

AN ENCOUNTER IN THE UNKNOWN SEA IN THE BIGGEST AQUARIUM IN EUROPE



Nausicaá
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER

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Groups, Employee Councils, Communities
and Tourism Professionals **2019/2020**





A RENDEZ-VOUS WITH THE OCEAN!

Plunge into the depths of the Ocean with Nausicaá in Boulogne-sur-Mer! Nausicaá is more than simply an aquarium, it's a one-of-a-kind centre for the discovery of the aquatic environment that's simultaneously fun, educational, scientific, and essentially focused on the relationship between Man and the Sea.

Its mission?

Big and young explorers get onboard for a day-long expedition to conquer Planet Sea. Discover all its secrets and treasures through two immersive and fun-

filled exhibitions: "Sailing the High Seas" and "Of Shores and Men".

All the spaces were designed to bring you close to the animals for an original experience that will awaken all your senses!

Everything is in place so your visit to the largest aquarium in Europe will be a unique experience!



More information at www.nausicaa.co.uk/access



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Since 1998, Nausicaá is recognised as a Centre of Excellence for education on the aquatic environment by the UNESCO Oceanographic Commission.



Since 2002, Nausicaá has been an active member of the World Ocean Network, which was set up on its initiative

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NEW IN 2019

THIS YEAR, NAUSICAÁ PROMISES EVEN MORE **DISCOVERIES AND WONDER** WITHIN THE LARGEST AQUARIUM IN EUROPE.

IN 2019, **THE NAUSICAÁ EXPERIENCE IS EXPANDING**

NEW ANIMATIONS FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE VISIT

Explore the mystery of Malpelo Island, feed manta rays, meet the Nausicaá caretakers, and more.

GO BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE LARGEST AQUARIUM IN EUROPE

You've always dreamed of going backstage: Live a first-ever experience for an hour with your group!

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR GUIDED TOURS PROGRAMME

For a personalised visit of Nausicaá.

NEW FOR FACILITATING AND ENHANCING YOUR VISIT:



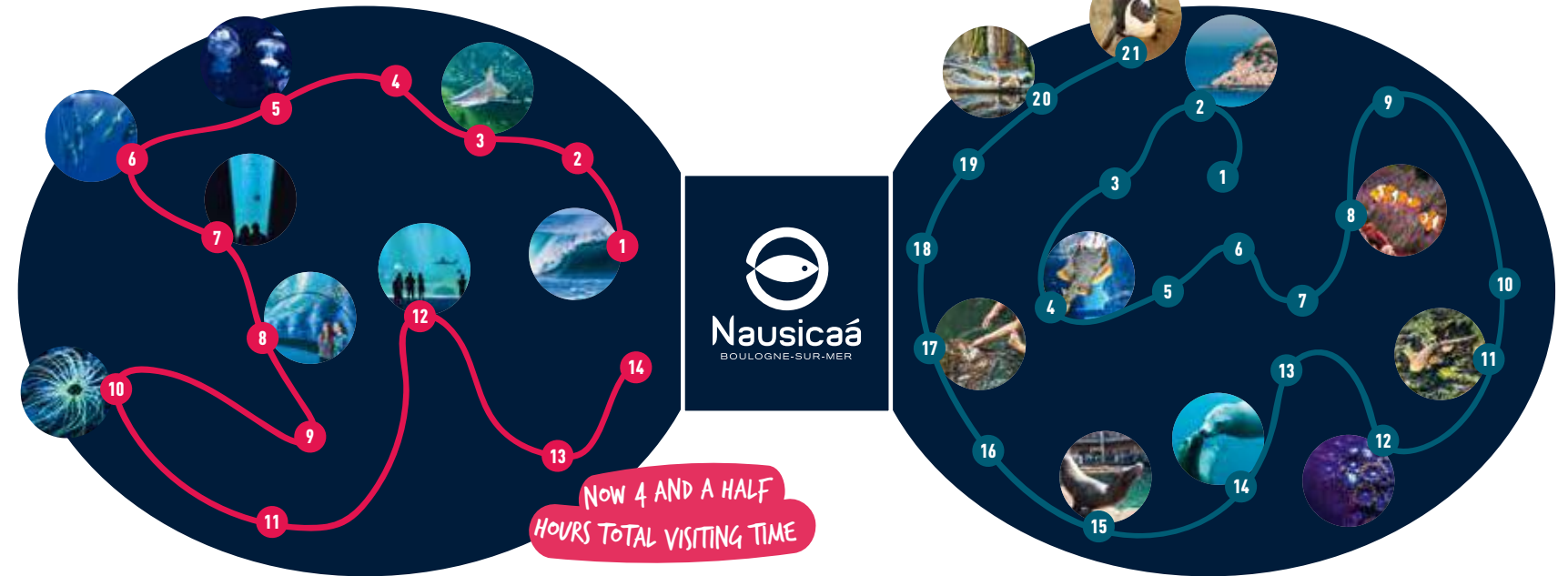
New audio-guides



A new application for guiding your visit



A newly designed food service area



1. JOURNEY ON THE HIGH SEAS

- 1 The powerful Ocean
- 2 The living Ocean
- 3 The kingdom of the sharks
- 4 A dive into the High Seas
- 5 The Ocean at night
- 6 Open Sea travellers
- 7 The Big Trench
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- 9 The undersea cave
- 10 The world of the Abyssal Zone
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- 13 Back to the surface
- 14 Birth and life of a big tank

2. MANKIND AND SHORES

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- 3 The diamond
- 4 A stop in the Mediterranean
- 5 Voyages in the Northern seas
- 6 The californian tank
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- 11 The underwater observatory Sharks & Lagoon
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- 18 At sea on board the Thalassa
- 19 Beachside Bistrot (food area)
- 20 The submerged forest
- 21 Ocean and Climate

1. JOURNEY ON THE HIGH SEAS



THE EXHIBIT "JOURNEY ON THE HIGH SEAS" WAS INSPIRED BY MALPELO ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF COLUMBIA. NAUSICAÁ PARTICIPATES IN THE PRESERVATION OF ITS RICH AND UNIQUE BIODIVERSITY BY MAKING AN ANNUAL DONATION TO THE MALPELO FOUNDATION.

AS BIG AS THE OCEAN

Prepare to face the **vastness of the Ocean** through the discovery of the High Seas exhibit.

With the **largest aquarium in Europe**, Nausicaá invites you to visit one of the planet's last remaining unexplored territories.

By way of an **immersive scenography and**

exhibit, slip into the shoes of explorers who took off to explore the mysteries of the open seas.

Whether you prefer the thrill of an underwater tunnel or dreaming before the giant bay window, each step will take you to a new breathtaking surprise.

2 ADDITIONAL HOURS OF VISIT

22,000 animals



10,000 M3 water in the big tank



AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

MEET SPECIES THAT WILL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY

such as grey reef sharks, several species of rays including the impressive manta ray with its 2.5 metre wingspan, schools of shimmering fish, and much more!
Discover the beauty and vastness of the Ocean and to what extent its preservation is essential to the future of man.

A NEW TANK, 60 M LONG AND 30 M WIDE: THE BIGGEST IN EUROPE!

DISCOVER THE CREATURES OF THE ABYSS THROUGH AUGMENTED REALITY

DIVE WITH SPERM WHALES THANKS TO VIRTUAL REALITY

22,000 ANIMALS CAN BE OBSERVED IN AN 18 M LONG TUNNEL

ADMIRE THE OCEAN SHOW!

GET AN EYEFUL

in front of the bay window and discover the largest basin in Europe. Find yourself as close as possible to underwater life and take an immersive plunge into aquatic life! The spectacular performance of Europe's largest aquarium unfolds before your eyes...

A 5 METRES HIGH AND 20 METRES WIDE BAY WINDOW: THE LARGEST BASIN IN EUROPE!

A tank with a capacity of 10,000 m³ and a depth of 8 metres... that's much more than a drop in the ocean!

It took a whole month to fill the tank



UNIQUE IN EUROPE

18 METRES BENEATH THE SEAS

Imagine going for a walk while being surrounded by shark, manta rays and other majestic creatures... Discover an immersive tunnel which makes you feel as if you were actually among these really impressive creatures. It's a unique experience that lets you enjoy the marvels of the Ocean to the full.



A FIRST-TIME MEETING WITH ANIMALS OF THE HIGH SEAS



1. MANTA RAY

The manta ray is one of the star fish at Nausicaá! This new arrival resembles a dancer when it unfurls its immense 2.5 metre wingspan to be carried by the current.



2. EAGLE RAYS

The ocellated eagle ray swims by slowly extending its pectoral wings which gives an impression it's flying more than swimming.



3. DEVIL MANTA RAYS

The devil manta ray looks a great deal like the manta ray. Impressive, it makes spectacular jumps above water.



4. SHARKS INCLUDING THE GREY REEF SHARK

Masters of the open sea, approximately 450 different species of sharks populate all the world's seas. Let the grey reef shark impress you! This large hunter is bursting with energy and is constantly on the move!



5. SARDINES AND MACKERELS

Schools of thousands of sardines create synchronised movement and seem to twirl with each change of direction offering visitors a fascinating performance!

GET TO KNOW THE NAUSICAÁ BOARDERS AND LEARN EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ON THE SEA WORLD!



6. GROUPERS

The giant grouper is one of the largest bony fish in the High Sea reefs. It can measure up to 2.70 metres and weigh 300 kilos!

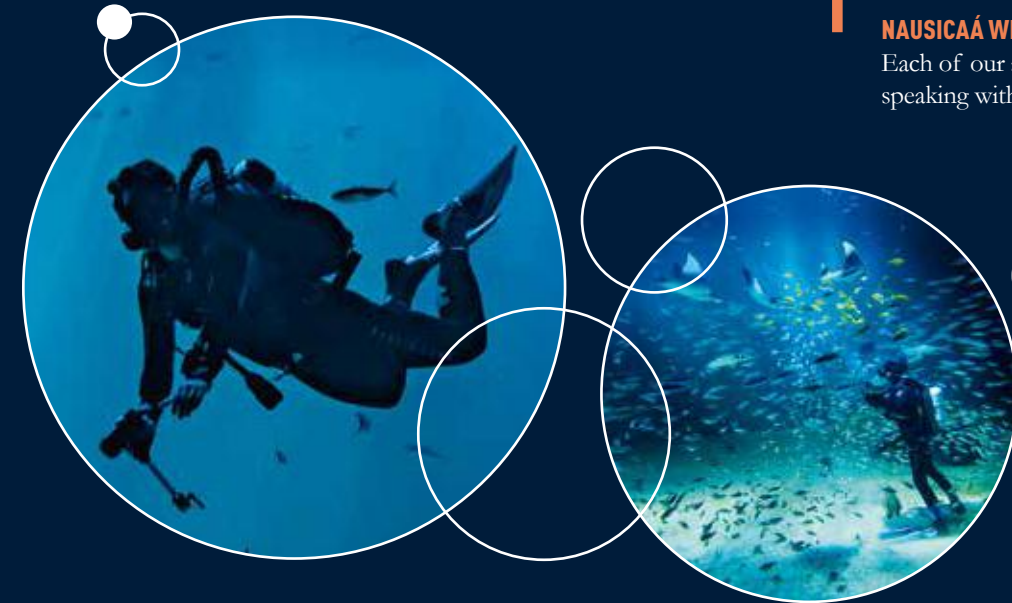


7. JELLYFISH

Fascinating, slimy, dangerous, elegant... does one really know the jellyfish? There are numerous surprises if you take a closer look.

22,000 NEW SPECIES TO DISCOVER!

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES!



NAUSICAÁ WILL SURPRISE YOU DURING YOUR ENTIRE VISIT!
Each of our animations enables you to spend a remarkable moment speaking with the Nausicaá teams and discovering its animals!

FEEDING THE MANTA RAYS

An emblematic animal of the High Seas, these rays eat small shrimp. Come and view their feeding in front of the High Seas basin. Experience a privileged moment before a host who will present in conjunction with a caretaker. An event that's not to be missed!

DIVING IN MALPELO

Experience the thrill of diving in Malpelo live! 2 caretaker-divers will take you on a discovery of the Malpelo Island ecosystem which was a strong inspiration for the design of this new aquarium. All the species living in these sea bottoms will be unveiled!



GO BACKSTAGE!

Spend an hour diving into the heart of life at Nausicaá with the behind-the-scenes visit! A privileged experience as witness to the daily encounter of the aquariologists and the fish of the High Seas. You'll learn everything about the technical aspects and technical feat of this 10,000 m³ basin.

NEW



2. MANKIND AND SHORES

THE SEA IS THE FUTURE FOR MANKIND

Humans and the sea. It's a love story that stretches back through the ages, and we're not ready for it to end yet!


The Earth is home to a **World Ocean** with its mysteries, surprises and opportunities which never cease to amaze us every day. Set off on a grand tour **of the world's seas** through the North Sea,


the Mediterranean, the Tropics, the Californian coast and more...

During this journey, you will gain an understanding of **the impact of mankind** and its activities on the shores and the Oceans.

Learn about biodiversity, faraway ecosystems and the many things that the sea offers to Man - and hence the need to protect it.

NOT TO BE MISSED
ISLAND STORIES AND OCEAN AND CLIMATE DISPLAYS

36,000 animals


70 aquariums in all


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DESIGNED WITH FAMILIES IN MIND!



16 million explorers already captivated!



STROKE THE RAYS



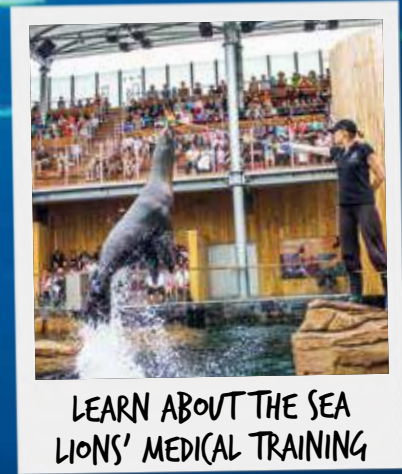
36 000 SEA, LAND AND FRESHWATER ANIMALS



WATCH THE FEEDING OF THE PENGUINS



A DOZEN SPECIES OF SHARKS

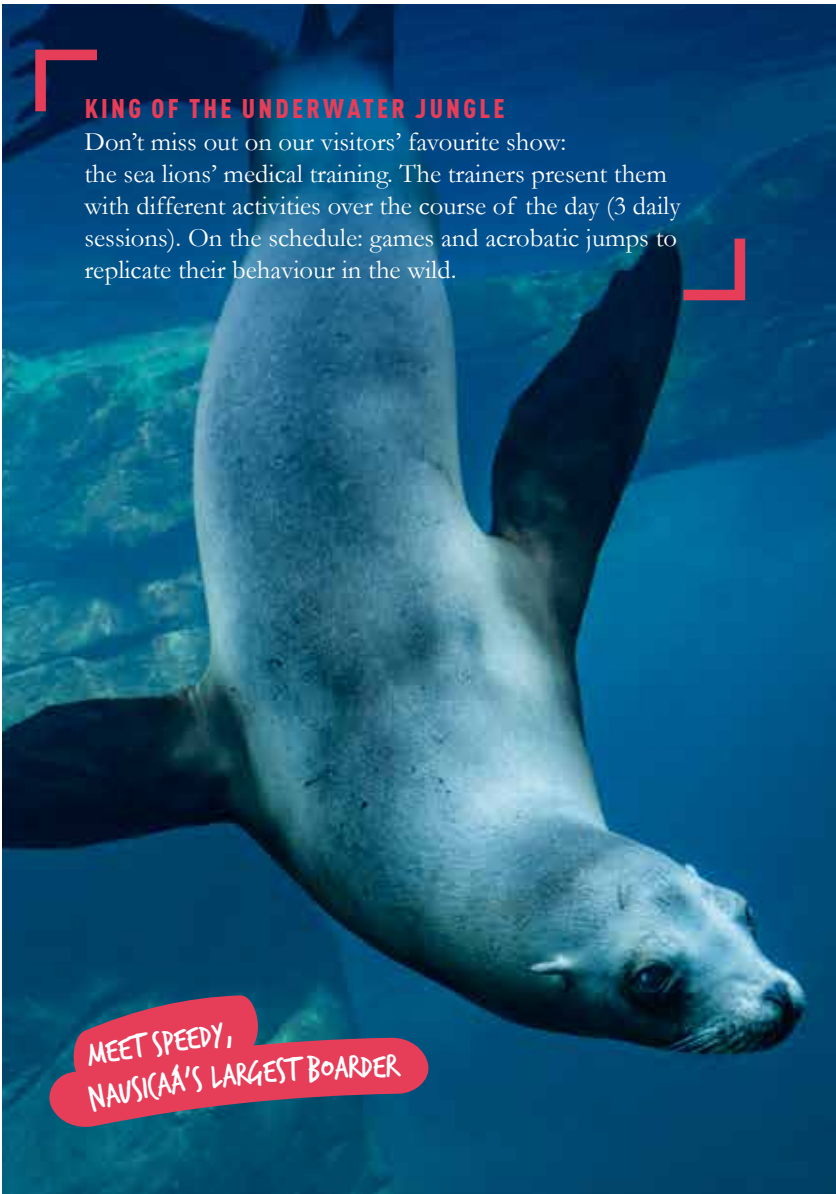


LEARN ABOUT THE SEA LIONS' MEDICAL TRAINING



GET ON BOARD THE THALASSA

AND MUCH MORE...

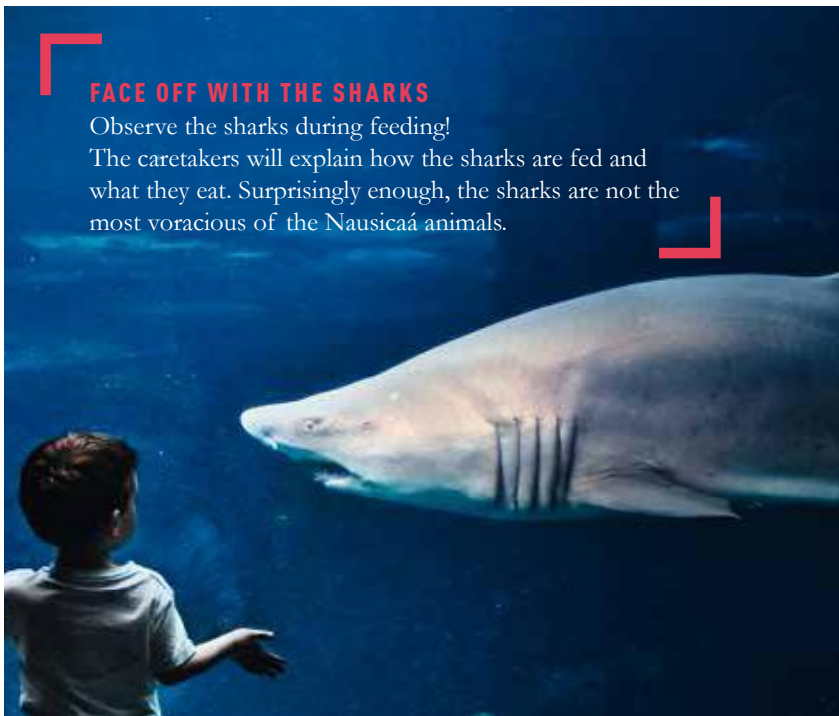


KING OF THE UNDERWATER JUNGLE

Don't miss out on our visitors' favourite show: the sea lions' medical training. The trainers present them with different activities over the course of the day (3 daily sessions). On the schedule: games and acrobatic jumps to replicate their behaviour in the wild.

MEET SPEEDY, NAUSICAA'S LARGEST BOARDER

MEET THE EMBLEMATIC ANIMALS OF NAUSICAA



FACE OFF WITH THE SHARKS

Observe the sharks during feeding! The caretakers will explain how the sharks are fed and what they eat. Surprisingly enough, the sharks are not the most voracious of the Nausicaá animals.

MAKE A STOP IN THE TROPICAL LAGOON

A FESTIVAL OF COLOURS

Nausicaá's tropical lagoon will take you on a journey through the coral reef and unveil a new wonder of nature at each step of the way: clown fish, surgeon fish, ..., as many animals essential to understanding how tropical ecosystems operate.



ENTER THE TROPICAL FOREST

Populated with caimans and numerous freshwater fish, the immersed forest will allow you to learn more about these little known species and observe them up close in a preserved environment.



The spectacled caiman will impress you as it can measure up to 2.5 metres!



MARVEL BEFORE THE MANGROVE ECOSYSTEM

The forest which borders the mangrove harbours treasures such as the green iguana or the Madagascar day gecko.

IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE!

DISCOVER OCEAN & CLIMATE EXHIBITION

Head for the shores of South Africa to meet our penguins from the Cape as they roam around and bathe on their beach. Discover this funny creature whose population has declined to than 80,000. The threats faced by the African penguin are primarily linked to human activity: pollution, seashore tourism and construction, accidental fishing, and the overconsumption of fish eaten by the penguins.

Not to be missed:

Sponsor an African penguin so it can be saved and returned to the wild in partnership with SANCCOB, which works to conserve and rehabilitate penguins.



4D SHOW

Twenty or so penguins were born at Nausicaá



One penguin is saved every month thanks to donations from visitors



NAUSICAÁ IS COMMITTED

NAUSICAÁ PARTICIPATES IN NUMEROUS CONSERVATION ACTIONS, RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS EUROPEAN INTER-AQUARIUM REPRODUCTION PROGRAMMES FOR SEA ANIMALS...



THE MR. GOODFISH PROGRAMME

Mr. Goodfish is the union of 3 European aquariums including Nausicaá which aim to create general public awareness for the sustainable consumption of ocean products. An action for eating fish in a responsible manner!



SANCCOB

(the Southern African foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds)
This association works for the preservation and rehabilitation of oil-covered, wounded, sick, or orphaned penguins. In order to build awareness with as many people as possible, Nausicaá makes it possible for visitors to sponsor an African penguin and in so doing, to contribute to this association's actions.



THE MALPELO FOUNDATION

This foundation fights against illegal fishing of sharks! To do so, the foundation endeavours to have the species classified as endangered, to increase surveillance,

and to legislate for stricter punishment.



REEFSCAPERS

The "Reefscapers" programme consists in reintroducing coral cuttings in order to restore the floor of the Maldives coral reefs which were severely affected by a bleaching phenomenon.



MEGAPTERA

Megaptera is a French association dedicated to the observation, knowledge, and protection of sea mammals and the whale shark.

Because many small streams make large rivers, you too can support these different actions! Let's act together!

When you buy your ticket on site or online, Nausicaá gives you the possibility of making a 1€ donation to support all of these actions!

SCHOOL GROUPS AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

TEACHERS, ACTIVITY LEADERS, GROUP ORGANIZERS:

Themed Workshop Activities are organized by the Education Team. Adapted from Key stage 1 to “A” Level, they complete the regular visit and focus on a particular subject. By participating in these activities, **children become more aware and have a greater respect for the marine environment**, whatever their age.



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.NAUSICAA.CO.UK

THE EDUCATION TEAM GUIDES YOU WITH:

- **Online educational resources on our specialised website** (kits, teaching aids, ...)
- **Educational workshops** by appointment for a more comprehensive visit

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These suggestions incorporate **the Sustainable Development Objectives** of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.



EXPLORE THE OCEAN WORLD

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS ADAPTED TO PUPILS' AGE (FROM 6 TO 18 YEARS OLD):

Zoom Into Marine Life:

observe tiny fauna magnified thousands of times on a wide screen,

Calculate your ecological footprint:

thanks to a 20 question quiz, discover your ecological footprint and your impact on climate change,

To the rhythm of the tides:

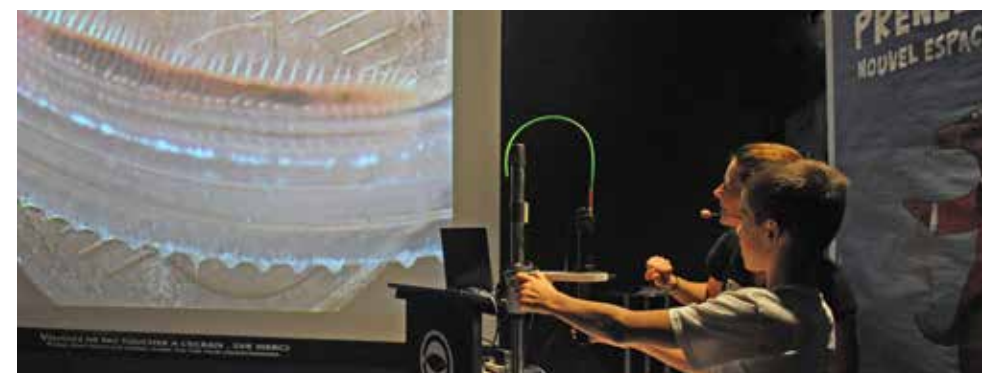
the sea is full of life! Let's discover living animals from our seashore and their adaptation to the tide cycle,

Zoom into marine biodiversity:

At the lab, pupils will observe tiny marine animals through microscopes. They will discover shared characteristics according to the classification of Living beings.

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR 2019!

Workshops to learn about sharks or the abyss will be added to our catalogue.



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PRACTICAL GUIDE

NEW IN 2019

OUR NEW APPLICATION FOR SELF-GUIDED VISITS

It will guide you throughout your visit and supply practical information.

OUR AUDIO-GUIDES

Available in several languages (French, English, German, and Dutch).

GUIDED VISITS

Learn everything about our animals. Choose the option that suits you best!

BEHIND-THE-SCENES

Go backstage for 1 hour and see what our aquariologist-caretakers do every day.

ORGANISE YOUR COMPANY'S CHRISTMAS EVENT AT NAUSICÁÁ



OUR GROUP OPTIONS

• OPTION 1: DISCOVERY

2-hour / Guided Visit "Of Shores and Men" or "Sail the High Seas"
+ self-visit

• OPTION 2: A DAY TO LEARN IT ALL

4-hour / Guided Visit "Of Shores and Men" or "Sail the High Seas"
+ lunch or snack break
+ self-visit

• OPTION 3: BACKSTAGE

Self-visit + 1-hour Guided Visit backstage at Nausicaá

> WE KNOW HOW TO WELCOME GROUPS

- The Thurot parking area is made available by Nausicaá for buses upon presentation of the reservation number.
- A drop-off point across from the CCI and a special no-queue window especially for groups.

> DISABLED ACCESS

Access to the lifts from the square.
Special signage.
Seats available throughout the visit.
Wheelchairs can be loaned if booked in advance.
Go to www.nausicaa.co.uk to prepare your visit.



NEW! THE SELF-SERVICE RESTAURANT WITH BEACH AND OCEAN VIEW



> THE BEACHSIDE BISTROT

Enjoy an ocean view while you savour hot sandwiches, desserts, ice-cream and refreshments.

Find us at the Mankind and Shores exhibit level.

DURING YOUR VISIT TAKE A BREAK IN ONE OF OUR 3 FOOD SERVICE AREAS AND RELAX IN AN EXCEPTIONAL SETTING!

> THE CALYPSO

The Calypso self-service restaurant welcomes you with a range of fresh sandwiches made on-site, a salad bar, and local products. Find us in the hall for a delicious break with ocean view.



> THE TROPICAL LAGOON BAR

This bar overlooks the lagoon and its coral reef. The perfect spot for dining and admiring the multi-coloured fish of the tropics!

Find us at the Mankind and Shores exhibit level.

TAKE TIME TO EXPLORE THE BOULONNAIS REGION

DO NOT MISS THE DELIGHTS OF THE REGION

In addition to Nausicaá, the Opal Coast offers plenty of delights which are just waiting to be discovered! Follow the guide...



> FOR A WEEK-END

The Opal Coast is yours to discover. Discover the seaside resorts that line its beaches, try an introduction to sand yachting, or go on a panoramic tour of the Boulonnais region. With its coast and valleys, the region has more surprises in store for you.



> FOR A DAY

Go for an invigorating walk on the big beaches of Boulogne-sur-Mer (or even a jog for more athletic visitors). Then head to the historic centre to discover the Basilica of Notre-Dame and the fortified town and go for a walk along the ramparts. Finally, the ambience of the fishing port will stimulate your appetite in time for dinner.

> MUST-SEES

- The big beaches of the Opal Coast: Boulogne, Wimereux, Hardelot, Le Portel, Equihen...
- Sand yachting

> BONUS ATTRACTIONS

- Boulogne Castle / fortified town
- Basilica of Notre Dame
- Le Florelle pleasure boat
- Crypt



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