

Le Havre



> Le Havre: World Heritage Prepare to be amazed!

In July 2005, UNESCO added the city centre of Le Havre to its World Heritage List: the city was rebuilt by Auguste Perret, who was a major 20th century architect and a "poet in concrete", unconventional and innovative. Perret successfully rose to the challenge before him, seeking inspiration in architectural tradition and drawing on his own strong desire for modernisation to reinvent a unique, airy and open town centre that is harmonious and resolutely innovative across an area of 133 hectares. The city centre of Le Havre thus becomes the first 20th century European urban complex to be granted that prestigious distinction.

>> How to visit Le Havre World Heritage?

- Tour of the World Heritage site by foot:
 - Sheet "sightseeing tour on foot", available for free at the Tourist Office
 - "Invitation to discovery" manual, for sale (3€)
- Some taxi companies in Le Havre offer guided tours with commentaries.
- By motorboats: you can discover the port and the "Perret" architecture, from the sea (duration: 1.30 hour)
Information on leaving dates and hours: +33 235 289 953 ou +33 616 802 410
- New: by tourist train. Departure from the beach (boulevard Albert 1er, in front of the skate-park). 50 minutes tour of the city centre listed on the World Heritage, the sea-front and the marina.
Information on leaving dates and hours: +33 232 740 404

>> Not to be missed:

The historic show flat of the city rebuilt by Auguste Perret.
Barely one year after being listed as a World Heritage site and after the world has become aware of the external modernity of the city, the city council of Le Havre acquired a flat so as to show an inside decorated according to the tastes of the 1950's. This flat enables visitors to understand the innovative nature of the buildings from this period that revolutionised the art of housing.

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- > Guided tours on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 2pm, 3pm, 4pm or 5pm - Meet the guide 1 Place de l'Hôtel de Ville.
- > "Acted" tours on set dates, see schedule