

What's on in Normandy in 2010?

Throughout 2010

Deauville's 150th anniversary, Deauville, Calvados

365 events will mark the 365 days of the year as Deauville celebrates its 150th birthday!

www.deauville-2010.fr

10th April – 16th May 2010

6th World Primitive Art Festival, Verneuil-sur-Avre, Eure

Admire the 1,200 works of primitive art (paintings, sculptures, ceramics, tapestries, stone paintings) hailing from more than thirty different countries at this unique international festival. For the first time, the World Primitive Art Festival will also be celebrating a different type of art – culinary art! A variety of prize-winning regional Norman produce will be selected to go on display and be made available to visitors to enjoy as part of the art event.

<http://mondialdartnaif.com/>

17th-18th April 2010

Rendez-vous with "Bienvenue à la Ferme", across Normandy

Over 100 farmers open their doors to welcome visitors and let them discover their farms and produce. From traditional dairy farms, to specialists in growing rhubarb, breeding snails, keeping bees, rearing deer – there is something to pique everyone's curiosity!

www.rendezvous.normandiealaferme.com

13th May-26th September 2010

The Dior grand ball, Christian Dior Museum, Granville, Manche

2010's exhibition at Granville's Christian Dior Museum will focus on the grand balls and social evenings of the 20th century for which great couturiers created magnificent outfits. The sumptuous balls held for the launch of the Dior perfumes will be a highlight of the exhibition.

www.musee-dior-granville.com

8th-15th May 2010

Jazz sous les Pommiers ("Jazz under the apple trees"), Coutances, Manche

The biggest jazz festival in West France, Jazz sous les Pommiers includes over a hundred different concerts, street entertainment, gigs from up-and-coming artists and "promenade" concerts for a musical stroll!

www.jazzsouslespommiers.com

22nd-24th May 2010

Meet the Painters, Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei

Enjoy a spring weekend in one of France's most beautiful villages as the whole village is transformed into a veritable outdoor artists gallery for this annual art event.

www.saintceneri.org

23rd-24th May 2010

Fête des Marins, Honfleur, Calvados

Honfleur's 'Sailors' Festival' has been taking place since 1861! Pentecost traditionally found seamen and fishermen participating in the Blessing of the Sea and in the Pilgrimage to Notre Dame de Grâce chapel perched on a hill overlooking the town. The Society of Sailors hosts an exhibition in homage to the people of the sea in Honfleur's old salt cellars.

www.ot-honfleur.fr

June-September 2010

Normandie Impressionniste, across Normandy

France's first ever Impressionism festival in the birthplace of the artistic movement. See pages 5-7 for more information.

www.normandieimpressionniste.com

June-September 2010 (dates TBC)

Medieval Festival, Mortemer Abbey, Eure

In the heart of the Lyons Forest, the mysterious Mortemer Abbey hosts its annual fantastical programme of medieval events complete with its famous ghost evenings. Don't miss the *Grande fête medievale* on 15th August.

www.mortemer.fr

3rd-6th June 2010

Normandy Sailing Week, Le Havre

Four days of regattas gathering teams from all over Europe with evening festivities.

www.normandy-week.com

5th-6th June

Joan of Arc Festival, Rouen

Medieval markets, local produce, people in costumes and a programme of concerts commemorate Joan of Arc. Made a Saint of the Roman Catholic Church in 1920, religious services will be held in the cathedral and in Saint Joan of Arc Church.

www.rouentourisme.com

5th-7th June 2010

D-Day Festival, Bayeux, Longues-sur-Mer and Port-en-Bessin,

The first town to be liberated by the British on D-Day, Bayeux-Bessin marks the 66th anniversary of the Allies' landing in 1944 with the 4th edition of its D-Day Festival. On the programme are: firework displays, guided walks, evenings with veterans, a picnic celebrating the liberation and a reconstruction of a military camp.

www.bessin-normandie.com

6th June 2010

66th anniversary D-Day commemorations, across Normandy

Join locals and veterans as they mark the 66th anniversary of the Allies' landing in 1944 with ceremonies and other commemorative events. Normandy's D-Day

commemorations will be held on beaches, at memorials and in towns throughout the region. 2010 will be remembered for being the final year British veterans make the trip across the Channel to participate in the D-Day commemorations.

www.normandiememoire.com

16th-20th June 2010

Tour de Normandie classic car rally, across Normandy

Follow the assortment of classic cars as they wind their way across Normandy, accompanied by music and entertainment, or simply make camp in one of the villages en route where you'll find plenty to delight and amuse.

www.tourdenormandie.com

25th-27th June

Boardsports Festival, Agon-Coutainville, La Manche

Admire the professionals or get involved in this celebration of all boardsports, whether on land, in water or in the air. Enjoy the street entertainment and concerts accompanying the action. Thrill seekers can even try out jet skiing and bungee jumping or discover the phenomena of magnetic skateboards, electric skateboards and winch skimboards

www.festivaldelaglisse.fr

3th – 4th July

Fêtes Médiévales, Bayeux, Calvados

A celebration of the Middle Ages in the medieval town of Bayeux with kings' jesters, jugglers, minstrels, knights and artisans. Expect to be swept up in the maelstrom of medieval markets, street entertainment, medieval balls, costume parades and workshops with medieval taverns and local restaurants rustling up delicacies, some cooked medieval-style!

www.bessin-nornandie.com

8th-14th July 2010

World Folklores Festival, Alençon, Orne

Join the whirlwind of lights, dance, street parades, food, markets and music with numerous concerts taking place featuring groups from all over the world.

www.folkloresdumonde.com

18th July 2010

Fête de la Mer, Saint Vaast-la-Hougue, La Manche

Saint Vaast's incredible maritime festival takes place only once every ten years. Hardly surprising given that the event involves 2,000 volunteers making almost a million paper flowers to decorate the boats and the town! Tens of thousands of visitors are expected to join locals for the religious and maritime event which includes an outdoor mass, the grand arrival of the boats into the harbour and a town blooming with colour.

www.saint-vaast-reville.com

1st-8th August

Château de Crèvecœur Medieval Festival, Crèvecœur-en-Auge

For one week every August, the grounds and castle at Crèvecœur are transported back to the Middle Ages as historical groups, skilled craftsmen, professionals and enthusiasts recreate life as it would have been in Crèvecœur in the middle of the 15th century.

Historians and archeologists conduct meticulous research to ensure every scene is historically accurate and that visitors really do feel like they are witnessing the daily life of 600 years ago.

www.chateau-de-crevecoeur.com

10th-14th August 2010

Les traversées de Tatihou or 'Tatihou crossings', Tatihou Island, Manche

Festival-goers to Tatihou's annual musical event have the added excitement of making the crossing from Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue on foot through the oyster beds to reach the rugged island. A series of concerts covering a variety of musical genres take place every summer under a big top and are timed to coincide with the low tide!

www.tatihou.com

September 2010

Musical September Festival, across Orne

The annual "Musical September" festival in Orne presents a variety of musical events spanning different musical genres.

www.septembre-musical.com

3rd-12th September 2010

Deauville American Film Festival, Deauville, Calvados

Screening the best of the year's US film releases, the Deauville American Film Festival attracts a mix of interested moviegoers and absolute film fanatics. The event focuses predominantly on America's burgeoning independent film scene with awards in a number of categories. Well-attended by a host of big name stars, the festival oozes glitz and glamour.

www.festival-deauville.com

10th-12th September 2010

International Kite Festival, Dieppe, Seine-Maritime

During this week-long festival, participants from over thirty countries present all aspects of kite flying: teams and pilots of acrobatic kites, creative artists and a wide selection of traditional kites. Workshops provide an introduction to kite building and flying.

www.dieppe-cerf-volant.org

October-December 2010

Autumn in Normandy, across Seine-Maritime

One and a half months of over one hundred theatre, music and dance performances across Seine-Maritime.

www.automne-en-normandie.com

Normandie Impressionniste



In 2010, Impressionism will be celebrated on a grand scale in the place where it all began... in Normandy!

From June to September, the first ever *Normandie Impressionniste* Festival will add to the already rich experience in the region. With over 200 events taking place across Normandy, *Normandie Impressionniste* looks set to take the region by storm. Events will range from painting and contemporary art through to cinema, theatre, dance, photography and literary events, as well as nocturnal light shows, firework displays, Seine River cruises, Impressionist trails and even giant *déjeuner sur l'herbe* picnics.

Read on for a selection of the top events taking place throughout the summer as part of *Normandie Impressionniste*:

Exhibitions

A City for Impressionism: Monet, Pissarro and Gauguin in Rouen, 4th June-26th September, Fine Arts Museum, Rouen

Impressionism along the Seine River, 1st April-18th July, Impressionism Museum, Giverny

Degas from Senn Donation, 12th June-19th September, André Malraux Museum, Le Havre

Signac: Ports of France, 1st October-30th January, André Malraux Museum, Le Havre

Claude, Camille, Jacques-Emile, Eva and the others... the Impressionists in Dieppe, 27th June-26th September, Castle Museum, Dieppe

Honfleur: Between Tradition and Modernity, 1820-1900, 2nd June-6th September, Eugène Boudin Museum, Honfleur

Impressionist Engravings, 4th June-5th September, Fine Arts Museum, Caen

Millet at the Dawn of Impressionism, 18th June-5th September, Thomas-Henry Art Museum, Cherbourg-Octeville

Maxence Rifflet – One road, one path. On the west coast of Manche, 26th July-25th September, Le Point du Jour Art Centre, Cherbourg-Octeville

In the footsteps of Corot in Normandy, 1st June-31st October, Fine Arts Museum, Saint-Lô

Léon Riesener, 1808-1878, from Romanticism to Impressionism, 4th June-8th November, Art and History Museum, Lisieux

Painters along the Seine River from Boudin to Vallotton, 9th April-25th July, Poulain Museum, Vernon

“Peindre en Normandie” Collection, Mid-July to end-August, Honfleur and Grand Quevilly

Fernand Bignon in the wake of Impressionism, 12th June-30th October, Villa Montebello Museum, Trouville-sur-Mer

Blanche Hoschedé-Monet, 5th June-3rd October, Louviers Museum, Louviers

Performing arts, video and music

Rouen Impressionnée, 3rd July-29th August, outdoor contemporary art installations, Rouen

Impressionism and video art – light echoes, 1st June-30th September, Gardens of the Seine-Maritime county offices, Rouen

Impressionistes!, 1st April-31st December, touring theatre performances across Normandy

Les Musicales de Normandie, 24th July-9th September, 20 classical concerts throughout Normandy

Impressionist programme – music and dance, Rouen Opera, Rouen

Celebrations

Le grand déjeuner sur l’herbe picnic, 20th June, throughout Normandy

Balls and Impressionist guinguettes, 13th and 14th July (and various dates in summer), throughout Normandy

Outdoor cinema, 3rd July-31st August, Jumièges Abbey

Eugène Boudin Day, 8th August, Deauville

Impressionism themed events, summer, Trouville-sur-Mer

Impressionism themed events, summer, Cabourg

With kids

Impressionist Variations, 30th June-30th October, Zoological and Botanical Park, Clères

Impressionist Nights nocturnal cathedral illuminations, 1st June-30th September, Rouen

The Giants' Alley giant outdoor Impressionist exhibition, Festyland theme park, Caen

Visit www.normandieimpressionniste.com for details of all the events taking place during *Normandie Impressionniste*.

Visit www.impressionism-normandy.com for information on all the sites for your next visit.

Food festivals in Normandy 2010

Normandy really is the place to be when it comes to celebrating all things food. Here's a selection of the main food events in Normandy, most featuring markets, tasting sessions, cookery demonstrations and entertainment for all.

20th-22nd March 2010

La Foire au Boudin, Mortagne-au-Perche, Orne

Locals celebrate their famous *boudin noir* at the town's annual black pudding festival.

<http://foireauboudin.free.fr>

27th-28th March 2010

Festival Les Z'Orties, La Haye-du-Routot, Eure

Festival celebrating wild plants and their uses in the garden, kitchen and in traditional medicine. With market, cookery demonstrations, tasting sessions, talks and kids' entertainment.

<http://web.mac.com/lahayederoutot/>

1st-2nd May 2010

Les rencontres de Cambremer, Calvados

Festival celebrating the twelve regional AOC quality-certified products of Normandy.

www.office-tourisme-cambremer.fr

31st July-1st August 2010

Fête de la Mer et du Maquereau, Trouville-sur-Mer, Calvados

Mackerel festival with a guaranteed festive atmosphere!

www.trouvillesurmer.org

31st July-1st August 2010

Fête au fromage, Livarot, Calvados

Annual Livarot cheese festival, including fastest Livarot-eater competition

www.paysdelivarot.fr

11th-12th September 2010

L'automne gourmand, Bagnoles de l'Orne

Produce of the Orne and other French regions on display in the lakeside town of Bagnoles de l'Orne.

www.bagnolesdelorne.com

25th-26th September 2010

Festival coquillages et crustacés – Toute la Mer sur un plateau, Granville, La Manche

France's first shellfish port welcomes 35,000 visitors to its seafood festival every year.

www.granville-tourisme.fr

1st-3rd October 2010

Mycologiades Internationales de Bellême, Orne

Amateur and professional mycologists go mushroom picking with an expert guide.

www.mycologiades.com

2nd-3rd October 2010

Fête de la Crevette, Honfleur, Calvados

Festival celebrating the Honfleur's speciality, the shrimp, and the port's maritime traditions.

www.ot-honfleur.fr

3rd October 2010

Faîtes des Légumes, La Haye du Routot, Eure

Festival celebrating ancient varieties of vegetable. Entrance to the festival includes entrance to the two museums here: the Clog Museum and the Bread Oven Museum.

www.eure-tourisme.fr

16th-17th October 2010

Fête du Ventre et de la Gastronomie Normande, Rouen, Seine-Maritime

Celebration of the ancient culinary traditions of Rouen in the historic centre of the city

www.rouentourisme.com

16th-18th October 2010

La Foire de la Pomme, Vimoutiers, Orne

66th edition of this annual apple festival in the heart of the Pays d'Auge.

www.vimoutiers.net

23rd-24th October 2010

Fête de la Coquille St Jacques, Villers-sur-Mer, Calvados

Scallops festival, including musical entertainment and folk dancing.

www.villers-sur-mer.fr

Weekends in November

Fête du Hareng, Seine Maritime

The towns of Le Tréport, Dieppe, St-Valery-en-Caux, Fécamp, Etretat celebrate the humble herring at their annual herring festivals throughout November.

www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com

11th November 2010

Foire aux harengs, Lieurey, Eure

During the Hundred Years' War, a convoy of herring was stuck in Lieurey because of the snow. In order to save the goods, a huge sale was organised. The tradition has continued ever since with the Lieurey herring fair becoming the largest in the region.

www.eure-tourisme.fr

13th-14th November 2010

Le Goût du Large festival (“A taste for the open sea”), Port-en-Bessin, Calvados

Annual scallop and seafood festival alongside the European sea shanty festival.

www.bessin-normandie.com

13th-14th November 2010

Fête du Cidre, Le Sap, Orne

A celebration of the ancient art of cider-making using materials from the 18th century,

www.le-grand-jardin.asso.fr

4th-5th December 2010

Fête de la Coquille Saint Jacques, Grandcamp-Maisy, Calvados

Scallops festival celebrating the beginning of the fishing season

www.bessin-normandie.com

Marchés au Foie Gras, Le Neubourg, Eure (dates to be confirmed)

Four foie gras markets held annually: one in spring and three at the end of the year.

www.eure-tourisme.fr