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DUNKIRK

And in Maritime Flanders!

EVERYTHING YOU NEED
TO KNOW:



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DUNKIRK



Located at the northern tip of France, our territory is at the crossroads of Europe with 3 bordering countries: Belgium, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, not forgetting direct access to the Irish market provided by shipping company DFDS, plus very quick access to Germany too.

BY TRAIN

Lille: 30 mins
Paris: 1 hour 30
Brussels: 1 hour 40
London: 2 hours
Amsterdam: 3 hours 40

BY CAR

Brussels: 1 hour 50
Rotterdam: 3 hours 15
Paris: 3 hours 30
London: 3 hours 30

BY BICYCLE

La Panne (Belgium):
20 minutes by cycle
route

BY BUS

La Panne (Belgium): 15 mins
from Bray-Dunes with
DK'BUS Marine Lijn 2



KEEPING IT 100% LOCAL

The chance to explore our local heritage:
Recipes, typical expressions and visits are all
on the agenda!



SPOTLIGHT ON A LOCAL RECIPE

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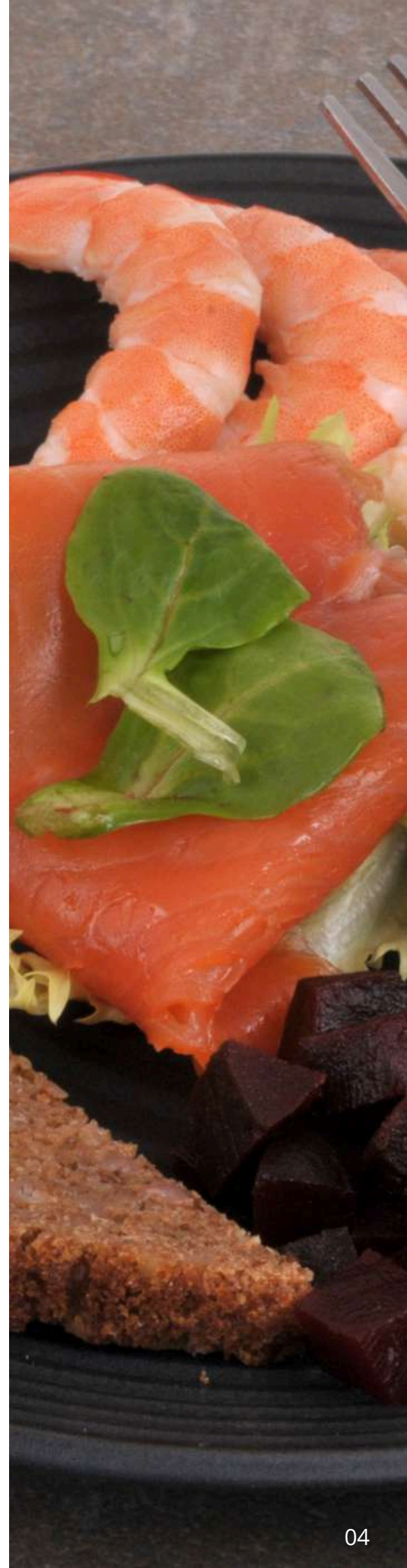
Enjoyed for many generations here, fishing is an inextricable part of our history, particularly cod fishing and herring fishing in Iceland. At present, if you want to view the catch of the day, go to the market stalls from Place du Minck in Dunkirk in the morning.

Lovers of smoked fish will fall in head over heels with the local smokehouses here. These establishments are keeping up the age-old tradition of fish smoking which was initially brought in for preservation purposes. Local smokehouses such as the renowned Jannin smokehouse in Grand-Fort-Philippe and Transfum'Pêche in Tétéghem, offer a variety of smoked fish such as halibut, sprat, cod, dogfish, different types of herring and, of course, delicious salmon...

On the menus in some restaurants you will find regional dishes, giving you the chance to savour an assortment of smoked fish.

Any newcomer to our territory will be keen to discover or explore our territory's vocabulary. Here are a few words and expressions to add to your dictionary:

- **Ducasse:** rides/fairground
- **Qu'est c'ça dit ?:** How's it going?
- **A noste kêe:** See you soon/until next time
- **On se dit quoi:** I'll keep you informed





DO YOU KNOW THE GIANTS OF THE NORD REGION?

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These giants play an integral part in the region's folklore and heritage. Originating from the Flemish word "**reus**" which means giant, **Reuze is one of the oldest giants, whose legend dates back to 1550.** His beginnings come from a Scandinavian warrior named Allowyn, who, after sustaining an injury while attacking Flanders, was cared for and converted by Saint Éloi. He is said to have subsequently fortified the town to withstand assaults, which is why today his representation as a giant wickerwork model is a sign of recognition.

After being forgotten for decades, these giants were restored and reintegrated into the local heritage after World War II.

Today, the association "**Les Amis du Reuze de Dunkerque et du Patrimoine folklorique du Dunkerquois**" (Dunkirk Friends of Reuze and Folk Heritage) takes care of their upkeep, with help from local government bodies. In 2005, the giants were included on the UNESCO List of Intangible Heritage, recognising their cultural importance.

But you won't just find giants in Dunkirk alone. Many of the Nord region's towns have their own giants who illustrate the history and cultural diversity of the area, including Lille, Douai, Bergues, Hazebrouck and Bailleul.

So, why not come on down to the upcoming festivities in each of the towns to explore their stories?



LIVING IN DUNKIRK

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Would you like to move to the region? Or just find out a little bit more about life in Dunkirk? Check out these tips and inspiring testimonials to give you a better idea.



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Located between the seaside and the countryside, Dunkirk is a closely-knit city. Nestled at the heart of one of Europe's most attractive regions, the Hauts-de-France, the abundance of culture and sports, a rich and diverse business offer, renowned historical heritage and the fast, efficient transport service in Maritime Flanders will absolutely captivate you.

If you're thinking about swapping Paris or a major city for life in the provinces, then chances are you'll love the town of Dunkirk.

8 things you should know about the Dunkirk area



A vibrant and closely knit city

Near the sea, the city and the countryside

An urban hub located at the gateway of Europe, recognised as one of the most appealing regions

A territory brimming with opportunities including 20,000 jobs into the bargain

Sports and culture aplenty

Rich and diverse economic activities in a territory that now symbolises the industry of the future

Renowned historical heritage

Fast, high-performance transport

[Click here to find out more!](#)

TESTIMONIAL:

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Many Parisians choose to leave the capital for a better quality of life in the provinces.

And that's what Frédéric chose to do when he moved to Dunkirk to set up his sports and leisure multiplex DK Park: football, padel, trampolining, escape rooms... It has something for the whole family to enjoy!

A warm welcome and the kindness of the Dunkirk people, the city's transformation

**Frédéric
BEMBASSAT**
Founder of DK PARK



over recent years, sports facilities, the gorgeous beaches in the Nord region and the ease of doing business here are just some of the reasons why he decided to move to our territory.

To find out more about his arrival in Dunkirk, read his interview with [Paris je te quitte](#).

THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE COMING


Need a childcare service, sports or cultural events or just to sign your kid up to leisure centre activities? Here is all the information you need:

Each town organises activities or even has its own leisure centre, so don't hesitate to contact your local council for more information

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runs leisure centres for 3- to 17-year-olds in different towns of the area of Dunkirk.

 <http://atescotes.fr>  03 28 26 27 94


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See their services on their website

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A huge range of activities to entertain the whole family


 reservation.dunkerque-tourisme.fr

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All the information is available on the website

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Sports courses for children ([register online](#) or in person).


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Sports weeks, sports courses and leisure offers

Information in their [flyer](#)

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EDUCATION SERVICES

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Do you need to enrol your children in a nursery, primary school, junior high school, high school or third-level education in the area?

Scan the QR code for the list of schools



JOBS SECTION

Are you searching for a job in the Dunkirk area? Here are some websites to help you with your quest!



France Travail

France Travail is the leading website for all the information you need for your professional pursuits: training courses, grants, jobs, etc. Plus, you can consult the website for information on job fairs!

20,000 jobs

The Dunkirk area will have 16,000 to 20,000 jobs on offer primarily in the industrial sector over the coming years! For more information and to find out where to apply, go to the website.

Entreprendre ensemble

“Entreprendre Ensemble” posts job offers and professional training courses as well as support to suit different profiles. Visit their website to find out more.

Emploi CCHF

<https://www.cchf.fr>

Discover the Hauts de Flandre Greater District Council platform for jobs, internships, work/study training programmes and courses available in the 40 towns across the territory!

Our jobs section

Job offers are regularly posted online. Why not take a look?

Want to set up or take over a business?
Explore the support available to you in the area:

La Turbine

La Turbine is Dunkirk's partner network made up of the main organisations existing in Dunkirk. They support people setting up a business including the form of franchise, the takeover, the development and transfer of businesses.

☎ 03 28 24 48 10 @ laturbine@tud.fr



Espace Eurêka

Located in the territory of the Hauts de Flandre Greater District Council, Eurêka and its business cluster support entrepreneurs, answering their queries in collaboration with its partners (the Region, consular chambers, support organisations and many experts).

☎ 03 28 24 48 10
@ eureka.entreprise@cchf.fr



DISCOVERING THE TERRITORY

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Some fun sites to visit and businesses to explore this season...



JOIN US FOR A TOUR OF THE TERRITORY

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As part of the support for employees who are relocating, we organise free guided tours of the region of Dunkirk...

If you're interested in one of our tours, please contact **Adeline Andricq**, our relocation support manager, to request more information or to sign up.

We can't wait to meet you!



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# OUR RETAIL TOP SPOTS

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Aventures BD is a Dunkirk bookshop that has specialised in comic books since it opened its doors in 2002 and has been located in Place du Beffroi since 2015.

In November 2022, its little sister opened on 13 Rue de la Marine. Named Aventures Mangas, it sells a wide range of **Japanese comics** while **Aventures BD focusses on the other two branches of the ninth art** (Franco-Belgian comic books and comics).

Together, these bookshops are home to around **17,000 items**, showcased by a team of enthusiasts who are devoted to finding the ideal work for anyone who asks for their advice.



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La Cave du Château is a rather atypical boutique which offers a unique selection of wines, spirits, rums, whiskeys and more than 300 types of beers.

As an accompaniment to these beverages, the boutique offers local deli-style delicacies such as old-fashioned sweets, tea, coffee, chocolates, spreads and sugared almonds. You'll see it has more than 150 exceptional teas and coffees for every taste.

This spot is also full of original gift ideas and visitors can put together their own gift baskets up to any value.

All of this is presented in a **lovingly restored 18th century building** spanning over 150m2. Housed in the former home of a public figure, this concept store has retained all its charm: chandeliers, moulding, herringbone parquet flooring, tiles, stained glass windows, ironwork and porcelain handles... offering a timeless experience.



## COMMERCIAL GAZETTE

Would you like to know more about our local businesses? Produced by the Greater Dunkirk Urban Council and La Turbine, our **commercial gazette Live in Dunkerque** is here to bring you the **latest news on local business and great spots to discover and explore each season.**

For this sixth edition, the subject of the editorial focusses on **CSR and the reuse of biodegradable waste** through 3 company profiles.



DISCOVER THE  
GAZETTES

LIVE IN DUNKERQUE





# SUSTAINABILITY INFORMATION

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**Relocating to Dunkirk means joining a sustainable territory, committed to reducing fermentable waste.**

See here for the actions you can take depending on the place where you live.



## DID YOU KNOW?

With just 20kg of kitchen and/or garden waste, you can get 7kg of good quality compost.

**DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR GREEN WASTE**



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In partnership with local municipalities, the Greater Dunkirk Urban Council actively encourages composting by offering inhabitants the opportunities to get an individual composter for free.

Currently, 15% of the Greater Dunkirk Urban Council's detached homes are already equipped with composters. To get your own, all you need to do is register for one of the composting sessions organised across six different sites, where you'll get all the information you need on composting and how to get a composter.

[Find out more about waste collection](#)

Contact Greater Dunkirk Urban Council:  
+ 33 (0)3 28 62 70 00



# SUSTAINABILITY INFORMATION

To further encourage composting, free training for inhabitants is available. Not only does this training teach domestic composting techniques, it leads inhabitants to become “composting guides” or “specialists on a community composting site in a shared garden”. These specialists have been specifically trained, gaining the necessary skills to encourage and manage a community composting facility.

## Composting and training

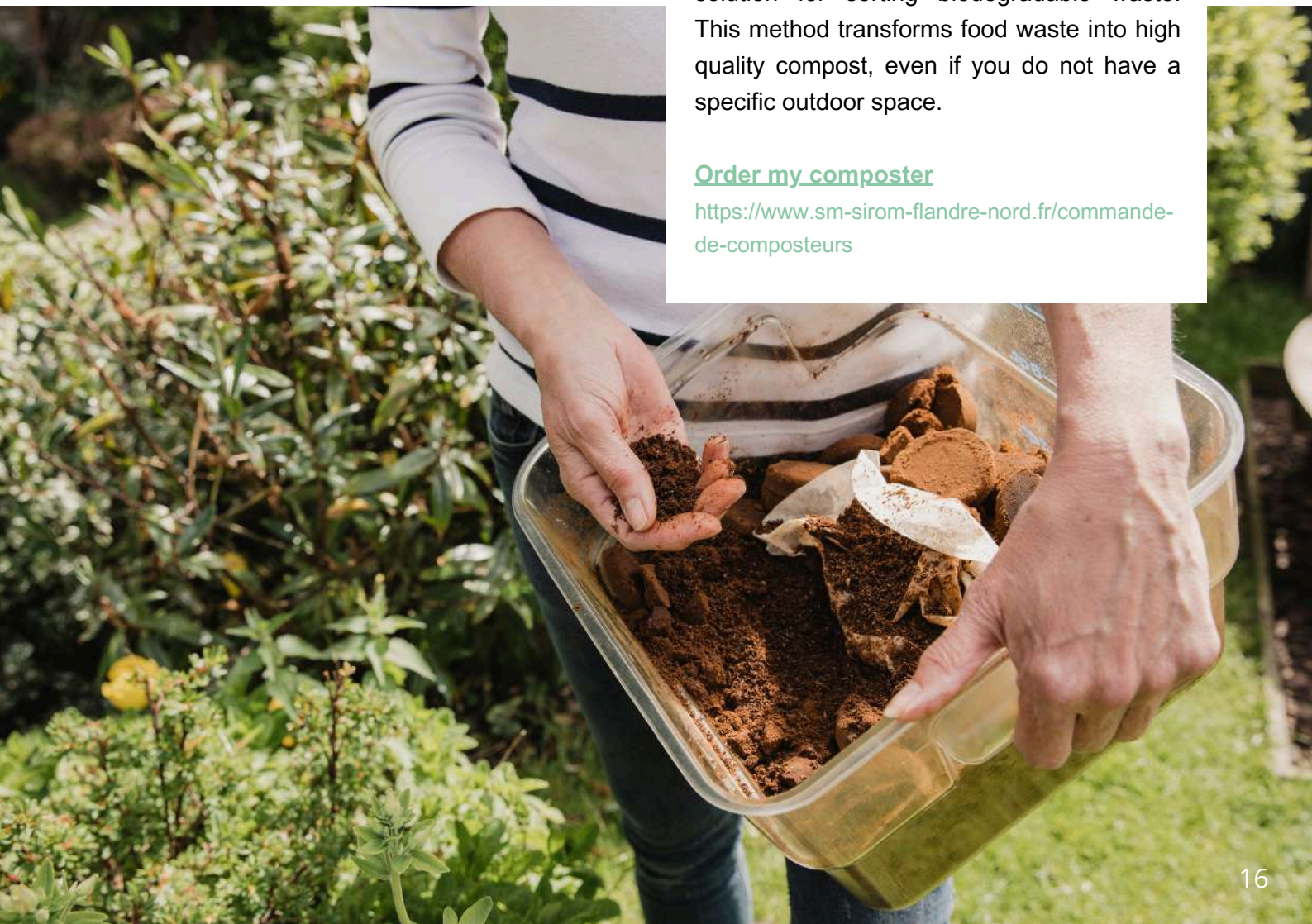
<https://www.communaute-urbaine-dunkerque.fr/compostage>

From 1 July 2017, the SIROM Flandre Nord (joint association for household waste collection) has been collecting waste and managing waste collection sites across the 40 towns of the Hauts de Flandre Greater District Council area (CCHF). This initiative aims to optimise waste collection and treatment with a view to environmental sustainability.

SIROM Flandre Nord provides a specific and beneficial biowaste reuse solution with a varied range of composters to suit different needs. It includes **five garden composter** models, ranging from 390 to 1,100 litres, manufactured from recycled and recyclable plastic in France. There are alternatives for those who do not have a garden. **BOKASHI, the kitchen composter**, is an efficient solution for sorting biodegradable waste. This method transforms food waste into high quality compost, even if you do not have a specific outdoor space.

## Order my composter

<https://www.sm-sirom-flandre-nord.fr/commande-de-composteurs>



## LIST OF MARKETS

Do you like fresh, seasonal produce? Then why not explore the territory's open air markets?

☐ **Bergues**

Monday, from 8am to 1pm, Place de la République, Place Gambetta, Place Henri Billiaert, Rue Nationale

July/August: Sunday, mini craft market, Grand Place

☐ **Bollezeele**

Tuesday, 8am to 1pm, town centre, Rue Carnot, Place de l'Hôtel de ville

☐ **Bourbourg**

Tuesday, 8am to 1pm, Centre-ville, rue Carnot, Place de l'Hôtel de ville

☐ **Bray-Dunes**

Thursday, 8am to 12:30pm, Place du 26 février 1883

July and August: Thursday, 2pm to 7pm, Boulevard Pompidou

Sunday, 8am to 12:30pm, Place square des anciens combattants

☐ **Cappelle-La-Grande**

Saturday, 8am to 1pm, Place Bernard Gouvert

☐ **Coudekerque-Branche**

Tuesday, 8am to 1pm, Place Mendès France, Route de Steendam

Friday, 8am to 1pm, Place de la Convention, Rue Voltaire

☐ **Dunkerque**

Wednesday and Saturday, 8am to 2pm, Dunkirk city centre - Place du Général de Gaulle and Cours François Bart

☐ **Fort Mardyck**

Friday, 8am to 1pm, Place de l'église

☐ **Ghyvelde-Les-Moères**

Sunday, 7am to 1pm, Place Maurice Cornette

☐ **Grande-Synthe**

Tuesday, 7:30am to 1pm, Place de l'Atrium

Thursday, 7:30am to 2pm, Avenue Hubert Dudebout

☐ **Grand-Fort-Philippe**

Monday, 8am to 12:30pm, Place Joseph Leprêtre



## LIST OF MARKETS

- ☐ **Gravelines**  
Wednesday, 9am to 12pm, Place Gustave Houriez  
Friday, 9am to 12pm, Place Denvers
- ☐ **Hondschoote**  
Friday, 7am to 1pm, Place du Général De Gaulle
- ☐ **Leffrinckoucke**  
Friday, 8am to 1pm, Place de la gare
- ☐ **Loon-Plage**  
Sunday, 7am to 1pm, Place Leprêtre
- ☐ **Malo-les-Bains**  
Tuesday, 8am to 1pm, Place Turenne
- ☐ **Petite-Synthe**  
Tuesday, 8am to 1pm, Place Saint Nicolas  
Thursday, 8am to 1pm, Place Louis XIV
- ☐ **Rosendaël**  
Sunday, 9am to 1pm, Place des martyrs de la Résistance
- ☐ **Saint-Pol-sur-Mer**  
Sunday, 8am to 1pm, Avenue Maurice Berteaux
- ☐ **Socx**  
Friday, 4pm to 7pm, la Placette
- ☐ **Téteghem-Coudekerque-Village**  
Tuesday, 4pm to 7pm, open air market, Place de la mairie
- ☐ **Watten**  
Friday, 8am to 12pm, Rue de Dunkerque
- ☐ **Wormhout**  
Wednesday, 8am to 12pm, Place du Général De Gaulle



# NOT TO BE MISSED

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Jump into the party and festival atmosphere with unmissable events this summer!





# SITES NOT TO BE MISSED

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Go right to the top and discover the town of Bergues from a new perspective by climbing the steps of its emblematic 47-metre belfry. At each stage of the ascent, you'll learn more about its history and you may even come across its carillon player, Jacques Martel.



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Unique to the Nord region, this natural and organic swimming area within the natural leisure park Parc Galamé is the perfect place for a spot of fun this summer. It has a beach volleyball court, a diving board area and free aqua gym classes!



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From 11 May, you can explore the grounds of Esquelbecq castle every weekend, just 25 minutes from Dunkirk. It is a symbol of French-Flemish architecture built at the end of the 16th century. Discover its history and visit the gardens and landscaped park on your own or on a guided tour.



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Anyone from Dunkirk will tell you that there's nothing better than taking a walk by the sea with friends or family to relax during the height of summer. And don't forget to get an ice-cream on the way!



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It's time for an adventure with friends or family in this leisure park located right in the heart of the natural and historical site of the Petite-Synthe Fort. There's a toby-jump, treetop adventure course, ziplines, climbing, treetop nets and even more to be explored in these 10 hectares of verdant space!



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Located in Grande-Synthe, the lake is set at the heart of a 50-hectare wooded park encompassing a sailing base. Each summer the park holds "Les Estivales", a programme full of free leisure, sports and recreational activities for all the family.



## DID YOU KNOW? DUNKIRK, TERRE DE JEUX FOR THE OLYMPICS 2024

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On 2 July, Dunkirk will be the venue for the Olympic Torch Relay, taking **a 4.5km route between the beach and Place Jean Bart**. A stopover is expected in the **Socx business park**, which is home to one of Coca-Cola's 7 factories in France. An event not to be missed as it symbolises the region's commitment to Olympism and its openness to the world.

You can find the full programme of events on the following websites: [cud.fr](http://cud.fr) and [cchf.fr](http://cchf.fr)

Finally, for those who want a more immersive Olympic experience, the city of Lille, less than an hour's drive from Dunkirk, will be hosting **handball and basketball events**. A great chance to support the French team and follow their Olympic journey!







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*Place du Centenaire / Place du Casino / beach and seafront / Kursaal – Dunkirk/Malo-les-Bains*

The big opening event of the summer, La Bonne Aventure festival, returns to the seaside resort of Malo-les-Bains for the seventh time.

New this year, **the festivities will take place over three days**, kicking off on Friday 21 June at 6pm in the Place du Centenaire to coincide with the Fête de la Musique and continuing on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June.



Admire the beach art on the seafront, embark on a secret walking or cycling trail, dance to the electro sounds in Place du Centenaire and feel the rhythm for two evenings on the Kursaal forecourt. **Discover an ambitious line-up of free concerts with headliners such as Disiz, Luidji, Jain and even Amadou & Mariam.**

[Find all the information you need about the line-up on La Bonne Aventure website](https://labonneaventurefestival.com/)

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## 28 AUGUST TO 1 SEPTEMBER

*Place du Centenaire in Dunkirk / Malo-les-Bains*

A fun destination on the North European coast, for the second year running, Dunkirk will be **the only stopover for the GKA Freestyle Kitesurfing World Cup**, from Wednesday 28 August to Sunday 1 September 2024: the world kite parade will be landing its colourful wings on the sand of Dunkirk, offering a breathtaking spectacle for all!



The GKA Kite World Tour **brings together the best riders in the world!** This stands as recognition of the quality of our coastline for kite surfing, a water sport that will be included in the 2024 Olympic Games.

The “Summer of Kite” village, concerts, DJ sets and wind and board sport activities will make this international sporting event a real ‘new generation’ summer festival for everyone!

Dunkirk now joins the list of spectacular spots on the GKA Kite World Tour, a fantastic opportunity to promote our region internationally.

**Not to be missed!** A free concert on the evening of Friday 30 August, on the forecourt of Dunkirk's Kursaal building.







# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18.07 - 21.07

The Het Lindeboom festival returns to the Galamé forest for four days of music and festivities – and it's all free of charge! The 22nd year of this event will showcase traditional music with a very feminine line-up.

The festival will have a range of activities and entertainment, making it a day for everyone! So come on down to **Loon-Plage** this summer!



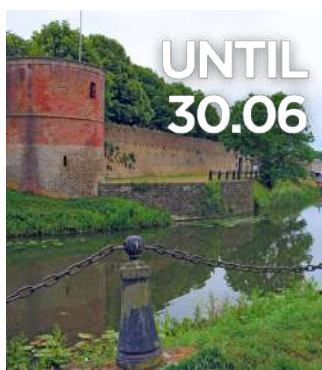
22.06 & 20.07

Walk with friends or family along the Flanders paths in the company of the Flanerie donkeys. A 2-hour walk, accessible to all, for an unforgettable experience!



JUNE 29 & 30

Take part in Ch'triman for a different kind of triathlon experience or come along and cheer on the athletes! There are courses suitable for all levels, from amateurs to seasoned pros, with distances ranging from races for under 11s to Ch'triman 226 km.



UNTIL 30.06

Cruise from the picturesque port to Fort Louis park, with departures on Sundays and public holidays at 3pm. Choose a one-way ticket or a return ticket for a 40 minute trip, with an optional stop and refreshments on board.



UNTIL 30.09

Come to PLUS (the Universe and Science Centre) in Cappelle-la-Grande to enjoy interactive simulations, discovering and developing professional skills in the industry. Open to children over 12 during the school term and during the school holidays.



AUGUST 31 & SEPT 1

Experience DUNKERQUE EN SURVÊT - "getting ready for the sports season in Dunkirk" at the Kursaal.

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*And in Maritime Flanders!*

Would you like to know more about the region and what's happening here, including useful tips, interesting information, activities, unmissable events and more!

Sign up for free to explore our four annual editions!

**Sign up now!**





# THANK YOU

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Get the next edition for the latest news and events and to learn more about the culture of Dunkirk. An edition that will help you get ready for the start of the new sports season!

Don't hesitate to leave us a review on our social networks!



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