

Alliance Française de Normandie presents:



ÉCHAPPÉES IMPRESSIONNISTES

With the support of the Normandy Region, as part of the festival *Normandie Impressionniste*



Your journey to the heart of Impressionism

Tribute to Monet in 2026

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the death of Claude Monet on December 5, 1926, Alliance Française de Normandie is offering an exceptional language stay in June and September, 2026: *Echappées Impressionnistes*. As part of the 2026 edition of the Normandy Impressionist Festival, this program combines a tailor-made linguistic experience, cultural immersion, and artistic discovery at the heart of the landscapes where Impressionism was born.

Normandy, the cradle of Impressionism

Located just one hour from Paris, Normandy offers ever-changing light, endless skies, majestic cliffs, and lively harbors that deeply inspired 19th-century painters. It was in Le Havre that Monet painted *Impression, Sunrise* in 1872, the founding work that gave the Impressionist movement its name. From Giverny to Honfleur, via Rouen, Normandy became a true open-air studio for artists fascinated by light and atmospheric variations.

An invitation to experience the
French language to the rhythm of
Norman light...

An Exceptional Cultural Program

As part of the 2026 Normandy Impressionist Festival, the program offers an artistic immersion in Rouen and across Normandy, bringing together contemporary creations and Impressionist masterpieces. Participants will discover installations and exhibitions presented in emblematic heritage sites, as well as the places that shaped the history of Impressionism, such as Claude Monet's house and gardens in Giverny and the Museum of Modern Art in Le Havre, which will pay tribute to the artist in 2026. The program also includes a painting workshop in the style of Monet, inviting participants to experiment with light and color.

A High-End, Immersive Stay

Beyond the cultural program and language workshops, Impressionist Escapes offers a complete experience: accommodation in carefully selected 4- or 5-star hotels, lunches and dinners in gourmet restaurants highlighting Norman produce, and personalized support throughout the stay.

Combining heritage, art, gastronomy, and linguistic immersion, this exclusive program celebrates Monet's legacy in the region that shaped his artistic vision.

*"I have done nothing but look at
what the universe has shown me,
to bear witness with my brush."*

Monet



SUNDAY

Upon your arrival in France, you may travel independently to Rouen or take advantage of a shuttle provided at 6:00 p.m. in Paris, which will take you to Place du Boulingrin. The team from Alliance Française de Normandie will welcome you there and accompany you to your hotel.

Dinner at the hotel upon arrival.

- **Overnight stay in a 4- or 5-star hotel (see options below).**

MONDAY

Alliance Française de Normandie is pleased to invite you to a welcome reception with French pastries, organized from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., to warmly welcome you.

- **Language and cultural workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Lunch break at 1:30 p.m. at the restaurant Le Bistrot de la Pucelle, renowned for its generous homemade French cuisine prepared with fresh, seasonal ingredients.

- **Impressionist walk through the city of Rouen from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Discover Rouen through the lens of *Normandie Impressionniste 2026*: from the installation *Meadow* by the Dutch duo DRIFT at the Church of Sainte-Croix-des-Pelletiers, to the monumental projection and immersive exhibition by Japanese artist Mika Ninagawa at Notre-Dame Cathedral and the Aître Saint-Maclou, and finally the exhibition by French photographer Sarah Moon at the Photography Center.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m. at Le Jehanne, offering homemade bistronomic cuisine in a friendly setting at the foot of the historic keep.

- **Overnight stay in a 4- or 5-star hotel (see options below).**



TUESDAY

- **Language and cultural workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Lunch break at 1:30 p.m. at the restaurant L'Odas, offering creative, chef-driven cuisine in the heart of the historic center.

- **Departure for Giverny at 2:30 p.m. and visit to Claude Monet's house and gardens from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Claude Monet created his masterpieces there, surrounded by lush gardens and colorful flowers, in this emblematic place of Impressionist art.

Dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the restaurant Cancan, offering refined and gourmet French bistronomic cuisine in the heart of the Place du Vieux-Marché.

- **Overnight stay in a 4- or 5-star hotel (see options below).**

WEDNESDAY

- **Language and cultural workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Lunch break at 1:30 p.m. at the restaurant Le 6ème Sens in Rouen, offering market-fresh cuisine in a spacious 18th-century vaulted dining room with contemporary design décor.

- **Guided visit of the Museum of Fine Arts focused on Impressionism from 3 to 4:30 p.m.**

Discover Impressionism at the Museum of Fine Arts of Rouen through masterpieces by Norman artists and the evolution of this major artistic movement.

- **Pétanque at Place des Carmes and aperitif at the Bar des Fleurs from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

Enjoy an authentic French experience by playing pétanque, this traditional game beloved by locals, and share a convivial, typically French *apéro*.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the gourmet restaurant L'Épicurius, where modern cuisine is paired with an elegant setting.

- **Overnight stay in a 4- or 5-star hotel (see options below).**





THURSDAY

● **Language and cultural workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Lunch break at 1:30 p.m. at the restaurant Gill, a renowned venue offering refined and creative French cuisine with Norman influences.

● **Departure for Honfleur at 2:30 p.m. and guided visit of the town and the Eugène Boudin Museum from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

150 years after Monet, Julien des Monstiers explores the multiple historical layers of Honfleur, reflecting the Impressionist spirit at the Eugène Boudin Museum.

Dinner in Honfleur at 7:00 p.m. at the restaurant Les Impressionnistes of the 5-star Ferme Saint Siméon Hotel, a historic meeting place for Impressionists where artists such as Boudin, Courbet, Monet, Daubigny, and many others once stayed.

● **Overnight stay in a 4- or 5-star hotel (see options below).**

FRIDAY

● **Language and cultural workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Lunch break at 1:30 p.m. at the restaurant Paul-Arthur, set in a charming half-timbered house, offering bistronomic cuisine in the heart of the historic center.

● **'Painting in the Style of Claude Monet' Workshop from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Learn the techniques of Impressionist painting and be guided to create your own artwork inspired by the universe of Claude Monet.

● **Certificate ceremony and farewell reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Celebrate the end of your course with a convivial gathering and the presentation of your certificate, in the presence of Alliance Française de Normandie's team.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the restaurant In Situ, offering creative homemade French cuisine with local ingredients in a modern setting facing the Museum of Fine Arts.

● **Overnight stay in a 4- or 5-star hotel (see options below).**



SATURDAY



- **Departure from Rouen by coach from Place du Boulingrin at 7:30 a.m.**
- **Visit to the Jardins suspendus of Le Havre from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Discover unique panoramas of the city and the sea, including the Port of Le Havre, where Monet painted *Impression, Soleil levant*, from these terraced gardens bathed in Impressionist light and color.

Lunch break at 12:00 p.m. at the café-restaurant Les Fauves, located within the Museum of Modern Art of Le Havre, in an elegant setting surrounded by Impressionist paintings and offering stunning views of the port.

- **Visit to the MuMa – Museum of Modern Art of Le Havre from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.**

Explore the temporary Monet exhibition in Le Havre, and admire Ai Weiwei's *Water Lilies*, a reinterpretation of Monet's *Nymphéas* in 650,000 LEGO® pieces, presented for the first time in France, offering an original yet respectful take on Monet's spirit.

- **Departure from Le Havre to Rouen at 4:30 p.m.**

Closing dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the restaurant La Couronne, a Rouen institution founded in 1345 and the oldest inn in France, featuring the Impressionist Flavors menu.

- **Overnight stay in a 4- or 5-star hotel (see options below).**



SUNDAY

- **Departure from Rouen to Paris by shuttle at 10:00 a.m. from Place du Boulingrin, or independently.**

2,675€

With overnight stay at
Hyatt Place Rouen
(4*)

3,320€

With overnight stay at
Radisson Blu Hotel
(4*)

3,699€

With overnight stay at
Hôtel de
Bourgtheroulde (5*)

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