

Honfleur

Honfleur is a town surrounding a beautiful little 17th-century harbor in Normandy. It is still active as a fishing port and marina. The town has preserved many historic and traditional buildings and houses some interesting museums, churches and monuments.
<http://en.ot-honfleur.fr/Accueil,0,0,1.html>

Get in

- 23 km south of Le Havre via the Pont de Normandie
- 75 km north-east of Caen
- 189 km north of Le Mans
- 190 km west of Paris via the A13

Airport

- Deauville-Saint-Gatien +33 2 31 65 65 65

Get around

Areas of Honfleur

From west to east, the areas of Honfleur are :

- **Saint-Léonard** with the eponym church behind the tourist office and the open-air wash house.
- **L'Enclos** with the old port (Vieux Bassin), the Lieutenance, the church of Saint-Etienne (now a Marine museum) and the salt halls (Greniers à Sel).
- **Sainte-Catherine** : around the largest wooden church with a separate bell-tower in France you'll find narrow streets with the best restaurants and art galleries.
- **The sea wall**, bordered with well kept parks, makes a pleasant walk along the mouth of the Seine.
- **Côte de Grâce** is a hill at about 1.5 km from the town center which offers beautiful views on Honfleur, the Seine, the Pont de Normandie and Le Havre

Taxis

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See

- **Le Vieux Bassin et la Lieutenance.** Old harbor and port authority buildings. Charming but monopolized by restaurant terraces.
- **Sainte-Catherine church.** Marine carpenters have built this church in wood around 1500. The two parallel vaults take the shape of a reversed hull.
- **Clocher Sainte-Catherine** (bell tower). Open in summer (and winter week-ends) 10am-12am and 2pm-6pm, in winter weekdays 2.30pm-17pm, closed on Tuesday. This wooden bell tower is separated from the main church.
- **Musée Eugène Boudin** (Eugène Boudin Museum), rue de l'Homme de Bois, +33 2 31 89 54 00. Open in summer (and winter week-ends) 10am-12am and 2pm-6pm, in winter weekdays 2.30pm-17pm, closed on Tuesday. Eugene Boudin is one of the precursors of the Impressionist movement. The museum houses some 92 works of the painter.
- **Maisons Satie** (Satie museum), 67 boulevard Charles V (by feet from Sainte-Catherine church take the rue de l'Homme de Bois and turn right at the sign), +33 2 31 89 11 11 (musee.eugeneboudin@wanadoo.fr, fax: +33 2 31 89 09 99). Summer 10am-7pm, winter 11am-6pm; closed on Tuesday. A surrealist walk into Satie's music and wit. The composer Erik Satie was born in this house in Honfleur in 1866. His life is told (over free audio phones - in French by Michel Lonsdale, English version also available) from room to room, with many anecdotes and music samples. You'll even see his ghost playing his music on a white piano. Allow one hour to make the tour.
- **Le Jardin des Personnalités** (the Garden of Personalities). A nice and well-kept garden on the mouth of the Seine filled with busts of some famous inhabitants of Honfleur. At the rear of the garden, a small path leads to the center of a marsh, where you can savor the quiet and look for birds.
- **Le Jardin Retrouvé** (public garden). 8am till sunset. Along the bank of the Seine, a nice garden with swings for the children.
- **Naturospace** (live butterflies garden), +33 2 31 81 77 00 (fax: +33 2 31 81 77 01). An indoor tropical garden with hundreds of butterflies; charming, ideal on a rainy day.
- **Musée de la Marine** (Marine Museum), quai Saint-Etienne (on the Vieux Bassin), +33 2 31 89 14 12. Closed on Monday. In the unconsecrated Saint-Etienne church (14th century), an exhibit of model boats and other souvenirs of the sailor's life.

- **Normandy Culture & Ethnography Museum** (installed in the former prison), rue de la Prison (behind Saint-Etienne church), +33 2 31 89 14 12. The museum recreates life in old Normandy.
- **Pont de Normandie** (out of town, direction Le Havre). Impressive bridge over the Seine.
- **Notre Dame de Grâce chapel** (on the hill Côte de Grâce, south-west of Honfleur). An old chapel, build by Richard II and rebuild in 1615 on the hill. Beautiful views on the town and on the Seine.

Do

- **Geocaching** : there are a few easy caches in town.

Buy

- **Post Office** : 7 cours Albert-Manuel (500m south-west from the quai Sainte-Catherine), weekdays 8.30am-12am & 1.30pm-6pm Saturday 8.30am-12am
- **Open markets**
 - Bio Market, place Sainte-Catherine, each Wednesday 8.30am to 1pm
 - Traditional Market, Sainte-Catherine area, each Saturday 8.30am to 1pm
 - Fish Market, harbor, each Saturday 8.30am to 1pm
- **Compagnie des Calvados**, 19 rue de la Ville, +33 2 31 89 57 56. Calvados tasting, for the serious connoisseur. You'll find here all vintages over the last sixty years. €50 - €300.
- **Goutte de pluie** (contemporary steel jewelry), rue de l'Homme de Bois. €50 - €100.
- **Art galleries** : Looking for an expensive work of art? Honfleur is the place to be, with dozens of art galleries. Some of the most interesting ones are in the rue du Dauphin.

Eat

There are more than 100 restaurants in Honfleur.

- **La Commanderie**, place Sainte-Catherine, +33 2 31 89 14 92. Pancakes and pizzas
- **L'Homme de Bois**, 30-32 rue de l'Homme de Bois (near Sainte-Catherine church), +33 2 31 89 75 27. Brasserie, in an old fisherman house; timbered ceiling with exposed beams; oysters, skate wing, floating island.

- **La Tortue**, 36 rue de l'Homme de Bois (near Sainte-Catherine church), +33 2 31 89 04 93.
- **Entre Terre et Mer**, 12-14 place Hamelin (near the Lieutenance), +33 2 31 89 70 60 (info@entreterreetmer-honfleur.com, fax: +33 2 31 89 40 55). Classic restaurant with terrace on the street; excellent preparations of live blue lobster.
- **La Fleur de Sel**, 17 rue Haute (the rue Haute is below and parallel to the rue de l'Homme de Bois), +33 2 31 89 01 92 (fax: +33 2 31 89 01 92). Closed on Tuesday and Wednesday and in January. Classic restaurant with fine cooking: cold soup with tuna and tomatoes, calf's liver with vegetables duxelle, strawberry soup. Reservation is essential.
- **Le Bréard**, 7 rue du Puits (near Sainte-Catherine church), +33 2 31 89 53 40 (lebreard@wanadoo.fr, fax: +33 2 31 88 60 37). Closed on Tuesday lunchtime, Wednesday, Thursday lunchtime. Trendy gastronomic restaurant in the artist's area of Honfleur; fine and innovative cooking; very fresh fish. Reservation is essential. Two-course meal with wine starting at €80.

In Saint-Gatien-des-Bois (10 km south, on the road to Deauville)

- **Auberge Le Cheval Blanc**, 33 rue des Brioleurs, Saint-Gatien-des-Bois (on the main street in the center of the village), +33 2 31 65 16 67 (auberge.lechevalblanc14@orange.fr, fax: +33 2 31 64 33 26). Little country restaurant renovated in 2007. Fine regional cooking (whelk salad, duck pâté with pistachio, plaice fillet with cream, roasted guinea fowl fillet). The chef has worked in starry restaurants. Charming welcome by the owner. They also have eight little rooms. Reservation expected

In [Trouville-sur-Mer](#) (15 km south)

- **Crêperie du Port**, 30 quai F. Moureaux, Trouville (on the quay). Above average crêperie, in front of the harbor and serving excellent home-made pancakes. Salted pancake, sweet pancake, bowl of cider.

Drink

- **La Petite Chine** (for the best scones, crumble and brownies in town; extensive list of teas from India, Taiwan and other countries), 14-16 rue du Dauphin, +33 2 31 89 36 52. full brunch or tea.
- **Vintage cafe** (live jazz music, cocktails, salads), 8 quai des Passagers (between the old harbor and Sainte-Catherine church), +33 2 31 89 05 28 (fax: +33 2 31 89 21 95).

Contact

- **Tourism Office** : quai Lepaulmier (on the D580 passing through Honfleur from west to east) +33 2 31 89 23 30, open every day from 10am to 5pm (closed for lunch 12.30 to 2pm on weekdays)
- **Cyber Pub** (internet cafe), 55 rue de la République (the rue de la République leads to the quai Sainte-Catherine), +33 2 31 89 95 83 (info@honfleur.com), Closed on Thursday.

Get out

- **Le Havre** (5 km north)
- **Trouville-sur-Mer and Deauville**, beach resorts (10 km south)
- **Regional Natural Park of the Boucles de la Seine Normande** (40 km east)

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