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THE MURMURING STATUE

When the Traveller opened his eyes, six men cast in bronze were standing above him. He got on his feet and looked around him: a giant clock tower was overlooking an empty square (n°20). Where was he? All he could remember was a nightmare in which he was the last man travelling around a deserted world struck by a mysterious disease. Was it really a dream? His inner monologue was interrupted by a murmuring voice: "You are the only tourist left in Calais. I wish I could give you the keys of the city but I can't since... I'm a statue. Good luck". The Traveller looked back at the sculpture. The six men were still locked in a theatrical heroic pose, ready for sacrifice (n°21). Now the Traveller felt crazy.

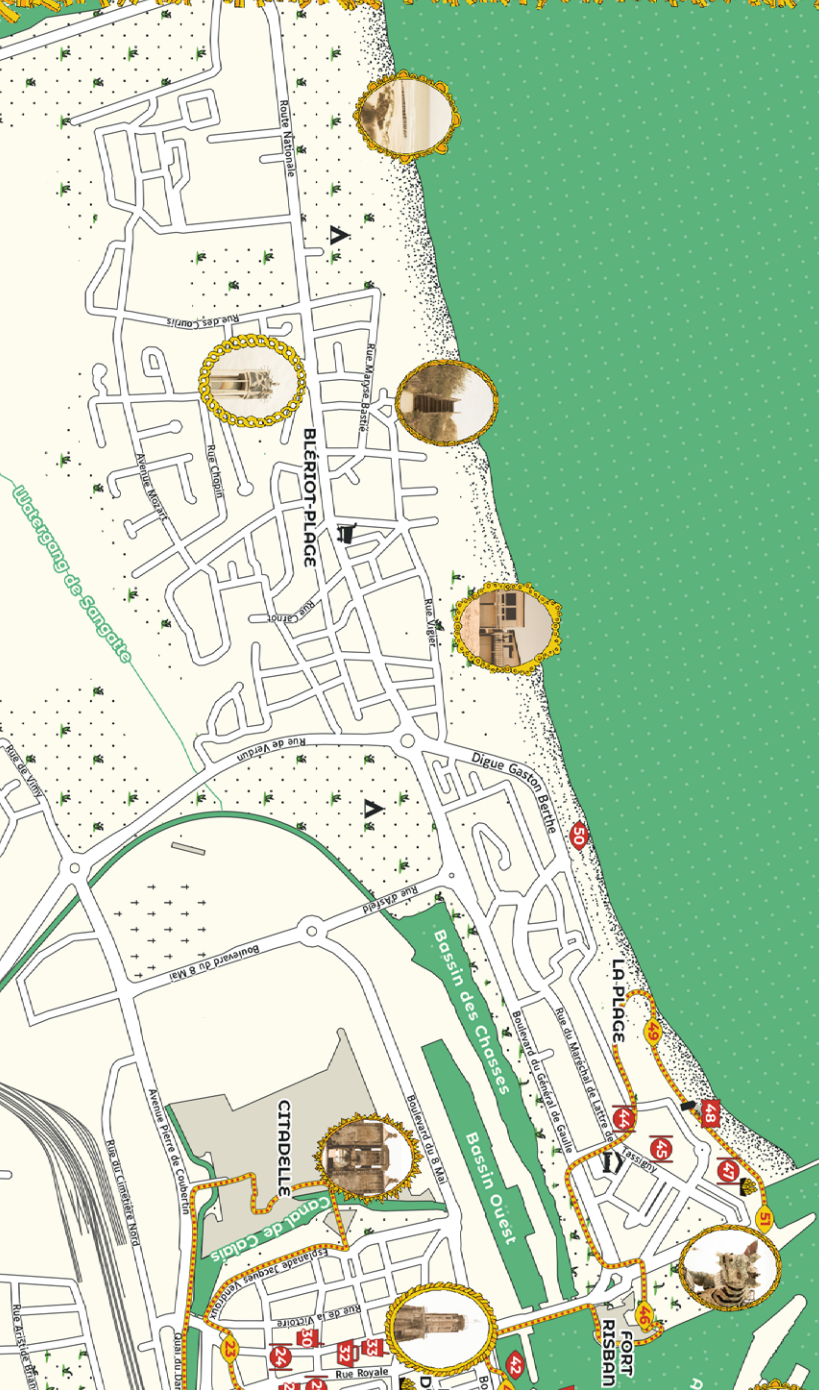
AMELLET'S ARK

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being! Do you know what time the restaurant will be opening?": The Traveller couldn't say a word. He was bewitched by the smell of her dress made entirely of french fries. "Oh sorry, I haven't introduced myself. I am the French Fries Queen of Belgium...". She told the Traveller that she had come to Calais in order to inspect the quality of its countless chip shops. Then, as the sun was beautifully setting in the sea, their night turned romantic on this splendid beach (n°49). They were sharing fries elegantly plucked from the dress of the French Fries Queen. That's how the Traveller fell in love with Calais. And now he felt greasy.

THE VILLAIN CLOUD

In the middle of the night, a violent windstorm separated the two lovers. Without warning, the sky abruptly changed itself with dreadful clouds. The Traveller was kidnapped by the biggest of them. "I'm the Villain Cloud. I'm here to terrify the inhabitants of Calais with my power: an ever-changing weather that drives them crazy". As he flew above the city out of control, our hero was dazzled by a blinding light. "It's the lighthouse (n°38), the last aid that fishermen need another mill. Finis, Finis"



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THE FRENCH FRIES QUEEN

That's when he met the French Fries Queen. She was on the nearby beachfront, waiting outside a food stall called "Frite des Nations" (n°47), "Good Lord of Salt, a human



or nem... "I'm the villain, Louisa, I'm here to terrify the inhabitants of Caldis with my power: an ever-changing weather that drives them crazy". As he flew above the city out of control, our hero was dazzled by a blinding light. "It's the lighthouse (n°38), the last aid that seamen used against my fickle storms. But it won't be any help to you". That's when the villain Cloud tried to imitate an evil laugh but all he could manage was a ridiculous windy whistle. Then he disappeared. Now the Traveller was completely dishevelled.

THE HIPSTER ORACLE

As the windstorm ended, the Traveller was standing on the top of a water tower wrapped in a elegant metallic structure (n°4). In front of him was a handsome guy on a very sophisticated bike: "I am the Hipster Oracle. I come from a bright future where Caldis is prosperous and trendy. But for now, you're stuck in this time of transition. The city is slowly being transformed, revealing itself to the world. That's why it's worth exploring. This magical map will give you all the answers you need". The Hipster Oracle disappeared, leaving behind a fabulous rainbow in a pure blue sky. A new day had come and with the 2021 Caldis USE, it felt totally crazy, enchanted, greasy and was completely dishevelled. He looked more than ever like a true local. The first thing he noticed was that people were back in the streets, and the traffic lights switched back to a hopeful green all over the city.



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5 SMALL HISTORIES

1658. In Calais for a military intervention, the 20-year-old King Louis XIV collapses from a mysterious disease that threatens his life. In an act of desperation, the King is purged 22 times (!). The next morning Louis XIV is saved... but completely bald. That's how the King began to wear his famous curly wigs.

1896. Revolutionary local figures and former lace factory workers (n°18) get elected into city hall. Both agreed on Alfred Delaizure being the mayor, but a last minute betrayal made Emile Solembier take the seat. Apart from making progress in many people's day-to-day lives, they fight each other relentlessly for the following decades. Today, both have a street named after them... located far away from each other.

1945. World War II is over. Charles de Gaulle, the French saviour figure of an awful war that destroyed 75% of the city, arrives in Calais. He's welcomed by his brother-in-law Jacques Vendroux, the mayor. Even though locals are sad because of the absence of "Gunt Yvonne", the local woman who married Charles in 1921 in Notre-Dame Church (n°34), they get excited by the war hero speech. That's how the de Gaulle mania began in the city. There are two statues of the man (n°25 and around n°35). Charles used to wear his wedding ring alternately on each

hand, a particularity you'll be able to observe when comparing the two statues.

1986. A pop music band—leather jackets and ruffled hair—perform a song about a love story on a ferry boat. The song is called "Dover-Calais", the group is named STULE and they are competing for a place in the Eurovision Song Contest... for Sweden. Meanwhile, the Canterbury treaty between France and the United Kingdom is signed. A tunnel under the sea will be constructed to connect the two countries between Folkestone and Calais. It was inaugurated in 1994. Since then, we are still waiting for an updated version of the song...

2020. Have you ever seen an election campaign in which the main issue was a dragon? It has happened in Calais since the arrival of the gigantic creature (n°51) in autumn 2019. It was the centre of every conversation for months. Was it necessary? Did it cost too much? Will it truly make the city more attractive? And why the heck a dragon? Feel free to take part in the debate with locals, go and see for yourself the impressive mechanical beauty. If you ever succeed in not being captivated by its grace, poetry and incredible engineering, ask yourself where your inner child is hidden.





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can be taken by the two youngsters of this magical place to the backyard where they can test 500 different games for free. When they leave the shop at night with their carriage full of purchases, they can live happily ever after.
Mon-Sat 10:00-12:00/14:00-19:00
Late night closings: Thu 1100 / Fri 2:00
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17 THE MYSTERIOUS NICKNAME

Even though the store's name is Texti, locals have always called it "Texti Bebert". It is a sweet tribute to the founder Robert who was famously nicknamed "Bebert". In the 60s, he used to sell odds and ends in the markets. His success led him to open a real shop which has since then supplied families on a budget with very low-priced clothes, sandcastle kits, butterfly nets or plastic sandals.
Mon-Fri 10:00-12:30/14:30-19:00
Sat 10:00-13:00/14:00-19:00
//bless-caravan.gladiators

The **Launce** is the only place in Calais where you'll be served food until midnight. You can soak up its inside cosy atmosphere in winter, as well as chill in the little oasis of calm in the backyard summer garden. Could the clock at the front door have the power to stop time?
Veggie friendly
8:00-11:00 / Open till 2:00 on weekends
//weekendbeside.us

18 A SMUGGLING HERITAGE

Calais lace is known worldwide even though it originated in Nottingham, England in the 18th century. English lace manufacturers decided to secretly bring their machinery into France secretly, with the help of talented smugglers, because of a trade blockade between the two countries. Calais being their first stop on the continent, lace factories began to spread in the city, turning it into an industrial hub. The remains of this past glory can be seen at the **Lace and Fashion Museum**, housed in a former factory. There's a guy who actually shows you how the machines work, no more secrets from those giant loud metal beasts which have been giving birth to kilometers of lace for decades! In addition, you'll see high-profile temporary exhibitions about today's fashion designers, the likes of **Giverny** or **Balenciaga**.
Entrance fee: 7€
April-October: every day 10:00-18:00
November-March: every day 10:00-17:00 Closed on Tuesdays
Info: cde-denielle.fr/en
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park. In front of you lies Calais' first indoor pool, inaugurated in 1963. The **Emile Ramson Swimming Pool** is named after one of the local swimming club directors whose millenary led to the construction of the building and...
Maxime, 29. Fake News **Mariane** "...STOP! What are you talking about? The swimming pool is named after a famous local news story. English thieves took refuge in a hostage, after escaping a police chase. They then announced their extortion plan in approximate French: "I would like to be libres et mille romans". The next morning, the front page of the local newspaper cried out: "ET MILLE RAMSON!". That's how the building got its real name."
//friends.invents.dizay

24 THE CHEF INVITES YOU

Feast in the dining room of a friend you don't even know at **La Route Des Epices**, Chef Rezdek's couscous is the best in Calais, and the menu is filled with a variety of other courses, inspired by traditional oriental cooking. Mint tea is offered and for an extra 120€ you can also have a delicious oriental pastry.
Lunch menu is at 12.50€, Veggie friendly
Mon-Thu 12:00-14:00, Fri 12:00-14:00 / 19:00-22:00 Sat 19:00-22:00
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Mon-Sat 22:00-5:00
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Sun-Thu 17:00-22:00, Fri-Sat 17:00-00:00
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31 THE LAST SHELTER
You won't find trendy clubs with in vogue DJs and a herd of hipsters (even though some places can be quite adventurous, ask for "Le Bongkior" or "La Suiter"). The best choice in Calais is to knock on the door of Le K-Vo, a very narrow karaoke bar packed with young lost souls, older nostalgic ones, affectionate cougars and horny scallions. Beverages are quite expensive but the atmosphere is priceless. Don't forget to salute the sun when leaving at dusk.
Mon-Sat 22:00-5:00
//harder.castle.extreme

much of Bourgeois (steak will provide you with a classy moment at affordable prices. Why not, just this once?
Lunch menus at 21€
Tue-Sat 12:00-14:00/18:45-21:30
//roll.seasonaldelo

32 THE HANGING FISH
The Cde du Minck is a typical fisherman's bar packed with pieces of Calais history and souvenirs. Lolo and Minck, the owners, shake hands with all their customers: fishermen, dockworkers, businessmen, artists, unemployed or retired people as well as... you. Did you bump into a smelly decoration hanging from the front door? Well, that's the sea dog, an appetizer which is actually dried fish with a strong taste. Do not miss this place.
Tue-Sat 7:30-20:30, Sun: 8:00-14:00
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42 UPSIDE DOWN
The Bassin Du Paradis is the typical postcard landscape in Calais. A legacy from the maritime history of the city going back to the Middle Ages, when fishermen were at the heart of the economy. Some claim that its name refers to an influential English family settled there during the British occupation era (1347-1559). One could see another significance in the name: the bollards around the basin are in fact cannons placed upside down into the ground. Destructive weapons turned into decorative items. It sounds like paradise. With the fishing boats that ran around when the sea pulled back, you won't be able to resist the charm of the place.
Peace, love, and low tide.
//plenty.bothered.jokes

47 THE GOOD OLD WAY
What used to be a chaotic car park is now a pedestrian area with new street food huts hosting the Friterie des Nations, which has been a must-see in Calais for generations, as well as the two competing ice cream vendors: Diego and Stegler. It's amazingly cheap, tasty and generously served!
French fries: Every day 11:00-22:00
Ice creams: as soon as the sun shines!
//products.beside.forces

48 CROSSROADS
The new beachfront boasts a pleasant promenade, a gigantic skatepark, and a panoramic belvedere to stare at the sea. The place is now called "Calais LA Plage" (i.e. Calais, the beach). Is it worth the comparison with the "City of Fingers" in California? Make up your own mind! Even though the city is looking towards a brighter future, the Banky Artwork is a reminder that Calais, as a border town, is the last stop and a dead end for thousands of refugees seeking a better future in the United Kingdom. The artwork shows both the hope and the danger that refugees experience once here. Some of them lose their lives in a desperate attempt to cross the Channel. We will not forget.
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