

# DISCOVERING LE HAVRE

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Welcome to Le Havre !

With its beach close to the city centre, vibrant cultural scene, premium sports facilities, numerous leisure activities, various parks and forests, and its architecture classified on the very selective World Heritage List, Le Havre is visited by millions of tourists each year and a city to discover.

Discover and enjoy Le Havre, a fascinating city open to the world !

## Le Havre, a seaside resort

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The beach, the basins, the port : in Le Havre, the city and the sea come together !

Le Havre seafront is an exceptional living environment equipped with numerous facilities.

In the summer, cafés and restaurants take over the 3 km-long beach promenade that runs along the beach. It is the perfect venue for a whole range of leisure activities and cultural and sports events.

The bay is also renowned for the practice of sailing, whether you are a beginner or an expert.



## **Le Havre, a young and vibrant city**

Un Été Au Havre, Ouest Park Festival, MoZ'aïque, Le Goût des Autres, the Transat Jacques Vabre yachting race, the FISE Xperience, and the rich and diverse programme provided by atypical venues such as Le Tetris, Magic Mirrors, Le Carré des Docks... are only a sample of the many events, music, cinema, and street art festivals which attract visitors from all over France – and abroad – to Le Havre.



## **Le Havre, a sports city**

With numerous premium facilities (gymnasiums, swimming pools, skate park, equestrian centres, golf course, ...), a seaside promenade and sports facilities along the beach, 1580 hectares of open spaces and 180 kilometres of cycle paths, Le Havre itself is a great playground for a wide range of sports.

Le Havre is also the hometown of over 40 elite athletes from 17 different sports disciplines and of several clubs playing at the national level.



## **Le Havre, a green city**

**In Le Havre, nature is always just around the corner !** With its numerous parks, gardens, forests, and its 1580 hectares of open space, Le Havre is one of the greenest cities in France !



## **Le Havre, a city of architects**

On 15th July 2005, Le Havre and its modern city centre – rebuilt by Auguste Perret after World War II – was classified on the prestigious **World Heritage List**.

This architectural momentum carried on with the construction of **Le Volcan (a cultural centre and National Theatre) by Oscar Niemeyer**, the Bains des Docks aquatic centre designed by **Jean Nouvel** and, more recently, the Cité A-Docks (a student residence built of containers) and the ENSM French Maritime Academy building.

In 2020, a new architectural landmark designed by Groupe 6 and Pierre Champenois came out of the ground to bring together the Cité Digitale and the EM Normandie Business School.

# Le Havre, a port city



Le Havre is the leading French port for foreign trade, container traffic, energy supply, and import/export.

But with cruise ships, ferries, sailboats, and fishing boats also calling to port, Le Havre is also a port for cruises, yachting, regattas, and fishing.

## Le Havre, a competitive industrial area

The Industrial Port Zone covers more than 100 km<sup>2</sup> (1.5 x the surface of Paris). It represents 31,000 jobs and 1,200 companies.

Therefore, Le Havre is a **leading industrial hub** with a wide range of activities : aircraft, automotive, and mechanics industries, energy, chemicals, etc.

Several major global companies have settled in Le Havre :

- Renault
- Safran Nacelles
- Sidel (Tetra Laval Group)
- Dresser-Rand (Siemens)
- Chevron Oronite
- EDF
- ...

With the two largest French refineries (Total and Exxon) on its territory, the Le Havre area is **the second largest petrochemical hub in France.**

The development of a **dynamic intercompany circular economy** strengthens the

competitiveness of the area.