



Caen.

Caen—Normandy

Normandy is the 3rd largest of the 18 regions of France. With historical monuments managed by the Center Des Monuments Nationaux, you can't leave without visiting the scenic coast. The coastline is ranked amongst the world's most famous coasts with an expansive beach bordered by cliffs. Caen, 177 miles from Paris, is an ideal base to visit the principal sights of the region, including the D-Day Invasion Beaches.



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1. Bayeux

Attractive old Norman town where the historic Bayeux tapestry was made, and is still preserved, 900 years later. One of the first towns to be liberated following D-Day.



2. Caen

Soaring church towers have embellished Caen's skyline since William the Conqueror's time. The castle, now home to major museums, was a key medieval Norman fort. The D-Day operations kicked off just down the Orne River .



3. Deauville

An internationally renowned resort, Deauville oozes style. Glamorous events abound, from prestigious horse races and polo to the annual Deauville American Film Festival. Golf and thalassotherapy sea-water pamperings are easily to hand .



4. Giverny

A delightful Seine-side village close to the town of Vernon, where the Impressionist master Claude Monet made his home. His house & garden became, and still are, places of artistic pilgrimage.



5. Honfleur

On the Seine estuary, ports don't come any prettier. Historic houses, galleries and restaurants jostle for position on the quays. Packed with cultural sights, Honfleur has a wealth of attractions .



6. Le Havre

At the mouth of the Seine, the port is a model of concrete renewal grandeur. Devastated in World War II, it's been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Don't miss Le Havre's great waterside art museum.



7. Lisieu

Home to St Therese Martin, this is the 2nd most important pilgrimage site in France, after Lourdes. Also the seat of the Bishop's Palace.



8. Normandy Beaches

Follow the D-Day story on the Normandy coast, going from above Caen in the east to close to Sainte-Mère-Eglise in the west, to learn all about this most daring and world-changing of naval operations.



Sainte Mere Eglise

9. Mont St Michel

A magical island topped by a gravity-defying medieval monastery, counts among France's most stunning sights. For centuries one of Europe's major pilgrimage destinations. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



10. Rouen

Stretching beside the Seine, the cultured, historic, gastronomic, vibrant regional capital. Monet's canvases of the cathedral have made it the best-loved building in town.

