



Normandy

POP 3.3 MILLION

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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Le Bouchon du Vaugueux (p237)
- ➔ La Rose des Vents (p217)
- ➔ Marché aux Poissons (p241)
- ➔ La Reine Mathilde (p228)
- ➔ Made in Normandy (p218)

Best Places to Stay

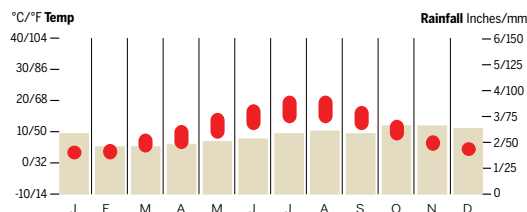
- ➔ Hôtel de la Chaîne d'Or (p225)
- ➔ La Maison de Famille (p237)
- ➔ L'Espérance (p240)
- ➔ Hôtel de Bourgheroulde (p217)
- ➔ Detective Hôtel (p222)

Why Go?

From the Norman invasion of England in 1066 to the D-Day landings of 1944, Normandy has long played an outsized role in European history. This rich and often brutal past is brought vividly to life by the spectacular island monastery of Mont St-Michel; the Bayeux Tapestry, world-famous for its cartoon scenes of 11th-century life; and the cemeteries and memorials along the D-Day beaches, places of solemn pilgrimage. Lower-profile charms include a variety of dramatic coastal landscapes, lots of pebbly beaches, some of France's finest museums, quiet pastoral villages and architectural gems ranging from Rouen's medieval old city – home of Monet's favourite cathedral – to the maritime charms of Honfleur to the striking postwar modernism of Le Havre. Camembert, apples, cider, cream-rich cuisine and the very freshest fish and seafood provide further reasons to visit this accessible and beautiful region of France.

When to Go

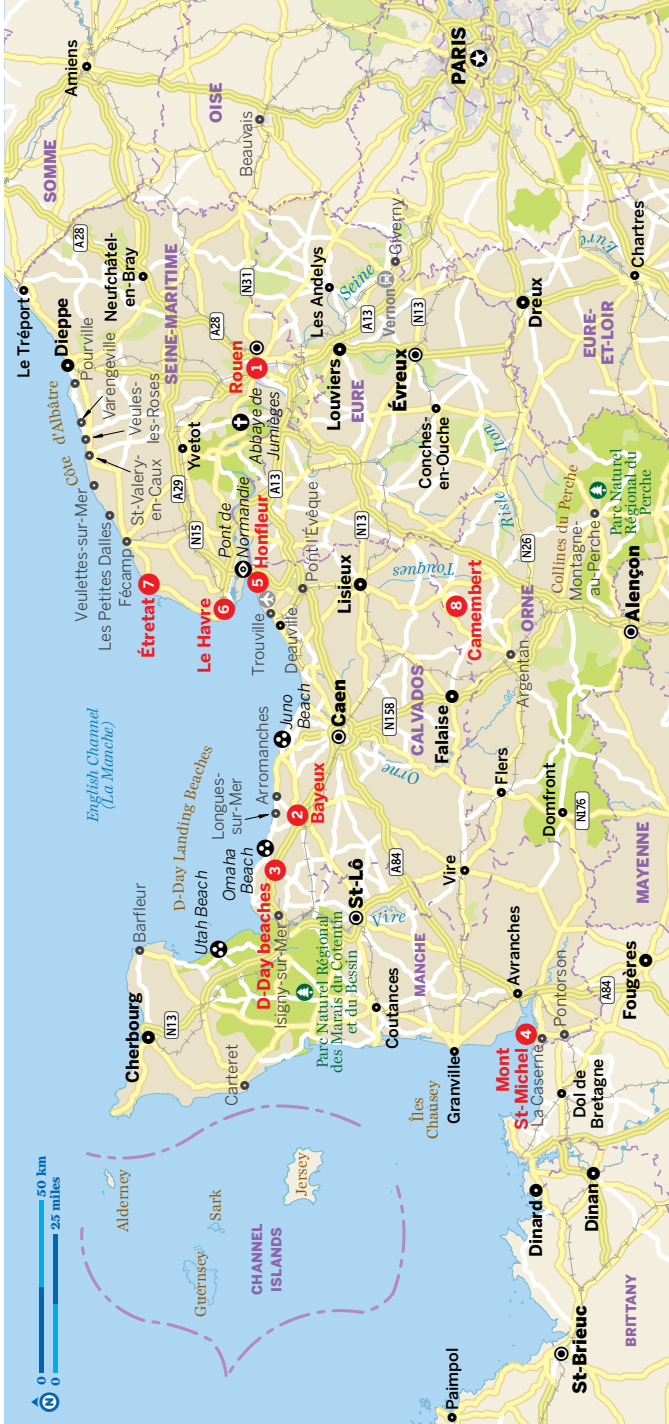
Rouen



Jun D-Day commemorations are held on the landing beaches.

Jul Fêtes Médiévales in Bayeux celebrate the city's glorious history with medieval re-enactments.

Sep Deauville's American Film Festival is the accessible cousin of Cannes.



Normandy Highlights

- 1 Strolling among half-timbered houses and Gothic churches in **Rouen's old town** (p214)
- 2 Travelling back to 1066 with the world's oldest comic strip, the **Bayeux Tapestry** (p225)
- 3 Pondering the price of freedom at the **D-Day beaches** (p229) and nearby war cemeteries
- 4 Watching the tide rush in from the ramparts of **Mont**
- 5 Savouring super-fresh seafood at harbourside restaurants such as **Au P'tit Mareyeur** (p244) in charming Honfleur
- 6 Experiencing postwar modernism at its most elegant in **Le Havre** (p223)
- 7 Marvelling at the famous twin cliffs and free-standing limestone arches of **Étretat** (p222)
- 8 Enjoying rich **Norman cuisine** (p217), from creamy Camembert and fresh oysters to tangy cider and apple Calvados