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Five reasons why Normandy's the place to be in 2019

Named among the top places in the world to visit in 2019 by Lonely Planet, Frommer's, Airbnb, CNN Travel and Wanderlust, Normandy really is the place to be this year! Here's why:

1) 1-9 June: 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy (*Calvados, Manche and Orne*)

All eyes will be on Normandy this year, as Thursday 6 June marks the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy. The D-Day Festival will take place on 1-9 June and will see a rich and unprecedented programme of events bringing the memory of this tragic period of world history to life. The 75th anniversary will be attended by key figures and commemorated with events and festivities such as parades, firework displays, air shows and military re-enactments.

bit.ly/DDay75 / bit.ly/D-DayFestival2019

2) 6-16 June: Armada de la Liberté international maritime festival (*Rouen*)

Marvel at the world's finest tall ships during this ten-day festival on the banks of the River Seine in Rouen. Celebrating its 30th anniversary, this key event in the international sailing calendar takes place on 6-19 June and will bring together thousands of visitors and sailors from near and far. Fifty magnificent tall ships, including 'Tenacious', the largest wooden ship to be built in the UK for over 100 years, along with military boats and submarines from all over the world, will line Rouen's quaysides for ten days of celebrations, finishing with a parade along the River Seine.

armada.org/en

3) 7 June-7 July: FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 (*Le Havre*)

The excitement is building for the next major event in the international football calendar: the FIFA Women's Football World Cup in France. From 7 June to 7 July, 24 teams will compete in 52 matches hosted by nine French cities, including Le Havre, where the city's vast Océane stadium will host seven games, including one of the quarter finals.

bit.ly/lehavrefootball

4) Spring: New 'Ocean of the future' exhibition opens at La Cité de la Mer (*Cherbourg*)

Following renovations, family-friendly museum La Cité de la Mer in Cherbourg opens its epic new 'Ocean of the Future' exhibition this spring. Visitors will embark on an underwater adventure, learning all about the deep sea and visiting 16 aquariums housing beautiful sea creatures, from colourful exotic fish to more local species from the English Channel.

citedelamer.com/en

5) Spring: New Fernand Léger-André Mare art museum opens (*Argentan*)

Argentan in the south of Normandy will soon welcome the Fernand Léger-André Mare Museum, named after both the famous cubist painter and art déco artist who were born and went to school together in the town. Situated in Léger's childhood home, the new museum will focus on the two artists' close friendship and their different creative approaches to art. It will also provide a new home for one of Léger's most emblematic works, 'The Sunflower'.

argentan.fr/actualite/leger

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