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Nausicaá, a centre committed to the ocean for 35 years!

Since 1991, Nausicaá's mission has been to **raise public awareness of ocean conservation issues**. More than 20 million visitors have been educated about the fragility of the ocean, including 5 million schoolchildren. Since its inception, Nausicaá has been a committed centre, participating in numerous conservation programmes, research activities and breeding programmes: more than 2,000 births take place there every year!

"Mankind and Shores" exhibition



Embark on your first trip around the world, passing through the North Sea, the Mediterranean, the Tropics, the Californian coastline... During this journey, you will learn how humans and the oceans coexist and create their future together... You will discover unique biodiversity, distant ecosystems, and the many services that the sea provides to humans.

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Not be missed!

Watch the sea lions as they go through their medical training!

Every day, the team looks after their physical and mental wellbeing by organising a range of activities for them throughout the day. For their health, they practice medical training, which consists of encouraging them to let themselves be handled, to brush their teeth, listen to their heart rate, tend to minor injuries, or even take an X-ray or an ultrasound scan.

"Journey in the High Seas" exhibition



Enjoy an unforgettable experience at Europe's largest aquarium, which recreates the island of Malpelo off the coast of Colombia. Admire the spectacle of the ocean in front of a large bay measuring 5 metres high and 20 metres long, and encounter breathtaking species such as grey sharks, manta rays, schools of sparkling fish and many more!

Not to be missed: Destination Abyss

Dive more than 4,000 metres below the surface to discover the wonders that inhabit the deep sea. Take a deep breath and prepare to be amazed! Through workshops, a new exhibition, conferences and other activities, this little-known yet fragile world will reveal all its secrets to you!

"In the Eye of the Climate" exhibition



Delve into the heart of the climate machine and discover your power: the power to take action!

Get ready for a futuristic journey that will immerse you completely. Hurricanes, melting ice caps, rising sea levels... The climate journey illustrates how real climate change is and how it affects our daily lives. Discover the essential role of the ocean in regulating the climate and become an agent of change.

Not be missed!

An immersive room with 430m² of screens from floor to ceiling

Step into a climate observation teleportation module that will take you from the poles to the ocean, from the forest to the city, on a journey around the planet.

This spectacular immersive show, created using virtual images, takes you to the heart of the ongoing upheavals.

Make your visit even more exciting:

Nausicaá offers 4 and a half hours visit and the opportunity to take part in activities included in your ticket: feeding our animals, medical training for sea lions, quizzes, etc.

For an enriched and personalised experience, discover the additional activities that will help you organise your day in the best possible way:

Tour guides:

- **Audioguide:** Explore the visitor trails at your own pace and enrich your knowledge of the marine world. *Available in French, English, Dutch and German.*
- **Educational booklet:** 10 pages of games and activities to discover the visitor areas while having fun with the family. *Available in French, English, Dutch and German.*
- **Tour album:** Discover the history of Nausicaá and the unique marine biodiversity that you can find in our exhibitions! *Available in French, English, Dutch and German.*

Activities:

- **The behind-the-scene tour :** For one hour, accompanied by a scientific mediator, discover what goes on behind the scenes at the Haute Mer tank. The technical aspects and technological prowess of this 10.000m³ tank will surprise you with its immensity. The largest tank in Europe will hold no more secrets for you.

- **Thematic guided tour:**

The secrets of lagoon animals (New)

For an hour, accompanied by a guide, you will set off to discover two of the richest ecosystems on our planet: coral reefs and mangroves. At the heart of our new exhibition, 'Tropical Escape', you will observe the species that live there from a different angle, discover their amazing stories, and learn to understand their behaviour.

From ages 8 upwards

The sharks at Nausicaá

For an hour and a half, accompanied by a guide, you will be taken on two tours, Voyage en Haute Mer (Journey to the High Seas) and Des Rivages et des Hommes (Shores and Men), to discover amazing stories about sharks and, above all, the secrets of the sharks at Nausicaá. There are 500 species of sharks in all the seas of the world, so there are plenty of stories to tell!

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From the surface to the abyss

For an hour, explore the depths of the sea and marvel at the creatures that inhabit it, from the surface to the abyss.

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Unique experience:

- **In the footsteps of a handler:** Spend half a day accompanied by a scientific mediator and share in the daily life of our animal keepers! This experience will allow you to get up close to the animals and discover the work of the keepers dedicated to their well-being: sea lions, reptiles, manta rays, sharks, etc. This unique experience will allow you to enjoy magical moments and share the passion of the keepers' work, while raising your awareness of the importance of protecting the oceans and species.

From age 12 upwards

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NAUSICAA PRICES:

2026 rates	Adults	Children	Special rates*	Special rates*
	13 years and over	from 3 to 12 years	Adults	Children
Low season	30,00€	23,00€	26,30€	19,30€
High season	31,50€	24,50€	27,80€	20,80€

Free for children under three!

*Seniors (aged 60+), students, people with disabilities, job seekers and holders of a large family card. Proof of eligibility must be provided.

FAMILY OFFER: Enjoy a 15% discount when you purchase four or more tickets, including one adult ticket. (offer valid on the web only and during school holidays in zone B).

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