

Le Havre



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Le Havre, Be amazed!

Breathe

The sea - the beach

Seaside resort

Le Havre has been listed as Seaside Resort on the 12th August 1999. Facing the heart of the city are a 2 kilometres [1.2 miles] long beach (sand and pebble) and a 4 kilometres [2.4 miles] promenade along the beach, designed by the talented landscape architect, Alexandre Chemetoff. From April to September, the "Bains Maritimes" provide various services including: locker rooms, showers, toilets, bike parking lot, loans of special equipment to people with special needs so they can have access to the sea; lots of bars and restaurants offer quality gastronomy from the simplest to the most unusual or cosmopolitan of meals.

The resort allows the practice of several leisure activities: skateboarding track, the largest free open air skate park in France, volley-ball courts, children playground, boules fields, cycle lanes.

Pavillons Bleus

Two European blue flags, certifying the quality of water, are flying over the marina and the beach since 1998.

Nautical resort

On the 4th December 1999, the label "nautical resort" was officially granted to Le Havre from the association *France Station Nautique* at the *Salon de Paris*.

Le Havre enjoys a quality beach; it offers many nautical sports activities for beginners and experts; during the high season, it is the scene of various famous events.

The marina holds 1.300 berths and many assets: located close to the city centre, and only 200 kilometres [125 miles] away from Paris; accessible 24 hours a day.

Green areas

With 38m² of greenery per inhabitant, Le Havre is one of the greenest cities in France.

- *Forêt de Montgeon*: 200 hectares of beech trees and oak trees at the heart of the city



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- *Parc de Rouelles*: situated on the east side of the city, it offers 20 kilometres [13 miles] of walk paths on nearly 150 hectares of meadows, thickets, woods, ponds and marshlands. The little Norman mansion of the 16th century and its dovecote of the 17th century give to the landscape a typical regional touch. A pretty landscaped garden adds up perfectly to the scenery.
- Japanese garden: a precious haven of 2.200m² given as a gift from the port of Osaka to its twin, the port of Le Havre, in 1992
- The gardens of the Priory of Graville
- The gardens of the *Hôtel de Ville*
- *Saint-Roch* public square
- The gardens of the beach

Coming soon: *Le Fort de Sainte-Adresse*. On the cliff, overhanging the *Baie de Seine*, this fort of the mid 19th century will soon be given a second chance. The buildings, rehabilitated as "hanging gardens", will be dedicated to nature and environment. The fort is going to welcome an arboretum and the municipal glasshouses; it will be a nice place to take a walk, offering one of the best panoramas of the sea.

Move!

A city on the move

80 sports counted from the most classical to the trendiest.

Le Havre, nautical resort, allows the practice of all the sports related to the sea. Le Havre is a hot spot in France, very fashionable thanks to the south and north-west prevailing winds which are perfect if you wish to practise kite boarding and windsurfing.

Many types of equipment: courts and gyms, and coming soon:

The aquatic complex on the Docks

Designed by the architect Jean Nouvel, this complex is located in the southern part of the city; its opening is expected in early 2008. It will provide, among other things:

- a playground (inside: beaches, lagoons, paddling pools, collective spas and slides. Outside: beaches and sun lounges)
- an open air sports area with an Olympic pool and a beach
- Altogether, about 10 pools will be available, along with a balneotherapy area.

Sports: events not to be missed:

- **France Match Racing (sailing) championship** - from the 28th March to the 1st April
- **Le Havre's 10 kilometres** [6 miles] - Sunday the 13th May
- **International meeting of young swimmers** - 19th and 20th May

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- **The companies' quadrathlon** - 24th June
 - **The board sports festival** - from the 28th June to the 1st July
Water gliding: kite boarding, wakeboarding, catamaran sailing, fun boarding... and also, urban gliding: rollerblading, skateboarding, BMX, etc. Shows and other surprises are scheduled.
 - **Sea celebration** - 8th and 9th September
In the *Saint-François* neighbourhood, all the jobs and activities related to the sea are honoured. This is also the time for the sea fair, with a blessing given to the sea.
 - **Jacques Vabre transatlantic race** - monohulls are leaving on the 3rd November and multihulls on the 4th November - opening of the "village" on the 26th October
- **Le Havre rollerblade round tours**, from April to November. Leaving from the car park on the beach, every last Sunday of the month at 10am and every second Friday of the month at 9pm.

Have fun and learn

Major fun and cultural events all year round, 2007:

France Match Racing championship (sailing)
From the 28th March to the 1st April

"Gestes, signes, espaces" ["Moves, gestures, spaces"]: personalities of French modern painting in public collections of Normandy
From the 17th February to the 19th April - Malraux Museum

Fête de la Scie [Saw celebration] - Harfleur
Medieval celebration in the streets of Harfleur
Saturday 31st March and Sunday 1st April

"Dixie days"
A jazz festival, on the promenade by the seaside in Sainte-Adresse
From the 25th May (evening) to the 28th May

"Brasilia-Chandigarh-Le Havre": Looks of photographers
From the 26th May to the 16th September - Malraux Museum

The board sports festival

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Various shows...



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From the 29th June (possibly 28th) to the 1st July

"Les Z'estivales"

Ambulatory shows, circus arts, gigs, street arts... Free shows in a friendly atmosphere where you can be sure to come across laughter and good humour.

Every weekend from the **end of June to mid-August** on the beach, in Le Havre.

Corsiflor

Procession of flower-decked floats in the streets of Le Havre.

Sunday the 19th August

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8th and 9th September

Emile Othon Friesz (1879/1949): the "Baroque Fauvist"

From the 20th October to the 27th January 2008 - Malraux Museum

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Shopping

Several shopping areas in the city:

· **Coty neighbourhood and "Centre commercial Coty"**

The Coty shopping centre gathers 80 shops on three floors, including franchised outlets and national brands, but also restaurants, cafés and bakeries, a pharmacy, a post office and a supermarket. Around the area: department stores, retailers, and "brasseries", traditional market in the open air on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

· **"Halles centrales" neighbourhood**

The pedestrian area of the "Halles" is a lively neighbourhood where delicatessens flirt with restaurants, cafés' terraces and clothing, housing and decoration shops. This shopping centre is linked to the port area by the famous *rue de Paris*, whose arches shelter some varied and original shops. The covered market of the "Halles centrales" has been renovated in 2002 and offers quality food products.

· **Saint-Vincent neighbourhood**



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This neighbourhood is located between *Saint-Roch* public square and the beach, it is a kind of "village within the city". Nice boutiques: delicatessen and refined products, clothes, jewellery, decoration, household linen; and also, art galleries, antiques, famous florists...

Coming soon

In the Docks' neighbourhood - "urban complex Saint-Nicolas"

In the neighbourhood of the oldest Docks in France, in the southern part of the city, a shopping, leisure and cultural centre will soon appear:

→ the "aquatic complex of the Docks" and the "Sea and sustainable development centre", designed by the famous architect Jean Nouvel, will open respectively at the beginning of 2008 and at the end of 2009.

→ will be installed by the end of 2008 -among others-: some well known brands, a 10.000m² garden centre, cinemas, bowling alleys, restaurants and bars.

Le Havre by night

Be charmed by Le Havre, cosmopolitan and friendly

Having dinner or just a drink, dancing and having fun...

Everyone will find what they are looking for. Most of the neighbourhoods in Le Havre offer lively places to go out, either in a "trendy", "latino" or a quiet atmosphere.

A great variety of cuisines

Le Havre, "*Porte Océane*", a city opened up to the world thanks to the arrival of ships, coming from all over the world, it is naturally a land of welcome for foreign cultures, gastronomy included.

This cultural melting pot contains a variety of flavours which you can discover, depending on your cravings, in one of the numerous restaurants of the city. Therefore, dotted about, you can find restaurants offering specialities coming from the West Indies, North Africa, Central America, Asia, the Reunion Island, the Middle East or from some Mediterranean countries including Italy and Portugal.

Regional specialities are not outdone by all this, with the strong presence of *crêperies* in the Breton neighbourhood *Saint-François*, where Provencal cuisine is also represented.