Explore Dunkerque

Hop over the English Channel for a change of scenery. Even if Dunkerque is just a stone’s throw from Britain, you will enjoy the feeling of being abroad. If you don’t feel like driving too far, Dunkerque is definitely a destination to consider.

WHERE TO GO:

Parc Zoologique Dunkerque Grand Littoral
Located between the DFDS ferry terminal and the Dunkerque town centre, this zoo recreates the natural environment and habitats of its 170 animals of 40 wild and domestic species of French and European wildlife. It is not too big, so the zoo is perfectly fit for families with young children. Moreover, it is cheap: Adults pay € 4, children € 2!

Dunkerque Belfry
This typically Flemish tower is a listed UNESCO World Heritage site. It is open to visitors. On the fifth floor, you will see and hear a superb carillon of 50 bells. There is a lift up to the fifth floor, and 65 steps to get to the top, from where the view of the city and the surrounding area is breath-taking.

Dunkirk war museum
If you are traveling with teenagers, the Dunkirk 1940 – Operation Dynamo museum should be on your list. Discover the incredible story of the “Miracle of Dunkirk”, the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force and more than 100,000 French troops in May-June 1940. And if you really want to dig in the history, we recommend the Dunkirk Battlefield Tour.

The Aquarium
In the house that belonged to Gaspard Malo, the founder of the seaside resort of Malo les bains, 21 aquariums contain European and tropical fish. A beautiful French park surrounds the building, and its playground makes it a popular pit-stop for families with small children.