360° virtual tour =  http://mappinggothic.org/building/1220/nodes
East of the cathedral stands the Late Gothic church of St-Maclou (1437-1521), with a high tower over the crossing added in 1868. On the twin-towered west front with its magnificent porch are two doors with fine wood carvings of Biblical scenes, probably by Jean Goujon.
Just north of the church, at 184-186 Rue Martainville, is the Aître St-Maclou, a medieval charnel-house, with fine wooden galleried buildings (16th-17th C.) round the courtyard.

L) St Ouen Monastery  N 49° 26' 33.10", E 1° 5' 59.63"
The church of St-Ouen is an outstanding example of Late Gothic architecture. The main structure was built between 1318 and 1339; the west doorways and the two towers date from 1846-1851. Over the crossing is a magnificent tower, the pinnacled topmost section of which (1490-1515) is known as the "Crown of Normandy". In the south transept can be seen the Portail des Marmouses, with representations of the Death and Assumption of the Virgin.
In the harmoniously proportioned interior (134 m/440ft long, 26 m/85ft wide - 42 m/138ft wide in the transept - and 32.5 m/107ft high) are 135 windows, some with 15th and 16th C. stained glass, a beautiful choir screen (1738-1747) and a famous organ in an organ-loft of 1630.
The magnificent Gothic Abbatiale St-Ouen is not to be missed. It is next to the Hotel de Ville at the end of Rue de la Republique.

K) Hôtel de Ville (Town Hall) and Municipal Park  N 49° 26' 35.76", E 1° 5' 59.36"
On the Place du Général du Gaulle, with an equestrian statue of Napoleon I (1865) stands and behind it are the old abbey gardens, now a municipal park.

View of the river and bridges
Locals like to stroll along the river to enjoy the scenery including the bridges. If you are interested in this area, walk south a few blocks to the river then head west.

Parking lots in center city Rouen
There are many parking lots in Rouen. Here are a few lots near the tourist sites in this guide.

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Paris

Paris is 204 km from Le Havre. There are three travel options.

1) Rental Car
It's ~ a 2-hour ride in a rental car from Le Havre to Paris. However, many of us would not want to drive in a very crowded city such as Paris. I wouldn't do it.

2) Train
Train travel time is about two hours. Most trains transfer at Rouen. Check [www.RailEurope.com](http://www.RailEurope.com) for the day you will be traveling.

Important travel issues are how long it will take you to get from the cruise terminal to the Le Havre train station, how long you will wait for the train, and the time to get from the Paris train station to your destination in Paris.

In addition to the $49 one-way train ticket, you may incur costs for cabs and/or public transportation. You could easily spend $120 on a self-guided train trip to Paris which is about the same cost as the Princess “Paris on your own tour”.

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3) Cruise ship's excursion bus to Paris
It's a 6-hour bus ride round trip with 4.5 hours in Paris for a total excursion time of 10.5 hours. Princess Cruises offers several tours of the city ~ $199 or transportation only for $129. The transportation only, “Paris on Your Own Bus” drops you off and picks you up at Cour de la Reine near Place de la Concorde

This GPS is an approximate location, I don't know the exact location along the street.

Paris Travel Tip from Mike Engelberg
Princess Cruises of the British Isles often terminate at Southampton the day after visiting Le Havre. When you book your cruise, ask if you can disembark the ship at Le Havre. Passengers can pre-arrange to end their cruise in Le Havre which is only a 2-hour train ride to Paris.

They take a train from Le Havre to Paris, spend a few days in Paris, and then fly home to the US. This is a much better way to explore Paris than on a 4.5 hour “rushed” bus excursion tour from the ship docked in Le Havre.

Paris Map
I've created a map on the next page showing a few key sites. It's 1.5 km and a 20-minute walk from the train station to the ship's bus drop off for “Paris on your own” next to Pl de la Concorde. There are many wonderful things to see and do in this area. You can walk or use the excellent public transit system.

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Bayeux

Bayeux is 125 km and an 84-minute ride from Le Havre. Bus and train travel is not practical because it would take 4 hours one way. Use the ship's excursion, a private tour, a cab, or rent a car to drive to Bayeux and the war memorials at Omaha Beach.

Popular tourist sites are the Tapestry, Cathedral, Museum of the Battle of Normandy, and the Public Gardens.

A) Musée de la Tapisserie de Bayeux  N 49° 16' 27.01", W 0° 42’ 2.47"
http://www.tapestry-bayeux.com/

The 70-meter-long Bayeux Tapestry graphically depicts 58 scenes, from the Norman perspective, of the Battle of Hastings on October 14, 1066 during the Norman conquest of England. The Norman army was led by Duke William II. The English army was under the command of King Harold II.

The Museum is open every day except:
From 07 January to 31 January 2013.
From 24 December at 12:30pm to 26 December at 2pm.
From 31 December at 12:30 to 2 January at 2pm.

Opening hours of the pay desk:
Summer, 15 March to 15 November:
9:00 to 17:45 non-stop (till 18:15 from May to August)
Winter, 16 November to 14 March:
9:30am to 11:45 and 2pm to 5:15pm

Rates 2013  Full rate : 9,00 €  An audioguide is included in the admission price.

Parking
There are numerous car parks in different parts of the town. The "Parc Michel d'Ornano" GPS = N 49° 16' 23.51", E 0° 42’ 9.38" is the best car park for getting to the museum. It has about a hundred spaces and is free. There are plenty of public toilets and a picnic area.
The cathedral is very impressive. Be sure to view the virtual tour of the interior at [http://mappinggothic.org/building/1088/nodes](http://mappinggothic.org/building/1088/nodes).

- The cathedral was consecrated in 1077; the building was modified in the 13th century.
- The Bayeux tapestry was kept at the cathedral from the 11th to the 18th centuries.

**Lace Conservatory in Hotel du Doyen (Dentelle de Bayeux)**

N 49° 16' 33.46", W 0° 42' 14.66"

It's across the street from the entrance to the cathedral. You can see lace-making and purchase lace products.
Bayeux was the first French town to be liberated from the German occupation, on the 7th of June 1944. This museum retraces the military and human story of the Battle of Normandy, which was to last from the 7th of June to the 29th of August 1944. Its scenography offers insight into historical facts, alternating with themed features, 25 minutes of film archives and a 2,000m2 display, including original equipment and uniforms.

Allow 1.5 to 2 hours for a tour.
Adult 4.50 to 6.00 euros

Hours
10:00-12:30 – 14:00-18:00   Feb 16 to Apr 30
9:30-18:30               May 1 to Sept 30
10:00-12:30 – 14:00-18:00   Oct 1 to Dec 31

It's a botanical garden and park located at 53, route de Port-en-Bessin, Bayeux. Among its 400 mature trees, the most notable is a weeping European Beech that was named a natural monument in 1932 and a remarkable tree of France in 2000.

Bayeux Map
**War Memorial at Omaha Beach**  
N 49° 21' 25.90", W 0° 51' 8.60"

Omaha Beach American Cemetery is situated on a cliff overlooking Omaha Beach and the English Channel just east of St-Laurent-sur-Mer and northwest of Bayeux in Colleville-sur-Mer. It's 143 km and 100 minutes from Le Havre. Travel options are tours, car rental, and taxicabs from Le Havre.

360° virtual tour  
[http://www.360cities.net/image/colleville-american-cemetery-2013-12#-62.06,3.88,80.0](http://www.360cities.net/image/colleville-american-cemetery-2013-12#-62.06,3.88,80.0)

The war memorial is a very special, serene, beautiful place to honor our fallen heroes. Ceremonies include a 21-gun salute, taps and the Star Spangled Banner followed by placing a rose on graves. The symbolism is appropriate – a sea of plain white crosses, flag poles reaching to the sky with American flags, and a monument of a soul reaching to Heaven as his body leaves the ground. We must never forget.

The cemetery is open daily to the public from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm except December 25 and January 1. It is open on host country holidays. When the cemetery is open for the public, a staff member is on duty in the Visitors’ Building to answer questions and escort relatives to graves and memorial sites.

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**Car Rental Tour from Le Havre Port to Bayeux and Normandy Beach**

Comments by Keith Henderson

Our plan was to drive south to visit the city of Bayeux and then go over to visit the Normandy Beach area known as Omaha Beach area before driving back to the ship.

Cost for the day’s drive in addition to the car rental of €100 was €19.40 for tolls and €26 for gas for the two of us. Driving on the highway was such a different story that what we experience in the States. In France, everyone stays in the right lane unless they are passing someone.

**Car Rental Companies**

We had made prior reservations for a rental car with “Rent A Car” [www.rentacar.fr](http://www.rentacar.fr) which has a counter at the Welcome Center inside the cruise terminal. We had arranged for a small Fiat Panda (standard transmission) and a GPS unit for the day at a cost of €100/$134 plus gas and tolls. I had picked up an International Drivers Permit through our local AAA office a few months prior to our trip. I had read conflicting reports about needing an IDP, but got one anyway just in case.

Other options for rental cars in Le Havre include Hertz, National, and Europcar which had fully attended staff and vehicles. But, you needed to take a taxi to their locations that were a few miles from the cruise port. Keep in
mind that vehicles for rent in Europe are found predominantly with standard transmission. You have to pay a premium most times when you request a vehicle with an automatic transmission.

We walked off the ship around 8:45 am and went into the cruise terminal to find the rental car counter at the opposite end of the terminal building. There was one couple in front of us and they were asking a lot of questions. By the time we had our contract and inspected the car, it was 09:30 am before we were in our car and heading towards the highway. The agent at the counter explained that the cruise terminal is only a satellite location for Rentacar and that the counter would be closed until 6:00 pm and the agent would return to process returns up to 8:00 pm that day.

As we left the cruise port area, we took a right onto Quai Colbert which became the Boulevard Winston Churchill and then the Boulevard de Leningrad as we headed toward route N282 east which led to highway A131. Looking for signs for Caen we followed the N1029 towards the Pont de Normandie Bridge and the highway A29. We paid a toll at that large bridge and then went over another large bridge as we crossed the Seine River.

Note: at the toll, look for the lane that displays a green sign that accepts cash. They do have lanes that accept credit cards (blue sign), but your card must have a computer chip and pin code.

**Honfleur was off to our right**, but we stayed on the A29 heading towards Caen. In a short time, we switched to the A13 toll highway still following signs for Caen.

**As we approached Caen**, we looked for signs for the route to Bayeux and switched to N13 which took us to Bayeux. After about 90 minutes after leaving the cruise port, we reached the edges of Bayeux and took the exit for D572 and headed north into the medieval city.

**Bayeux**

Our main reason for visiting Bayeux was to view the Bayeux Tapestry and walk around the nearby famous cathedral there. As we approached the center of town, the spires of the cathedral towers over the rest of the city, so we had a good visual aid as we looked for a parking lot. We followed signs that said “La Tapisserie de Bayeux” to the museum.

We visited the museum (€9/$12 ea) that has the Bayeux Tapestry on display. [www.tapestry-bayeux.com](http://www.tapestry-bayeux.com) The tapestry is a large embroidered cloth (230 ft. long) made in the 1070’s that describes the story of King Harold of England and William the Conqueror with the events that led up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066. This is when King Harold was killed and William became the new King of England. We were given audio guides that described what you were seeing for the 20 minutes to walk from one end to the other. After that, we walked over to the nearby Bayeux Cathedral (Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Bayeux) which was impressive with its architecture that contains Norman, Romanesque, and Gothic features. The center of Bayeux had narrow streets and was very quaint. We could have easily spent the day there walking around and exploring the city center.

**Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial**

Leaving Bayeux, we returned to the D572 and N13 as we drove north to the seashore. We got off the N13 about 15 minutes later onto the D517 towards St. Laurent-sur-Mer and then the D514 to Colleville-sur-Mer. While driving on the D514 we came to a roundabout where on one side was the Overlord Museum with two Sherman tanks on its lawn. Driving around the roundabout, we took the road marked with a sign that said “Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial”.

We drove down a short road that led us to the parking lot for the cemetery. At the entrance is a visitor’s center which is run by the U.S. government [http://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries/cemeteries/no.php](http://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries/cemeteries/no.php) which has no admission fees.

This is the cemetery shown in the movie “Saving Private Ryan” with almost 10,000 crosses marking the graves of fallen soldiers from the D-Day invasion. It was very humbling to see the rows and rows of crosses and thinking of the sacrifices those men made. The cemetery overlooks parts of Omaha Beach. You could see how difficult it must have been for our soldiers to make it up the hill after landing on the wide open beach area below. In the center of the cemetery is a small memorial chapel. Near the entrance was a reflecting pool which was in front of a memorial area that had a large statue called "The Spirit of American Youth". There was an area
off to the side of the parking lots with additional memorials and a path that led down to the beach itself.

Reflecting Pool (photo above)

Driving Back to the Ship

We drove back to the ship following the reverse route we had taken and arrived around 04:30 pm in Le Havre where we stopped by one of many gas stations to fill up the tank for our rental car along the Boulevard Winston Churchill.

Driving on the highway was such a different story that what we experience in the States. In France, everyone stays in the right lane unless they are passing someone.

After getting the gas, we drove back to the cruise terminal (you could see the ship from the distance as we approached the cruise port) and parked the car outside of the cruise terminal building. The rental car counter was closed until 6:00 pm, so we boarded the ship and packed our suitcases for next day's debarkation in Dover. Just before 06:00 pm, we walked off the ship and checked in with the rental car agent.

Keith Henderson
Taxi from Le Havre Port to Normandy Beaches
Comments by Mike Engelberg

Le Havre was the last port visited on our Princess cruise around the British Isles. From Le Havre, our intent was to see the D-Day beaches. Because we four had booked the cruise relatively late, the major tour operators found on the Web were booked solid, and we did not want to rent a car. Our only option was to price, then arrange a tour at the port on the day of arrival.

We got off the ship after 9 a.m., after most passengers had disembarked. In the port terminal was a sign listing tour prices via cab. The price for an 8-hour cab tour was 450 euros for up to four people = 112.50 euros per person. With a conversion rate 1 euro = US$1.30, that equates to US $146.25 per person. Our group was three people, so our cost was 150 euros or $ 195 per person. Compare that versus the cost per person on the Princess tour of US $219.00. With three people in your group, you'll beat the Princess tour cost and have the luxury of your own private vehicle. However, you will also need a driver who speaks in your language.

We were particularly fortunate to get a cab that had room for eight passengers, and a driver who understood and spoke English well from having visited the US several times. He is Patrick Spiess, e-mail spiess.patrick@orange.fr. Patrick told us he works mainly for shipping companies; he disdains waiting in cab lines for cruise passengers. Evidently Patrick was not booked that day, because he drove up to the port terminal just when we needed him.

Our first stop was at an ATM in town to withdraw enough euros to pay for the tour. Le Havre struck us as a lot of concrete interspersed with a few interesting buildings and some green space.

Patrick took us to five D-Day sites: the D-Day Memorial in Caen, the town of Arromanches, the Longues-sur-Mer gun battery, the American cemetery, and the Pointe du Hoc cliffs. Details follow.

After perhaps 20 minutes, we crossed the bridge over the Seine river, and we saw a city off to the right (north). Patrick told us the city is Honfleur. So Honfleur, a tourist magnet, is farther from the ship than we had thought, and it would most likely require getting there by cab.

At about the 1 hour 15 minute mark, we arrived at the D-Day memorial edifice in Caen. Patrick said we really should see this memorial before heading to the D-Day sites. He gave us 1.5 hours to see the memorial; we could have easily spent double that time. It is a well-done, fascinating place. The first thing to see is a chronological film consisting of two panels, the German view at the left and the Allied view at the right. That set the stage for some magnificent exhibits of the war itself and of life during the war. We highly recommend seeing this memorial. Its Web site is http://www.memorial-caen.fr/portailgb/ (in English).

Admission prices at the memorial are 18.8 euro adult, 16.3 euro senior. They may or may not tell you that military personnel and veterans from other countries are given free admission. If you qualify, be sure to speak up. Also, if you want a good map of the area, ask the information booth for their (free) local Calvados tourist map. It shows every road and hamlet in Normandy, but other than naming the D-Day beaches, it shows none of the major D-Day sites.

The ride from Caen to Arromanches goes through some lovely rural areas and small towns. Cruelly was especially attractive. At perhaps the 2-hour travel time from Le Havre, we arrived at Arromanches, a resort town along the coast. Arromanches contrasts the seaside resort town of today with the hastily constructed harbors for the Allied ships in 1944. The remnants are close to the beach.

See http://www.normandie-tourisme.fr/articles/arronmanches-398-2.html

The town itself was quite busy with vacationers and traffic. Getting close to the shore took time, and then there was no place to park. But Patrick was resourceful; he knew that he could park at the cab stand during the half-hour he gave us. So we parked literally steps from the main intersection.

Patrick gave us time to see the harbor remnants, and then to find a quick lunch. We found a very tiny fast-food restaurant on the northwest corner of the main intersection at Pl. du Six Juin 1944 and Rue du Petit Fontaine. We ate hot dogs served on delicious French bread, and the price was around 2.50 euro each. The place was very popular.
From Arromanches we took the coast road west a few miles to the **German gun emplacement at Longues-sur-Mer**. This site has several gun batteries. The guns are probably a mile inland, but their shots reached well into the sea. This site was overrun by school children who climbed all over the guns and the bunkers.

Next we drove about 20 minutes to the main reason for making this trip, Omaha Beach and the American cemetery. As we arrived, around 2 p.m., we saw a memorial service being conducted at the main memorial structure. It was quite touching to see how quiet the participants were, and all the military and veterans saluting, as soft bells played our national anthem followed by Taps.

The graves are not far from the memorial building. Again it was a moving experience to see the vast numbers of grave markers, all in perfect alignment both squarely and diagonally. The site has a visitor center that we were unable to see due to the time we had left in the day. That is the one major downside of any day trip from Le Havre to several D-Day sites.

After about 45 minutes at the cemetery, we headed west a few miles to **Pointe du Hoc**, where **US rangers scaled seaside cliffs**. We spent probably 20 minutes there, walking toward the cliffs but never quite reaching them. We did get to a memorial pillar called the ranger monument.

At the Pointe du Hoc information office, I picked up two brochures issued by the American Battle Monuments Commission: one titled Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, the other titled Pointe du Hoc. (The visitor center at the American cemetery also has these brochures.) These brochures come in many languages, so if you want these brochures in English, be sure to look for the US flag in the upper left corner. They are also viewable at [http://www.abmc.gov/publications/publications.php](http://www.abmc.gov/publications/publications.php)

At both Longues-sur-Mer and Pointe du Hoc there are distances to walk, often on dirt paths. Keep this in mind if it affects you. Bathroom facilities were at almost all the sites. We never felt we had to wait too long for the next bathroom.

We finished at Pointe du Hoc, our last stop, around 3:30 p.m. Patrick headed south to the major highway, then east all the way back to Le Havre. East of the Seine river, Patrick took a route into Le Havre that went alongside many miles of the port, which showed us how huge the port actually is. We had no traffic jams the whole way back, and were at the ship by 5:45 p.m. before other tours returned.

Nine hours earlier, we had no idea we would be able to see the D-Day sites, but we fortunately found just the right cab driver who took us to all the major places. The D-Day sites are a must-see if you have the opportunity.

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**For those of you on Princess Ships:**

Our dining tablemates, and many other cruisers, left the ship in Le Havre rather than returning to Southampton. Their objective was to travel to Paris to spend a few days there before heading home. Princess allowed them to disembark at Le Havre, so keep this in mind if you take the British Isles cruise and want to see Paris on your own.

*Mike Engelberg*
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