Dunkirk
Cruise Port

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Dunkirk, the biggest French port on the North Sea coast, the heart of a conurbation of 210,000 inhabitants, is located in the centre of a triangle formed by Brussels, London and Paris.

This makes the town an ideal base for your exploration of the assets and the beauty of Northern Europe.

Dunkirk has taken full advantage of its prime location by developing an exceptional infrastructure of high quality road, rail and sea networks. With five capital cities within 300 kilometres, Dunkirk is at the centre of a market of more than 100 million consumers.

Dunkirk is a distinctive and unique area, perfectly suited for leisure, culture and business development. 15 kilometres of fine sandy beaches, lively seaside resorts, a 27 hole golf course, a Convention Centre (le Kursaal), a Modern Art Museum (LAAC), marinas, historical heritage such as the Operation Dynamo sites, well-known events like the Dunkirk Carnival, les 4 Jours de Dunkerque (cycle race) and the Tour de France for race yachts combine to make Dunkirk a modern, welcoming and friendly place.

Dunkirk is a constantly evolving town, engaged in a process of continuous improvement to offer an attractive area to live in or to visit.

Dunkirk and its conurbation is a diverse region: a major French port, an industrial area, a university town as well as a seaside resort. The town is host to cultural and festive events, and is committed to the principles of sustainable development. That’s why we choose Dunkirk!

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During occasional calls of passenger ships at berths assigned by the GPMD (F1, F3, F12 and F13) the GPMD’s Port Security Officer (PSO) applies to the Préfecture for a temporary RAA (Restricted Access Area) activation order for the duration of the ship’s call and the allotted berth.

The ship's operators and shipping agents undertake to put in place the following security measures, which represent a minimum threshold and may not be waived:

- **Access control** is in operation 24 hours a day at the entrance to the security area installed around the ship by the selected security company (approved by the Harbour Master's Office) under the responsibility of the Port Security Officer (PSO).

- **The filter control point** is in operation on board under the responsibility of the Ship Security Officer (SSO). A declaration of security (DOS) is drawn up to formalise the arrangement and adapt it to current conditions.

- **The security area** created by crowd-control barriers (Heras type) extends over a depth of 20 metres from the edge of the quay and over the entire length of the ship plus a distance of 20 m fore and aft, panels indicate the prohibited areas and lighting on the wharf side is kept on at night (see drawing). The security area is put in place at least one hour before the ship’s arrival alongside and a security inspection is made by the security officers. The arrangement is maintained until the ship’s departure.
● There must be at least two ISPS Level 2 security officers at all times to supervise the security area and control access. This team is modular according to expected numbers (embarkation and disembarkation of passengers, reception, provisioning) to prevent any congestion during access control.

● Access control must comply with the provisions of the order of 4 June 2008 on « conditions for access to RAAs ». It involves checking that all those entering (100%) are in possession of a document allowing them to board (national travel pass, boarding pass, travel document, etc) or that they have been announced by the ship (ship’s list of passengers or guests); this is subject to the presentation of an identity document (to ensure that the name is the same).

● Persons needing to enter the security area for professional reasons must show a national travel pass or a «port police» security badge or be announced by the ship (provisioning) 48 hours before the call, the ship or its representative, the shipping agent, must communicate to the Harbour Master’s Office and the Border Police the crew list, the list of passengers on board and the list of passengers and staff embarking or disembarking during the call.

● The ship’s agent must be informed by the ship, with the same notice period, of the planned provisioning and crew movements; he is then required to inform the Harbour Master’s Office and the appointed security company.
Cruise ships port of call

EASTERN PORT

- **WHARF 1**: Dedicated for cruises activities.

  **F1 QUAY**
  - Length: 165 m
  - Beam: 23.5 m
  - Draft: 7 m max

- **WHARF 6**: Not dedicated for cruises activities (private companies) only with private operators agreement.

  **Length**: 220 m
  **Beam**: 45 m
  **Draft**: 12.55 m (F12)
  **12.33 m (F13)**

- **F3 QUAY**
  - Length: 165 m
  - Beam: 23.5 m
  - Draft: 5.90 m max (F3 NORTH)
  - 6.20 m max (F3 MIDDLE)
  - 6.30 m max (F3 SOUTH)
Cruise ships port of call

WESTERN PORT

- No lock easy access
  Compulsory tug over speed wind limit

LORRAINE QUAY

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Port services

- Harbour Open 24/24

- Maximum Dimensions Charles de Gaulle Lock
  - Slack after high water:
    - Maximum length: 289.00 m (948.3 ft)
    - Maximum beam: 45.05 m (147.8 ft)
    - Maximum draught: 14.2 (46.5 ft)

- Anchorage available and not compulsory
  
  - Shuttle service: no
  - Ships tenders allowed: no
  - Pilotage compulsory: yes
  
  - Bunkering: yes
  - Gerbage disposal: yes
  - Water: yes
  - Provisions: yes
  - City center: 300 m
  - Train station: 500 m
  - Airport: 100 km
Looking for something trendy and fashionable?

A choice of clothing boutiques, but also international chains like H&M, Mango, Kookai, and Zara. French cosmetics and perfume classics such as Marionnaud and Sephora. The town boasts two indoor shopping centres.

The biggest hypermarket in French Flanders is located near Dunkirk

In Dunkirk, you can go shopping at the open markets every Wednesday or Saturday, all year long.

If you are a treasure hunter, take the opportunity to explore three giant annual flea markets, on Ascension Day, the 14th July and the 15th August. Do great bargains in a friendly atmosphere!

At the end of the year, go for a stroll on the Christmas market in the Dunkirk town centre, and let yourself be carried away by the magic!

Dunkirk: your next shopping destination
Gourmet Destination

Bons vivreurs, you'll feel at home here! Freshly caught fish and seafood take pride of place. Taste the succulent Dunkirk mussels. If you prefer meet, there's time to savour our very typical « potje-vleesch », or what about « carbonade flamande » (Flemish carbonade)... Discover the little brasseries, « the estaminets » (bars) or the restaurants listed in the gastronomic guides. All this, washed down with a local beer: our brewing culture demands it!

Come also to taste the local food at Crèmerie « La Ferme ». You will find delicious local cheeses like for example the famous Bergues or the Maroilles Cheese...

Don't forget to taste some « Doigts de Jean-Bart » before leaving! Our best pastry, unique in Dunkirk!
Stop over at Dunkirk!

… and discover a coastline celebrated for its invigorating air rich in iodine, its long stretches of fine sand and dunes, and its typical Flemish Villages…

1700 Acres of preserved sand dunes

Go for a walk on the 14 Miles of sandy beaches that stretch from Dunkirk to the Belgian border. Take the time to relax and to listen to the sound of the waves … Enjoy!

The conquest of land over water: A network of waterways… explore one of the oldest canals of France

Make a canal tour around the ramparts!

Discover the fortifications of Gravelines and the history of those who built them: the Counts of Flanders, the Spanish and finally the French under Louis XIV.

Dunkirk’s spectacular golf course offers a wide view over Flanders’ picturesque villages!

Dunkirk’s recently re-landscaped 27 hole golf course is now a must for any golfer. Nine highly original new holes have been added, inspired by the design of Dunkirk’s 17th century military fortifications. Driving off artillery towers and bastions and navigating moats and lakes all make for an unforgettable golfing experience.
Jean-Bart and the belfry

The Duchesse Anne
A city of privateers

Located at the narrow part of North Sea, Dunkirk was an inevitable way for the ships from Holland or United Kingdom to sail to other countries! According to the legend, Dunkirk was known as a city of shipwreckers! Come over to discover the Secret of the Leughenaer Tower, or the story of Jean-Bart, the famous privateer.

Discover Typical Flemish villages around Dunkirk and the unique UNESCO Heritage sites. Have a look at our Belfries and fortified cities that you won’t find anywhere else!

Bergues, Gravelines, Hondschoote… these typical Flemish villages in the heart of the French countryside boast beautiful churches and fascinating museums. Explore them on foot, by bike, by canal or even on horseback…

Port Museum

Discover Dunkirk’s rich maritime history at the Port Museum and on board the Duchesse Anne, a stunning schooner dating from 1901. The exhibition shows the operation of a big port and the life of the men and women who worked in it. It is situated in the heart of the historic port in an old tobacco warehouse.

LAAC (Modern Art Museum and Sculpture Park)

Have a look to those strange sculptures, water and rocks… imagined by the landscaper Gilbert Samel with its astonishing white architecture in ceramic! The museum is located near the beach and the port of Dunkirk: take a break and explore an amazing collection of modern art.
History has situated Dunkirk in the heart of the major international conflicts of the 20th century. The town suffered severe damage between 1914 and 1918 and was almost entirely destroyed in 1940. Dunkirk was also the last French town to be liberated, on 9th May 1945.

- **Mémorial du Souvenir - Battle of Dunkirk and Operation Dynamo museum**

  This museum is located in the fortifications that were built in 1874 to reinforce France’s coastal defence. Bastion 32 served as the headquarters for the French and Allied forces during the Battle of Dunkirk and Operation Dynamo.

  The Mémorial du Souvenir tells the incredible story of the battle and of the evacuation of more than 338,000 allied soldiers from the « Pocket of Dunkirk ».

  In the museum, you will discover a rich exhibition of maps, pictures and both allied and German military material. Scale models of the sites of the operation, uniforms and weapons complete the collection.

  A film using dramatic period footage, with a duration of approximately 15 minutes, gives an excellent overall view of the events of May-June 1940.

- **Fort des Dunes**

  Built in 1878-1880 this fort was, at the end of the 19th century, one of the main elements in the defense strategy of Dunkirk and its port!

- **British Memorial**

  Erected in 1957, following Great Britain’s initiative, this memorial pays homage to the 4,528 soldiers of the British ground forces and to 6 men of the Indian army, who were enlisted in 110 different units and who lost their lives during the combats of May-June 1940.

- **Princess Elizabeth**

  Built in Great Britain in 1926-1927, this paddle steamer was first used for leisure purposes, as an excursion steamer and as a ferry between Southampton and the Isle of Wight. At the outset of World War II, it was converted into a minesweeper and, a year later, it took part in operation Dynamo. Princess Elizabeth made four trips from Dover to Dunkirk to re-embark 1673 men in total, among which were 500 French soldiers.

- **The memorial to the battles of May-June 1940**

  Erected in 1962 and constructed symbolically from bricks from a quay over which the soldiers trod on their way to England, this monument gives homage to the sacrifice of the combatants that took part, in May-June 1940, in operation Dynamo, the biggest rescue mission in military history.

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