

ISBA Summer Seminar CALAIS FRANCE

18th to 25th August 2018

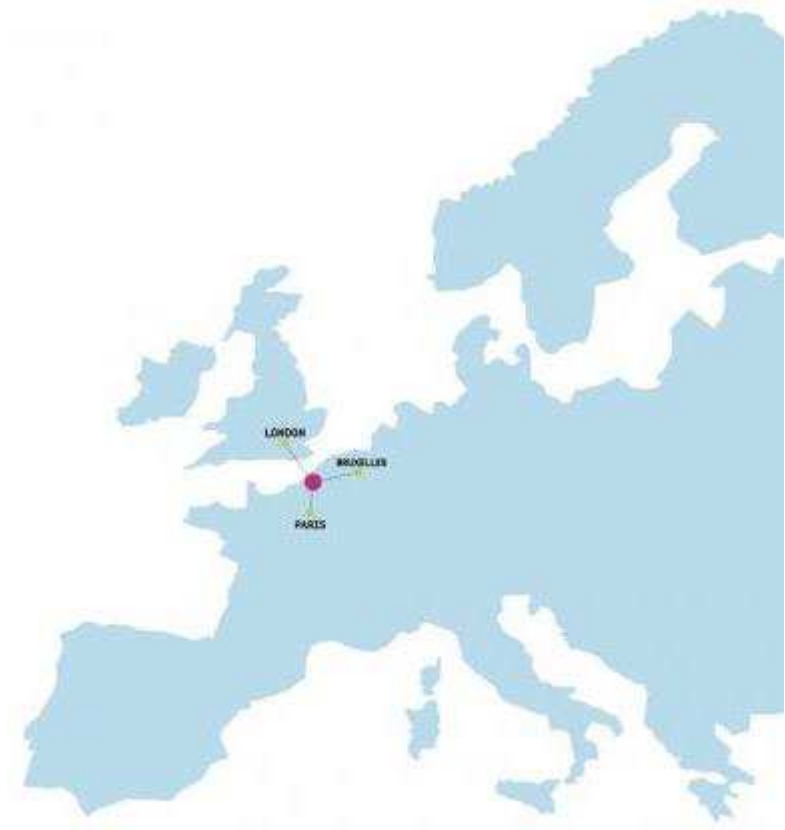


THE SITE

Location

On the Strait of Dover, Calais is situated in a privileged position in North-West Europe with an Eastern access to the Benelux and a Northern access to Great Britain. It is at the center of flows of both goods and passengers between England and Europe.

- 1h30min by TGV from 3 European capitals: **Brussels, London and Paris**
- Main gate to Great Britain, 30 kilometers from the English coasts
- Important transport infrastructure: harbour, railways, motorways
- Train and car connection to the British Isles through the channel tunnel



Unity of place



THE SITE

The yachting base: Accommodation & Meals



Located in the Bleriot-Sangatte District, at the shore, protected from the winds by sand dunes, the Tom Souville Yachting Base is built next to a 25 hectare lake, bordered by a 2,4 km hiking track.

ACCOMMODATION

21 rooms with a capacity ranging from one to six persons per room

Ground floor Total : 23 beds

3 single rooms

2 double rooms (twin-beds – barrier-free)

1 double room (twin-beds)

1 double room (bunk-beds)

2 six persons rooms (3 × 2 bunk-beds)

1 men's bathroom (2 individual showers, WC, washbasins – barrier-free)

1 women's bathroom (2 individual showers, WC, washbasins – barrier-free)

Upper Floor Total : 70 beds

1 four persons room (2 × 2 bunk-beds)

11 six persons rooms (3 × 2 bunk-beds)

1 men's bathroom (4 individual showers, WC, washbasins)

1 women's bathroom (4 individual showers, WC, washbasins)



MEALS

On the ground floor, all meals will be served in the cafeteria – a self-service restaurant facing the lake.

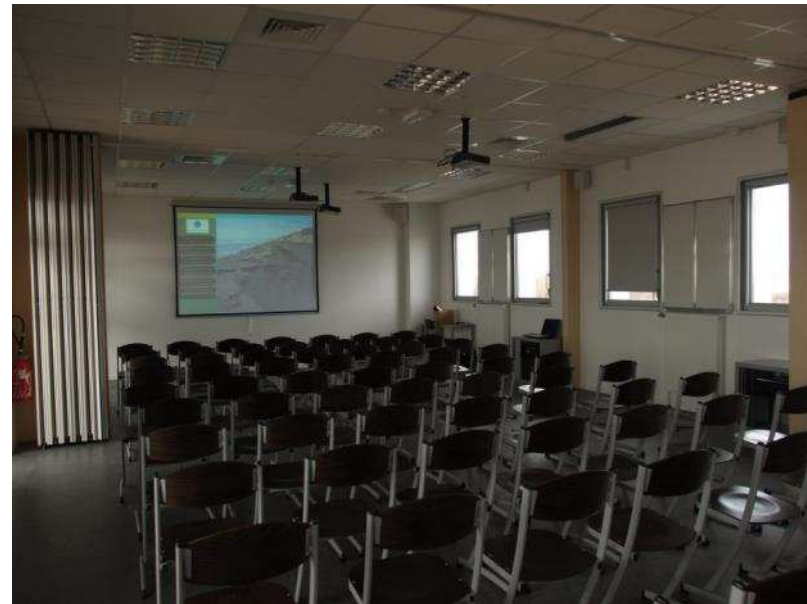


On the upper floor, there is a convivial space of 200 m² overlooking the lake with a panoramic view on the White Nose Cap. This space will welcome the Yokoso Party and the Sayonara Party.

Lecture/meeting rooms

5 lecture/meeting rooms with a capacity of 19 persons each, 100 persons when opened as one unit.

Each room is equipped with a video projector and a screen.



Training spots - Dojo

- The André Ségard sport center will provide a 300 m² area covered with tatami, surrounded by additional free space.



Outdoor training spots

- Beaches



- Lawns



THEMES

Defense

Waters and Winds

Defense

- The walls have disappeared....but the forts are still there! A belt of forts protecting Calais had emerged over time. Those still existing today have a common characteristic: their yellow brick structure. Sand was a raw material abundantly available for local builders at all times!
- Each fort had a specific function, sometimes modified from one century to the other:
 - In the city center, the citadel sheltered the garnison. A wall and the tower (built in the middle ages) still exist.
 - At the entrance of the harbour, there is the Risban Fort. Its construction was initiated by the English army during the 1346-1347 siege to control the access to the harbour.
 - As for the Nieuley Fort, this old toll bridge protected the Western part of the city. This very rare example of a waterworks fort in France is also the main example of the Vauban war architecture in Calais.
- Other coastal forts with their naval guns pointing towards the sea complement the defense system. The Eastern part of the harbour was under the fire of the Green Fort, the entrance of the harbour under the fire of the Red Fort. The third fort, still visible and undergoing restoration: the Rabbit Fort (close to the Bleriot Plage village) covered the Western area of the harbour.
- The most recent set of walls was built to be part of the Atlantic defenses during World War II. The Strait of Dover was a potential site for the landing of the Allied Forces.

Defense



Citadelle



Nieulay Fort



Risban Fort

Waters and Winds

- The climate is oceanic, especially near the coast.
- Long sandy beaches, the sea (which can withdraw two or three kilometers at low tide) and strong winds characterize the region.
- The winds are constant, all year round, every day!
- The beaches offer a lot of space at low tide, which will ensure safe practice.

CULTURAL DAY

Under the auspices of water and wind

- To experience nature, to become able to read the beach, to follow the speed of the wind, the sand yachting, an ecological activity, is accessible to everyone and gaining more and more adepts. The long sandy beaches offer an extraordinary terrain for this activity.
- A half-day initiation to sand yachting will be organized for all participants.



Under the auspices of the city walls

- A half-day excursion to discover all the walls and forts of our area with an Imperial Bus.
- A lecture will precede the excursion and will be continued on site.



SOCIALIZING

(« l'bringue » as they say in the North of France)

Yokoso Party

- The welcome party will include sailor songs and will be held in the convivial space of the Tom Souville Yachting Base.



ISBA Board Dinner

- The ISBA Board Dinner will take place on the sea front, in one of the most famous restaurants of Calais: « Au Côte d'Argent »



Sayonara Party

- To end the seminar, all participants will gather around a barbecue in and around the convivial space.

