VFF01 - From Calais to Wissant

**Total length** 20.4 km

**Description**

The crossing of the Channel sea is swifter today than at Sigeric's time. Boarding in Dover and landing in Calais, we quickly see the gorgeous belfry classified by the UNESCO and various other monuments. Don’t hesitate to visit the city, its museum of and fashion, and climb the belfry to discover terrific views over the coastline.

The official starting point of the Via Francigena on the continental ground is located in front of Our Lady Cathedral, architectonic jewel of perpendicular English style and Tudor style gardens. The symbol of the pilgrim lays against the building. To validate your step locally by making stamp it, you can go the Fine Arts museum, to the tourist office or to the entrance for the city hall belfry, if the church is closed. A blessing of the pilgrims is possible in Our Lady Church on demand just before Sunday evening mass: 6.30 pm in July and August, 6 pm in other months.

To keep on travelling the Via Francigena, head for the beach. You will discover the lighthouse, the fort Risban and the memorial to the submarine Pluviôse, vous découvrirez le phare, le fort Risban et le mémorial du sous-marin Pluviôse. Walk along the soft sandy beach whose colours throughout the seasons give the coast its deserved name "Opale Coast". You will get to Blériot Plage passing through the beach. At the end of your marine trek, you get to Wissant, passing through Sangatte. On a clear day, England can be seen from the monument to the "Dover Patrol" on top of the cape Blanc-Nez.

**Elevation chart**

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