The Opal Coast

The French **Opal Coast** is so easily accessible and therefore offers a wide variety of interesting opportunities for a school day excursion.

Itinerary

Depart school very early for a breakfast-time ferry crossing or Eurotunnel to Calais. Arrive in the Opal Coast area for late morning sightseeing. Depart early evening, returning by ferry/Eurotunnel. Arrive back at school in

the late evening. The amount of time available in the Opal Coast area is limited to approximately six hours, but could be less dependent upon the location of your school.

FROM ONLY **The Opal Coast**

Prices are representative per person on a minimum of 40 paying members travelling low season.



Included in this tour

- Return coach travel from your school Return ferry crossing or Eurotunnel
- Use of your coach throughout the excursion All road tolls, taxes, and driver's expenses Free staff places at the ratio of 1:10
- Museum reservation service 24hr emergency on call service

Prices are representative per person on a minimum of 40 paying passengers on a Sunday to Thursday departure from Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Kent, London, Surrey or Cambridgeshire.

Low season	Mid season	High season
£40	£44	£46



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Study visits

Boulogne sur Mer

The ancient historic town is France's premier fishing port and the capital of the 'Cote d'Opale'. Situated about 25 minutes drive from Calais, Boulogne offers a blend of the old and the new. The old town is a labyrinth of cobbled streets and medieval houses, while the new town offers pleasant pedestrian streets and an abundance of welcoming shops.

Becasuc

A small sweet factory in Boulogne Town where groups will see a demonstration of handmade sweet manufacture in a visit that lasts about 45 minutes. There is an opportunity to purchase sweets at the end of the demonstration. Becasuc is always a favourite and can be conveniently combined with Nausicaa, which is only a short drive away.

Nausicaa

The Sea Life Centre in Boulogne is Europe's largest complex devoted to the marine universe. In this fascinating visit you can explore life in the oceans from all latitudes from a tropical lagoon to the cold seas and unfathomable depths. This is an educational visit with a difference where you will come face to face with more than 10,000 fish, terrifying sharks and sea lions.

Le Touquet

A popular seaside resort just over an hour's drive from Calais. Fine sandy beach, a good shopping centre and the Aqualud waterland adventure park.

St. Omer

A charming historic market town with the 13th century Notre Dame Cathedral, preserved sections of the old town, quiet streets and wonderful gardens. This is an ideal place to spend time after a visit to La Coupole or the Blockhaus d'Eperlecques.

Montreuil

A pretty medieval walled town with picturesque cobbled streets, 13th century citadel and superb views from the town's ramparts. An ideal location to combine with your visit to the Chocolaterie in Beussent.

Chocolaterie de Beussent

The chocolate factory at Beussent is located about an hour's drive from Calais. During your 45 minute visit you will see a fascinating demonstration of how handmade chocolates are manufactured. The visit finishes with the opportunity to taste and also buy chocolates from the factory shop.

Agincourt

In 1415, on fields near the village of Azincourt, the English army, led by King Henry V, crushed the French army even though the English were outnumbered by at least three to one. Standing on this historic site of the battle, is the recently opened Medieval Centre. A two hour visit is recommended to view the interactive exhibits and take the opportunity to touch and handle arms and armour.



Desvres Pottery

The lively market town of Desvres has been famous for centuries for the manufacture of decorated ceramics. For anyone interested in pottery and seeing skilled craftspeople at work, Desvres is well worth a visit!

Sire Decrequy Cheese Farm

See traditional cheese-making methods in the farm's workshop, visit the cellars where the cheese is aged and stored then taste some of the farm's produce with the opportunity to buy. The farm is situated about an hour's drive south of Calais and a visit lasts approximately one hour.

Caves at Naours

Located between Amiens and Doullens, the underground city of Naours is a whole city that has been excavated 33 metres under ground.

Boulangerie Maillard

This small traditional boulangerie is near the village of Neufchatel-Hardelot, 12 miles south of Boulogne. During your one hour visit, students will have the opportunity to make their own bread and everyone will receive a croissant and cake.

World War II sites

It may be possible to include one or more of the following places: World War II Museum Ambleteuse, Battery Todt, Mimoyecques, Eperlecques, La Coupole, Calais War Museum, Dunkirk.

