

CHOOSE DUNKIRK



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A WELCOMING TERRITORY FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR STAFF

The Dunkirk region is a manageable sized territory. Your family and your staff will be able to settle in the city, in the country or by the sea, depending on what they prefer. Both close to major cities and the coast, the Dunkirk basin benefits from the pros of a large city where you can strike the right balance between quality of personal life and professional prospects. Ideal for families, the territory has both an economic vibrancy and an active cultural life and sports scene throughout the year, all set in a first-class natural environment.

DIVERSIFIED AND EXCEPTIONAL LANDSCAPES

Dunkirk has diversified and exceptional landscapes made up of 15 kilometres of beach, dunes and protected natural reserves, etc. A 'Grand Site of France' in the making, walks through the Dunes de Flandre are a discovery of the protected coastal and maritime area and an exploration of the sites of memory and historical interest that shape this place (Dunkirk Museum 1940 - Operation Dynamo, Fort des Dunes, Ferme Nord, Zuydcoote Battery, shipwrecks, etc.). The Flemish bocage and its polders also conceal diverse treasures and form an astonishing palette of ever-changing colours and lights.

EXPERIENCE EUROPE EVERY WEEKEND

Dunkirk is in a unique cross-border location, ideal if you wish to spend a weekend in London, Brussels, Bruges or Paris situated just 2 hours from the territory. The proximity to Belgium is such that Dunkirk's residents go there by bike using the EuroVelo cycling route.



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A translator from
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We are situated at the crossroads of many European cities, a stone's throw from Belgium, England, the Netherlands... Whenever we get the chance, we can travel with ease. And the cost of living is a real bonus! In addition, I have a small 2-year-old son and finding childcare for him was pretty quick and simple. I no longer use the car to go to the library, activities or the market as everything is accessible by foot or using the free bus.



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A FAMILY-FRIENDLY TERRITORY

HIGH-QUALITY LIVING ENVIRONMENT

Choosing the Dunkirk region as a place of residence means benefiting from a living environment that combines the invigorating open air of the seaside with the tranquillity of the green countryside. Malo-les-Bains, a popular seaside resort with beautiful, listed villas is, for example, only twenty minutes away from the fortified town of Bergues famous for the movie *Welcome to the Sticks*. Or a little further afield is Cassel, recently chosen as France's most beautiful village. Multifaceted, there reigns over the territory a sweetness that has captivated all those who have come and settled here.

WE ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY!

Dunkirk is the "family friendly" territory par excellence! Weekends at the seaside where you can enjoy a dish of mussels and fries or a crêpe on the terrace while watching the children build sandcastles, where you can paddle board or windsurf obviously make you feel like you're almost on holiday! Walks in the woods, the fortifications and the pretty Flemish villages are just like family getaways, not to mention the small markets where local producers sell their poultry and seasonable fruit and vegetables all year round. But above all, Dunkirk provides a variety of early learning and education centres for the whole family ranging from nursery to higher education (university, business and engineering schools, specialised training). Further afield, the city of Lille, just 30 mins away by train, is France's leading university and continuing education centre.

MANAGEABLE SIZED CITIES

Daily life is made easy thanks to the quality of the transport infrastructures and the fluidity of the network that connects the whole territory

– that saves precious time! The free bus throughout the whole Dunkirk metropolitan area and the bike lanes encourage soft mobility while the city centres are home to large retailers and a multitude of small independent boutiques for shopping. In fact, there are numerous delicatessens, wine merchants, brewers, cheesemongers, greengrocers and fishmongers, which makes shopping quick. Plus, you can count on their advice and service with a smile.

A FIRST-CLASS RANGE OF CULTURE AND SPORTS

Well beyond national standards, the Dunkirk basin has a large range of sports facilities (90% of the population is located at less than 15 minutes away from a facility) and offers a variety of activities and cultural events (Music Conservatory, National Theatre, festivals, Contemporary Art Centre, skating rink, marinas, sailing clubs and a planetarium...). To relax even more, two balneotherapy pools are open to the public.

A DYNAMIC ECONOMY

For employees on the move, the dense economic fabric, which is currently undergoing a total transformation, will make it easier for your partner to find a job: more than 20,000 energy transition-related jobs will be created in the next ten years! In addition, the territory strongly supports business people by providing an entrepreneurship support system and there is help from well-established local networks. Excellent local cover on the super-fast network makes working from home easy, meaning a spouse can consider keeping their job while residing in Dunkirk.





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It's a city with a human touch where the inhabitants are particularly friendly and open and it is easy to integrate. There is a "village" spirit. There are gorgeous beaches—that's important—, an incredible number of associations, and there's no need to travel further than ten kilometres to get to the countryside. I have lived in many cities all over France, I can say that I've rarely found a quality life as good as in Dunkirk.



A DEDICATED TERRITORY

The territory is taking steps for the well-being of its inhabitants and the conservation of its natural areas, its environment and improvement of the air quality. This is why ambitious steps have been taken for years (free buses, waste reduction at the source, school canteens with local organic food, strong support for renewable energies, population awareness, etc.). Citizen democracy is a reality here, with regular digital consultations allowing residents to co-construct public policies and develop their power to act on their environment.

A WELCOMING POPULATION

People from the Nord are renowned for their warm welcome, sincerity and outgoing-nature. In addition to the friendliness and solidarity of the inhabitants, the territory does everything to welcome future inhabitants in the best possible conditions. A welcome committee has been set up to facilitate the processes and guide people in their search for housing, a school, nursery or employment for their spouse. Make yourself at home!

Adeline Andricq is delighted to provide you with all the information you need and help you to relocate and integrate into the local area.

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A WELCOMING TERRITORY

6 GOOD REASONS TO MOVE TO THE FLANDERS-DUNKIRK AREA

1



DUNKIRK, A SURPRISING DISCOVERY

2



ALL THE SERVICES YOU NEED AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

3



A BALANCED PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LIFE

4



LOCATED AT THE HEART OF A NEW INDUSTRY

5



AN INCLUSIVE TERRITORY FULLY COMMITTED TO THE TRANSITION

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A WARM WELCOME AND TAILOR-MADE SUPPORT

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