

## What's on in Normandy in 2010?

### **Throughout 2010**

#### **Deauville's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Deauville, Calvados**

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

[www.deauville-2010.fr](http://www.deauville-2010.fr)

### **10<sup>th</sup> April – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

#### **6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rendezvous.normandiealaferme.com)

### **13<sup>th</sup> May-26<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.musee-dior-granville.com)

### **8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.jazzsouslespommiers.com)

### **22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.saintceneri.org)

**23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> August.

[www.mortemer.fr](http://www.mortemer.fr)

**3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

***Normandy Sailing Week, Le Havre***

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

[www.normandy-week.com](http://www.normandy-week.com)

**5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rouentourisme.com)

**5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 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 66<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bessin-normandie.com)

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

***66th anniversary D-Day commemorations, across Normandy***

Join locals and veterans as they mark the 66<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.normandiememoire.com)

**16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.tourdenormandie.com)

**25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.festivaldelaglisse.fr)

**3<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bessin-nornandie.com)

**8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.saint-vaast-reville.com)

### **1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.chateau-de-crevecoeur.com)

### **10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.septembre-musical.com)

### **3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.festival-deauville.com)

### **10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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**

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

***Impressionism along the Seine River***, 1<sup>st</sup> April-18<sup>th</sup> July, Impressionism Museum, Giverny

***Degas from Senn Donation***, 12<sup>th</sup> June-19<sup>th</sup> September, André Malraux Museum, Le Havre

***Signac: Ports of France***, 1<sup>st</sup> October-30<sup>th</sup> January, André Malraux Museum, Le Havre

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

***Honfleur: Between Tradition and Modernity, 1820-1900***, 2<sup>nd</sup> June-6<sup>th</sup> September, Eugène Boudin Museum, Honfleur

***Impressionist Engravings***, 4<sup>th</sup> June-5<sup>th</sup> September, Fine Arts Museum, Caen

***Millet at the Dawn of Impressionism***, 18<sup>th</sup> June-5<sup>th</sup> September, Thomas-Henry Art Museum, Cherbourg-Octeville

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

***In the footsteps of Corot in Normandy***, 1<sup>st</sup> June-31<sup>st</sup> October, Fine Arts Museum, Saint-Lô

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

**Painters along the Seine River from Boudin to Vallotton**, 9<sup>th</sup> April-25<sup>th</sup> July, Poulain Museum, Vernon

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

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

**Blanche Hoschedé-Monet**, 5<sup>th</sup> June-3<sup>rd</sup> October, Louviers Museum, Louviers

### **Performing arts, video and music**

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**Rouen Impressionnée**, 3<sup>rd</sup> July-29<sup>th</sup> August, outdoor contemporary art installations, Rouen

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

**Impressionistes!**, 1<sup>st</sup> April-31<sup>st</sup> December, touring theatre performances across Normandy

**Les Musicales de Normandie**, 24<sup>th</sup> July-9<sup>th</sup> September, 20 classical concerts throughout Normandy

**Impressionist programme – music and dance**, Rouen Opera, Rouen

### **Celebrations**

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**Le grand déjeuner sur l’herbe picnic**, 20<sup>th</sup> June, throughout Normandy

**Balls and Impressionist guinguettes**, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July (and various dates in summer), throughout Normandy

**Outdoor cinema**, 3<sup>rd</sup> July-31<sup>st</sup> August, Jumièges Abbey

**Eugène Boudin Day**, 8<sup>th</sup> August, Deauville

**Impressionism themed events**, summer, Trouville-sur-Mer

**Impressionism themed events**, summer, Cabourg

## With kids

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***Impressionist Variations***, 30<sup>th</sup> June-30<sup>th</sup> October, Zoological and Botanical Park, Clères

***Impressionist Nights*** nocturnal illuminations on the Museum of Fine Arts façade, 1<sup>st</sup> June-30<sup>th</sup> September, Rouen

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

Visit [www.normandieimpressionniste.com](http://www.normandieimpressionniste.com) for details of all the events taking place during *Normandie Impressionniste*.

Visit [www.impressionism-normandy.com](http://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.

**20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 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>

**27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010**

***Les rencontres de Cambremer, Calvados***

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

[www.office-tourisme-cambremer.fr](http://www.office-tourisme-cambremer.fr)

**31<sup>st</sup> July-1<sup>st</sup> August 2010**

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

Mackerel festival with a guaranteed festive atmosphere!

[www.trouillesurmer.org](http://www.trouillesurmer.org)

**31<sup>st</sup> July-1<sup>st</sup> August 2010**

***Fête au fromage, Livarot, Calvados***

Annual Livarot cheese festival, including fastest Livarot-eater competition

[www.paysdelivarot.fr](http://www.paysdelivarot.fr)

**11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bagnolesdelorne.com)

**25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.granville-tourisme.fr)

**1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010**

***Mycologiades Internationales de Bellême, Orne***

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

[www.mycologiades.com](http://www.mycologiades.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.ot-honfleur.fr)

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.eure-tourisme.fr)

**16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rouentourisme.com)

**16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.vimoutiers.net)

**23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com)

**11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.eure-tourisme.fr)

**13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bessin-normandie.com)

**13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

***Fête du Cidre, Le Sap, Orne***

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

[www.le-grand-jardin.asso.fr](http://www.le-grand-jardin.asso.fr)

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

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

Scallops festival celebrating the beginning of the fishing season

[www.bessin-normandie.com](http://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](http://www.eure-tourisme.fr)