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The local government hereby presents you with an inspiring booklet containing numerous interesting facts and fun to do's.

Useful to have, fun to browse through!

For all ages, from morning till night.

De Panne can be found here.

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Be inspired and enjoy to the max.

Alderman of Tourism,

STÉPHANE BUYENS



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The tastiest local products. Now that's good!

BUCKETLIST





They say the smallest things bring joy. And De Panne is the pearl in our small corner of coastline. (Check the map for yourself!) So be sure to sample all we have to offer: sublime sunbathing or sand yachting, wonderful walking, shopping, or taking in the fresh air ...

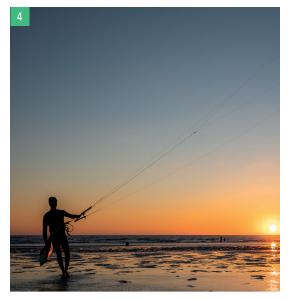
SUMMER

- 1 **Weekly market:** Do you enjoy sniffing around the weekly market? A tasty snack, shopping, or soaking up the atmosphere ... everyone is welcome! In Adinkerke on Friday afternoons and in De Panne on Saturday mornings.
- 2 Dumontwijk: Escape the hustle and discover picturesque Dumontwijk. You will recognise the natural dune relief and sparse vegetation. The large villas atop the dunes even boast sea views!
- 3 **Discover our local beers:** De Panne has numerous typical drinks; visit a few local cafes and ask for our tasty local beers. Like beers with a bit of a bite? Then stop off at 't Pannepotje and sample them in the sunshine, highly recommended!
- 4 Let your hair down on the beach and in the water: Are you someone who can never get enough of sports? Enjoy the wind in your hair, the sun on your face, the salty taste of the sea on your lips? Then De Panne is the place to be! We have a sand yachting club, a surfing club, and even a kitesurfing school!
- **Holiday Hunt:** Take part in the Holiday Hunt! You can pick up a registration form from Duinpanne and from the Tourism office.

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- 5 **Kykhill look-out platform:** Right at the top of Duinpark Kykhill, you will find a look-out platform that offers fabulous views of Dumontwijk. Especially at sunset!
- 6 Cross the border to Bray-Dunes:
 A beach walk to France with the
 family, finishing at Bray-Dunes. A
 hot cup of aromatic coffee at the Bray-Dunes market before heading
 back to De Panne. Or would you rather catch the free bus back?
- 7 Exploring nature on horseback: De Panne is the perfect location for a horseback holiday. Hop in the saddle and explore the beautiful expanse of nature as viewed from between your horse's ears. What could be better?
- 8 **On the Warpath:** Discover De Panne's legacy of war. Want to know what it was like to be a soldier or nurse during the wars? Visit the refurbished war museum. Or have a guide show you around.





















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- 9 **Retrohuis 'De viswinkel':** Explore Retrohuis 'De viswinkel' museum and learn all about our rich fishing heritage. You can find quite a few nostalgic objects, boat models and unique visual material in this former fish shop. Enjoy the singular experience and soak up the history of de Panne.
- 10 Westhoek Nature Reserve Walk: Curious about the oldest nature reserve along our coast? Then take a hike to the Westhoek Nature Reserve! You might even spot a Scottish Highlander or a cute Konik pony.
- 11 **Mountain biking:** Enjoy a good challenge? Hop on your trusty two-wheeler and explore the loveliest places De Panne & Adinkerke have to offer: a dream for genuine sand freaks!
- 12 **Shopping:** Stylish fashion, shoes, jewellery, souvenirs and much more: enjoy a fun afternoon of shopping in our vibrant centre. Leisurely browsing in the shops: who doesn't enjoy that?













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- 13 **Beach:** Vitamin Sea? Enjoy the bracing sea air on the biggest and best beach on our coast, find inner peace and re-energise yourself! Breathe in the fresh sea air, go on wonderful walks, simply enjoy what is!
- 14 Biking in the Moeren: Cycle through the scenic 'de Moeren' polder area and explore the flat landscape. You can still find an old windmill or the remains of one here and there. Perfect for a quick breather.
- 15 Heritage Walking Route: Be fascinated by the architectural gems of De Panne! Wander through the beautiful, winding neighbourhoods with traditional cottages and impressive modernist villas. And enjoy the peace.
- Dog walking in Garzebekeveld: Want to go walking with your four-legged friend? Then a walk in Garzebekeveld would be ideal for you! And don't forget De Vijvers Markey. Ideal for taking a break on a bench to enjoy the water and the weather.





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You can shop to your heart's content in the little boutiques of De Panne, which cater for all price ranges. Most shops are open 7 days a week. You can visit the market in De Panne every Saturday morning and there is a market in Adinkerke every Friday afternoon. During the summer months, you can visit the night market on Zeedijk on Tuesdays. Zeelaan and Duinkerkelaan are the main shopping streets. Try Pier Kloeffe beer in a so-called brown pub, enjoy a nice aperitif with your feet in the sand, or try a typical fish dish like shrimp with buttermilk sauce. If you want to stay in De Panne overnight, our accommodation providers are ready to welcome you. They are listed in a separate publication from the Tourism office.



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The beach, the ocean, the sea air. The biggest beach on the Belgian coast? You will find it in De Panne! Our beach is where your exotic holiday starts. Come and daydream to the sound of rolling waves and feel the warmth of the sand around your feet.

LEAVING TRACKS IN THE SAND

Are you a genuine horse whisperer and equine enthusiast? Then De Panne is the place to be. You and your horse can enjoy the fresh air and a good gallop on the beach or the bridle paths. Bear in mind that an identification number is mandatory. You can buy one from the Tourism office for £ 30. You get a lovely saddle cloth on which the number is embroidered. You can also pick up the horse-riding guide and regulations here. In addition to various zones on the beach, there are also paths in the nature reserves where dogs are welcome.



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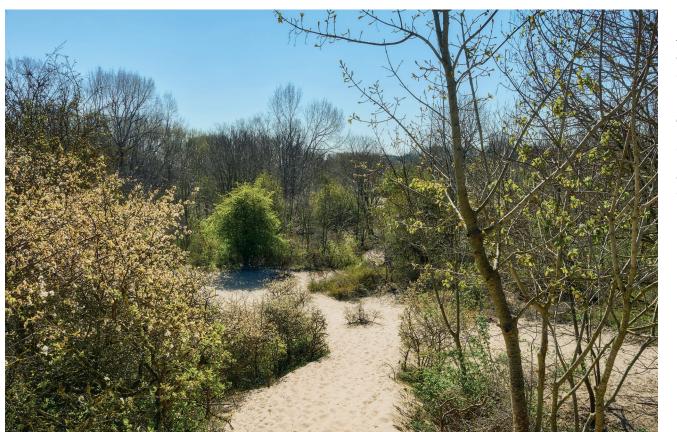
You can get a free tide guide from the Tourism office. That way, you know exactly when the tide is coming in or going out!











OOSTHOEK NATURE RESERVE

The Oosthoekduinen, where woodlands and dunes alternate, covers an area of 80 hectares. Walk through pretty, flowering shrubs along Artiestenpad, accompanied by the sounds of cheerful songbirds. Set off with the little ones and have fun in one of the play zones in the area. The Oosthoekduinen, a unique dune-polder transition, is an absolute must-see.





HOUTSAEGERDUINEN

Houtsaegerduinen used to be an open and humid dune area. Now it is enclosed by the suburbs of De Panne and St.-Idesbald and the landscape has dried out considerably and is overgrown with bushes and young trees. Donkeys (and sometimes sheep) feel perfectly at home here and are not bothered by nature-loving hikers.



GARZEBEKEVELD

This authentic play zone, with its hills and adventure forest, invites everyone to play to their heart's content. The adjacent playground also leads to the Vijvers Markey, where you can enjoy the water from one of the picnic benches.



Calmeynbos is a lovely dune forest perfect for walking, mountain biking, or horseback riding. An ideal way to have fun on a hot summer's day. If you look carefully, you might even spot an oriole or a green woodpecker in the tall trees. Or you might see a cute 'dunekeuntje' (dune rabbit) disappearing into its well-concealed burrow.



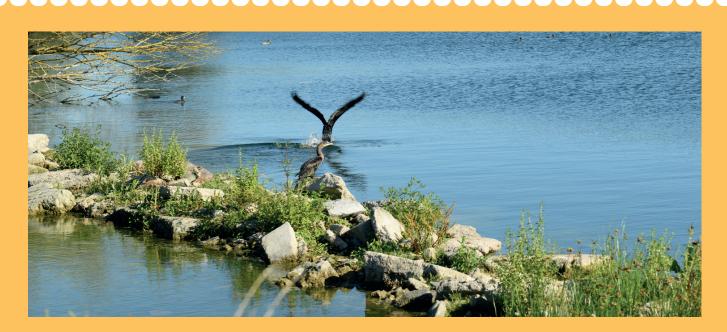






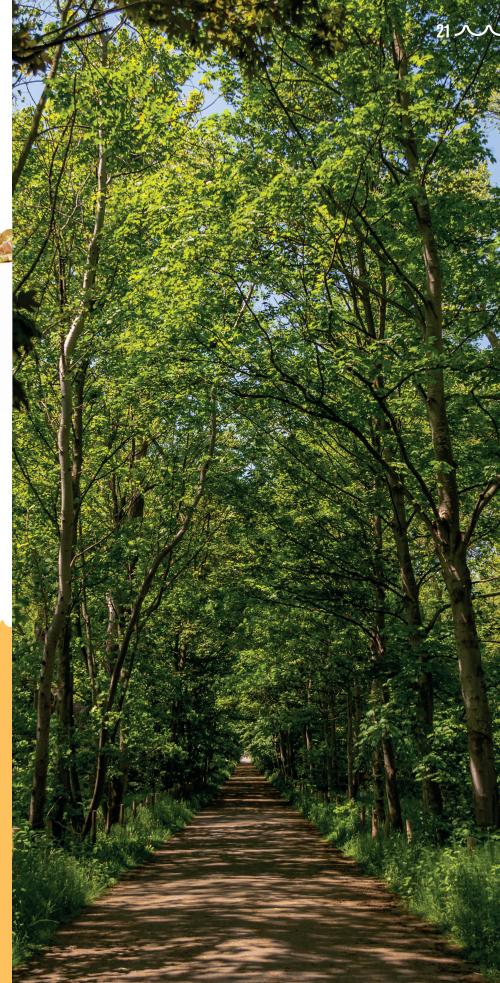
CABOUR NATURE RESERVE

The Cabourduinen or fossil dunes of Adinkerke is one of the best preserved fossil dune areas of northwest Europe. Some parts of this dunescape are already... wait for it... 5,000 years old! They therefore also have great ecological value and are home to unique fauna and flora. An expert will share many fascinating facts about this unique area during the educational guided tours.



ZWADTEN LIGE

These wetlands used to be an old sand quarry. Now the 10-metre deep holes are filled with clear groundwater and rainwater. A real paradise for water birds. While walking, you are guaranteed to see them foraging for tasty morsels in and around the water.





A WAVE OF CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Culture and heritage are the dominant themes in De Panne's history. Not only did the first king of the Belgians come ashore at De Panne, but the fishing industry experienced its heyday here and the architect Dumont enjoyed it here too. De Panne was also an important linchpin during World War I and World War II. There is far more here than just sand. Discover our incredibly rich history. From 1 June, you can experience the completely updated Museum Cabour WW II & 2/4th Lancers Regiment. Experience an interactive immersion in the history of World War II in our region, the 2/4th Lancers Regiment and the Domein Cabour. You can also find Museum IWVA-Cabour in this domain. The water extraction process is explained from A to Z in five rooms and illustrated with old instruments, materials and documents. Discover the private museums of De Panne: the Nostalgisch Mediamuseum, Retrohuis 'De Viswinkel', and Tram aan Zee.

You cannot miss the Leopold I Esplanade: this is where the first king of Belgium came ashore. The esplanade is the place to be for a vibrant night market, a cool event, an enjoyable terrace, or a bracing walk beside the sea. Admire the biggest monument

to King Leopold I or gaze out to sea with Pier Kloeffe. The statue of De Panne's most famous fisherman punctuates the dunes.

With eyes gazing into the distance and noses pointing towards England, France and Belgium, the Drie Wijsneuzen defy the northwest wind. Explore the permanent sculpture park and the new artworks of Beaufort, the triennial art project on the Belgian coast.



DID YOU KNOW?

The biggest Belgian military cemetery is located in De Panne. You can pick up the 'De Panne en de Eerste Wereldoorlog' walking and cycling map from the Tourism office free of charge.

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Discover the charming cottage style of Dumontwijk on the Erfgoedwandelroute (Heritage walking route) and enjoy breathtaking views from the viewing platform at Duinpark Kykhill.







Naturally, your kids will want to hit the beach the minute you arrive in De Panne. Or would they rather chill on a beach chair? You can't go wrong in De Panne because there is plenty to do here. Whatever the weather!

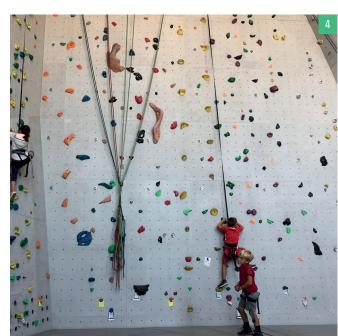
De Panne is one big sandpit for children: hours of romping around, collecting shells, making flowers out of crepe paper, or building forts. Explore the many playgrounds and sports grounds, hire a go kart, go bowling, play minigolf, visit the children's petting farm, or set off on a quest. You can also borrow an iPad from the Tourism office and play the Rosalie city game: a fun game in the low-traffic Dumontwijk.

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- 1 **Climbing course:** Are you a real daredevil? Then hurry down to the climbing course where you need to complete 3 levels to get your feet back on the ground again via the death ride. Who will be the first to finish?
- 2 **Go karts:** An outing to the beach is not complete without a ride on a 'billekarre'! Select the model of your choice and zoom across Zeedijk like a real rally driver. Satisfaction guaranteed!
- 3 **Strandspeeltuin Arizona:** Playing on the beach is even more fun at the beach playground. Let the youngsters play to their heart's content in complete safety: climbing, boating, and jumping on the awesome playground equipment in the enclosed play area.

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- 4 12 m climbing wall: Want to go even higher? Then the climbing wall in 'Den Oosthoek' climbing gym might be of interest! Select a marked climbing route or one of the 2,000 coloured climbing grips you encounter on your way.
- **Bowl-Inn:** Want to bowl, play pool and grab a tasty bite? You can do it all at the Bowl Inn! Opt for a custom formula, or for a disco bowling session on Saturday night. Will you throw a strike?
- Kinderboerderij Paepehof: Monkey around on the climbing frame, or whizz down the slide in the big playground. You should certainly try the famous Paepehof pancakes, with a spoonful of sugar or a big dollop of whipped cream!
- 5 Adventure forest: Het Garzebekeveld is a 30-ha nature reserve where you can walk beside the ponds, romp around the hilly play zone, and build camps in the adventure forest.

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- 6 **Sea Change expo:** Learn all about the flora and fauna of our North Sea at 'Duinpanne' visitor centre. Put on a diving helmet, descend down to the seabed and investigate the effects of pollution for yourself. Control the sea from the control room. A unique experience!
- **Plopsaqua:** Float or swim around and enjoy the outdoor pool, Bubbleton jacuzzis, sliding tubes, disco slide, sky drop and much more! All this in a Wickie De Viking theme... so don't forget your swimming gear!
- **Library:** We have a comprehensive selection for young and old in our library! From baby book boxes to audio books, from large print books to normal books in a smaller format and extra-thin. You can find them all here! Or rent a DVD for a cosy evening in watching movies?

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- 7 Plopsaland: The most popular theme park in Belgium has all you need for a magical day surrounded by your friends or family! How about a fascinating boat ride on the adventurous DinoSplash, cruising through a prehistoric landscape with lifelike dinosaurs?
- 8 **Gity game Rosalie:**Rosalie takes you back
 to De Panne's past, an
 exciting journey on
 which you can earn extra
 points by answering
 quiz questions correctly!
 What is your top score?
- 9 Padel: This sport is a combination of tennis and squash and is rapidly gaining popularity in Belgium. It is easy to learn and is a fun way for young and old to relax!













Hop on your bike and get peddling! The natural surroundings of De Panne and Adinkerke are wonderful for sports. You can go hiking, running, cycling, mountain biking, or horseback riding to your heart's content along the signposted paths. Brave the climbing course at Sporthal Den Oosthoek. Or play a game of padel and climb 12 metres high in the climbing gym (by appointment).

Sporthal Den Oosthoek





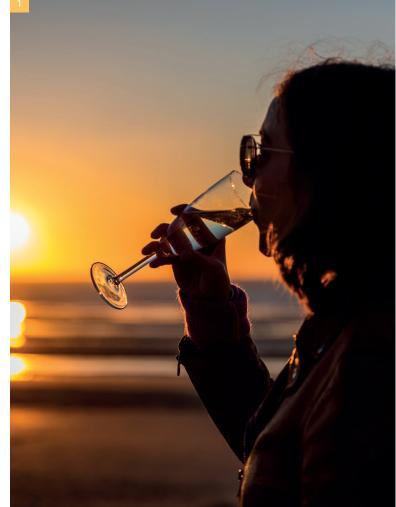


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- 1 Champagne walk: Discover the most beautiful spots in De Panne along the 7 km route. In addition, you can enjoy 5 culinary stops and an accompanying glass of sparkling champagne. Speaking of a vibrant city!
- **Night market:** Finish off a sunny day on the beach with a visit to the night market. Have a sociable chat at the stalls along Leopold I Esplanade and Zeedijk. Who knows, you might find that one unique trinket?



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- 2 Fireworks: Want to play with fire? Conviviality rules around the fire baskets with your friends and family. Enjoy the spectacular fire acts and the reflection of the sparkling lights in the water.
- **Halloween:** There is an enjoyable, fiery programme for young and old (on the back burner)! Who dares enter the fright labyrinth? Who will brave the dangers on the Halloween walk? We look forward to seeing you AA-HA-ALL!
- **Beach Endurance:** Mountain bikers take note! Every year, the best beach bikers gather on the beach at De Panne for "the Mother of all beach races". You could be there too!





- Christmas market and ice rink: Wander
- around the inviting Christmas stalls while you listen to ambient Christmas music. Try the delicious "oliebollen" [Dutch doughnuts]. Or wolf down a tasty apple fritter. The choice is endless. Glide across the unique ice rink. Now that's a real winter wonderland!
- New Year's fireworks: What better way to welcome the new year than with a traditional fireworks display? With the sea as a backdrop? Afterwards, enjoy a hot chocolate or aromatic cup of coffee in one of the many eateries.













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- 3 Cycling events: There are 2 cycling events that cycling enthusiasts should not miss. Wind, fans, De Moeren, ... are the backbone of the Minerva Classic Brugge - De Panne and the Exterioo Women's Classic Brugge - De Panne. Parapanne also takes place in spring! A cycling competition for athletes with a disability.
- 4 **Spring market:** Come to the spring market at the Vijvers Markey! Expect numerous stalls with organic, natural and sustainable products. Workshops, introductions and large amounts of endorphin. Make a fresh start in spring!
- 5 **Kwispelfestival:** Do you like dogs, walking, the beach and the sea? Then be sure to note the Kwispelfestival in your diary! The Leopold I Esplanade will be transformed into a wagtastic doggy paradise. We look forward to welcoming you to a dynamic day of fun and enjoyment for dogs and their owners! Pawsome!



Be sure to check out our Walking Calendar for free guided walks, or book a guide yourself. Put on your walking shoes and explore nature, as well as the hidden architectural gems.



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Not only is De Panne the starting point of our country. This inviting municipality is also the starting point of your journey. After all, there are numerous other attractions and appealing cities in the vicinity.



VISIT VEURNE

How about Veurne? A small but charming city just a stone's throw from the coast with an impressive historical heritage and bustling centre. You will be delighted by the varied offering. Fancy a challenge? Discover the unspoilt nature of De Moeren by bike, and the ever-present headwind there.

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VISIT KOKSIJDE-OOSTDUINKERKE

You can admire the vibrant tradition of shrimp fishermen on horseback at Koksijde-Oostduinkerke. And Hoge Blekker, the highest dune on the Flemish coast. "More sand?" Art and archaeology enthusiasts can also get their fill in Koksijde-Oostduinkerke.

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VISIT NIEUWPOORT

Nieuwpoort is best explored from the water. If a mere bath makes you seasick, you are better off staying ashore. You can experience the unique appeal of this fishing community there too. The medieval city centre and the authentic fishing harbour are well worth a visit. The shopping streets boast stylish boutiques and fine delicatessens.

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BRAY-DUNES

There is also much to experience south of De Panne in France. A short trip that makes you feel a million miles from home. Bray-Dunes, just across the border, takes you back in time to 1940. Hundreds of thousands of English and French soldiers were rescued from the beach during Operation Dynamo.

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GETTING TO DE PANNE

De Panne is easy to reach by train (operated by NMBS) from Antwerp and Brussels via Ghent-Sint-Pieters.

The station is located in Adinkerke municipality, close to the coastal tram terminus. So you can switch directly to the tram that goes to the centre and to De Panne beach. The coastal tram and bus are operated by De Lijn. You can purchase a digital ticket via the De Lijn app, or an SMS ticket. You can also buy tickets at De Lijn shops, sales points (e.g. supermarkets) and ticket machines. The DK'Bus to France (Bray-Dunes, Leffrinckoucke and Dunkirk) also departs from the station.

You can get around the centre easily or get to Veurne and Koksijde with Mobit bicycles. Download the Mobit app, scan the QR code on an available (green) Mobit bicycle and get going!





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