

Le Havre, France

Field	Value
Name	Le Havre
Country	France
Coordinates	49° 29' N, 0° 06' E
Population	166,462
Currency	Euro (EUR)
Website	lehavre.fr
Time Difference	± 0 hours
Date	January 11, 2024
Day Temperature	1 °C – 4 °C
Arrival Time	10:00
Departure Time	22:00
Sunrise – Sunset	08:53 – 17:21
Distance Traveled	250 nautical miles

Sightseeing

- Volcano (Le Volcan) – Cultural center designed by Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer; a striking white building in the shape of a volcano, one of the city’s landmarks. From here you can also see the Bassin du Commerce (a rectangular water basin) and several monuments.
- St. Joseph’s Church – 108-meter concrete tower resembling a modern lighthouse. Inside, the colorful light from hundreds of small stained-glass windows creates a unique atmosphere.
- Town Hall (Hôtel de Ville) – Designed by Auguste Perret during the city’s postwar reconstruction. Surrounded by green spaces and water features, it represents the open, airy character of modern Le Havre.

Additional Tips

- Timing at the Port:
 - Ships often dock late (like 10 a.m. in this case), so many passengers disembark at once. Expect long lines for shuttles and taxis. Waiting a bit can make things easier.
- Getting to the City Center:
 - About 3 km from the port. You can walk (allow extra time and dress warmly in winter), or take a taxi/shuttle.
 - A good starting point is the Volcano, from which most major sights (St. Joseph’s Church, Town Hall) are within walking distance.
- Return Options:

- Taxi or shuttle bus back to the port can save time and energy.
- Duration:
 - Le Havre is well-suited for a half-day visit, showcasing France's modern face with light, space, and bold architecture rather than a historic old town.
- Excursion to Paris:
 - Around 200 km away, more than two hours each way by bus.
 - Due to traffic, time in Paris is often limited—just enough for highlights like the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre, Notre Dame, or the Mona Lisa in the Louvre.
 - Best booked through the cruise line (so the ship will wait if delays occur).
 - Even a short visit can give a taste of the "City of Love," though only as a brief impression.