

Just a short Channel Crossing away, the Pas de Calais region is the ideal choice for a French school trip allowing your students to develop their understanding of French culture, discover traditional French cuisine and practice their French language skills by exploring the towns, markets and tourist attractions.

Several seaside resorts are to be found in the Calais region, including Boulogne-sur-Mer, perfect for a French town trail or treasure hunt. These resorts are equally popular with Parisians, but much less busy than big cities like Paris. The Nausicaa Centre at Boulogne is one of the largest and most impressive aquariums and sea-centres in Europe and a highlight of your visit.

Your group could visit one of the local markets, to see how important fresh, local produce is to this region. Visit a traditional, family-owned bakery and the sugary delights of local chocolateries and confiseries will only sweeten the deal.

Christmas markets: If possible try to also visit in December to enjoy one of the famous Christmas markets held in the region, for example at Lille, that attract shoppers from all across Europe.

CURRICULUM LINKS

This French language tour offers many opportunities to immerse yourselves in the culture. For Key Stage 3 and GCSE students, this French school trip offers the perfect opportunity to develop their vocabulary around food, drink and eating out.



KS3

- Exploring the town
- Hobbies and pastimes
- Food and drink
- Eating out
- Introducing yourself
- Describing others
- Likes and dislikes
- Plants and animals
- Cultural traditions

GCSE

- Food, drink and eating out
- Travel and tourism
- Holiday destinations
- Customs, celebrations and festivals
- Home, town and neighbourhoods
- Daily life and free time activities

A LEVEL

- Festivals and traditions
- Aspects of French-speaking society
- Individual research project opportunities

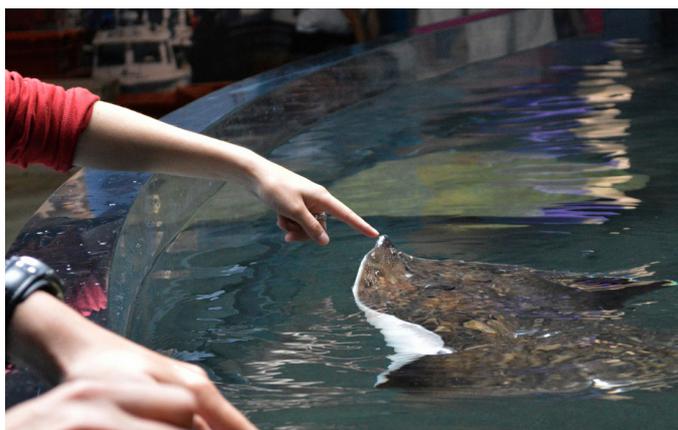
SUGGESTED ITINERARY

A 3-day French language tour to Pas de Calais can easily be combined with the History department to maximise the learning opportunities available, particularly for studying WW1 and WW2 History.

Day 1	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Board coach and transfer to port for ferry crossing	Visit Chocolats de Beussent	Evening meal at accommodation
Day 2	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Visit Boulogne's French Market followed by the French Town Trail	Visit Boulangerie Le Fournil	Evening meal at accommodation
Day 3	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Visit Nausicaa Sea Life Centre	Ferry crossing to Dover and coach transfer to school	Arrive back at school

EDUCATIONAL VISIT OPTIONS

- Vimy Ridge
- La Coupole
- Sweet Factory



SAMPLE ACCOMMODATION

With purpose-built school group accommodation available in both Dunkirk and Calais, the Dunkirk Operation Dynamo tour is an attractive option for school trip organisers.



CENTRE EUROPEEN DE SEJOUR, CALAIS

A light and modern Youth Hostel conveniently located in Calais.

Pupils are accommodated in twin or triple rooms with one shared bathroom between every 2 rooms. Staff will be accommodated in twin or single rooms.

On-site facilities include a large self-service restaurant, meeting rooms which can be used for group activities, TV room, games room with pool table and table football.

L'ESCALE, DUNKIRK

Centrally located close to the beach and the Battle of Dunkirk Museum, this modern centre has eighty-six rooms spread over three floors. Students will stay in multi-bedded rooms and staff in twins. All rooms have a private bathroom, and WiFi is available throughout the building.

Breakfast and evening meals can be taken in the hostel's restaurant. Packed lunches are available on request.

On-site facilities include a TV room, a library, and a lounge. Groups can also request use of one of the three meeting rooms.



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