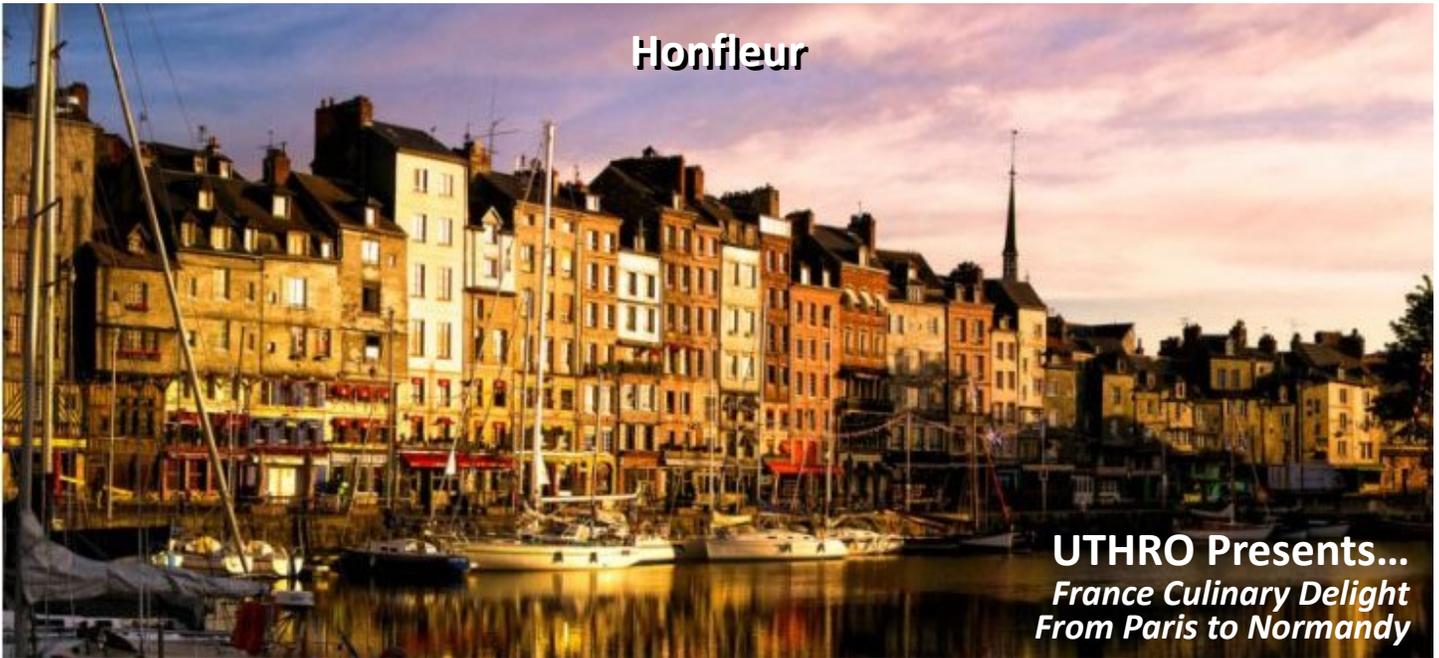


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UTHRO Presents...
*France Culinary Delight
From Paris to Normandy*

On day 6 of our France Culinary Delights Cruise, we shall be in the historic port city of Honfleur, located on the southern bank of the estuary of the Seine across from Le Havre. Especially known for its old port characterized by brightly painted houses with slate covered frontages, this port city was painted many times by impressionist painters including Eugene Boudin, Claude Monet, and Johan Jongkind. The first written record of Honfleur is a reference by Richard III, Duke of Normandy in 1027.

After our morning walking tour of the city, we will have time to explore on our own. These are some of the more interesting sites to see in this colorful, historic city:

The Sainte-Catherine Church (1), which has a bell tower separate from the main structure, is the largest church made of wood in France. The church is dedicated to Saint Catherine of Alexandria. A wooden sculpture above the porch of the bell tower depicts Saint Catherine holding a wheel and a sword. The oldest nave of the church dates back to the 15th century.

The Marine Museum (2) is located in the Church of Saint-Etienne. In this historical museum you will be able to discover the fascinating story of explorers such as Roberval who left Canada in 1541.

The Notre-Dame-le-Grace Chapel (3), a 17th century chapel on a hill above Honfleur, stands in a spot where pilgrims have long come to give thanks to God for protecting them from natural disasters. Inside, fascinating plaques, paintings and models attest to the gratitude felt by many visitors here. For fabulous views of Honfleur and the Seine estuary head up to Mont-Joli hilltop.

The Germier á sel (Salt granaries) are vast stone structures dating from 1670. They can store up to 10,000 tons of salt, a vital commodity up until modern times. Today the granaries serve as prestigious settings for exhibitions, concerts and conferences.

Between the old port and the estuary you can visit Naturospace. It is the largest tropical butterfly home in France.

Honfleur has several beautiful public gardens along the estuary. Notably, Jardin des Personalities (4), which pays homage to famous people associated with historic Honfleur.

The Vieux Bassin (5), the inner harbor, was created for Louis XIV. It is lined with cafes, bars, restaurants and art galleries. It is a perfect place to sit, sip some wine, and watch the boats going in and out, listen to bells chime in the church, and enjoy the sites and aromas of Honfleur.

Later in the afternoon, we will be off on a "Taste of Normandy" tour with our Vantage guide to Fécamp Benedictine monastery. Benedictine is a liqueur made from a blend of 27 spices and herbs. The tasting room should be a delightful experience.

After our day of culture, fine cuisine and breathtaking sites, lets relax in the ship's lounge with a French 75 (one of my favorite drinks) and listen to a musical performance by a Jazz duo.

Until next time au revoir mes amies.

Barbara Kelly



St Catherine



Marine Museum



Notre Dame Le Grace



Jardin des Personalities



Vieux Bassin