Near the picturesque port, the town’s maritime influence is evident. Even the local church, dedicated to St. Catherine, curves like the hull of an oaken ship, the skilled handiwork of the shipwrights who constructed it.

Further afield, the quality of light takes on a dreamy, inspiring cast. Master impressionist painters like Claude Monet, Gustave Courbet, Eugène Boudin and others developed the Honfleur school of painting while enjoying the town as a creative respite.

Wander the lanes and shops of this welcoming Norman town for unforgettable memories of a day spent in glorious relaxation.

**LOCAL CUISINE**

**Honfleur’s cuisine is rich.** Cheese, cream and butter are vital ingredients — butter even earns labels of origin here. Sample the local Camembert, Pont l’Évêque and Livarot cheeses.

Order a plate of oysters as a starter or meal. The Norman coast has the strongest tides in Europe and some of the region’s finest oysters are harvested from the Bay of Mont Saint-Michel. Local staples include sausage or veal plates with veggies.

Normandy has no vineyards. Instead, refresh with pommeau, a crisp mix of unfermented apple juice and calvados, an apple brandy made throughout the Lower Normandy region.

**SHOPPING**

**Art is the ultimate souvenir of time in Honfleur.** The impressionistic Honfleur school still produces beautiful, soft paintings. Galleries and shops selling the work of local artists are easy to find — most are on Rue du Dauphin.

Leave with at least one bottle of calvados, too. Sold almost anywhere and available directly from the local distillery, the beloved apple brandy is wonderful on its own, as a spritzer or for glazing, marinating or flavoring cooked dishes, particularly in the oven.

**CURRENCY**

France uses the euro. Some major banks exchange money at ATMs. All restaurants include a 15% service charge, but leave a small tip. Always tip waiters in cash.
PLACES OF INTEREST

1. LES MAISONS SATIE
Wear high-tech helmets to interact with exhibits at a local composer’s birthplace.

2. EUGÈNE BOUDIN MUSEUM
Discover the impressionist work of Eugène Boudin and others, including Claude Monet.

3. CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE
Admire this 15th century church, built by shipwrights to mirror local boat construction.

BEYOND CITY CENTER

PONT DE NORMANDIE
See this impressive bridge, the largest of its kind at completion, span the River Seine.

PARIS
Dive into the amazing vibrancy of the City of Lights, a cultural hotspot for centuries.

MONT SAINT-MICHEL
Contemplate the mystical beauty of this UNESCO-protected monastery built on a coastal plain.

DEAUVILLE
Enjoy the history, cafes and boutiques of this pretty resort town on the Côte Fleurie.

COEUR DE LION DISTILLERY
Sample the local apple cider and brandy, called calvados, at this remote distillery.

TOP 3 LAND DISCOVERIES

PARIS SIGHTSEEING WITH LUNCH CRUISE
Journey through the beauty of Normandy to the City of Lights. See the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Basilica, Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées, the Opéra and more. Lunch is served on a boat ride down the River Seine before an afternoon of leisurely photo opportunities.

MONT SAINT-MICHEL
Explore the mystical wonder of Mont Saint-Michel. This 8th century abbey rests on shifting sand banks. A complex of pre-Romanesque and Gothic buildings, the abbey and church appear to float at high tide. As the water goes out, discover the labyrinthine passages of this medieval marvel.

DEAUVILLE AND PAYS D’AUGE
Soak in the panoramas of the Côte Fleurie or Flowered Coast en route to the chic resort town of Deauville. Built in the 1860s, this piece of paradise invites independent strolling and relaxation before visiting the lush Pays D’Auge region to enjoy apple brandy at the Coeur de Lion distillery.

Visit the Land Discoversies Desk on Deck 4 to reserve these and other exciting experiences.

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