



## Fast Facts

**Capitals:** Rouen in Upper-Normandy and Caen in Lower-Normandy

**Michelin-Starred Chefs:** 14 (last update January 7, 2014)

**Unesco World Heritage Sites:** Five sites listed in Normandy

The Mont-Saint-Michel and its Bay, Le Havre city centre, Alençon needle point lace, the Vauban Tower on Tatihou Island and the Bayeux Tapestry

**Top sites visited by American travelers in Normandy:**

Giverny

Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel

**2<sup>nd</sup> largest French destination for Parks and Gardens:** over 100 Parks and Gardens

**3<sup>rd</sup> largest French region for Historical Monuments** (listed at the center of the National Monuments)

**4<sup>th</sup> most popular French region** for American travelers (in terms of overnights stays in hotels)

**5<sup>th</sup> largest golf destination in France:** 38 golf courses

**Normandy, the land of Freedom and the world's most famous coasts:** 80 sites dedicated to D-Day and the Battle of Normandy

### **The 70th Anniversary of the D-Day and the Battle of Normandy**

From March to August 2014, Normandy will mobilize to honor the Allied Forces who, with great sacrifice, liberated Normandy, France and the rest of Europe. A host of events, shows and celebrations will be offered to allow each and every visitor to relive this crucial part of the end of World War II.

**Home of Impressionism:** Normandy, the spiritual birthplace of Impressionism, has inspired many great artists such as Monet who lived in Giverny

**World Equestrian Games:** For the first time in France, Normandy will host the 7th Alltech FEITM World Equestrian Games from August 23rd to September 7th, 2014

**The American Film Festival:** Deauville, the glamorous seaside resort, will host the 40<sup>th</sup> American Film Festival.

Source: Normandy Tourist Board