

ROUEN

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History

A history book in the open air
Welcome to Rotomagus, an ancient Gallo-Roman city of Rouen founded by the Romans on the right bank of the river Seine.

In 911, Rouen became the capital of the Duchy of Normandy under the leadership of Viking chieftain Rollo, the first duke in a lineage that included William the Conqueror and Richard the Lionheart.

The city is dotted with splendid religious edifices that serve as a testament to the area's illustrious history, including cathedrals and abbeys such as St-Ouen Abbey or Jumièges Abbey. Famously described by Victor Hugo as the city of «a hundred spires», Rouen was one of the first cities to be granted municipal privileges. Opposite the cathedral towers, a civic bell tower was built: the Gros-Horloge. Despite its prosperity, Rouen experienced periods of famine, war, and plague. The Aître St-Maclou bears witness to the impact of the Black Death. It is one of the few medieval cemeteries that features ossuary galleries for the victims of the Great Plague.

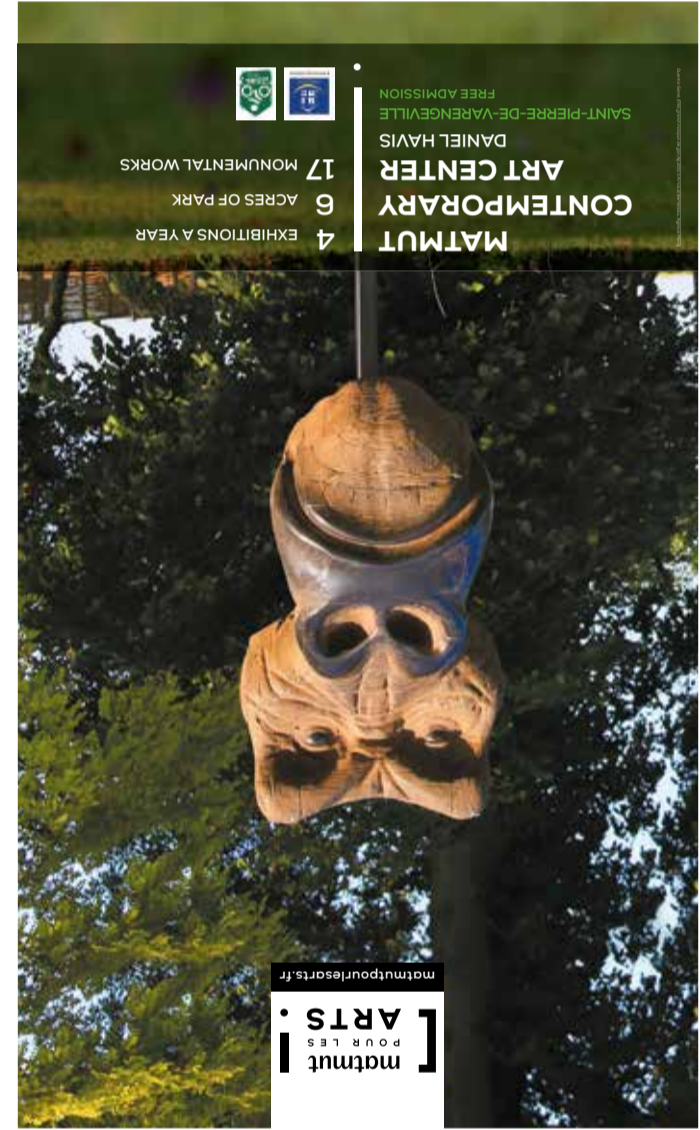
In 1431, Joan of Arc was burned at the stake on Rouen market square. Dating back to the era of Philip Augustus, the Dungeon is the sole surviving remnant of Rouen's castle. The Historical Jeanne d'Arc provides a deeper insight into the life of the heroic figure revered as a patron saint of an entire nation.

The splendor and elegance of the 19th century led to parliamentarians taking up residence in numerous private mansions from the 16th to the 18th centuries such as the Hôtel de Bourgtheroulde.

Rouen suffered widespread damage during World War II. Notable architectural projects of the reconstruction include the Archive Tower built to preserve records for a long duration. «Discovered in 1976 during the rehabilitation of the Palais de Justice courtyard, «La Maison Sublime» is France's oldest Jewish monument and sheds light on the local Jewish community's history over the centuries.



Escalier des libraires, Notre-Dame de Rouen Cathedral



Arts

Art Inspired by the Land
Rouen and the Seine Valley provided artists with endless creative inspiration. Some of the masterpieces produced by big names such as Monet, Pissarro and Gauguin are showcased at the Musée des Beaux-Arts. One of the largest collections of Impressionist art in France. Plenty of the museums and galleries are free to enter. The Antiquities and Natural History Museum is housed in a former convent, while impressive ceramic pieces are displayed in a 17th century mansion.

Fans of wrought iron will enjoy the Musée Le Secq des Tournelles, home to the largest collection of ancient ironwork in the world. The Musée de l'Éducation offers nostalgic visitors the opportunity to journey back to schools. Art lovers can visit artists' workshops throughout the Antiques Quarter. The Aître St-Maclou houses the Galerie des Arts du Feu creative space. In the countryside, the Norman Abbeys Route links the Boscherville Abbey to Jumièges Abbey, both jewels of Roman art.

masterpieces such as the Rouen Cathedral and its lacy stone facade - France's tallest cathedral - the St-Ouen Church with its luminous interior. Renaissance design is also unmistakable: the astronomical clock known as Le Gros Horloge, the Bureau des Finances rivaling with the beauty of the 16th century stained-glass windows of St-Jeanne-d'Arc Church.

Modern architecture thrives along the Seine: the Tour des Archives, the Kindarena sports centre, and Le 108. The birthplace of Gustave Flaubert now houses the History Museum of Medicine. In the hamlet of Croisset, the Flaubert Pavilion is where he lived for 35 years and composed the majority of his literary works. In Rouen, the Maison Pierre Cornille is the birthplace and long-time residence of 17th century playwright. The country house he inherited in Petit-Couronne is now a museum devoted to the literary legend. There is a wealth of artistic activities to pursue in Rouen with contemporary art galleries, events bursting with creativity: FRAC, SHED, or during performing arts festivals.



Claude Monet, La Cathédrale de Rouen. Le portail et la tour d'Albane, Temps gris, 1893-94. Rouen, Museum of Fine Arts

Industry

A glorious industrial past
Steeped in history, built on maritime heritage and world trade influence, Rouen and the Seine Valley developed as a hub for textile and ceramics from the 16th century, as showcased in the Ceramic Museum or at the Galerie des Arts du feu. Take a journey back in time to the 19th century Industrial Revolution with the vestiges of former industrial workshops, that have shaped the landscapes of Rouen and Elbeuf. The mills and factories in the region were primarily focused on textiles. Rouen's strategic location along the Seine, which served as the main thoroughfare between Paris and the Channel, facilitated the development of these industries.

Behind the mill of Saint-Gilles, the Expotec 103 Industrial Museum houses a unique collection of steam engines, a forge and a typographic workshop. As a city situated on a navigable river, Rouen experienced the growth of the textile industry. Originally shaped by its success in cloth manufacturing, the town of Elbeuf has managed to preserve this industrial heritage: the Fabrique des savoirs and the Cirque-Théâtre. Meanwhile, in the Cailly valley, the «Corderie

Vallois rope museum provides an invaluable glimpse into the area's cotton spinning and weaving history. This immersive living museum showcases an impressive variety of machinery used to produce multicoloured ropes, are still powered by the movement of the paddle wheel.

The Port of Rouen is Europe's leading cereal exporting port. Visitors who are eager to visit the bustling harbor and take a closer look at the colossal grain silos from the Seine River can join guided boat trips.

The Flaubert Bridge, the tallest lift bridge in Europe, provides a genuine entrance to the port. One of these old hangars houses the Maritime Museum of the River and Port providing visitors with a fascinating insight into the history of navigation on the Seine and the open sea.

The Atrium hosts a range of thematic exhibitions that highlight the breakthroughs and innovations originating from Normandy.



Corderie Vallois Museum

Nature

Along the majestic River Seine
The idyllic image of a bountiful Normandy with its flourishing apple orchards, grazing cows, and traditional picnic baskets is deeply ingrained in our minds.

The Seine is a captivating natural wonder that is deeply intertwined with the daily life of Rouen. The Seine à Vélo, a designated bicycle route that connects Paris to the English Channel, traverses Rouen's greater metropolitan area for over a hundred kilometers. The route is clearly marked and easy to ride, offering plenty of opportunities to stop along the way.

The Seine Valley is famous for its ferries, offering transportation for both pedestrians and vehicles to cross the river. The region also boasts vast state-owned forests, which are a distinctive feature of the river landscape. No matter where you are in Rouen, the forest is never too far away. With 25,000 hectares of green spaces, Rouen is the most wooded urban area in France. Three of its state-owned forests have been awarded the national label «Forêt d'Exception»: the Roumare forest, the Green

forest, and La Londe-Rouvray forest.

For a more comprehensive overall picture of the landscapes, ascend to higher ground to contemplate awe-inspiring views of Rouen and the Boucles de la Seine Normande Regional Park. The heights of the Côte Ste-Catherine and Canteleu both offer sweeping panoramas of the city nestled between the Seine, verdant hillsides, chalk cliffs and dense wooded areas.

From a vantage point, landscape lovers can admire the stunning Seine valley panorama, from the castle of Robert the Devil to the forest of La Londe-Rouvray and the Roche Fouet in Orival. The côte St Aust on the Elbeuf side and the St-Adrien hillsides in Belbeuf offer striking views of the river and of its wooded islands.

In Duclair and Barneville-sur-Seine, several lookout points provide picturesque views of the Fruit Route, Jumièges and its surroundings. Located in the southern part of Normandy's capital, the Bédanne leisure center is a hub for water sports enthusiasts. The perfect destination for those seeking a thrilling experience!



Panorama of La Roche Fouet

Gastronomy

A food culture recognized by UNESCO
Set off on a culinary adventure in the land of cider, cheese, and scallops and discover a true foodie paradise. From farm to plate, from the orchards of Normandy to the finest tables worldwide, Rouen is recognized for its outstanding cuisine. The city is awarded with the "UNESCO City of Gastronomy" distinction for promoting culinary excellence and traditions while focusing on sustainability, organic farming and a healthy eating culture.

Gastronomy gives a deeper and more meaningful understanding of Rouen, as it connects people to a place, to a way of life. With over 650 restaurants, Rouen is a foodie destination: the food and drink scene is bursting with Chefs bringing together Norman traditions and innovation to create a gastronomic delight. The Club des Toques unites Rouen's finest chefs and artisans with a common goal to preserve the city's culinary heritage and transmit it to future generations.

Every year, Rouen hosts the Fête du Ventre (Feast of the belly): a festive, food festival celebrating Normandy's gastronomic

heritage. A typical Rouen confectionery is apple sugar, made in an artisanal way. Apple sugar is freshly prepared in full view of customers at Les Confiseurs, a workshop-boutique in Notre-Dame-de-Bonddeville.

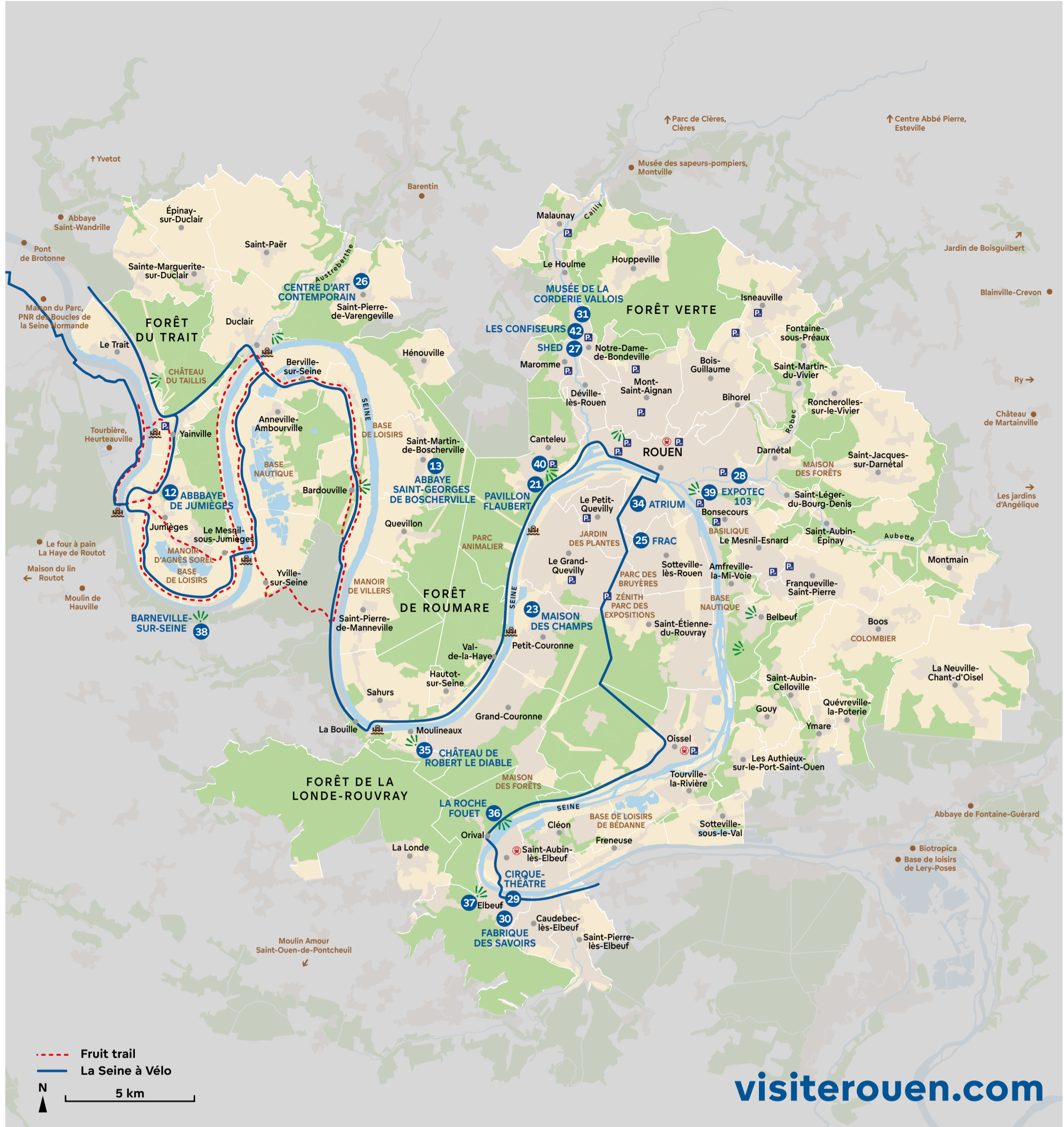
"Duck à la Rouennaise" is a traditional speciality of Rouen and the Seine Valley invented and popularised in the 19th century by Chef Frédéric Delair who was head chef at the prestigious Parisian restaurant La Tour d'Argent where it became a signature dish... and still is today!

Experience the bounty of local products and meet the producers at vibrant markets scattered throughout the region. The Place St-Marc market is definitely worth a visit, as it presents an selection of regional delicacies and even a flea market. For a truly immersive adventure, embark on the Fruit Route: a 35 km scenic circuit that winds along the Seine River and showcases stunning orchards filled with apples, pears, and cherries that thrive in the area's unique microclimate. Savour the opportunity to purchase these, seasonal fruits straight from the producers.



Museum of Ceramics

- 1 Notre Dame Cathedral
 - 2 Gros Horloge
 - 3 Church of Saint-Maclou
 - 4 Aître Saint-Maclou/Arts du Feu gallery
 - 5 Parliament of Normandy/la Maison Sublime
 - 6 Bureau des Finances/Monet's workshop
 - 7 Abbey of Saint-Ouen
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 - Ferry
 - Cinema
 - Coach drop off
 - Train station
 - Hospital
 - Bike rental
 - River shuttle
 - Tourist Office
 - Panorama
 - Parking
 - Additional parking areas
 - Police
 - TEOR (reserved bus lines)
 - Theater
 - Toilets
 - La Seine à Vélo
 - Fruit trail
 - Metro
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Visit Rouen and its Seine Valley

Day 1
HERITAGE AROUND EVERY STREET CORNER
 - Guided or self-guided audio tour of the city of Rouen: Notre-Dame Cathedral, Gros-Horloge, Saint-Maclou district, Place du Vieux-Marché... so many treasures to uncover.
 - Discover the Gros-Horloge, an iconic monument. Climb up and take in the breathtaking panoramic views.
 - Delve into the fascinating **Historial Jeanne d'Arc**, an immersive digital tour located in the archbishop's palace.
 - Visit the **Fine Arts Museum** and marvel at the awe-inspiring impressionist gallery featuring masterpieces by some of the greatest artists of all time - all for free!
 - Treat your taste buds to a **famous Duck à la Rouennaise**, not only a traditional dish, but a true authentic culinary experience to be shared. This local speciality is only served in four restaurants in Rouen so advance booking is required.
 - End your day on a magical note with the **Cathedral of Light show**. From June to September, watch in awe as the sound and light show illuminates the façade of the cathedral.

Day 2
NATURAL WONDERS JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY
 - Visit of the **abbey and gardens** of Saint-Martin-de-Boscherville and of the **abbey of Jumièges**, one of the oldest Benedictine monasteries in Normandy.
 - Embark on a bicycle tour of the Conihout region, meet local fruit and vegetable producers along the **famed Fruit Route**, sample fresh, delicious produce straight from the farms as you make your way along this scenic route.
 - Visit the **August 1944 Museum** at the Château du Taillis in Duclair.
 - Experience an **unusual journey on the ferry** which enables to cross the Seine river on foot, by bike, or by car.
 - Take a break in the **picturesque village of La Bouille**, the birthplace of the author Hector Malot and village that inspired impressionist painters with its natural beauty.
 - Discover the **bustling quays of Rouen**, where the historic sheds and warehouses have been transformed into a hub of restaurants, bars, and leisure activities.
 - Watch a sunset from the **Côte Sainte-Catherine**, breathtaking panorama of Rouen.

Day 3
A THRILLING JOURNEY THROUGH INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

- Travel towards Elbeuf by public transport, train or bike along **La Seine à Vélo** cycling route.
 - Discover Elbeuf, its medieval and industrial heritage and its must-see monuments: the **Cirque-Théâtre** and the **Fabrique des savoirs**.
 - Head to the Cailly valley, nicknamed the 'little Manchester' and visit the Corderie Vallois to relive the industrial odyssey of the 19th century.
 - Visit the workshop-boutique of **Les Confiseurs**, the only producer of Rouen's apple sugar.
 - Experience the thrill of a **sports game in the city**: football, hockey, baseball, rugby or basketball.

Day 4
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GREAT ARTISTS
 - Walk in the footsteps of **Rouen's literary greats, Pierre Corneille's birthplace** and its must-see monuments: the **Cirque-Théâtre** and the **Fabrique des savoirs**.
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Day 5
SCENIC BEAUTY AND NATURAL WONDERS
 - Create a delicious picnic by gathering locally-sourced products and tasty treats from the **Saint-Marc market** or the **Old Market**.
 - Immerse yourself in the breathtaking scenery of the River Seine and its vast forest by hiking through the network of over 500km of clearly-marked trails.
 - Admire panoramas of the river from vantage points or embark on a **boat cruise** to enjoy the Seine Valley's bucolic landscapes or discover the bustling activity of the Port of Rouen.
 - Take a bike ride along the river to discover the picturesque scenery of **La Seine à Vélo** cycling route which connects Paris to the Channel. Bicycle rental is available at our Tourist Offices.
 - Take some time to soak up the lively atmosphere of the city as you relax with a glass of locally-produced cider or beer on one of its many inviting terraces.



Saint Joan of Arc Church

Useful information

GETTING AROUND
By car
 For easy access to the city centre, park in the free park-and-ride facilities on presentation of a ticket. Located at the entrances of the city and close to public transport lines, they are the ideal solution before taking the metro, TEOR and bus but also bike...
THE ASTUCE NETWORK
Explore the city with public transportation!
 The Astuce network offers direct connections to numerous points of interest with fast and regular routes. On Saturdays, public transportation is free for everyone with the «Gratuit» pass, valid for one year.
Visit reseau-astuce.fr or download My Astuce app for more information.
Choose the e-ticket
 Before boarding a public transport, download «My Astuce» app from your mobile and click on M-Ticket. Then scan your ticket on the QR code placed in all vehicles.

Calypso river shuttle
 This 100% electric mode of transportation connects the right bank to the left bank of the river. Passengers must have a valid Astuce transportation pass to use it.
By bike
 From April to October, classic and electric bikes are available for rental at the Rouen Tourist Office. Alternatively, the Cyclic network provides 290 self-service bikes available at 28 stations around the city.
By bus
 The long-distance bus terminal is located on avenue Champlain in Rouen.
 with stops at Champlain and Joffre-Mutualité stations.
Marina
 Located at Bassin Saint-Gervais in the maritime zone near the center, the marina provides boaters with all essential services and facilities.
Visit rouenportdeplaisance.fr for more information.



Le Secq des Tournelles Museum

Your experience

Welcome to Rouen Tourist Office, where our team is here to make your stay a truly unforgettable experience! We are passionate about sharing our insider tips with you, from the best cycling and hiking routes to the must-see attractions, top restaurants, and beautiful nature spots. A wealth of information and suggestions is available through our website, which includes a chatbot available at any time. While you're here, don't forget to stop by the Rouen Tourism gift shop! You'll find a variety of tasty local treats and plenty of gift ideas to take home with you.

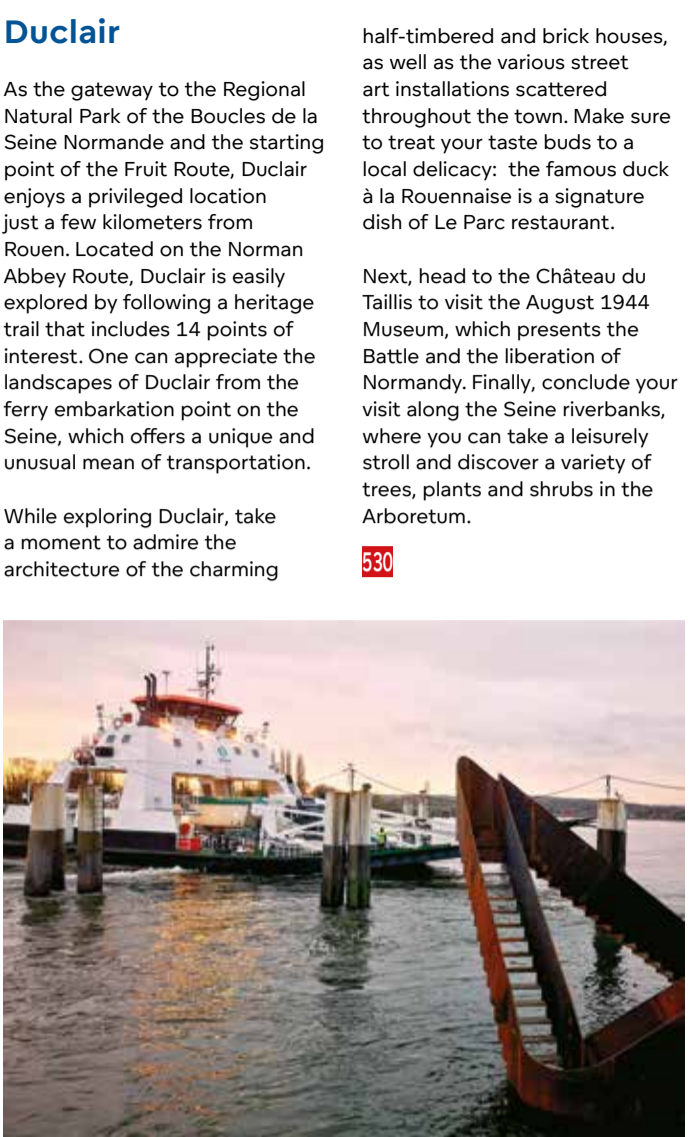
AUDIOGUIDE
 Discover the historic centre, the main monuments of Rouen or follow in the footsteps of Joan of Arc at your own pace with the help of an informative and enjoyable audio guide for a self-guided tour of the city.

AWAKEN YOUR SENSES
 Touring Rouen with a guide provides a unique experience, with insightful explanations and unexpected stories along the city's streets and landmarks. Take a foodie walk through the city combining gastronomy and heritage with the «Rouen Gourmand» tour, join a cultural running tour which mixes physical exercise and sightseeing,

or explore the area's highlights through sensory, musical, or artistic experiences. Rouen Tourism organises original visits that will engage all your senses and make your visit unforgettable!

BIKE RENTAL
 Cycling around Rouen is a great way to uncover the city's hidden treasures! Rouen Tourism provides the option of renting either traditional or electric bikes (for adults and children) from the Rouen and Jumièges offices (from May to October). To help you plan your cycling tour, head to the Rouen Tourism website to find itineraries designed by the organization behind the distinctive label "Ville Pays d'art et d'histoire".

ACCESS TO ALL
 Rouen Tourisme est labellisé Rouen Tourisme is labeled Tourism & Handicap. This label ensures that people with reduced mobility, hearing, mental or visual disabilities receive appropriate assistance. The Rouen Tourism team is dedicated to providing information on the accessibility of tourist sites and assisting visitors with specific needs to fully enjoy their stay in Rouen.
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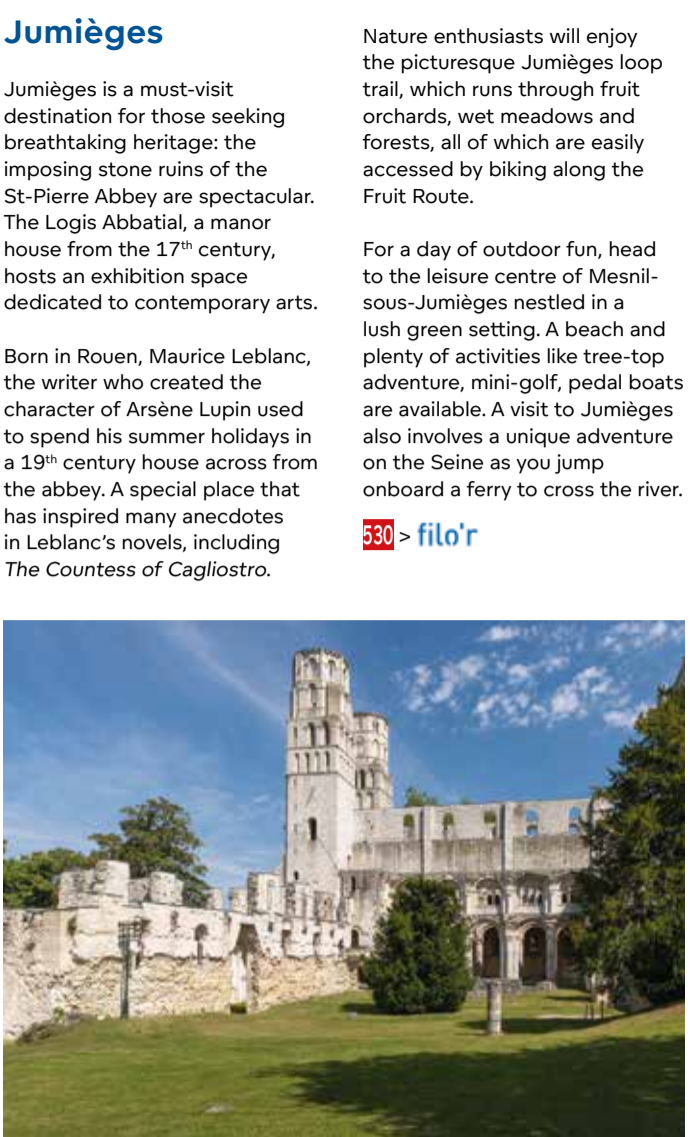
La Bouille

A much-prized destination for holidaymakers in the late 19th century and early 20th century, La Bouille is one of those charming villages along the Seine Valley that have inspired the greatest painters such as Paul Gauguin, Alfred Sisley, Albert Lebourg, and William Turner. Their masterpieces can be seen in the most famous museums around the world as well as in the impressionist gallery at the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Rouen. La Bouille is also the birthplace of Hector Malot, author of the novel Sans Famille. Discover the village along the banks of the Seine,

with its quays lined with Normandy-style villas built during the Belle Époque. Embark on a boat cruise between Rouen and La Bouille. Take the cycling route La Seine à Vélo and enjoy the diversity of landscapes along the towpaths, from industrial and port sites to the towering chalk cliffs and lush Normandy pastures.

To savour the flavours of Norman cuisine, book a table at one of the restaurants with a prime view of the river Seine.

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Jumièges

Jumièges is a must-visit destination for those seeking breathtaking heritage: the imposing stone ruins of the St-Pierre Abbey are spectacular. The Logis Abbatal, a manor house from the 17th century, hosts an exhibition space dedicated to contemporary arts.

Born in Rouen, Maurice Leblanc, the writer who created the character of Arsène Lupin used to spend his summer holidays in a 19th century house across from the abbey. A special place that has inspired many anecdotes in Leblanc's novels, including **The Countess of Cagliostro**.

Nature enthusiasts will enjoy the picturesque Jumièges loop trail, which runs through fruit orchards, wet meadows and forests, all of which are easily accessed by biking along the Fruit Route.

For a day of outdoor fun, head to the leisure centre of Mesnil-sous-Jumièges nestled in a lush green setting. A beach and plenty of activities like tree-top adventure, mini-golf, pedal boats are available. A visit to Jumièges also involves a unique adventure on the Seine as you jump onboard a ferry to cross the river.

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Elbeuf-sur-Seine

Explore the town of Elbeuf-sur-Seine in the south of Rouen, surrounded by stunning landscapes of the Seine River and forest. Immerse yourself in its rich industrial heritage, spanning over four centuries of cloth-making activity, and discover the remarkable half-timbered houses and old factories that make up its picturesque old town.

As you wander through Elbeuf, be sure to keep an eye out for heritage panels that start with the collections at the Fabrique des savoirs. Open all year, this spacious museum exhibits a diverse range of textile collections, spanning from the early stages of mechanization to the use of weaving machines.

Immerse yourself in a world of wonder and excitement at the Cirque-Théâtre d'Elbeuf, one of the 8 last "residential circus" built in France and featuring a circular ring and Italian-style theater.

Explore the natural splendor of the town by head to the picturesque Orival cliffs. With its lush environment and peaceful atmosphere, Elbeuf is an ideal getaway for nature enthusiasts and thrill-seekers alike.

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 Sunday from 10 am to 1 pm during school holidays

May to September
 Monday to Saturday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm (10:30 am on Tuesdays)
 Sundays and public holidays from 10 am to 6 pm

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Gros Horloge