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Have the greatest times of your life!

Our region has so much to offer, you won't know where to start! One thing is for sure - whatever you chose, it'll be unforgettable! Maritime discoveries, contemporary strolls, fun family activities, escapades and hikes in the salty sea air: 30 places to visit and experience in our towns, seaside resorts, sandy dunes and open country.

Discover our 30 must-see sites, the best Dunkirk and French Flanders has to offer!

Enjoy your visit!



History and heritage

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History and heritage

💶 Dunkirk 1940 Museum

The Dunkirk 1940 Museum recounts the events of Operation Dynamo in May-June 1940, when 338,000 soldiers were evacuated by ship to England. Photographs, maps and military equipment help visitors understand this historic event.

Courtines du bastion 32
 Rue des Chantiers de France - Dunkerque



- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 66 79 21
- 🚯 musée dunkerque 1940 opération dynamo
- 奈 contact@dynamo-dunkergue.com www.dynamo-dunkergue.com
- 📩 Daily, April to November: 10 am 6 pm.
- € 5€/8€ 🕑 1h/1h30



A video, precise didactic panels, an abundance of wartime equipment and scale models... they've got everything!



An exceptional site that deserves our attention! Buildings, caponiers... it'll blow you away! And just wait until you see the magnificent panoramas from the belvederes. grancis

Fort des Dunes

An emblematic site of our historic heritage, the Fort des Dunes combines military art and remembrance in natural surroundings. From its inner depths to its grassy rooftops, it is one of the sites of Operation Dynamo. Stepping through the door is a step back in time!

- ♀ Rue du 2 juin 1940 Leffrinckoucke
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 29 13 17
- contact@ot-leffrinckoucke.fr www.fort-des-dunes.fr
- 3 April to 30 September / Tuesday to Sunday, 10:30 am to 6 pm
- € 2.50€ / 5€ / Children under 7 free 🕑 2h

Paths of Remembrance

From the blockhouses dotting the dune to the shipwrecks of Operation Dynamo, discover what Bray-Dunes was like during these periods of conflict as you walk along the beach and through the dunes.

- Paray-Dunes Tourist Office
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 26 61 09
- 奈 contact@ot-braydunes.fr
- € 1.50€ per booklet 🕑 1h30



I didn't know there were blockhouses from the First World War in the Dunes. An interesting tour combining history with a hike through the dunes and on the beach. J Bernard



💶 St Eloi Belfry

Built in 1440, the belfry towers over the city, harbour and beach from a height of 58 m. Visit this monument at your leisure (elevator, then about 60 steps) and enjoy the 360° panorama its terrace offers.



- ♀ Rue de l'Amiral Ronarc'h Dunkerque
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 66 79 21 🕧 visit dunkerque
- accueil.dunesdeflandre@ot-dunkerque.fr www.dunkerque-tourisme.fr
- Monday to Friday: 10 am 11:30 am / 2 pm 5:30 pm
 Saturday: 10 am 5:30 pm
 - > Sunday and bank holidays: 10 am 11:15 am / 2 pm 3:15 pm > July and August: 10 am 5:30 pm.
- € 2.50€/3.50€ 🕑 30 minutes



A site that is worth the detour: a magnificent, breath-taking panoramic view of downtown Dunkirk. 99 Jean



old views of the city and see what has changed and what has stayed the same.

Architectural Walking Tour

Dive into the heyday of sea bathing, from the first seaside villas to one of today's most popular resorts, Bray-Dunes.

- Bray-Dunes Tourist Office
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 26 61 09
- 奈 contact@ot-braydunes.fr
- € 1.50€ per booklet 🕑 1h30

Take one of the three self-guided tours offered by the Dunkirk Tourist Office:

- ① « Discovering our seaside villas »
- 2 « Dunkirk: the city, harbour, and beaches by bike »
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- € 1: 0.50€ / 2: 1€ / 3: Free 🕑 1- to 2-hour tours.

Where history blends with the present. Retrace Leffrinckoucke's past, from wartime to the present day! On the walk, you'll discover the rich biodiversity that has developed among the local dunes and historic sites.



Leffinckoucke Tourist Office

Maritime discoveries

Port Museum

The Port Museum offers 1,600 m² of exhibition space, 4 centuries of history, 500 exposed works (scale models, videos, paintings, etc.) and 5 sites to visit: the museum, three ships and the Risban Lighthouse (60m high).

- ♀ Quai de la Citadelle Dunkerque
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 63 33 39
- 奈 contact@museeportuaire.fr www.museeportuaire.com
- > October to June (except school holidays), daily (except Tuesday): 10 am - 12:30 pm / 1:30 pm - 6 pm
 > School holidays, July and August, daily: 10 am - 12:30 pm / 1:30 pm - 6 pm > Closed in January
- € 8€/14€ 🕑 2h



66 A 1 ½-hour visit in an absolutely fabulous museum with splendid paintings and photos. Wonderful scale models in a perfect setting. **99** Béatrice



A great family visit of Dunkirk's port. Very interesting explanations everyone can understand. g Marion

Texel - Visit of the port by boat

Discover the giant facilities of France's 3rd largest port aboard the "Texel". A not-to-be-missed excursion to learn about life on the port and surrounding seas.

- ♀ Jetty Place du Minck Dunkerque
- | +33 (0)3 28 66 79 21
- 奈 contact@le-texel.fr www.le-texel.fr
- July August: Daily, 2 excursions every day. Rest of the year: depending on group reservations (see web site).
- € 7.80€/9.90€/31€ 🕑 1h

Tourville - Shipyard

At the heart of a craft village with a blacksmith shop, smokehouse, scale model workshop and sculptors studio, you can follow the construction of the "Jean Bart", a life-size, first-rank ship from the reign of Louis XIV.

- ♀ Route de Calais Gravelines
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 21 22 40 🚯 la taverne du Jean Bart
- 奈 tourville@wanadoo.fr www.tourville.asso.fr
- April to October Monday to Sunday: 10 am 12 pm / 2 pm 5 pm (Closed Monday morning)

> November to March - Tuesday to Friday and the 2nd weekend of the month: 10 am - 12 pm / 2 pm - 5 pm - Saturday: 10 am - 12 pm



L A monumental project where you'll meet kind-hearted people displaying unparalleled motivation. Not to be missed. **J Rudy**



🧧 Musée de la mer

This maritime museum showcases the difficult work and daily lives of cod fishermen and their families through a number of period documents and model boats.

🔟 Musée du sauvetage

This ecomuseum showcases the exploits of sea rescuers. Through pictures and objects, discover the history of sea rescue, from the first line-throwing guns and life preservers to modern lifeboats.

- Musée de la mer : bd Carnot Grand-Fort-Philippe
 Musée du sauvetage : bd de la République Grand-Fort-Philippe
- +33 (0)3 28 51 94 00
 Musée de la mer : +33 (0)3 28 23 98 39
 Musée du sauvetage : +33 (0)3 28 23 10 12
- contact@gravelinestourisme.fr
- April to June and September Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays: 2 pm - 6 pm > July / August - Monday: 9 am - 12 pm - Wednesday to Sunday: 2 pm - 6 pm
- € 3€ for entrance to both museums



ff These two sites steeped in history are full of magic and emotion. **JJ Stéphane**

66 At the top of the lighthouse overlooking the seaside resort, I discovered an exceptional panoramic view of Gravelines. **J** Dominique



Petit-Fort-Philippe Lighthouse

The lighthouse culminates at a height of 30 metres. What makes it so distinctive is its spiralling black stripe. Climb its 116 steps to discover a breath-taking view. An exhibit traces the lighthouse's history and the daily life of its keepers since 1843.

- ♀ Seawall Gravelines 📋 +33 (0)3 28 24 99 79
- > mid-April to mid-October: Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays,
 2 pm 6 pm > July and August: Wednesday to Sunday and bank holidays, 2 pm 6 pm

€ 2€

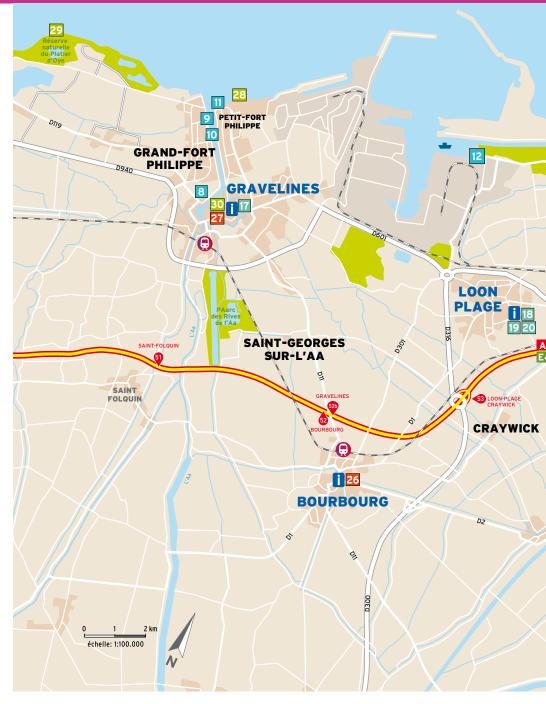
DFDS Ferries

Dover and its famous white cliffs are just 2 hours from Dunkirk by ferry! With its 24 daily crossings, DFDS invites you to cross the Channel in comfort before spending a day in Great Britain!

- Car Ferry Terminal Route du Petit Denna Port 5625 Loon-Plage
 +33 (0)2 32 14 68 50
- resapaxdetroit@dfds.com www.dfdsseaways.fr € From 49€ O Crossing takes 2h15



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Family outings



Dunkirk Grand Littoral Zoo

Nestled in a natural setting, the Zoo is home to more than 250 animals representing approximately fifty species. Come see the seals, otters, beavers, lynx and other species along a landscaped trail. Try out our new attraction: a petting zoo!

Rue des Droits de l'Homme - Fort-Mardyck
 +33 (0)3 28 27 26 24
 zoo.fort.mardyck



- 📀 www.parc-zoologique.fr
- > April to September: Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays: 10 am - 6 pm
 - > February, March / October, November: 10 am 5 pm
- € 2€/4€ 🕑 1h30/2h



F Perfect for a family outing, with well-designed informative panels and activities all year long!



6 A fun place to visit, with or without the kids: learn about the planets and astronomy while having fun! A must-see if you're in the area. **99** Audrey

Palais de l'Univers et des Sciences

Let the 360° planetarium take you on an extraordinary journey as you soar into the heart of the universe! Prepare yourselves for a family trip into space. At the Palais de l'Univers et des Sciences, the universe is yours to discover!

♀ Rue du planétarium - Cappelle-la-Grande



- reservation@le-plus.fr www.le-plus.fr
- > Monday to Friday: 9 am 5 pm / Saturday: 10:30 am 5:30 pm
 > School holidays (Zone B): Tuesday to Friday: 10 am 5:30 pm
 / Saturday and Sunday: 10:30 am 5:30 pm
- € From 2 to 8€ 🕑 1h

Image: Halle aux sucres

Housed in a former port warehouse, the Halle aux Sucres is a resource centre for subjects relating to sustainable cities. Open to the public, this unique site with distinctive architecture invites us to explore its learning centre and exhibit dedicated to "Sustainable Cities".

- ♀ Quai Freycinet 3 Môle 1 Dunkerque
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 64 60 49 (halleauxsucres
- halleauxsucres@cud.fr www.halleauxsucres.fr
- > Exhibits Tuesday to Saturday: 10 am 7 pm
 > Public computer room and forum Monday to Saturday: 10 am 7 pm
 > Resource centre Wednesday to Saturday: 10 am 7 pm

€ Free 🕑 1h30



ff Take the time to admire the wonderful view of Dunkirk's port from the belvedere! الع Laurie



Family outings

遁 Malo Aquarium

The aquarium is home to a wide range of aquatic animal and plant species (tropical, North Sea and fresh water species).

- ♀ 45 avenue du Casino Dunkerque Malo-les-Bains
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 59 19 18
- aquarium@ville-dunkerque.fr www.ville-dunkerque.fr/ decouvrir-sortir-bouger/culture/laquarium-de-dunkerque
- March to September Daily, except Tuesday: 10 am 12 pm / 2 pm 6 pm
 October to February Daily, except Tuesday: 10 am 12 pm / 2 pm 5:30 pm
- € 1.50€ / 3€ 🕑 30-45 minutes



Left The aquarium gives young kids a great introduction to underwater life thanks to the quality and diversity of the species presented!



L A very pleasant and relaxing boat ride. **J** Christiane

🔟 Vauban promenade

Vauban promenade invites you to discover Vauban's work by rowboat, pedal boat or electric boat, in the only French city that has ramparts entirely surrounded by water.

- ♀ Rue de Dunkerque Gravelines 📋 +33 (0)3 28 65 33 77
- > April to June and September Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays: 2 pm - 6 pm
 > July and August - Daily: 2 pm - 7 pm
- € 7€/20€

🗉 Galamé Park

Galamé Park is one of the region's most popular green spaces, thanks to the recreational activities it has to offer: natural swimming pool, petting zoo, treetop adventure course, miniature golf course and fishing pond.

- ♀ 655 rue Gaston Dereudre Loon-Plage
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 58 03 43 \, < www.ferme-galame.org
 - 🖞 > March to June / September-October: 9 am 7 pm
 - > July-August: 9 am 8 pm > November to February: 9 am 5 pm



ff A relaxing break in a natural setting. **Jy Sophi**e



د A fun time to enjoy with family or friends. پر Christophe

Musée des jeux traditionnels

Housed in a typical old Flemish farmhouse, this museum of traditional games invites visitors to discover fun games of yesteryear and today. The museum can be reserved for birthday parties.

- 645 rue Gaston Dereudre Loon-Plage
- 📘 +33 (0)3 28 61 52 45 \, < www.ferme-galame.org
- Mid-April to June: Wednesday, Saturday: 2 pm 6 pm / Sunday: 3 pm 7 pm
 July/August: Tuesday to Sunday: 2 pm 7 pm
 - > September/October: Wednesday, Saturday: 2 pm 6 pm / Sunday: 3 pm 7 pm
- € 2€/3€



🔤 Maison de la nature

Enter a beehive and learn about the work of bees at the Maison de la Nature. This site dedicated to bees also offers permanent and temporary exhibits on nature and the environment.

- ♀ 655 rue Gaston Dereudre Loon-Plage
-] +33 (0)3 28 58 03 43 \, 💎 www.parcgalame.org
 - > July/August Daily: 1:30 pm 6:30 pm
 - > June/September Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday: 1:30 pm 5:30 pm
 - > October to April Wednesday and Saturday: 1:30 pm 5:30 pm
 - > School holidays Tuesday to Saturday: 1:30 pm 5:30 pm



LE My children were very curious to learn about the world of bees. **99** Marine

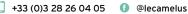


L A great afternoon with the family. The kids will have fond memories of seeing all the animals. **JJ** Julie

Le Camélus

Have you ever seen a Watusi, a four-horned sheep or fed an ostrich? More than one hundred animals representing over forty species are waiting to meet you: wallabies, emus, buffalos, camels, rabbits, rheas and more.

♀ 211 route d'Uxem - Ghyvelde





- info@le-camelus.com www.le-camelus.com
- 📩 Beginning in April 🛭 € 5.50€ / 6€

22 Bray-Dunes Miniature Golf Course

Located just minutes from the beach in a wooded setting, this 18-hole miniature golf course invites you to have a fun time with family or friends.

- Information and reservations: "La Cabine de Plage" 840 boulevard Georges Pompidou
- 📋 +33 (0)9 82 38 65 01 < lacabinedeplage@gmail.com
- 📩 Beginning in April, daily: 10 am to 7 pm € From 4,10€ 📀 1h



ff A fun, relaxing time for the whole family. **55** Cathy



L There's going to be a completely new park on the beach, with new attractions, an adventure course ... a great place for kids. **JJ** Céline

Bonflé à Bloc Playground

A playground for children aged 3 to 12. Pirate-themed inflatable attractions, inflatable adventure courses, slides and multi-play structures. New attractions: bowling alley, inflatable baby park, and the Pirate Forest with its 9-station adventure course.

- Pray-Dunes Beach +33 (0)6 72 36 08 01
- contact@gonfle-a-bloc.com www.leparc-braydunes.com
- March to May Weekends: 10 am 8 pm > June Weekends and
 Wednesday: 10 am 8 pm > July/August Daily: 10 am 8 pm > September
 Weekends: 2 pm 8 pm > French and Belgian holidays: Open daily
- € From 4 to 10€ 🕑 From 30 minutes to a full day

Contemporary strolls

FRAC Grand-Large Hauts-de-France

The Regional Contemporary Art Collection (FRAC) stands like a glass ship facing the sea. Its six levels, which house exhibition galleries, artist studios, and a meeting hall, invite visitors to get up-close and personal with contemporary art.

- 503 avenue des Bancs de Flandre Dunkerque
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 65 84 20
- 奈 info@fracnpdc.fr www.fracnpdc.fr
- 🛗 Wednesday to Friday: 2 pm 6 pm / Weekends: 11 am 7 pm
- € 2€/3€ 엉 1h30/2h



The collection, the architecture, the location – it's a surprising place all around! I took as many pictures of the building itself as I did of the art!



A place that's worth the visit. A pleasant, moving park. There are the permanent exhibits, and always others on new themes! J Annie

25 LAAC

Just minutes from the beach and surrounded by a sculpture, water, stone and wind garden, the Contemporary Art and Action Centre (LAAC) challenges the sky with its stunning, white ceramic architecture. It holds a rich collection of more than 1,500 works of art from the 1940s to the 1980s.

- ♀ 302 avenue des Bordées Dunkerque
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 29 56 00
- art.contemporain@ville-dunkerque.fr www.musees-dunkerque.eu

Monday to Friday: 9.30 am - 6 pm. Weekends and bank holidays: 10am - 18 pm. Closed on 01/01-01/05-15/08- 01/11-25/12- 24/12 and 31/12 afternoon - Mardi Gras afternoon and Sunday after Mardi Gras.

€ 2€/4€ 🞯 1h30/2h

CIAC and the Chapel of Light

An astounding work of art by Sir Anthony Caro, the Chapel of Light has found a home in the church choir, thus creating a harmonious combination of Gothic, modern and religious elements. The Art and Culture Interpretive Centre (CIAC) hosts exhibits, art workshops, and more.

- Chapel of Light: Saint John the Baptist Church, place du marché aux chevaux - Bourbourg CIAC : rue Pasteur - Bourbourg
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 22 01 42
- www.ciacbourbourg.fr
- Monday to Saturday, 9 am 6 pm and Sunday, 2 pm 6 pm
- € Free ⊘ 45 minutes



I discovered an exceptional piece of our architectural heritage at Bourbourg and St John the Baptist Church, a place where light prevails!



Musée du dessin et de l'estampe

Housed in the powder magazine of the Château Arsenal built by Charles V in 1528, the Musée du Dessin et de l'Estampe Originale is the only museum in France that is solely dedicated to engraving and printmaking.

- Place Albert Denvers Gravelines
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 51 81 00
- 奈 www.gravelines-musee-estampe.fr
- > September to June Monday and Wednesday to Friday: 2 pm 5 pm > Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays: 3 pm - 6 pm
 - > July and August Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 2 pm 6 pm -Friday to Sunday and bank holidays: 10 am - 12 pm / 3 pm - 6 pm
- € 2.50€ / 3.50€ 🔗 45 minutes



I really enjoyed the engraving workshop I attended. I had the chance to handle some astonishing tools.

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Nature and the great outdoors

Seaside Activities

Sand yachting, kitesurfing, sailing, stand up paddle boarding, aqua-walking - there's no end to what our beaches have to offer. 15 kilometres of sandy beaches to get your adrenaline running, with

a guide or on your own. All you have to do is make a reservation! Sign up for a class, time or rental online using your computer, tablet or smartphone, at www.lesdunesdeflandre.fr or on Facebook at "Les Dunes de Flandre".







Take a break in our green areas. Step off the beaten track to discover havens of calm and relaxation.

With its 33 hectares of open green space, **Fort Louis Park in Coudekergue-Branche** is perfect for romantic strolls or family outings. The park is open year round and offers a number of sporting, cultural and historic activities.

> Rue des Forts - Coudekerque-Branche

With its new **improvements, Grand-Fort-Philippe's Estran Park**, the gateway to the Platier d'Oye Nature Reserve, is the ideal place to relax and learn about local flora and fauna.



For a sport-filled break, visit the green landscapes of **Dunkirk's** Bluegreen Golf Course, at the heart of Bois des Forts, to try your hand or perfect your game.

> 2075 route du golf - Coudekerque-Village +33 (0)3 28 61 07 43 - dunkerque@bluegreen.com

From Malo-les-Bains to Bray-Dunes, an environment like no other filled with remarkable landscapes awaits you: 3 protected dunes (Dune Dewulf in Leffrinckoucke, Dune du Perroquet in Bray-Dunes and Dune Marchand in Zuydcoote), more than 1,000 hectares of natural areas, and 1,000 years of history and maritime traditions. You're definitely in the Flanders Dunes, soon to be a "Grand Site de France". Whether you're young or old, an explorer or an enthusiast, or simply curious, come discover a coastal area that is full of surprises.

💴 Nature Trails

Exploring our outdoor hiking trails is the perfect way to discover our beautiful region. Here are our Top 3 short hikes along our beautiful coast, from Gravelines to Bray-Dunes. From our historic fortifications to the dunes, the great outdoors are waiting for you!

> The maritime fortress (4 km) at Gravelines

This hike through the fortified seaside city leads you along and around the ramparts. From the wall-walks, take a moment to admire these superb historic constructions and the exceptional views of the landscape around Gravelines.

> Dune Dewulf (6 km) at Leffrinckoucke

On a 6-kilometre hike, discover this multi-faceted dune with its rich flora and fauna. Learn about the different types of dunes, from the embryonic dune along the foreshore (beach) to the wooded dune.

> Dune du Perroquet (5 km) at Bray-Dunes

A nature hike you can enjoy year round on the Dune du Perroquet. Come discover the hidden "treasures" of the beach and dune. (2 \in)









The CPIE organizes hikes in the dunes. Find the dates online at **www.cpieflandremaritime.fr**

And your little explorers will find everything they'll need to accompany you on your adventure in their dune rucksack: binoculars, a magnifying glass, worksheets, quizzes, and more. Get one free at the CPIE (in Zuydcoote) or one of the tourist offices.



LES DUNES DE FLANDRE GRAND SITE DE FRANCE EN PROJET

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DUNKERQUE

> Downtown, the Belfry

- ♀ Rue de l'Amiral Ronarc'h
- +33 (0)3 28 66 79 21
- 💾 Open year round

> Malo-les-Bains seaside resort



- 9 1 place du Centenaire
- 📋 +33 (0)3 28 58 10 10
- 💾 Open April to September

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BRAY-DUNES

- Place Jérôme-Rubben
- +33 (0)3 28 26 61 09
- 💾 Open year round

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GRAVELINES

- ♀ 2 rue Léon-Blum
- +33 (0)3 28 51 94 00
- 🛗 Open year round



LOON-PLAGE

> Maison de la Nature

- ♀ 655 rue Gaston-Dereudre
- +33 (0)3 28 27 39 00
- 💾 Open year round

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BOURBOURG

> Art and Culture Interpretive Centre (CIAC)

- ♀ 1 rue Pasteur Bourbourg
- +33 (0)3 28 65 83 83
- 🛗 Open year round

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LEFFRINCKOUCKE

- ♀ 726 bd Jean-Baptiste Trystram
- +33 (0)3 28 69 05 06
- 🛗 Open February to November

COUDEKERQUE-BRANCHE

- **Q** Rue Henri-Ghesquière
- +33 (0)3 28 64 60 00
- 💾 Open year round





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