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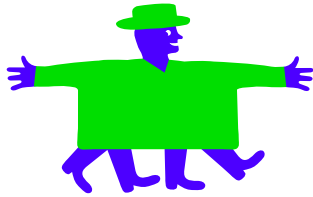
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Welcome to this crossroads of the four elements, where nature offers **IMMENSE EXPANSES** of natural conservation land. Prairies which **STRETCH AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE**, looking towards the **HORIZON** of the sea. Venture out into this territory with its **ABUNDANT** treasures, where the fields, the swell of the waves, and the chalk cliffs blend

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COME

into a whole. Survey these **INTENSE, MYSTERIOUS** landscapes, which gradually reveal

You can take your time leafing through this guide, contemplating the pleasures to come, or alternatively, plunge into it all at top speed, following the advice of others eager to share their spontaneous enthusiasm for our territory.

their true character in the space of a few kilometres. Let your gaze sweep across the **HORIZON** between land and sea and observe time slowing down in phase with the rhythm of the **INFINITE** variety of changing colours on the Opal Coast. Finally, go and meet the locals - who will welcome you **WITH OPEN ARMS** - and become part of the history of **SPECTACULAR** events lived through together on this land. Here, where the tradition of **GIANTS** has instilled a certain outlook on life, we don't just see the big picture, **WE EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING IN OUTSIZE PROPORTIONS.**

WITH WIDE OPEN ARMS

Our tourist advisors are here to help you organise your stay, offering information on accommodation and restaurants, events leaflets, ticket sales, guided visits, etc. We also sell souvenirs on the premises, with ideas for gifts emblematic of our region.

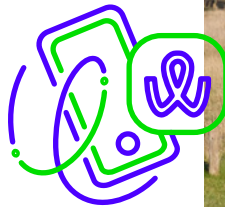
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SPECTACULAR ARRIVAL

All roads lead to Calais - and this is truly the case. Historically destined as a transit point for travellers and goods from all over the world, the conurbation of 14 towns and villages stretches out on a vast scale round two major construction sites - the Channel Tunnel and the Port of Calais - placing our destination at the centre of every itinerary. These monumental entrance gates are, however, no more than the departure point for an adventure of discovery of the riches situated between land and sea.

BY TRAIN

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Calais town centre

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BY BIKE

EuroVelo Route 4

ROSCOFF > KIEV

Called "la Vélomaritime" on its French section
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EuroVelo Route 5

ROME > LONDRES

The cycle path linking Coulogne to Guines is part of this EuroVelo route

EuroVelo Route 12

Across Scandinavia, Germany, Benelux countries and Great Britain

MOBILITY

Getting around in the area is child's play! The public transport network is free of charge, bike hire stations are plentiful, and car or bike hire companies offer an abundant choice of means for exploring the territory. Why don't you try them all to maximise your outings?

FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORTS

The public transport service is completely free of charge in the Calais urban area and its 14 surrounding towns and villages! This includes the Majest'in canal shuttle service between Calais and Coulogne.

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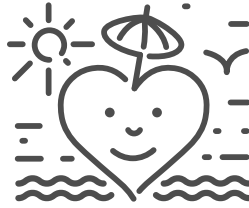
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Climb on board a double-decker bus for a hop on-hop off city tour, or sail on the canal from Coulogne to Calais.

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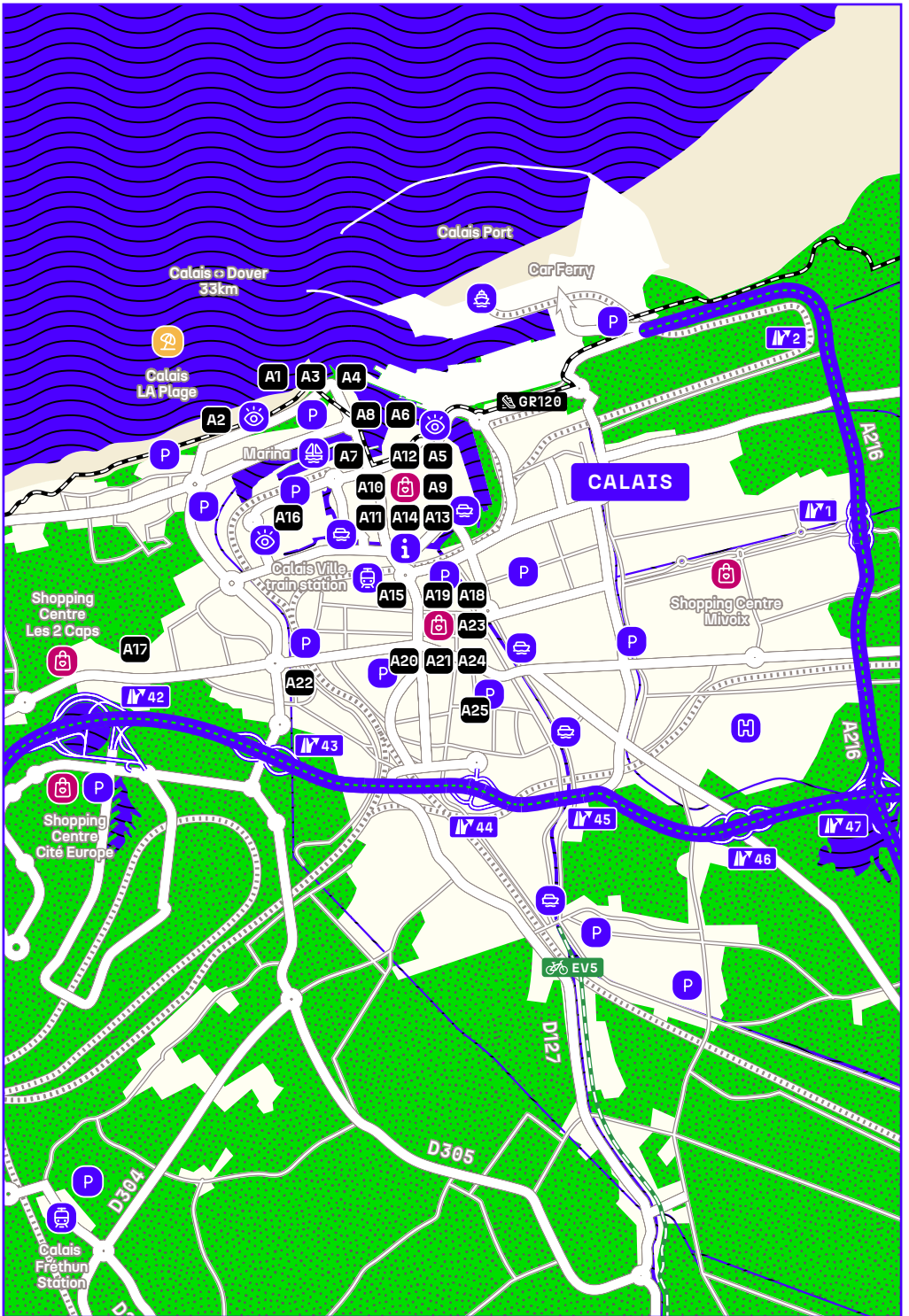
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LA PLAGE

The unique panoramic view from here is only to be found in Calais - a fine sandy beach from where you can observe the ferries, in close-up, making the crossing to England, and even catch a glimpse of the Dover cliffs in good weather. You are on the Calais seafront, an entirely renovated seaside area, offering pedestrians a magnificent promenade. Turning inland, the lighthouse, clock tower and Notre Dame church appear on the skyline. They bear witness to the heritage of an eventful, and occasionally turbulent, history.

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CALAIS BEACH

THE TRADITIONAL AND POPULAR DYKE REVISITED

This cannot be seen anywhere else, a sea view with ferries as a backdrop, near the shore or out at sea, navigating the link to England, whose white cliffs are visible in clear weather. The regular passage of the Calais Dragon, a colossal mechanical creature which has become an emblematic feature of the town, accentuates the exceptional nature of this long, renovated seafront.

It is a favourite haunt of Calais residents, all the more so as several different worlds become apparent. Setting out from the “foodie village”, ideal place to enjoy a quick snack as you go, a walk along the jetty gives the impression of venturing out into the vastness of the sea, especially when the tide is high. “Doing the dyke” between the sandy beach and areas dedicated to kids or to sports, is to walk at your own pace along almost 2 kilometres of seafront, filling your lungs with salty sea air, a bonus for your health. Top level sports can be practised in the immense skatepark bowls, or the acrobatic choreographies enjoyed as a spectator sport.

Entirely renovated in the last few years, the seafront in Calais is well adapted to contemporary life. A regular bus service to the nearby town centre is free of charge, and there are numerous parking facilities at the beach itself. Dynamic and modern, Calais beach is the place to be for activities and entertainment during the summer season, but sunny winter days also shed a gentle light over the changing colours of the horizon, which never cease to surprise and enchant.

The totem pole at Calais Beach

The beach has without a doubt become the best photo spot for a sunny beach souvenir. Our advice for taking a perfect photo: pose in front of the emblematic Calais Beach totem pole, which lists towns and cities all over the world and their distance from Calais. Unless, of course, the lookout point over the sand has caught your attention in the meantime. That way you can get a bit closer to the sea, without having to go down on to the sand, however fine and soft it may be...





Sweet and savoury delights!

When hunger strikes and it's time to eat, you can choose either fast food, an offer at the village gourmand ("foodie village") on the seafront, or a table at one of the restaurants in the arcades. Two gourmet restaurants combine the pleasure of good food with a splendid panoramic view over the vast expanse of sea and sky. Three beach bars also offer food and drinks, varying what's on offer, and they contribute to the festive and relaxed nature of this seaside resort by livening up the summer season. A special feature in Calais, apart from the chip shops installed along the seafront, are the ice-cream makers. Watch out for their vans, one painted a cool blue, the other a lemon yellow. Whether you opt for one or the other, you can relish the skill of both ice-cream makers.



Banksy in Calais

Calais beach is also the site of effervescent urban culture, street art and street theatre, unmistakably symbolised by the graffiti of notorious British street artist, Banksy, on the wall of the first aid station.



Accessible to all!

The vast open space of the beach and seafront has something for everyone. A positive point is its promotion of gentle mobility and the restrictions on car traffic – without, however, completely prohibiting access by car. Whether you come for a peaceful stroll, or to stare at the sea, or to practise your sports routine - there's space for everyone. The site is particularly adapted to people with disabilities, and there are lots of playground amenities available for families with children.

The art of street theatre accessible to all

The philosophy behind these monumental machines lies basically in the universal language of the emotions. Its outsize dimensions echo our northern tradition of giants, which is far from insignificant. The creatures plunge us into nostalgic mood, with a possibility of returning to childhood and of sharing memories between the generations. Watching the Dragon's journey, as it winds its way through the crowds on the beach, is completely free of charge. Many people come regularly to greet the great lizard-like creature.

There is a charge for Dragon rides, but the journey is a complete guided tour with a stunning view - the Dragon is a veritable mobile viewpoint. During the 45-minute ride, you will hear the history of the Calais Dragon, commentary on the town's heritage and history, and benefit fully from an unforgettable experience of the landscape - all to the rhythm of the Dragon's beating wings...



A made-to-measure bestiary, dreamed up by François Delaroziere

The iguana, Sentinelle, which can be seen and manipulated free of charge at the Cité du Dragon (the dragon's lair), was conceived as an urban art project which will be rolled out progressively. We suggest that you renew your visit in the years to come, in order to meet future lodgers of the Dragon Company - travelling varan lizards and a family of iguanas.

LA COMPAGNIE DU DRAGON

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THE CALAIS DRAGON

**HUGE !
GIGANTIC!
COLOSSAL !**



There aren't enough superlatives to describe the latest symbol of our region! But watch out! Only the most foolhardy can approach, and we advise you strongly to steer well clear of these beasts...

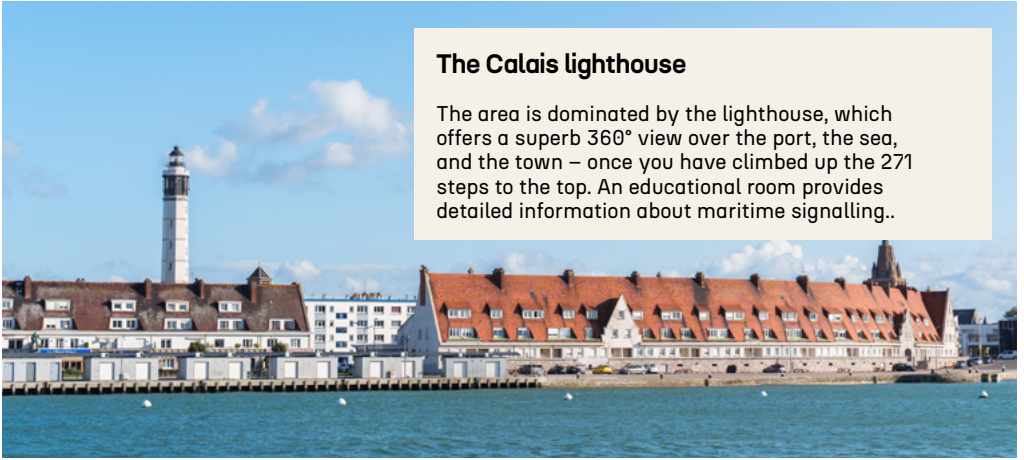
This may well be a giant-sized territory, but the Calais Dragon ranks high when it comes to creating powerful emotions. And that's not all! Its size and stature 10 metres high and 25 metres long are hugely impressive. This genuine Colossus, larger than life, was constructed in steel and sculpted wood by the artist François Delaroziere and his team, widely recognised for their contribution to the poetic and universal art of street theatre. The creature was specially conceived by the artist for the territory of Calais, both as a sea dragon and a dragon of earth, wind and fire. It spits out flames, smoke and water in various forms. As an honourable guardian of treasures, it blends perfectly into the maze of local culture, rich historical heritage and seaside pleasures.

Don't miss the souvenir snapshots and unrivalled photo opportunities: there's a climb up the Dragon's tail before boarding the covered panoramic platform on its back and departing for a ride to the rhythm of this fantastic mechanical creature.



The Calais lighthouse

The area is dominated by the lighthouse, which offers a superb 360° view over the port, the sea, and the town – once you have climbed up the 271 steps to the top. An educational room provides detailed information about maritime signalling..



PORT & COURGAIN MARITIME

You'll find not just one, but two seas here! The English Channel and the North Sea meet at the gates of Calais, and they "come ashore" in the Courgain Maritime. It is an area of distinctive architecture, occupying a special place in Calais. The first inhabitants of a fishing hamlet lived here in the 12th century. With a bit of imagination, you can picture the small boats, originally with sails, and later steam-powered, moored along the quay. In modern times, the port has expanded its infrastructure towards the East to accommodate car ferries.

Everything points to the life of the local population, for centuries attuned to the rhythm of the sea – fishing nets, a daily fish market, a sailors' shrine, and a coast guards' memorial monument. What is now the town's outer harbour also contains the souvenir of a major incident during the Restoration in 1814, the Louis XVIII column, commemorating the return from exile in England of the future King of France, via Calais - the shortest route.

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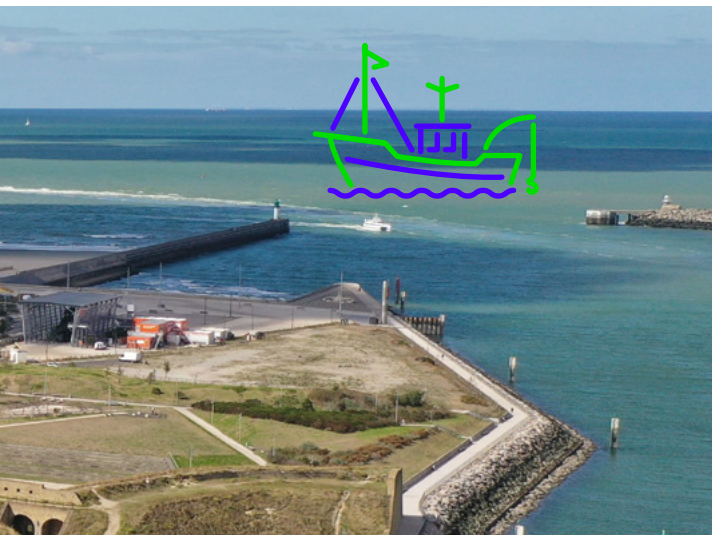
The privateer Tom Souville

Tom Souville represents for Calais what Jean Bart is for Dunkirk. A statue of the Calaisian privateer faces the port, not far from Fort Risban. Created by Parisian sculptor Arnaud Kasper, it embodies a “Captain Tom” proclaiming values of courage, loyalty and empathy. Tom Souville (1777-1839), with his crew and his vessel displaying the blue and white Calais flag, caused many a problem for the English fleet during commercial raids.



This part of Calais clearly demonstrates the town’s position as a strategic harbour. The landscape bears traces of the successive phases of the town’s advance over the sea. Fort Risban guards the first port of Calais, which now accommodates the fishing port and marina.

The second port of Calais, designed for car ferries, is situated in the background, stretching out along the coast to the East. This is the main entry point to European territory, and principal stage post for travellers to the United Kingdom. A third development, conceived to provide for an increase in cross-Channel traffic “Calais Port 2015” is the construction site of the century. Terminated in 2021 after 6 years’ work, it offers modern access to the ferry companies’ most recent flagships.



Fort Risban promenade

Fort Risban keeps vigil on the other side of the marina, going towards Calais beach. An inheritance of English presence (1347-1558), this fortification has witnessed intense activity in the port of Calais during periods of peace and in wartime. It has been subject to numerous modifications throughout its history. Its traditional role was as port “look-out”, controlling access. At present, the stony Risban path runs through it, creating a pleasant walkway which leads to Calais beach and the Calais Dragon company, passing along the entrance to the ferry port.



Notre Dame Church

This is the oldest religious building in Calais, its origin also goes back to the 13th century. Following the Calais Burghers' incident in 1347, the English Crown took possession of the city. During their 211 years of presence, the English modified and enlarged the church. Much later, it was here that Captain Charles de Gaulle's marriage to Yvonne Vendroux, the daughter of a well-established local family, took place, on 7 April 1921. Opposite the Royal Cistern beside the church, a headstone recalls this union. After extensive post-war reconstruction work, Notre Dame now stands in the floral setting of the Tudor Garden, a reminder of its English character. Notre Dame is also the continental departure point for the pilgrimage trail, Via Francigena, between Canterbury and Rome.

RUE ROYALE & CALAIS NORD



The area that locals call Calais Nord (North Calais) was formerly the Calais of the Middle-Ages. Different periods of history come together at the Place d'Armes (military parade ground), where the town's mediaeval past mingles with the 20th century, World War II and the emotional link between Calais and General Charles de Gaulle.

CALAIS CASINO

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Shops, bars, restaurants and the Casino

The redbrick-and-tiles regional style of the architecture along Rue Royale contrasts with the environment of the Place d'Armes. Rue Royale is characteristic of the first phase of post-war reconstruction (1945-1951), as are several adjacent streets. Other examples of this regional architecture can be found nearby, in the impressive properties on the Esplanade, beside the Calais Citadel.

The neighbourhood comes to life every Saturday and Wednesday morning with the Place d'Armes market, and there are shopping opportunities in Rue Royale all week. This part of town also concentrates most of the venues for a spending a day or night out, relaxing with partner, family, or friends. A wide choice of restaurants, bars and night clubs, including the Calais Casino, is on offer in the area.



The Place d'Armes and the Charles de Gaulle-Yvonne Vendroux monument

The architecture of the largest square in Calais is typical of post-war reconstruction, following the considerable destruction caused by the ravages of war to this area close to the port. The hasty construction of concrete blocks of flats was an efficient response to the urgency of the time and corresponds to the second phase of post-war reconstruction in Calais. As for the Middle Ages, when Calais was a fortified city, the benevolent aspect of Notre Dame's bell tower and the ancient presence of the watchtower provide a lasting souvenir and record of that epoch. At the foot of the watchtower, the oldest building in Calais (13th century),

stands a statue representing the Presidential couple, Charles and Yvonne de Gaulle. Calais is part of the personal history of the "man of the 18 June" (translator note: date (in 1940) of de Gaulle's BBC radio broadcast from London, calling for resistance to the Nazi occupation of France) and President of the Republique from 1958 to 1969. It was in Calais that he met his future wife, Yvonne Vendroux. It was also in Calais that their wedding was celebrated in 1921. Local memory of this event remains deep-rooted, and is embodied by the statue, created by sculptress Elisabeth Dibot, and unveiled in 2013.



De Gaulle and Churchill statue

In Richelieu Park, constructed on an ancient fortifications site, you cannot miss a tall sculpture representing two great 20th century statesmen – Charles de Gaulle, who had an emotional attachment to Calais, and Sir Winston Churchill. This statue in bronze, by Patrick Berthaud, is an allusion to the alliance between the two nations during both World Wars

FINE ARTS MUSEUM & RICHELIEU PARK

Not far from the Tourist Office, Richelieu Park is next to the Fine Arts Museum. A museum visit complements sight of the Burghers of Calais statue, because part of the Museum is dedicated to Auguste Rodin's thoughts about his masterpiece. After useful renovation work, the museum has changed its layout and now presents 250 works ranging from the 16th century to the present day. Among the most illustrious are works by William Turner and Jean-Baptiste Carpeaux. The most surprising feature, exceptional even, for this type of museum, is the "sculpture workshop" atmosphere created in the presentation of works by a contemporary regional sculptor, Henri Delcambre.



FINE ARTS MUSEUM

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MEMORIAL MUSEUM 1939-45 & SAINT PIERRE'S PARK



Opposite the Town Hall and its gardens, greenery remains very present, even lush, along the walkways of Saint Pierre's Park, which proves to be an oasis refreshingly cool on hot summer days. With a children's playground and an aquarium club with exotic fish to visit, this park is an agreeable place for spending time with the family. The high-barred entrance gate and the imposing memorial monument to the French dead (1904) serve as reminders, as soon as you enter, of the park's long existence (opened in 1863), making it a site full of history.

The "Mako bunker", at the centre of the park, is supposedly the longest German blockhouse built during World War II. During the German Occupation it served as an administrative centre and telephone exchange, coordinating the activity of huge defensive artillery installations on the coast, pointed towards England. Nowadays these installations bear witness to the darkest hours of the last world war in the Calais sector.

As far as fine architecture is concerned, Saint Pierre's Park is surrounded by several remarkable facades dating from the late 19th century.

MEMORIAL MUSEUM 39-45

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HERITAGE AND FORTIFICATIONS

As French and European history amply demonstrate, the port town of Calais has always had to protect itself. Its geostrategic position opposite the English coast and close to several national borders in north-west Europe, has frequently been coveted through the centuries. Local barons or Kings of England and France have all contributed to reinforcing the town's defences, several constituent parts of which are still visible.

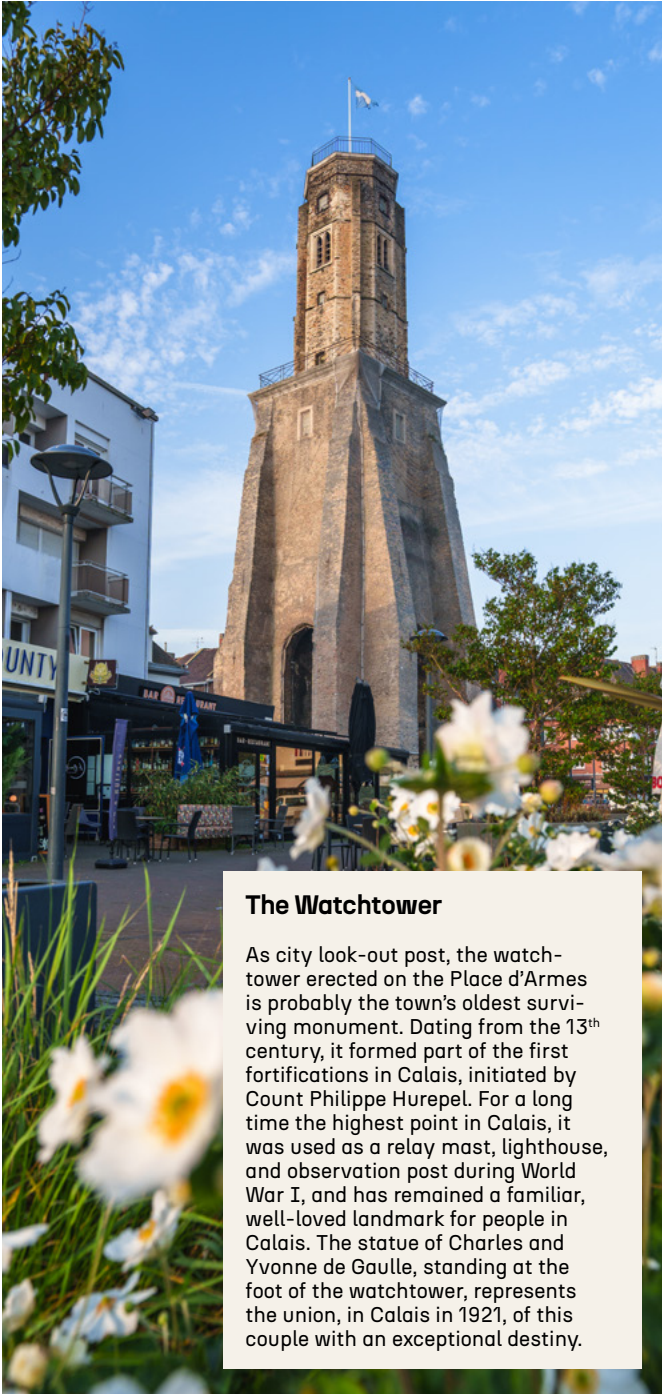
The Calais Citadelle

Since construction of the original 13th century castle, when Calais became a fortified city, the site was substantially developed and enlarged after 1560, when the English had left and the Kingdom of France wished to equip Calais, in its key strategic position, with a powerful fortress. It subsequently served as a garrison until May 1940, when fighting devastated the buildings, but left the main part of the surrounding city wall intact. Nowadays the site is used by sports clubs and as a walking and leisure area. Incidentally, if you enter by the Neptune gate you will pass through Vauban Square, formerly part of the defence system.

Fort Nieulay

To the west of Calais, Fort Nieulay has endured for centuries in its role of protector of this side of town. A remarkable work, inspired by the military genius of the engineer Vauban, it is the only fortress-lock he designed, although originally conceived as a simple toll bridge. Nowadays Fort Nieulay and its surrounding environment constitute an agreeable site for gentle mobility, as well as a means of observing the ingenuity of Vauban's defence system, which used embankments, slopes and other devices to ward off besieging armies.





The Watchtower

As city look-out post, the watchtower erected on the Place d'Armes is probably the town's oldest surviving monument. Dating from the 13th century, it formed part of the first fortifications in Calais, initiated by Count Philippe Hurepel. For a long time the highest point in Calais, it was used as a relay mast, lighthouse, and observation post during World War I, and has remained a familiar, well-loved landmark for people in Calais. The statue of Charles and Yvonne de Gaulle, standing at the foot of the watchtower, represents the union, in Calais in 1921, of this couple with an exceptional destiny.

Fort Risban

Fort Risban has served as port sentry for centuries. Its origin dates back to the siege of Calais by the English in 1346-47, when its role was to prevent supplies reaching Calais by sea routes. Edward III's men erected a tower and garrison on the largest sandbank in order to push back enemy vessels. After the Burghers of Calais incident in August 1347, and seizure of Calais by the English, the occupants reinforced this fortification. The original tower was replaced in 1405 by a stronger one, the Lancaster Tower. Henry VIII later ordered expansion works, including the building of ramparts. When France won Calais back, other changes were made (early 17th century), and later Vauban made recommendations. A gunpowder store was installed, which exploded and damaged the fort in 1799. Despite reorganisation in 1842, the Fort fell into disuse.



Nowadays, its original military function has been transformed into a peaceful promenade site on the edge of the port, with the Calais Dragon as a new neighbour !

THE TOWN HALL & ITS CLOCK TOWER

ONE OF THE FINEST IN FRANCE !

... and that can be verified as soon as you lay eyes on this neo-Flemish building. Whether you arrive from the theatre or from the beach, you will be equally impressed by the mixture of architectural beauty, grand scale, and a sense of history - because the Town Hall, and the site on which it was built, have special significance in local history. In 1885, two neighbouring towns merged: Saint Pierre-lès-Calais, where lace production was working at full capacity, and Calais, whose activity revolved around the sea. The united contemporary Calais was born, and proceeded to equip itself with public buildings, designed to fulfil a need and to impress, without neglecting the aesthetic aspect. Building work on the Town Hall, figurehead of this construction project, began in 1911, to a design by Louis Debrouwer, prize-winner of the architectural contest.

After taking photos from the outside, it's well worth visiting the inside of the building, where several gems remain to be discovered! The massive doors and impressive chandeliers - masterpieces of wrought iron created by the skill of a Hungarian craftsman, Szabo - bring a touch of art deco to the building, magnified by the glass roof on the ground floor. A majestic marble staircase leads to the first floor, passing in front of glistening stained glass windows, which represent the recapture of Calais from the English in 1558, 211 years after their arrival, following the tragic Burghers of Calais episode in 1347.





A panoramic view over the town and its surroundings from the top of the clock tower !

Clock towers are an integral part of local tradition in towns in Northern France and Belgium. They first appeared in the 11th century, and gradually became symbols of the power and prosperity of municipalities. 56 clock towers are registered by UNESCO World Heritage as "Clock Towers of Belgium and France", including the one in Calais. It measures 76 metres in height and is topped with a weather-vane representing a dragon!

The climb up to the look-out point of the clock tower is very popular with visitors. It's an enjoyable experience, made easy by lift access, and gives an all-round view over the town, the sea and surrounding countryside. An unrivalled panorama for contemplating the vast expanse of our territory!

When you get to the first floor of the Town Hall, local history encounters the greatest national destiny of the 20th century, that of Charles de Gaulle. He was a Captain in 1921 when he married Yvonne Vendroux, from Calais, in the Wedding Ceremony room of a brand-new Town Hall. On the same floor, the large banquet hall and the Town Council meeting room, in Flemish style, are impressive by their solemn dignity.



CLOCK TOWER & TOWN HALL

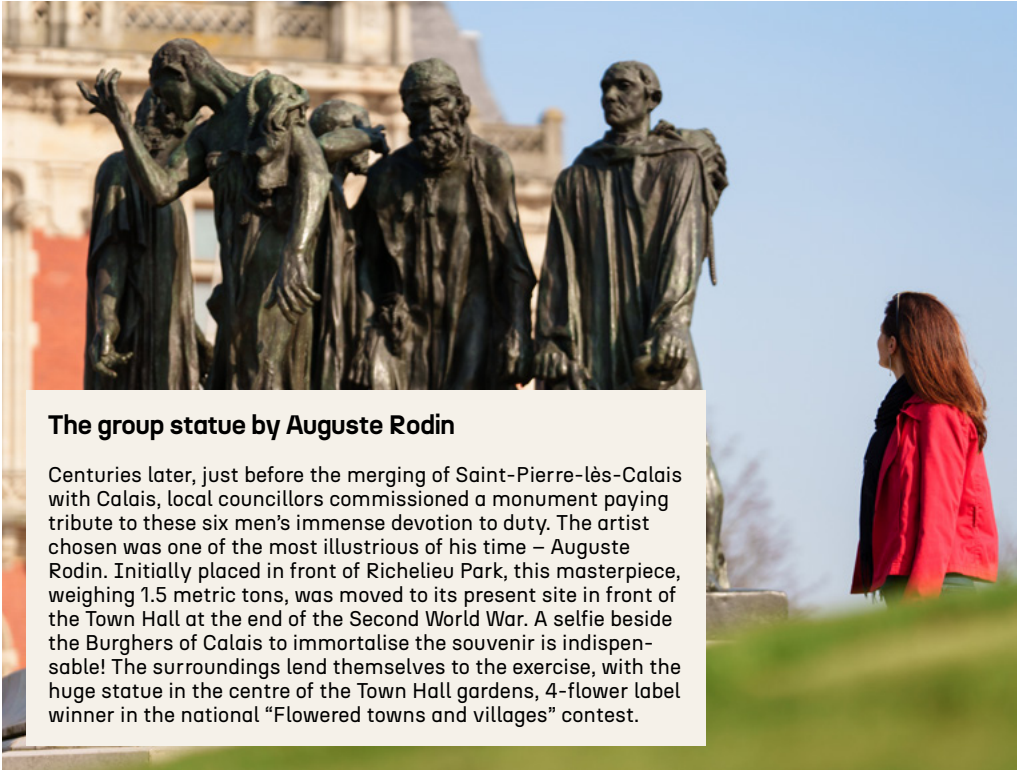
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THE BURGHERS OF CALAIS



From a historian's point of view, the Town Hall is a symbol of Calais' contemporary history. But, directly opposite, there stands a trace of the town's mediaeval era, and an illustrious episode in the history of France and the Hundred Years' War.

In 1346, at the beginning of the Hundred Years' War, the English besieged Calais. After 10 months of siege, starving to death, the people of Calais surrendered. A tragic outcome would have come about by the sacrifice of six noblemen, designated to hand over the keys of the town to the King of England, Edward the Third, in exchange for saving the Calais population. The six burghers were only spared certain death by the compassionate pleas of Edward's Queen, Philippa. This event marked the beginning of 211 years of English presence in Calais (1347-1558).



The group statue by Auguste Rodin

Centuries later, just before the merging of Saint-Pierre-lès-Calais with Calais, local councillors commissioned a monument paying tribute to these six men's immense devotion to duty. The artist chosen was one of the most illustrious of his time – Auguste Rodin. Initially placed in front of Richelieu Park, this masterpiece, weighing 1.5 metric tons, was moved to its present site in front of the Town Hall at the end of the Second World War. A selfie beside the Burgers of Calais to immortalise the souvenir is indispensable! The surroundings lend themselves to the exercise, with the huge statue in the centre of the Town Hall gardens, 4-flower label winner in the national "Flowered towns and villages" contest.

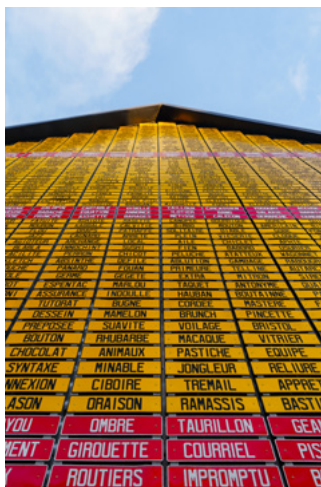


LES QUATRE BOULEVARDS

When Calaisians talk about “les quatre boulevards”, this is what they mean! A crossroads in the middle of town where a jumble of shops, restaurants and cultural venues invite leisurely strolls and window-shopping. The 4 boulevards sector has a proliferation of all types of commercial activity.

Forum Gambetta and “Le Channel”

Calais Theatre is not the only venue for evenings out in the 4 boulevards area. The Forum Gambetta, on Boulevard Gambetta, regularly stages all types of events. At the other end of the street, former abattoirs have been converted into a cultural drop-in centre containing theatres, a bookshop and restaurants. This is where the Channel Scène Nationale (national network of state-subsidised venues staging all theatre arts) puts on its programme. It is a vast, amazing complex, open to visitors.



At the heart of the shopping area : the “Grand Theatre”

Calais Theatre, rising up proudly at the junction of the commercial boulevards, imposes itself naturally as a landmark. Built during “the belle époque” in 1906, it is surrounded by several sumptuous dwellings, where the influence of English architecture can be seen in the presence of bay windows, fairly frequent in this part of town. The theatre itself, built in Italian style, offers a full cultural programme every season.

Art and leisure activities

If you stroll along the boulevard Jacquard, you will pass the copper lacework façade of “Le Concept” art school. And, further along, the unexpected - at this location in any case - urban farm, a popular visit for children. The “Alhambra” cinema, opposite the Town Hall, keeps the tradition of town-centre cinema going.

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Crèvecoeur Place, centre of the former town of Saint Pierre

Tucked away near boulevard Lafayette, Crèvecoeur Place illustrates the vertiginous demographic and urban expansion of the 19th century. In short, this square, which used to be the centre point of a market town with a few thousand inhabitants, became insignificant when Saint Pierre's population exceeded 30,000 at the time it merged with Calais in 1885.

Crèvecoeur Place has retained the charm of its 19th century buildings - Saint Pierre's church and the Law Courts (formerly Saint Pierre town hall). The contrast is striking with the massive cube of red brick that is the Trade Union centre (bourse du travail). Built at the end of the 1930's, it was a centre of workforce recruitment, with, on its façade, an imposing frieze sculpted in relief, representing the principal sectors of activity at the time.



THE SAINT-PIERRE DISTRICT



In the first half of the 19th century, rapid growth of mechanical lace production was the local variation of the industrial revolution. The lace industry completely disrupted the rural market town of Saint-Pierre-lès-Calais, hugely expanding its size and population. Industrial growth, demographic explosion, urban and architectural development – the dominant influence of this activity profoundly transformed what is now the Saint-Pierre district.

In this chequered town plan, with its numerous long, straight streets interspersed with junctions at right angles, all radiates out from the main shopping boulevards. Adjacent streets are a mix (sometimes incongruous, admittedly) of working-class housing, mansion houses, disused factories and workshops - authentic evidence of urban and architectural traditions during the epic period of lace production in Calais.

LACE & FASHION MUSEUM



The wake-up call of urban culture in the streets of Calais

Urban culture in all its forms is spreading, and many walls in Calais now accommodate street art works. A street art festival is organised every summer, and a street art discovery circuit round the maze of Calais backstreets is available at calaisxxl.com

Next to the Lace & Fashion Museum, a giant-sized mural by Nespoon pays tribute to the local lace-making heritage.

A visit to this museum, at the heart of the Saint Pierre district, is essential for learning all about the enterprise of lace-making: its history over the centuries, the establishment of mechanised production by three Englishmen in 1816, the boom of the industry, its trades and crafts, its machines; and also the use of lace in the world of fashion, past and present – it's all there!

The Lace & Fashion Museum is housed in a large community lace factory typical of the late 19th century, with an impressive modern-architecture façade added. During the visit, you mustn't miss the demonstration of huge Leavers' machines, with an explanation of how they function, by former lace-making technicians - or "tullistes", as they are called locally.



MUSEUM OF LACE & FASHION

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Guided tours & street-art trails

The street art trend has been well represented in Calais with numerous tours and opportunities to explore the urban environment. The Tourist Office organizes tours in the city centre, offering visitors a chance to discover the works as well as learn a little more about the history of this new art form which has exploded in popularity in the early 21st century.

STREET-ART CULTURE



Street art has become an important part of the city's culture. Since the "Urban Conquest" exhibition organized by the Musée des Beaux-Arts in 2019, artists have been given free rein to express themselves in a special, annual festival. The streets of Calais become a playground for street artists who transform its walls into colourful works of art, drawing inspiration from the city's history. The result is a flurry of works including the lace mural by Nespoon, a portrait of a local Minck resident, created by Swed Oner and the seagull by K.Yoô. In the space of just a few years, roughly fifty murals have come to adorn the walls around our XXL region, most of them in the city centre.



Banksy, a world-renowned street artist

When you walk along the Calais seafront, venture as far as the lifeguard station where you can admire the young boy or girl, with a telescope, looking out to sea. One morning in 2015, residents awoke to discover the work of this artist, known for preserving his anonymity, adorning their landscape.



The summer street art festival, a much-anticipated event

The Calais Street Art Festival, which was launched in 2020, has become a regular fixture in the summer events programme. The first festival, organized by Calais graffiti artist, Vyrüs, was restricted exclusively to local artists but in subsequent years, national and international artists have come to Calais to leave their mark. This art festival, which is held every summer, is a must-attend event! Set off along the recommended trails to discover these works and find out a little more about this art form. The treasure hunt style trails will lead you to thought-provoking murals, eliciting different responses in different viewers.

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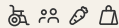
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WITH THE SEA, ON THE HORIZON

On leaving the centre of Calais to go west, either by the coast road or an inland route, the landscape climbs up to a range of hills, with a few welcoming villages dotted about. It's ideal walking country. This is the great Two Caps site, classified as a "Grand Site de France" (equivalent of a National Park), with breathtaking panoramic views from the cliffs of Cap Blanc-Nez (White-Nose Head). West Calais is also the stamping ground of Straits of Dover pioneer adventurers, including Louis Blériot, the "flying man" Franky Zapata, and the Channel Tunnel builders.

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- B1. Blériot Beach
 - B2. Sangatte Beach
 - B3. Le Cran d'Escalles

- B4. Cap Blanc-Nez
- B5. The Dover Patrol



Blériot Beach

Sangatte Beach

SANGATTE
BLÉRIOT-PLAGE

Sailing Base
Tom Souville

Cap
Blanc-Nez

Cran
d'Escalles
Beach

ESCALLES

PEUPLINGUES

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LÈS CALAIS

TO
WISSANT

TO
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PARIS

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Walking trails

The phenomenon of spring tides in our territory creates amazing sights, often never previously experienced. However, it is advisable to check tide times, in order to enjoy the spectacle without risk.



SANGATTE & BLÉRIOT-PLAGE

When you leave Calais along the coast road, the landscape becomes a huge area of sand dunes, stretching along for 3 kilometres. A landmark for hikers, this nature reserve area has plenty of footpaths to explore, including the Via Francigena (GR 120) which passes through.

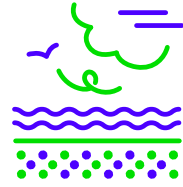
Walking along the vast expanse of sandy beach, or on the seafront promenade in Sangatte, you can enjoy the calming sight of North Sea waves. Don't hesitate to brave the elements and take a dip in the sea! Here bathing is not limited to the summer season - the most audacious go in whatever the weather!

It is also a favourite spot for nautical sports enthusiasts - kite surfers, paddle boarders and windsurfers - all are welcome, and the spectacle is much appreciated by passers-by!

A landscape full of history

Exploring and wandering round Sangatte or Blériot Plage, you will come across traces of the pioneers of Channel crossings. When you stroll along the shore or in the dunes, the Channel Tunnel runs just a few dozen metres beneath your feet. This stretch of sea has frequently been a refuge for initiators of incredible exploits. Louis Blériot, who flew across the Channel in 1909, and Matthew Webb, who was the first to swim across in 1875, aroused ambitions in many other explorers. This led to a few crazy projects, such as that of Franky Zapata, who flew over the Channel on a hoverboard in July 2019.

ESCALLES CREEK



The beach at Escalles Creek is a real secret cove with a spectacular view, broadening towards the sea's infinite horizon as you venture out along the sand. At a distance, you can catch sight of Sangatte and Bleriot-Plage beaches in one direction, and Cap Gris-Nez (Grey-Nose Head) in the other.

The distinctive feature of Escalles is the view, from below, of the Blanc-Nez cliffs. The beach feels sheltered by its position at the foot of the cliff – it's a unique experience. The temptation to go walking there to get a breath of sea air in an impressive setting is difficult to resist. However, for safety reasons, it is advisable to do so only at low tide - at high tide the beach is completely covered by the rapidly rising sea.



Escalles

The beach is named after the small village of Escalles. From its seaside position, looking inland, there is a view over surrounding hills and farmland. Many trekking itineraries pass nearby, including EuroVelo route (EV4) and the Via Francigena pilgrimage footpath. In its ideal setting at the foot of a major Opal Coast site, Escalles offers a wide and varied range of restaurants and tourist accommodation.

WATER ACTIVITIES

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CAP BLANC-NEZ (WHITE-NOSE HEAD)



What's the best way of defining Cap Blanc-Nez? A breathtaking landscape – an unrivalled view over the English coast – a sense of freedom! A few kilometres along the coast from Calais, Cap Blanc-Nez towers up 134 metres high, in a nature reserve certified “Grand Site de France”. Together with Cap Gris-Nez (Grey-Nose Head) 10 kilometres further along, it constitutes one of the most visited areas of natural beauty in the Hauts de France region. This eternal landscape is also the nearest point to England - a mere 33 kilometres separates us from our British neighbours!

The continual spectacle of ships on the horizon always takes visitors by surprise, with ferries crossing between Calais and Dover and huge merchant ships navigating off the coast - it's like a full-size artist's canvas. Not just a place for contemplation, Cap Blanc-Nez is also a very popular site for hikers and cyclists - a “must visit” during your stay in the area. The fresh air benefits walkers, cyclists, and ornithologists alike, and the 360° panoramic view attracts many photographers.



Why a "white nose"?

Cap Blanc-Nez owes its name to the colour of chalk, which is white, and to the shape of the cliff, rising to a point - as easy to grasp as to climb up it.



The Dover Patrol

An obelisk stands at the very top of the cliff, visible from a distance. It was erected in remembrance of British cooperation during the Great War. It can be seen clearly from Calais beach and from the dragon's back. Remnants of bunkers, part of the Atlantic Wall, and craters in the landscape bear witness to the intensity of bombing attacks during World War II.



PEUPLINGUES & BONNINGUES- LÈS-CALAIS

If you're looking for a way to slow down the crazy pace of modern life and enjoy the beauty of the countryside at leisure, a tour of these villages near the headland is a perfect alternative option! Arriving in Peuplingues gets things into perspective - it's hilly country, with a remarkable view over the sea and the cliffs. The area is reputed for its walking trails, enhanced by their natural beauty. Hiking enthusiasts are in their element when exploring footpaths across the green hills - an ideal way of discovering the natural splendours of this territory.

An aerial photograph showing a small village with red-roofed houses and white walls, surrounded by green fields and a large plowed field in the foreground. The sky is clear and blue.

A wealth of green landscapes on foot, on horseback or by bike.

Peuplingues' charm harmonises perfectly with the pleasures of walking, horseback riding, and cycling - the EuroVelo route 4 making it easy for cyclists to reach Escalles village and enjoy the coast. If you are looking for the peace and quiet of the countryside you can go to Bonningues-lès-Calais, surrounded by views over farmland. Walkers can stride along footpaths across the fields to get away from the tumult of urban living. The setting is ideal for open-air activities and exploration of hidden treasures, such as Bonningues-lès-Calais church, which is one of the oldest in the region, dating from the 12th century.

SPORTS & NATURE

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Hiking associations

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Asso. de randonneurs
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randonnee-opale.fr

Asso. Jeunes & nature
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Friday morning
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62231 Sangatte Blériot-Plage

Blériot-Plage

FRESH PRODUCE

Sunday morning
Place de la République
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la-tablee-restaurant.eatbu.com



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blancnez-restaurant.com



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eatbu.com



Restaurant du Cap

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restaurantducap.eatbu.com



Restaurant L'Escale

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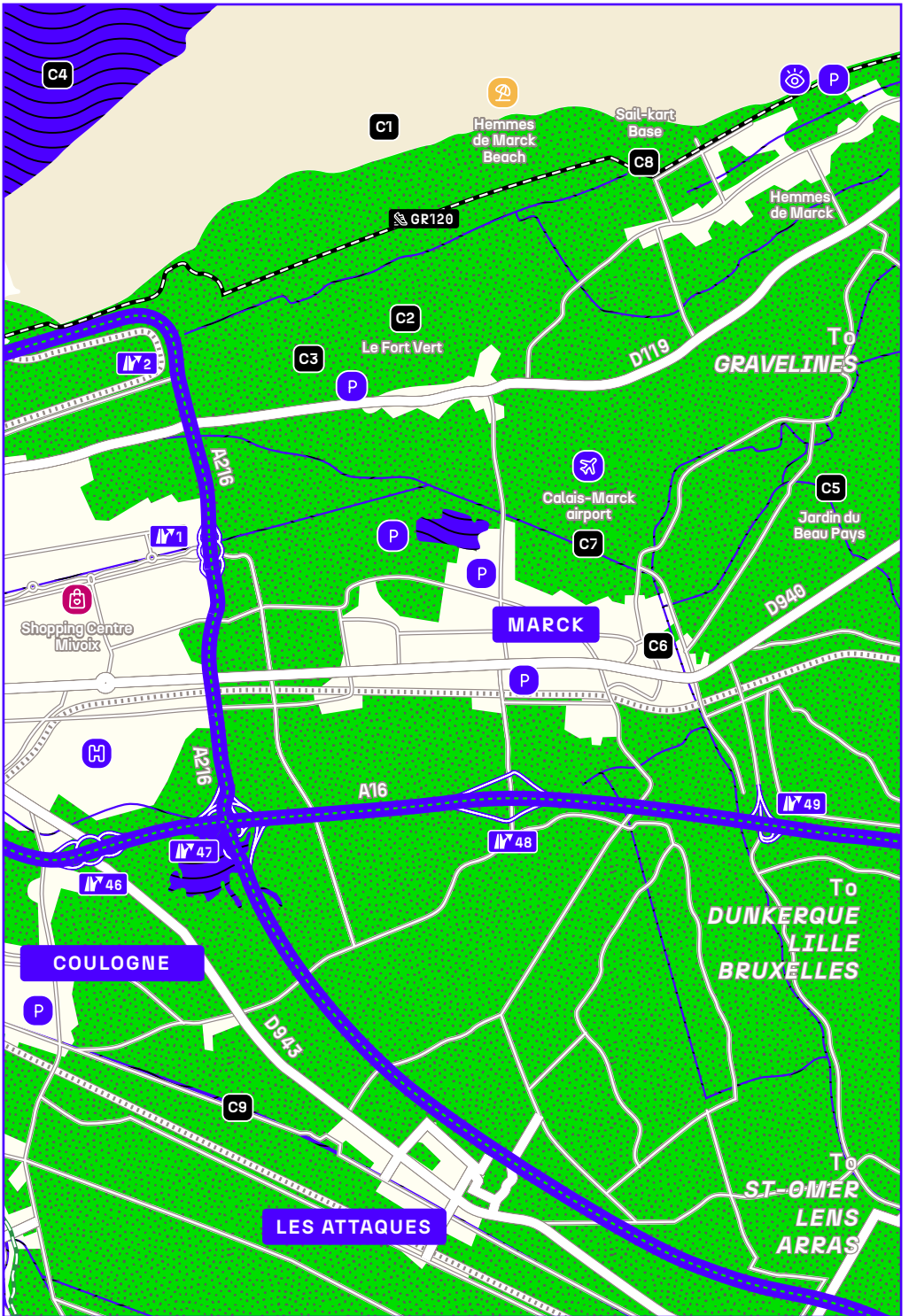




FROM CANAL TO TIDAL FLATS

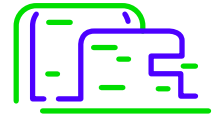
The Calais region has an unexpected variety of landscapes within a small perimeter! Urban landscapes, hills, sand dunes and cliffs stretch out to the west. In the east there is a “polder” zone, consisting of territory reclaimed from the sea and characterised by the “wateringues” - man-made drainage channels for evacuating water towards the sea and drying out the land. The east of Calais is at the tip of the “Flat Lands” of Jacques Brel’s song, and its immense expanses of beach have retained their natural (and sometimes wild) aspect. The water, the coastline and the wind create ideal conditions for many leisure activities, by the sea or along the canal at Coulogne - a variety of landscapes that can also be explored from the sky...!

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- C1. Hemmes de Marck beach
 - C2. The Fort Vert nature reserve
 - C3. Observatories & gun battery
 - C4. Walde lighthouse
 - C5. 'Jardin du Beau Pays' gardens
 - C6. Saint-Martin church
 - C7. Calais-Marck airport
 - C8. Sail-kart base
 - C9. The Calais canal



MARCK & THE FORT VERT NATURE RESERVE

All along the coast, going towards Marck, the nature reserve at “Fort Vert dunes” is typical of the North Sea shore - consisting of sand dunes, marshland, reclaimed land and wide tidal flats. The area attracts huge numbers of birds during migration periods, and, not surprisingly, a bird-ringing zone is situated here. Look-out posts and observatories can be found at intervals all along the exploration footpaths. When these paths lead to the sand – and the expanse of the beach can be immense at Hemmes de Marck – you can perceive, from afar and standing alone, the emblematic silhouette of the Walde lighthouse. It is one of the few remaining metallic lighthouses in France, and an occasional meeting place for colonies of seals and marine birds. It is advisable to take binoculars, to be able to observe without disturbing them. And above all, check the tide tables beforehand, as the sea can come in very fast!



**To the East of Calais,
it's nature's turn to
reassert itself**

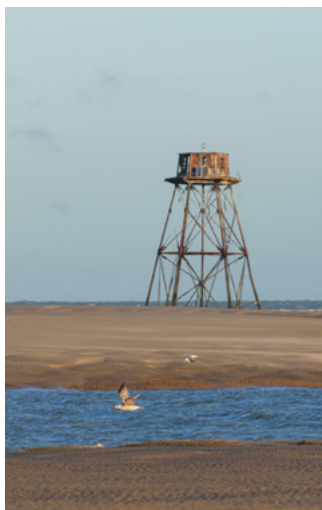
The natural milieu of the Two-Seas site, near the Calais car-ferry terminal, is being fully restored. Sand dunes, rock pools and wetlands are gradually being reconstituted to allow regrowth of a natural landscape, visible from two observatories.

History is also present in the form of colossal parts of the German “Oldenburg” artillery.

The Walde lighthouse

Its gas-fuelled lantern was dismantled in 1986 and replaced by a weak beam powered by solar panels. It was definitively switched off on 4 July 2001.

If you have always wondered where the border between our two seas is situated, the answer is here: a line drawn between the Walde lighthouse and South Foreland (north of Dover) marks the boundary between the English Channel and the North Sea.



An unexpectedly original garden

We are certainly on the Opal Coast, but this garden takes its visitors for a trip round the world! The peaceful Jardin du Beau Pays (3.75 acres) is full of surprises. Pierre Lavalée, its creator, passionate about fauna and flora, has devised several different environments and ecosystems, including a rock garden, a desert area, a semi-arid steppe, and an English garden. And, to add even more colour, exotic birds and butterflies also have their domain.

Activities in abundance!

This part of the shore is not suitable for bathing but is a great place for observing full-scale tidal phenomena, as the sea can go out for miles. At low tide, a giant-size playing field is uncovered - very popular with wind-sports enthusiasts. Activities include kite-flying, speed-sailing, and sand-yachting - with initiation sessions on offer at Hemmes de Marck. The numerous activities available in the Marck area include aerial ones. Do you fancy flying over the Opal Coast, or a first-time parachute jump? It is the ultimate means of taking the whole region in at a glance - the Two Caps site, the Dover Straits, and the English coast so close. This unique experience is available from Calais-Marck airport.

Back on terra firma, equestrian centres offer the possibility of long-distance horseback rides.



Saint Martin's Church

There are many shops and services available in the centre of Marck. Saint Martin's church, near the recently-renovated main square, is notable for its distinctive architecture, in post-war reconstruction style.

SAIL-KART BASE

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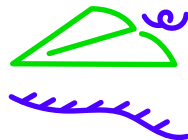
FERME DES AIGRETTES

Allée de la découverte
62730 Marck
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ville-marck.fr

CALAIS-MARCK AIRPORT

There's a long history of aviation in the Calais region, going back to its origins, to the pioneer era when the world was discovering new horizons. Louis Blériot marked his epoch in 1909 when he became the first person to fly across the Channel, taking off from "Les Baraques", now called Blériot-Plage. Soon afterwards, in 1913, the Beau-Marais aerodrome to the east of Calais was inaugurated, and later used by Allied Forces in 1914-18. The present airport at Marck came into being in the 1930's. The French Air Force set up quarters there before the Luftwaffe seized it. During the Battle of Britain (summer 1940) Calais-Marck, and its surrounding territory (including Coquelles and Pihen-les-Guînes), were in great demand. After the war, the airport resumed civil activities – with a new air terminal and enlarged runways. Calas-Marck has been providing regular flights to Orly and to England for over ten years.

Nowadays it fulfils several important missions (for healthcare, border control and training purposes) in addition to its commercial activities.



Take-off point for a stunning view

With the EuroVelo 4 route nearby, and a restaurant at its disposal, the Calais-Marck airport offers a wide range of aerial leisure activities. It is a major departure point for flights between the French and English coasts - from the Blanc-Nez headland to the white cliffs of Dover - with breathtaking views over the broad expanse of Calais territory all the way.

CALAIS-MARCK AIRPORT

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Aéroclub de Calais-Marck

First flights 15, 22 or 30 min.
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The Majest'in canal shuttle service

Looking for a peaceful ride along the canal? The Majest'in - a canal shuttle boat, with several stopping places along its route, runs from north to south in Calais' urban conglomeration.

This service uses the Calais-Saint Omer canal link, a straight arterial route crossing the Saint Pierre district, and offers an alternative perspective on major sites - Calais Citadel, the clocktower, Notre Dame bell-tower and the Lace & Fashion Museum. The shuttle navigates along the canal between Calais centre and Coulogne.

Situated on one of the busiest straits in the world, Calais is also linked by water to its inland areas. Commercial activity along this narrow waterway has determined the lifestyle of local residents for many years. The canal runs towards Saint Omer, where it flows into the river Aa, recalling the bygone age of boatmen. Barge traffic has decreased, but while walking along towpaths in the region you can still come across a few.

The triangle formed by Calais, Dunkirk and Saint-Omer is built on reclaimed land. From the time of the original drainage works, stemming the presence of water has been a constant preoccupation in the Calais region. The land had to be drained and the water canalised. In Coulogne and the Pont d'Ardres you can observe the human ingenuity employed to enable waterways to function alongside the new arrivals - rail and road transport.



The Watergangs

Calais canal and its derivatives in Ardres, Guînes and Audruicq form part of an unprecedented network of waterways flowing into the sea. The smallest of these are ditches called "watergangs" ("water passage" in Dutch) which interconnect by means of locks, pumps, and siphons.

THE CALAIS CANAL



COULOGNE & LES ATTAQUES

Rowing and the “course des baignoires” (bathtub race)

In the Calais XXL region, you can enjoy the delights of water sports both on the coast as well as on the gentle Canal de Calais. In Coulogne, the vibrant Cercle de l’Aviron du Calaisais rowing club continues to promote a sport which also comes from England. This Calais sporting institution (the club was founded in 1863) also organizes one of the summer’s most amusing events: the Coulogne bathtub race!

A 10 km cycle path between Coulogne and Guînes runs not far from the canal, suitable for leisurely bike rides.

The path begins close to the canal, near the green Octogone Park, where Coulogne library is situated - a building notable for its combination of ancient and modern architecture. Specifically designed for gentle mobility, this cycle path is ideal for short rides.

For longer-distance cyclists, the segment is part of EuroVelo route 5 (London to Rome).

Walkers can follow the towpath beside the canal to Les Attaques. You may well come across a barge navigating on the canal, its slow-moving pace reinforcing the calm, relaxed aspect of this sector of “Calais XXL”.

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Poney-club Jules Verne

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Jardin du beau pays


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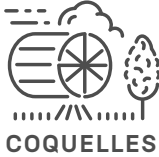
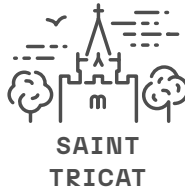
   

MARKETS

Coulogne

FRESH PRODUCE

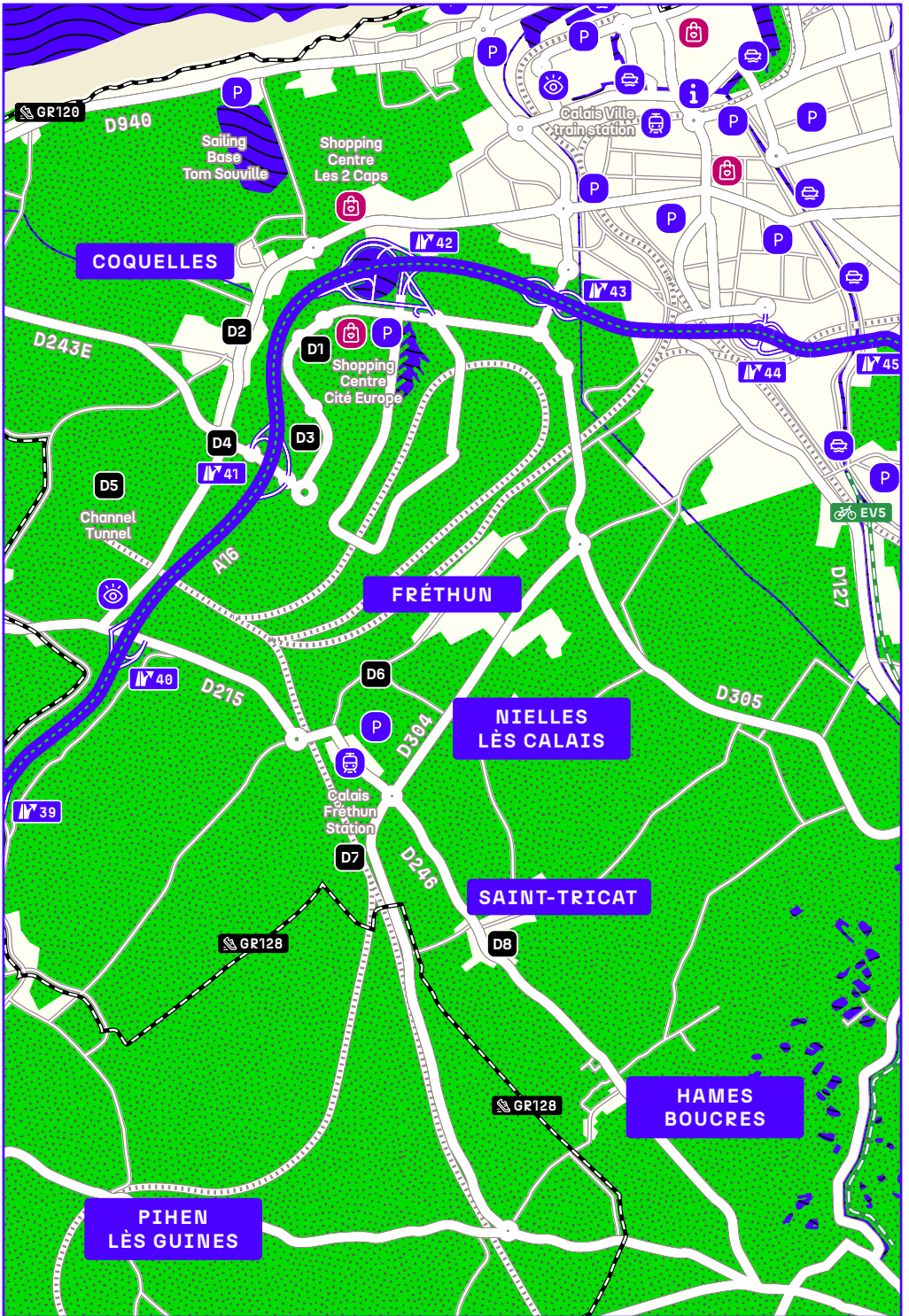
Monday morning
Parvis de l'église
62137 Coulogne



BETWEEN FIELD & MARSHLAND

With the giant-sized infrastructures linked to the Channel Tunnel, the west of Calais has amplified its role of strategic junction in north-western Europe, which is reinforced by the most extensive offer of retail services on the Opal Coast. In contrast, at a stone's throw from Coquelles and Fréthun, an environment of undulating green hills, meadows and marshland opens up.

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| D1. Cité Europe Shopping Center | D5. Channel Tunnel |
| D2. Maison du Patrimoine | D6. NATO memorial |
| D3. Channel Outlet Center | D7. Calais Fréthun train station |
| D4. Virginie Tunnel boring machine | D8. Saint Nicaise church |



COQUELLES & FRÉTHUN

Coquelles and Fréthun are undeniably communities which have experienced major transformation in the last few decades. Coquelles is where travellers board the Shuttle to go through the Channel Tunnel, and the high-speed train station (TGV) is situated in Fréthun.

It is not possible to visit the gigantic Channel Tunnel installations, but you can nevertheless catch a glimpse of them. The “Virginie” tunnel-boring machine, standing in the middle of the A16 roundabout at Coquelles, was one of the machines used to pierce the tunnel. Its size gives an idea of the scale of the “construction site of the 20th century” in the late 1980’s and early 90’s. A few hundred metres further on, going towards Fréthun, the road passes in front of the tunnel entrance.





Cité Europe & Channel Outlet, an XXL Shopping Destination!

The opening of the Channel Tunnel in 1994 led to the creation of new amenities, extensive services and attractive shopping centres, including the Cité Europe and the Channel Outlet which together constitute the largest complex of its kind on the Opal Coast. Together with Calais shopping centre, it's a must-visit shopping destination! The centres, which are open throughout the year, are easily accessible from the town centre or via the A16.



Tribute to the "Building Site of the Century"

Visit the Maison du Patrimoine in Coquelles where you can find documents and videos about the construction of the Channel Tunnel, collected the "Les Bâtisseurs du tunnel" Association.

A NATO memorial

On our territory of remembrance, honouring the souvenir of more than 2000 soldiers who have lost their lives during NATO operations in the last few decades, is situated in Fréthun.

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62231 Coquelles
+33 (0)3 21 46 47 48

CHANNEL OUTLET CENTER

Boulevard du Parc
62231 Coquelles
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MAISON DU PATRIMOINE

1066 avenue Charles de Gaulle
62231 Coquelles
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NIELLES-LÈS-CALAIS, HAMES-BOUCRES, SAINT TRICAT, PIHEN-LES GUÎNES

Nearby, several villages embody the pleasures of living in the country, without being isolated. It's peaceful wandering on the plain, along the banks of the Calais canal, or in more hilly countryside (at local scale!), on foot, by bike or on horseback, in and around the villages of Nielles-les-Calais, Hames Boucres, Saint Tricat, and Pihen les Guines. Several walking trails offer alternatives to seaside promenades, and tourist accommodation provides hospitality. The architecture is typical of Northern France, with the church spire as the traditional village centre. Hames-Boucres, a spread-out community stretching from the Calais canal to the foot of the Boulogne hills, even has two churches! Hames and Boucres each had their own place of worship before the two communities merged in the 19th century.

Going through the villages to the west of Calais, you will also come across traces of the region's history. The 13th century bell tower of Saint Nicaise's church in Saint Tricat is one of the oldest in the region. It is one of the principal vestiges of the "Pale of Calais" era, the territory conquered by the English Crown after the Burghers of Calais incident in 1347. More recently, the Commonwealth War Cemetery, tucked away in the heart of Pihen-les-Guines, commemorates the numerous soldiers and RAF pilots who fell on French soil during the Second World War.



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centre-equestre-frethun.ffe.com

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GO-KART CIRCUIT

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Coquelles

FRESH PRODUCE

Sunday morning
Place de la Concorde
62231 Coquelles

Fréthun

FRESH PRODUCE

Friday morning
Parking du Stade de football
62185 Fréthun

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FLAVOURS FROM LAND & SEA



EMBLEMATIC PASTRIES

As far as sugary pleasures are concerned, it's difficult to give "Le Calais" a miss! Macaron batter, coffee-flavoured butter cream and almonds are the principal ingredients of this cake, available in individual portions in local patisserie shops. In Marck you can try "Le Marckois" – a huge praline and chocolate éclair. If you're a chocolate lover, you'll also be tempted by "Le Blériotin", with its crunchy praline coating round a hazelnut centre.



lecalaisisonyprendgout.com

is a network of producers and restaurant owners in and around Calais who opt for local distribution channels.

SWEEETY

One of the local customs in Calais XXL is walking along the seafront promenade at Calais Beach. And there – depending on the time of day, the craving, the time available and the weather – it’s hard to resist the temptation of an ice-cream or a bag of chips!



SALTY

DELICIOUS CHEESES AND MELTED CHEDDAR

As its name suggests, the filling dish called “Le Welsh” originates from Wales. There are several theories about how it arrived on the Opal Coast, but it’s certainly very popular. This dish, made with bread, cheddar cheese and ham, is an indispensable part of local culinary tradition.

It’s true that Maroilles is the best-known of cheeses from Northern France, but it is far from being the only one. Opal Coast pasture lands and the sea air ensure the quality of local cheese production. There is a wide choice available, including Pavé de Calais – a tasty soft-rind cheese.

FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE AND SEA FOOD

Eating well and experiencing new culinary sensations are a part of travel elsewhere. In Calais XXL, by the sea or in a countryside varying from green hills to flatlands, culinary delicacies abound. With its fishing port situated near the town centre, a large selection of fresh fish and shell-fish is on offer in local restaurants.

Fishermen and fishmongers sell their produce every morning at market stalls in Courgain Maritime. Cod, haddock, Dover sole, halibut and herrings can also be found at Emile Fournier’s establishment, founded in 1901, which specialises in fish products cured and smoked on the Opal Coast.

Local Calais cuisine, on offer in restaurants or cooked at home, also does credit to specialities produced in and around Calais, such as Licques chicken and chicory from Oye-Plage and Audruicq.



Calais XXL has much to offer thanks to its wide array of activities and multi-faceted appeal. It's also the ideal base for exploring other must-see sites along the Opal Coast, all within 40 kilometres of Calais.



The RD940 departmental road links Calais to Boulogne sur Mer, passing through the Site des Deux Caps nature reserve, a "Grand Site de France" encompassing two capes: Cap Blanc Nez and Cap Gris Nez. This panoramic route offers beautiful and extensive views, emphasizing the vastness of the ocean.



On the outskirts of Boulogne sur Mer, near the docks of France's biggest fishing port, is Nausicaa, Europe's largest aquarium.

Boulogne sur Mer which, like Calais, is a designated "Ville d'Art et d'Histoire" (City of Art & History) is dominated by a medieval castle, an impressive, fortified building in the upper part of the town.



VENTURING FURTHER AFIELD



This time, head east along the RD940 to the small, fortified town of Gravelines, listed as one of “Les plus beaux détours de France” (most beautiful detours in France.) A little further afield, the harbour city of Dunkirk remembers and pays tribute to the legendary Jean Bart and the decisive Operation Dynamo evacuation of 1940. The huge expanses of sand and dunes are typical of the vast beaches in the North of France, including Calais.

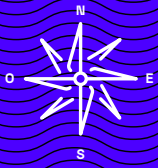
Saint Omer and the surrounding area, located inland, towards Artois, offer a completely different setting! The marais audomarois is one of France’s largest wetlands and there are endless ways for you to explore them. For history and architect enthusiasts, the Notre-Dame de Saint-Omer Cathedral district has much to recommend it.

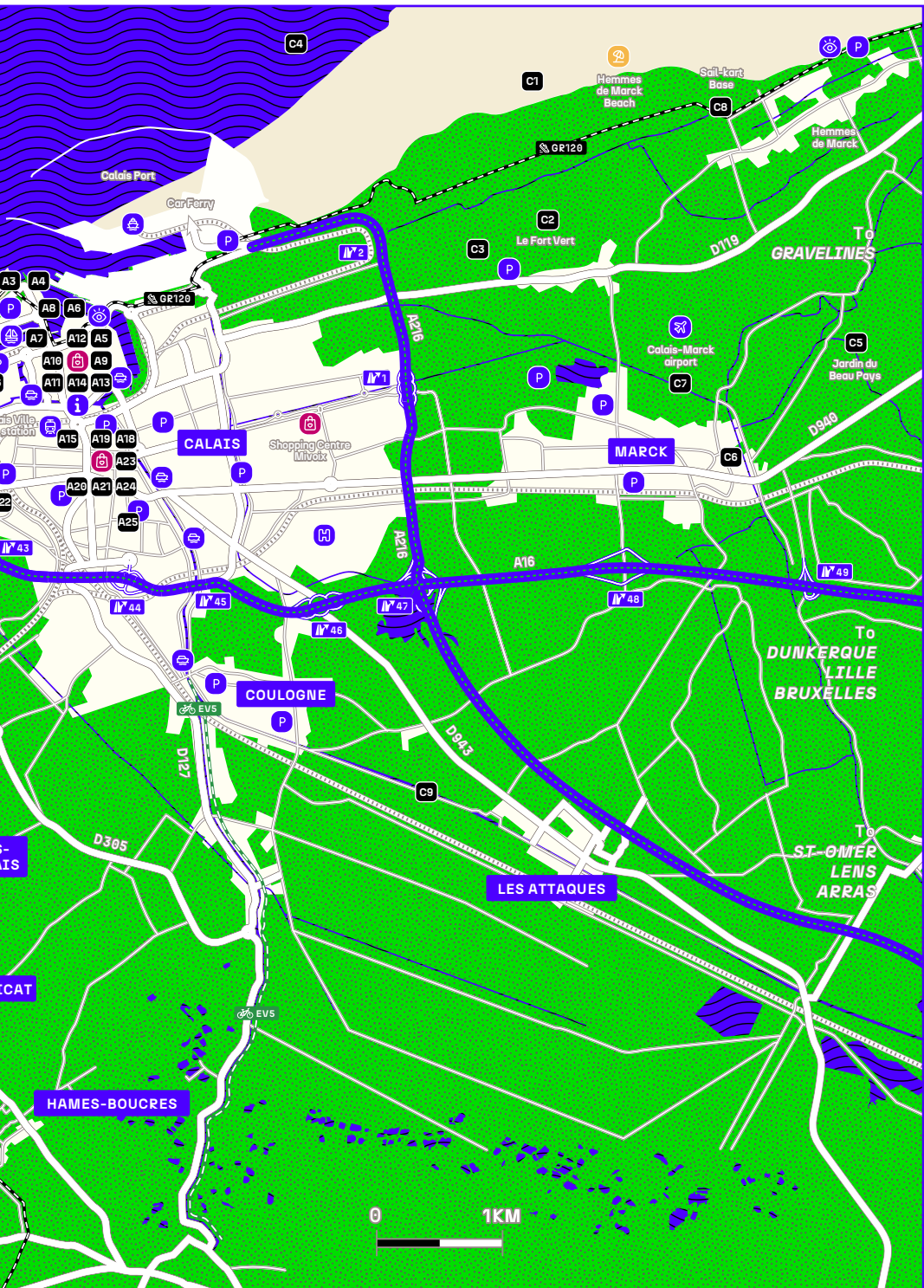


Calais is the closest French town to England - a country that has been inextricably linked with our geography and our history for centuries. A visit to Calais XXL is also a great opportunity to pop across the Channel for a day or a just a few hours and enjoy the hustle bustle of London, or the port of Dover, which although just thirty kilometres away feels like a world apart.

Calais XXL is an essential transit point between Europe and Great Britain! There are numerous ferry crossings (1h30) and Channel tunnel trains (35 minutes) that run both day and night.

TRAILS & DETOURS BETWEEN LAND & SEA





POINTS OF INTERESTS & LEGEND

CALAIS BEACH

Calais LA Plage (Beach).....	A1
Totem Pole Calais La Plage.....	A2
Banksy in Calais.....	A3
The Calais Dragon.....	A4
The Calais Lighthouse.....	A5
Port & Courgain maritime.....	A6
Privateer Tom Souville.....	A7
Fort Risban promenade.....	A8
Notre-Dame church.....	A9
Rue Royale & Calais Nord.....	A10
Casino, bars & restaurants.....	A11
Place d'Armes.....	A12
Museum of Fine-Arts.....	A13
De Gaulle-Churchill statue.....	A14
Memorial Museum 39-45.....	A15
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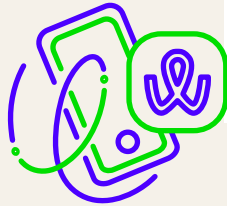
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