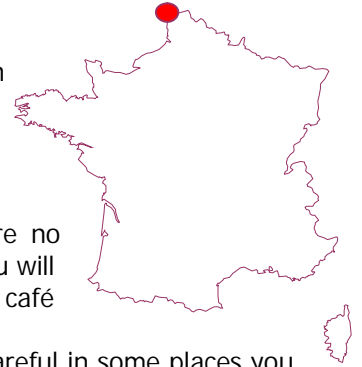


Season

March to middle of November.

We recommend you to book this tour 3 or 4 months before the departure date if you plan to walk it in summer time. Great demand and few rooms!



Difficulty: grade 2

this tour presents no major difficulty. You walk along the coastal path and there are no prolonged ascents and descents and no steep gradients. One stage is 23 km long but you will have always got a good reason to stop for a rest or have a drink at the terrace of a café lining the beach!

It's easy to follow the path running along the shore or on the edge of the cliffs but be careful in some places you are invited to leave the trail due to some landslip risks

Itinerary

5-day and 4-night self-guided walking holidays

Day 1 : Arrival at CALAIS. Visit of the city. Calais was severely devastated during the Second World War. In walking through the city, you will discover la Tour du Guet, built in the 13th century, the English styled church of Notre Dame, and just before the doors of the hotel de ville (town hall), Auguste Rodin's statue immortalizing the sacrifice of the six bourgeois of Calais who, bare foot and wearing nothing more than their shirts and a rope around their necks, presented to their vanquisher, Edward III, King of England, the key to the city.

Lodging and breakfast in a 2-star hotel in the town centre

Day 2 : CALAIS – WISSANT (20 km). Your exit from Calais will take you across the port to the beach, which will be your guide to Blérot-Plage. Continue along la Dune de Fort Mahon. This will bring you to Sangatte where you will cross above "le Tunnel Sous la Manche". Once you have arrived at le Cap-Gris-Nez you will climb 134 meters up the chalk cliffs. From this height and with clear skies you will see before you an inspiring view of the English coast across the channel, and the magnificent bay of Wissant, which stretches to the rocks of Cap-Gris-Nez - Half-board in a 1-star hotel with all facilities in the room in the centre of the village



Day 3 : WISSANT – WIMEREUX (23 km). From Wissant you will set out again for le Cap-Gris-Nez, this time by way of la Dune du Chatelet. Remember to take time to admire the view from the Cap. The descent from the Cap crosses dry, rocky valleys and brings you to the family seaside resort of Audresselles and Ambleteuse. You will next cross the Slack river, once a harbour protected by Fort Mahon and walk across the dunes of Slack with their typical vegetation, today a protected ecosystem. You will next arrive at la Pointe aux Oies and continue on to the seaside resort of Wimereux.

Half-board in a 2-star hotel near the sea

Day 4 : WIMEREUX – BOULOGNE (8 km). This journey is short, but it offers gorgeous views of the harbor of Boulogne, France's first fishing harbor. You will have the opportunity to visit Nausicaa, the largest aquarium in Europe, and the old city of Boulogne. The city was built on a hill which, at the time, was inhabited by Romans. Its narrow streets and beautiful old homes are still protected by the ramparts that encircle the city.

Lodging and breakfast in a 2-star hotel

Day 5 : BOULOGNE SUR MER. The tour ends after breakfast

Access to and from

Outward journey from Paris

By train: Calais is reached by many non-TGV trains from Paris Gare du Nord (2 hours). Many trains from Boulogne sur Mer to Paris Gare du Nord.

By car : take the A1 motorway and then the A26 motorway past Arras to reach Calais

Car parking : Several car parks in Calais , free of charge and not guarded and one guarded pay parking near the Calais rail station. Return to Calais by train to get your car back.

Inward journey to Paris

By train : Many direct services from Boulogne sur Mer to Paris Gare du Nord in about 2 hours

By car : A26 and A1 motorways or A16 motorway to go back to Paris

From and to UK

It's easy to cross the channel by ferry or train and reach Calais

Calais-Frethun Eurostar Station is located approximately 5 miles from the centre of Calais. It is approximately 30 minutes from Ashford and less than 2 hours from Waterloo. A free shuttle bus service runs between Calais-Frithun and Calais town centre (approx. 12 km or 8 miles). Buses are timed to connect with each Eurostar departure and arrival. Return from Boulogne to Calais by train where you catch these shuttles to go to the Eurostar station.

Accommodation

2 overnight stops on B&B basis in 2-star hotel at Calais and Boulogne. On these nights an evening meal can be obtained close by.

2 overnight stops on a half-board basis at Wissant and Wimereux.

Accommodation is normally in large bed or twin-bedded rooms, with en-suite facilities (at least shower, washbasin and toilet) when available, which is 95% of the time. However, you can stay in remote spots or small villages where there is little or no choice of accommodations and where facilities may be limited. In this case, you will share a bathroom or shower room and toilets with some other people on the same storey.

Picnic lunches are not included in the tour but are available from the hotel on request the previous evening, alternatively picnic materials can be bought at the stop village or at each of the towns and villages along the route. We indicate in the route notes where there are suitable restaurants or cafés for lunch stops. We recommend you to carry food and drinks if there are none convenient to the trail.

Included

- Twin share accommodation with private facilities
- Baggage transfer between hotels (except for STD option)
- Route notes and maps
- 2 dinners
- Emergency phone number (8:00am to 7:00pm every day)

Not included

- Visa fees, transportation fees to and from the walk area
- Insurance (strongly recommended on all trips)
- Transfers except those mentioned above
- Drinks
- Additional meals
- Spending of personal nature e.g. laundry, souvenirs, phone calls,...



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