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spirit of Dunkerque

We are delighted to welcome you to Dunkirk and the surrounding area – a seaside destination offering superb beaches and dunes, delicious local food, great shopping options and fascinating visitor attractions.

Not to mention a very warm welcome, typical of Northern France.

This short guide presents nine good reasons for stopping off in Dunkirk. We are sure you'll be able to find plenty more.

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FOOD AND GOLF**





FAMILY-FRIENDLY BEACHES

Sitting on a shady restaurant terrace, overlooking the sea, nothing beats a delicious plate of local moules-frites, accompanied by an ice-cold beer or a glass of chilled white wine.

While the children play on the beach, you can sit back and enjoy the water sport show. **The beaches of Gravelines Petit-Fort-Philippe,**

Dunkirk Malo-les-Bains, and Bray-Dunes are a paradise for kite-surfers, sand surfers and windsurfers.

And what better way to walk off your lunch than a stroll along the spectacular unspoilt dunes of **Zuydcoote and Leffrinckoucke**, or in the nature reserve at **Grand-Fort-Philippe**?



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MILITARY HISTORY

Dunkirk is a town steeped in history. One of the most memorable events in wartime history was played out on the beaches of Dunkirk. Carried out from 26 May to 4 June 1940, Operation Dynamo led to the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force and thousands of French soldiers. It was the largest evacuation effort in military history, and an unimaginable success at the heart of a humiliating defeat, a “miracle” that allowed 338,226 allied soldiers to escape the hell of Dunkirk and reach Great Britain, the nation that had become the spearhead of the fight against the Nazis.



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DUNKIRK 1940 WAR MUSEUM

The museum is located near the former Bastion 32, which was the command post of the French forces during the Battle of Dunkirk. It retraces the incredible history of this battle and the life of the inhabitants of a town in wartime. You will see up close the uniforms, the arms and the vehicles of the period

32 rue des Chantiers de
France – Dunkerque
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www.dynamo-dunkerque.com

MUSÉRIAL FORT DES DUNES

The edifice, camouflaged in the dunes, was constructed between 1878 and 1880, to protect the town and the port of Dunkirk. Superb evidence of the military architecture of the 19^e century, it is today a place of memory consisting of 6 rooms of immersion, with scale models, and interactive panels on the history of the region from “Turenne to Dynamo”. The external visit gives you a magnificent panorama over the sea and the dunes.

Rue du 2 juin 1940 – Leffrinckoucke
+33 (0)3 28 29 13 17
www.fort-des-dunes.fr/en



PRINCESS ELIZABETH

In the town centre docks floats a living memory. You have the chance to admire one of the Little Ships, which is the pride of Operation Dynamo. Built in 1927, requisitioned in 1939, this ship made 4 return journeys in the North Sea, saving 1673 human lives, including 500 French soldiers.

Completely restored, today it houses a bar, a tearoom, and a restaurant.

Quai de l'Estacade – Dunkerque
+33 (0)7 82 63 99 09
www.princesselizabeth.eu



THE SHIPWRECKS OFF THE COAST

During this large evacuation manoeuvre, more than 200 boats sank. At low tide, some shipwrecks are visible all along our coastline. Take the opportunity to see, for example, the shipwreck of the Crested Eagle, a magnificent English paddle steamer on Zuydcoote beach.

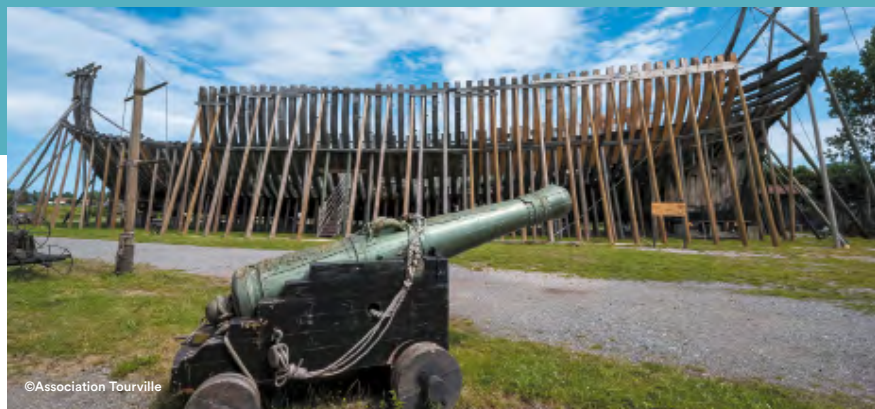


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MARITIME TRADITION

THE SEA HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE RAISON D'ÊTRE OF DUNKIRK AND OF ITS SURROUNDING AREA. PIRATES, FISHERMEN AND DOCKERS HAVE MARKED THE HISTORY OF OUR TOWN WHOSE HUGE PORT HAS BEEN THE 3RD LARGEST IN FRANCE SINCE THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY.



ESPACE TOURVILLE

Route de Calais – Gravelines
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www.espacetourville.com

The Tourville Association has taken up a tremendous challenge: to build a life-size replica of a ship from Louis XIV's navy, the Jean Bart.

At the heart of a craft village with a blacksmith shop, smokehouse, scale

model workshop and sculptor's studio, you can follow the construction of this grand historical ship, a first-rank, 17th-century vessel.

The Taverne Jean Bart serves delicious local dishes.



@Destination Gravelines



SEA MUSEUM AND LIFEBOAT MUSEUM

Imagine the schooners moored in the harbour, the men loading the cargoes of salt... The hustle and bustle of the great departure. By visiting two places with a wealth of memories, discover the exciting life of the fishermen in Iceland and of the lifesavers.

Guided visits are offered in French only.

<https://reservation.dunkerque-tourisme.fr>
Boulevard Carnot – Grand Fort Philippe



GRAVELINES LIGHTHOUSE

The Petit-Fort Lighthouse culminates at a height of 29 metres above sea level. What makes this lighthouse so distinctive is its spiralling black stripe. Climb its 116 steps and you'll discover a breath-taking view of the banks of the Aa River.

An exhibit traces the lighthouse's history and the daily life of its keepers since 1843. Open from July to mid-October

Digue de Mer - Gravelines



© Mairie de Dunkerque



PORT MUSEUM

1 MUSEUM, 3 BOATS, 1 LIGHTHOUSE

The museum welcomes you at the heart of the historic district of the Citadelle, in a former 19th century warehouse. You will discover how from Iceland to Cap Horn, Dunkirk natives roamed over all the seas of the globe.

Crossing the rooms of this superb building, you will discover the history of the port.

Unique in France, the floating museum presents three boats to visit: the three-masted ship Duchesse Anne, a former training ship dating from 1901, the lightship Sandettié which was used to mark out the sandbanks off our coasts and the Guilde barge.

At the lighthouse, you will have to ascend 276 steps to reach its summit of 66 metres in height and enjoy an exceptional panorama!

9 quai de la Citadelle – Dunkerque
+33 (0)3 28 63 33 39
www.museeportuaire.com



DUNKIRK PORT CENTER

This place of knowledge and information will get you to discover the port world as you have never seen... Scale models, digital and multimedia tools will give you an enjoyable and interactive experience.

9 quai de la citadelle
Dunkerque
+33 (0)3 28 63 33 44
www.dunkerqueportcenter.fr





A FAMILY DESTINATION

Our seafront provides a great playground for families. The aquarium, the zoological park Biotopia, the farm “le Camélus”, but also the visit to the belfry, the Parc Aventures [Adventure Park], and the water- and sea-based activities guarantee you many memorable experiences.



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PAARC DES RIVES DE L'AA

Depending on your wishes, get away on foot, by bike, or on roller-blades on the 15km of paths, or jump in the water in the water park and enjoy the various activities: inflatables, paddle-board, water skiing, kayak, or pedalo!

1 rue du Guindal – Gravelines
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www.foudoo.com/fr/sites/gravelines



© Bio-Topia



BIOTOPIA ZOO

The zoo recreates the natural environment of more than 170 animals of 70 wild and domestic species of French and European wildlife. A great budget attraction for the whole family.

Rue des Droits de l'Homme
Fort-Mardyck
+33 (0)3 28 27 26 24
www.bio-topia.fr



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LE CAMÉLUS

For something different, many families choose to visit this farm in Ghyvelde, 10 kilometres from Dunkirk. The farm is home to Watusi cattle, emus, ostriches, donkeys, yaks, etc.

Chemin du Camélus - Ghyvelde
+33 (0)6 86 07 92 18
www.le-camelus.com





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THE AQUARIUM

In the house that belonged to the founder of the seaside resort, you can see 21 aquariums containing European and tropical fish. A beautiful park surrounds the building, and its playground makes it a popular pit-stop for families with small children.

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Dunkerque
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GRAVELINES BOAT HIRE

Gravelines is located at 5 kilometres from the Dunkirk ferry terminal. It is the only walled town in France which is entirely surrounded by water. At the entrance of the town, you can hire rowing boats, electric boats and water bikes.

Rue de Dunkerque -
Gravelines
+33 (0)3 28 65 33 77



@ Le Castelnau



LE CASTELNAU BOAT TOURS

Go for a relaxing boat tour on the canal between Dunkirk and Bergues

Parc du Fort Louis rue
des Forts 59210
Coudekerque-Branche
+33(0) 6 14 31 75 31
www.bateaulecastelnau.fr



FORT AVENTURES

Six tree climbing trails and ziplines, suspended nets, free jump, wall climbing, a descent on a huge slide... there's everything to please adrenaline junkies!

For the youngest, the junior trail is accessible from 80cm.

Rue de Nancy -
Dunkerque
+33 (0)7 79 43 42 06
www.fort-aventures-dunkerque.fr



THE FUN OF SAND- YACHTING

Adults and children from eight years old can enjoy the thrills of this spectacular sport on the beaches that look like they were made for sand yachting. And best of all, it is very easy to learn the basics. If you are interested in booking an introductory lesson, contact Dunkerque Tourism

contact@dunkerque-tourisme.fr
or +33 (0)3 28 26 27 28



DINO PARC

In the middle of the Dinosaurs, take up the challenge of disc golf with the children. You can also take a golf cart for a 15min tour around the park.

Parc du Fort Louis
rue des Forts 59210
Coudekerque-Branche
+33 (0)3 28 24 15 41
dinoparc@ville-coudekerque-branche.fr



@ville de Loon Plage



TYPICAL FLEMISH GAMES

In the family-friendly Parc Galamé at Loon Plage you can discover traditional Flemish games at the Musée des jeux traditionnels [Museum of Traditional Games]. There is also a natural swimming pool in the park.

655 rue Gaston Deredre – Loon-Plage
+33 (0)3 28 59 63 58
www.parcgalame.org
www.ferme-galame.org



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THE BELFRY OF DUNKIRK

Erected in around 1440, the Belfry rang the bell of the Saint-Eloi church until a fire separated the two buildings in 1558. You start your journey through time by taking the lift up to the impressive carillon with 50 bells. You will continue your visit by climbing 65 steps and catch your breath before the view takes it away again. The belfry can be visited all year round and houses the Tourist Office and its shop.

Rue de l'Amiral Ronarc'h – Dunkerque
+33 (0)3 28 2 27 28
www.dunkirk-tourism.com



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

A stunning view of the sea, the salty air of the seashore, a walk in the dunes, a cycling trip to our Belgian neighbours.... here are some of the ingredients of the generous cocktail of discoveries which will enliven those who love excursions in the great outdoors. So, are you ready for great getaways?



GRAND SITE DES DUNES DE FLANDRE

Located between the Port of Dunkirk and the French-Belgian border, the Dunes of Flanders stretch over 13 kilometres of French coastline and extend over another 11 km on the Belgian side.

The proximity and the complicity between the green spaces and the remnants of History make this place unique.

The bunkers and shipwrecks on the shore are a reminder of the painful events of 1940.

Various hiking trails from 4 to 8 km mark out the Dune Dewulf, the Dune du Perroquet, and the Dune Marchand.





PLATIER D'OYE

The 300 hectares of this Nature Reserve reveal a kaleidoscope of landscapes: wet grasslands, trails lined with sea buckthorn and dog-rose bushes, a goose pond, observatories, a long sandy beach, and more.

These varied natural habitats are what make this site so unique. Whether you're in the mood for a pleasant walk or a long hike, this site is for you!



EXPLORATION BY BIKE

EXPLORE THE SEASHORE BY BIKE,
THROUGH TOWNS, MARINAS,
DUNES, BEACHES AND FORESTS.
FROM THE BELGIAN BORDER TO
GRAVELINES, THERE ARE 237
KM OF CYCLE PATHS WHICH
GUARANTEE YOU ENJOYABLE
OUTINGS IN COMPLETE FREEDOM!

THE FLANDERS BIKE ROUTE

It links the city of Lille to Dunkirk,
going through the ramparts of
Bergues, the Bois des Forts, and the
park of Fort Louis in Coudekerque-
Branche.

©Emmanuel Berthier





THE MARITIME CYCLE PATH



The French part of the Eurovelo 4, the maritime cycle path, takes you from Brittany to Ukraine, going through Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, the Czech Republic, and Poland.

On our side, between Grand-Fort-Philippe and Bray-Dunes, the maritime cycle path enables you to travel over **53 km from one natural area to the next**, passing along the seaside, the dunes, and the region's unmissable sites.



ENCOUNTERS WITH ART

DUNKIRK AND THE SURROUNDING AREA OFFER A SURPRISINGLY RICH VARIETY OF FINE AND CONTEMPORARY ART, SCULPTURE AND ARCHITECTURE. YOU CAN VIEW INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED COLLECTIONS HERE, FROM RENAISSANCE ENGRAVINGS TO IMPRESSIVE OUTDOOR SCULPTURES AND THE WORK OF MODERN ARTISTS SUCH AS ANDY WARHOL.



©Kids in Dunkerque

WHERE TO SEE “CAR CRASH” BY ANDY WARHOL

Le Laac (Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art) is a combination of a dramatic outdoor sculpture garden and a modern art museum that seems rooted in the second half of the 20th century. It holds an impressive collection of work from the 1950s to the 1980s: Karel Appel, Arman, César, Eugène Leroy, Andy Warhol... The works are displayed alternately depending on the exhibition calendar.

LAAC

302 avenue des Bordées – Dunkerque
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www.musees-dunkerque.eu/



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VIEW A COLLECTION OF ART WORKS DEVOTED TO DESIGN

The FRAC was built next to the “Cathedral”, the last remaining trace of the former shipyards. Its six levels invite visitors to get up-close and personal with contemporary art. Don’t miss the belvedere and its view overlooking the port and the famous Dunkirk beaches.

FRAC Grand Large

503 av. des Bords de Flandres
Dunkerque
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www.fracgrandlarge-hdf.fr



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WHERE TO SEE “THE APOCALYPSE” BY ALBRECHT DÜRER

This engraving is one of the masterpieces of the Musée du Dessin et de l'Estampe Originale [Museum of Drawing and Original Print] in Gravelines, the only French museum devoted to printed works. Located in the heart of the walled town, in the buildings of the Arsenal, the museum boasts a collection of almost 21,000 works of art, mainly engravings from the 15th century to the present day.

Musée du Dessin et de l'Estampe Originale
Place Albert Denvers - Gravelines
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“THE CHOIR OF LIGHT” BY SIR ANTHONY CARO

Be amazed by this monumental work comprised of a set of 15 pieces in the church of Saint Jean-Baptiste in Bourbourg which combines the Gothic, the modern, and the sacred.

At the CIAC, Centre Interprétation Art et Culture [Centre of Interpretation of Art and Culture], you can learn about the Choir of Light. It proposes at the same time a varied and original cultural programme combining various disciplines and artistic media.

1 rue Pasteur - Bourbourg
+33 (0)3 28 59 65 00
www.ciac-bourbourg.fr



GREAT SHOPPING OPTIONS

The town centre of Dunkirk is the biggest open-air shopping centre in the Côte d'Opale [Opal Coast]! National and independent brands, concept stores and more traditional businesses are side by side. Food, clothing, and accessories, beauty products, household equipment, IT, leisure and culture...

Every universe is represented there, without exception. Going there for a specific purchase or walking there for an afternoon's shopping is a pleasure!

In the walled town of Gravelines, you will find shops specialising in the best French cheeses and wine.

Daily open-air markets in and around Dunkirk for unbeatable prices and beautifully fresh produce! Most markets are open from 9am to 12 noon.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
DUNKIRK CENTRE			✓			✓	
DUNKIRK ROSENDAEL							✓
DUNKIRK MALO-LES-BAINS		✓					
GRAVELINES CENTRE					✓		
GRAND-FORT-PHILIPPE	✓						
BRAY-DUNES				✓			

Antiques and car boot sales.

A great tradition in our region, with a friendly atmosphere and great deals to be had.

BARGAIN HUNTERS. DON'T MISS THESE DATES :

Dunkirk international Flea Market: Ascension day
Dunkirk Malo-les-Bains flea market: 14th July
Coudekerque Branche flea market: 2nd Saturday in September



A UNIQUE MIX OF FRENCH AND FLEMISH CUISINE

THANKS TO ITS LOCATION, DUNKIRK
BOASTS A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF
TRADITIONAL FLEMISH COOKING AND
EXCELLENT FRENCH CUISINE.



You'll find freshly-caught "Fish of the day" alongside traditional Waterzoï and Potjevlkeesch. Made nowhere else in France, you simply have to try these local specialities.

From a quick snack to a 4 course gourmet extravaganza, one thing is for sure: the area's huge range of restaurants represents excellent value for money.

GOOD TO KNOW

Most restaurants are open from 12 noon to 2pm and from 7pm to 10 or 11pm.

If you are looking for a restaurant which serves food all day, contact Dunkirk Tourism contact@dunkerque-tourisme.fr or +33 (0)3 28 26 27 28



TEE OFF AT DUNKIRK'S SPECTACULAR GOLF COURSE

Dunkirk's 27-hole golf course is a must for any golfer. Its layout is inspired by the design of the former 17th century military fortifications. Driving off artillery towers and bastions and navigating moats and lakes all make for an unforgettable golfing experience.

**Bluegreen Golf Dunkirk route du golf
Coudekerque Village - www.bluegreen.fr/dunkerque**



TAKE THE BUS, IT'S FREE FOR EVERYONE!

DUNKIRK TOURISM

DUNKIRK BELFRY
RUE DE L'AMIRAL RONARC'H

DUNKIRK BEACH
1 PLACE DU CENTENAIRE

BRAY-DUNES
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