St Omer, Opal Coast 3 days from £145pp

Provide your group with a real taste of life in France. The Opal Coast is easily accessible and close to channel ports, whilst offering fantastic visits which will introduce your pupils to a new culture, and fascinate them with an environment so different to their own!

See page 37 for a sample of one of our most popular Opal Coast itineraries, based at NST's Chateau d'Ebblinghem accommodation

Cultural Visits

St Joseph's Village, Guines

Give your pupils an insight into 19th & 20th century French life in this re-created French Village. They'll develop their French vocabulary as they enter the specially constructed windmill, school, bakers shop, garage, and the chapel, all complete with the equipment of a bygone age.

Boulogne-Sur-Mer

Interact with market traders, explore the Roman Old Town or take a guided tour. Boulogne is a safe and relatively self contained area and a great base for pupils to increase their confidence and learn about French life. Local market days are Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

L'Escargotière du Choquel

Get a real taste of France at this informative snail farm.

Cross-Curricular Learning

Agincourt Historical Museum

The museum contains a wealth of documents, reproductions and photographic enlargements, copies of weapons and armour and a scale model of the battlefield.

- Gain a valuable insight into how and why battles were fought
- Touch and handle the arms and armour
- Interact with full-size talking figures

La Coupole NEW ATTRACTION

Here in a most impressive underground V2 base your pupils will go back in time to witness living conditions under the German occupation of France as well as re-live the main events of the post-war conquest of Space. Headsets with guided commentary and excellent educational packages are available.

Bunker Eperlecques NEW ADDITION

This bunker, which survived the 1943 bombings, forms the backdrop to a WWII history lesson with a difference. Features include wall displays which present the world at war and a commentary which explains why this strategic place was chosen.

Activity Based Learning

Boulangerie Escoeuilles

This is a traditional boulangerie where only French is spoken. During the visit your pupils will see the traditional making and baking of bread, brioches and pain plus and leave with a fresh croissant or pain au chocolat.

Chocolats de Beussent

Visit this famous chocolate factory in Boulogne... and yes, they do provide free samples!!! Pupils will learn about chocolate and its origins, see demonstrations of melting, moulding and coating and take a tour of the workshop.

Nausicaä Sea Centre NST GROUP DISCOUNTS

This modern sea centre contains exhibitions and activities, and aquariums containing 4,000 fish. Special hands-on information and questions test pupils' knowledge of the sea.

- Experience the feel of the various species of sea life in the touch-tanks
- Learn about the sea and the environment from the monitors and cinemas
- View sea lions through the submarine observatory

NEW

Language Support Sessions

"Talk French" with Hannah France ONLY AVAILABLE WITH NST

NST has joined forces with Hannah France, an MFL teacher now living on the Opal Coast. At Hannah's maison, your pupils will take part in a speaking and listening session to prepare them for a town visit to their itinerary, such as a chocolate factory, boulangerie or cheese farm.

Language focus prior to the visit will gently encourage pupils to practise phrases and prepare for possible responses to their questions. Hannah will then support the group at their visit, coaching pupils to approach and interact with the local staff.

A final debrief will focus on improvement and learning.

"The region provided the opportunity for pupils to practise and improve their spoken French, and foster their independence, social and communication skills."

Ian Fotheringham, Pickhurst Junior School, NST tour to the Opal Coast, 2009

KS2 / P4-7 MFL Educational Support NEW FREE

Take advantage of our new and free resources which aim to provide ideas and activities for pre-tour preparation, and link your learning inside the classroom to learning on specific visits whilst you're away in France.

Accommodation

The accommodation featured here is just a small selection of our most popular choices. For details of alternative accommodation options, please call us.

Hotel Les Sables d'Or

Capacity: 103 guests.
Description: Traditional, purpose-built hotel.
Location: 2 minutes' walk from the main square in Stella Plage.
Student Rooms: 2 - 6 beds, most rooms have en-suite facilities, all rooms have a television.
Staff Rooms: Twins and singles, most rooms have en-suite facilities, all rooms have a television.
Facilities: Meeting room • Lounge area • Private garden.
NST says: Experienced in accommodating school groups, a good base for a variety of excursions.

Youth Hotel Riva Bella

Capacity: 58 guests.
Description: A traditional hotel.
Location: Located in a quiet side street in Le Touquet, approximately 100m from the beach and the town centre.
Student Rooms: 2 - 4 bedded rooms with private facilities.
Staff Rooms: Twins with private facilities and safe.
Facilities: Dining room • Rehearsal room • Small lounge with TV, table football, electronic games and vending machine • Private courtyard with picnic benches.
NST says: A single group hotel offering good quality budget accommodation.

Our Primary friendly accommodation always fills up quickly. Book as soon as possible to secure your early booking discount and first choice accommodation.