

PC012 Domaine de Drancourt  
St Valéry



*"We love this site which is well set out, with pitches surrounded by small hedges. The facilities are clean, the staff welcoming and it is within easy reach of the coast"* The Taylor Family

Campsite Contact Details:

Domaine de Drancourt  
BP 80022  
80230 St Valéry sur Somme  
France

Tel: 0033 322 269 345

## Arrival Procedure

Eurocamp Independent customers should go straight to the site reception on arrival where they will be required to fill in a registration form. Reception, where English is spoken, is open from 9am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 6pm in low season and 8.30am to 8pm in high season. Customers unavoidably delayed, should go to the main campsite reception to speak to security or to the bar to find a member of staff. We advise that you ring ahead to warn the campsite if you expect to arrive late.

As Eurocamp couriers (on site from 16th May to 12th September) will be unaware of your arrival, we recommend that you visit their reception area as soon as you have settled in. Please take your completed courier card with you.

Please note – if you have booked an overnight stop in a mobile home or ready erected tent please see the special arrival procedures on your accommodation voucher.



Don't forget we're on the end of the  
phone if you need us  
Call 0044 1606 787 666

our office hours are:  
Monday- Friday  
Saturdays  
Sundays & Bank Holidays

9.00 am - 5.30 pm  
10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
closed

# Life On Site

Close enough to visit the Bagatelle theme park, the Aqualud water complex and the Marquenterre sanctuary, this site lies amongst lush meadows, near to the Somme estuary.

## Useful Information

- **Swimming pool:** There are three swimming pools in total on the campsite. The first is an outdoor pool which is heated, open from mid April until mid September and which is suitable for all the family. This pool has a two lane waterslide which leads into one end of the pool. The second is a covered pool, which is also heated and open from mid April until mid September. This pool also has a small waterslide for toddlers. The third is a children's pool which is heated, open from mid April until mid September and which adjoins the covered pool. French regulations stipulate that traditional swimming trunks and not shorts should be worn in the swimming pools.
- **Washblocks:** There are four sanitary blocks on the campsite which are all unisex. Please note that most campsites do not provide toilet paper in the washblocks, and some campsite sanitary blocks do not have toilet seats.
- **Barbecues:** Charcoal, gas and electric barbecues are all allowed on your pitch.
- **Internet access:** This is not available on site. However, WiFi access is available in the bar located in the château.
- **Gas bottles:** These cannot be exchanged on site
- **Motorhome service point:** There is a motorhome service point on site.
- **Fridge hire:** This is not available on site. However, it is possible to freeze ice packs at no cost.
- **Electricity:** There will be a 10 amp 3 pin standard European electricity connection on your pitch.
- **Dogs:** Dogs are allowed on site, but they must be kept on a lead. If you require any up to date information on taking your dog abroad, please get in touch. We'd be happy to book any necessary vets appointments on your behalf.
- **Internal Card Payment System:** The campsite uses an internal pre-payment card to try to minimise cash payments on site. These pre-paid cards can be bought and loaded in reception, with cash or a credit card.

## Campsite Activities and Entertainment

We have picked out a few things to do on site that may be of interest to you. For a full list of campsite activities, please refer to our brochure or website.

### During the day

Cycle hire including mountain, adults and children's bikes can be hired at a daily rate from mid April until mid September. Helmets and baby seats are also available to hire.

Pony riding – there are three small Shetland ponies on site for young children to ride, from mid April until mid September. Charges apply and helmets are provided. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult as riding is not supervised by campsite staff and lessons are not available.

Mini golf can be played throughout the season on the château themed course which is laid out under the trees at the back of the campsite. There is no charge for this activity.

A site run children's club is available on site for including water games and face painting, as well as tennis tournaments and games.

For more comprehensive information about the campsite or local area **before you travel**, please feel free to contact us. We are always happy to help. Further information can also be found on our website.

call: 08448 440 440

click: [www.eurocampindependent.co.uk](http://www.eurocampindependent.co.uk)

Please be aware that in the early and late season, the complete range of activities may not be available. Any opening times are for guidance only, as these may vary and are subject to change by the campsite owner. Please check at reception on arrival.

## Food and Drink

The light and airy campsite restaurant is located close to the main reception. Open from mid April until mid September, it serves traditional cuisine which is prepared from locally sourced produce. Set three course and children's menu's are also available and the campsite has a lovely bright conservatory style covered terrace. There is also a take-away on site which is located next to the campsite restaurant, open from mid April until mid September and which serves pizzas, burgers, chips, hot dogs, salads and desserts. The bar on the campsite is located in the château and is open from mid April until mid September. It sells ice creams, sweets and crisps, serves local and internationally branded drinks and has a television showing local and satellite channels.

## Shopping

There is a reasonably sized shop on the campsite which sells supplies including milk, alcohol, sweets, juice, toiletries, fruit and vegetables and frozen foods. There is also bread and pastry ordering service. These are available from early April until late September. Stamps and phone cards are available to buy from reception and there is also a currency exchange facility. The nearby town of St Valéry sur Somme (4km away), also has a pharmacy, a post office, a petrol station, a tabac (English newspapers available) and a Carrefour supermarket.



### During the evening

Evening entertainment is organised 7 nights a week from mid June until the end of August. Held in the campsite bar, it includes children's discos, bingo games, karaoke competitions, quiz nights and cabaret shows.

### Excursions

The campsite organises coach trips to Paris on Wednesdays from early July until late August, subject to demand. Please ask at reception for full details.

## European Drivers' Kit

It's compulsory to carry certain items when driving in Europe, so we've gathered together some of the essentials you'll need in this handy pack for just £14.99 inc P&P.

Call 0844 406 9876 to order yours

\* Please note this must be purchased up to two weeks prior to departure. You must read the terms and conditions on our website before placing an order by telephone

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# Around & About

A region of contrasts, Picardy has it all. From the historic battlefields of the Somme and the poignant fields at Flanders, to the gothic cathedrals at Amiens and Beauvais, and the medieval towns of Compiègne and Laon. All in addition to a 50km vast coastline of rugged cliffs, unspoilt shorelines and characteristic seaside towns.

## While you're here try...

**GATEAU BATTU.** This regional speciality comes from the town of Ponthieu and is a brioche cake, which is shaped like a chef's hat. Traditionally served as a dessert at family gatherings, it is normally accompanied with rhubarb jam or custard.

**FICELLE PICARDE.** This delicious dish of the region is a pancake filled with mushrooms, ham and shallots and topped with a rich cheese and cream or crème fraîche sauce.

**AMIENS MACARONS.** These delicious round shaped biscuits have a tender soft centre and the delicate flavours of both almond and honey. The macaron d'Amiens dates back to the 16th Century and takes three days to produce.

## Beaches

- **St Valéry sur Somme (4km)** – This small beach is the closest to the campsite and lies at the bottom of the narrow streets of fishermen's cottages, which wind up the hill behind the harbour.
- **Fort Mahon and Quend Plage (34km)** - These popular beaches are located to the north of the campsite and have wide expanses of sand and dunes.
- **Le Touquet (58km)** - This popular seafront town derived from isolated moorland and is now a chic resort, which is a favourite with Parisians as a weekend retreat. The beach is long, safe and sandy, dotted with rainbow coloured beach huts and wooden ice cream shacks.
- **Wimereux (84km)** - This beach lies to the north of Boulogne sur Mer and is a lovely, traditional seaside resort, with a sandy and rocky shoreline and pleasant marked out walking paths along the cliff tops.

## Where to Shop

- **St Valéry sur Somme.** This small village is the closest to the campsite (4km away), and has a pharmacy, a post office, a petrol station, a tabac (English newspapers available) and a Carrefour supermarket.
- **Abbeville.** 20km A little further from the campsite (20km away), this town has an increased number of facilities including several banks (with cash points accepting most card types), a butchers, a patisserie, a boulangerie and an Aldi supermarket.
- **La Cité Europe.** This large shopping centre (100km away) is home to 150 retail outlets, a hypermarket, a cinema and 20 restaurants.

**Local market days** (usually mornings only) are as follows:

**Monday** – Crécy en Ponthieu

**Tuesday** – Cayeux sur Mer

**Wednesday** - Boulogne sur Mer

**Thursday** – Abbeville

**Friday** – Le Crotoy

**Saturday** – Gamaches

**Sunday** – St Valéry sur Somme



## Sporting Activities

- **Fishing** – freshwater fishing (carp, pike, eel and roach) is possible at the fishing pond which is located a few minutes walk away from the campsite. Permits are not required.
- **Watersports** – including canoeing and windsurfing can be carried out at the watersports centre in the town of Le Crotoy. [www.informationfrance.com](http://www.informationfrance.com)
- **Golf** – there is an 18 hole golf course in Grand Lavières. Blending into the natural landscape, the course is beautifully designed and is a great place to spot some local wildlife. No handicap required but insurance is necessary. [www.golf-abbeville.com](http://www.golf-abbeville.com)
- **Horse Riding** – it is possible to ride around the Bay of Somme on horseback, and there are a number of riding centres in the area who offer trips for all abilities. [www.visit-somme.com/somme\\_tourisme/decouvrez/nature/on\\_horseback](http://www.visit-somme.com/somme_tourisme/decouvrez/nature/on_horseback)
- **Sand Yachting** – this activity is available along the 5km of beach near to the Marquenterre Bird Sanctuary and Bay of Somme with the Ozone Sand Yachting School. [www.ozone-charavoile.com](http://www.ozone-charavoile.com).
- **Cycling** – the local area is fairly flat and is ideal for cycling. There are a number of circuits and some 50km of cycle tracks around the Bay of Somme. [www.baiecyclette.com](http://www.baiecyclette.com)

## Must Sees and Dos

Please see your European Guide for additional information about your local area.

### Marquenterre Bird Sanctuary – 22km

This nature reserve is home to many species of birds and has a number of wildlife hides and observation posts. [www.parcumarquenterre.com](http://www.parcumarquenterre.com)

### Nausicaa Sea Life Centre - 30km

This is the largest indoor aquarium in Europe, with a penguin beach, sea lion reserve, submerged forest, tropical lagoon, sharks and underwater tunnels. [www.nausicaa.fr](http://www.nausicaa.fr)

### Jardins de Valloires - 35km

This beautiful ornamental garden lies beneath a large Cistercian Abbey, and is regarded as one of France's finest gardens. [www.jardinsdevalloires.com](http://www.jardinsdevalloires.com)

### Parc de Bagatelle - 43km

This large activity park has a zoo, fairground rides, a boating lake, miniature train tracks, a monorail and several restaurants. [www.parcbagatelle.com](http://www.parcbagatelle.com)

### Aqualud Water Park – 59km

This large water park is the biggest of its kind in Northern France, and is home to indoor and outdoor pools, water flumes, jacuzzis, solariums, a lazy river, Black Hole and Twister slides, wave pools and water cannons. The outdoor pool has a large sun deck which overlooks the sea, and there is a café which serves burgers, chips and salads daily. [www.aqualud.com](http://www.aqualud.com)

### Les Grottes de Naours - 65km

A cave system and subterranean village with around 300 chambers and a maze of passages. It was used by the British in WW1 and by the German forces in WW11. [www.grottesdenaours.com](http://www.grottesdenaours.com)

### Baie de Somme Railway - 100km

This tourist steam train runs from Cayeux sur Mer to St Valéry and Le Crotoy. The journey lasts about an hour and is a lovely way to take in the local countryside. [www.visit-somme.com](http://www.visit-somme.com)

### Somme Battlefields Circuit of Remembrance and Museums

Discover the history of the Battlefields in the Great War 1914 – 1918 by following the 12 stages in the Circuit of Remembrance, visit the vast Lochnagar Crater, the Somme 1916 Museum in Albert and the Museum of the Great War in Péronne and the great Memorial at Thiepval. [www.visit-somme.com/somme\\_tourisme/decouvrez/grande\\_guerre](http://www.visit-somme.com/somme_tourisme/decouvrez/grande_guerre) [www.somme-battlefields.com](http://www.somme-battlefields.com)



Please note: Eurocamp Independent has not vetted any off site activities. Customers should undertake their own safety checks.

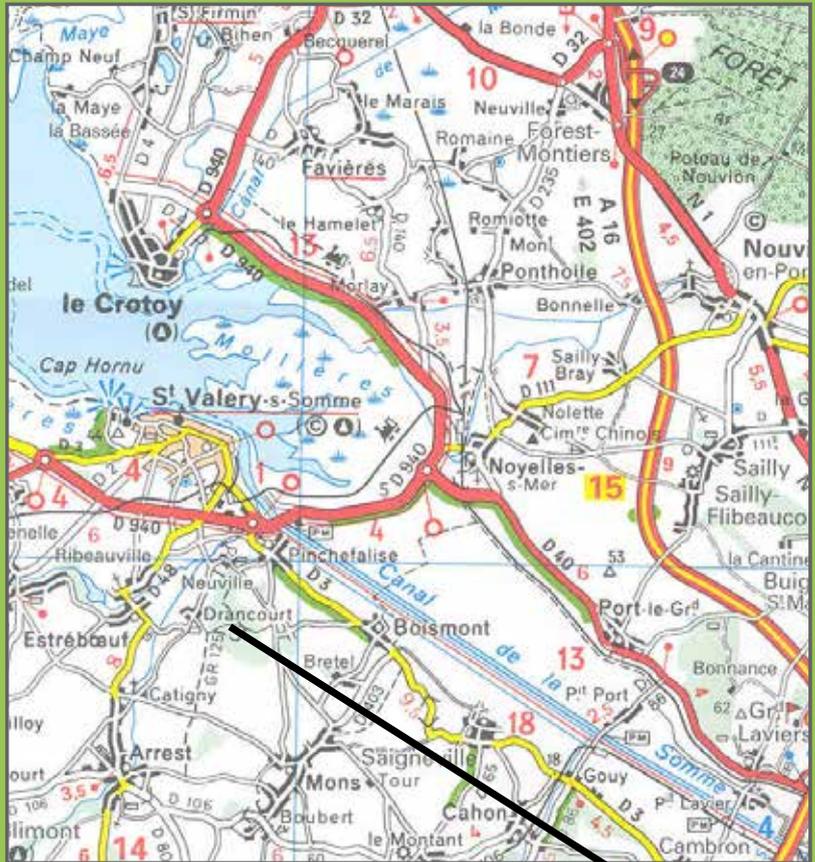
# Getting To Your Site

**Location** St Valéry sur Somme is located on the coast approximately 18km northwest of Abbeville.

**Directions** From the North: Follow the A16, sign-posted towards Amiens and exit at Junction 24 (sign-posted for St Valéry sur Somme). Follow the sign-posts for approximately 20km through several roundabouts. As you approach St Valéry sur Somme you will join the D940. Stay on this road, passing over a narrow metal bridge. At the next roundabout, (with a Champion supermarket on the left hand side) go straight on and up the hill. After 1km, turn left at the junction, and then immediately left again, following signs to Drancourt (there will be an Intermarché supermarket on the right hand side). Follow this road down the hill, and as it bears to the right, and through the hamlet of Drancourt. Take the next left turn, just before the telephone box, and Domaine de Drancourt is 200 yards on the right.

## New Law re Breathalysers in France

Please be aware that a new law came in to force from 1st July 2012 that makes it COMPULSORY for all motorists in FRANCE to carry a single use breathalyser. We advise that if you are travelling to (or through) France you should carry at least two disposable breathalysers in order to comply with this new law. The breathalysers you purchase must comply to French regulations and will carry the 'French certification mark' 'NF'. These should be purchased prior to departure in the UK but can also be purchased on the ferry, in most French supermarkets, service/petrol stations or chemists. You could receive an on-the-spot fine if you cannot produce this product when asked.



**GPS co ordinates:**  
50.152541 / 1.635826 (lat./long.)

Campsite location

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the GPS coordinates provided, we strongly advise you cross-reference your end destination with the map above and the campsite address before you commence your journey.



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## Key Dates

### French Public (Bank) Holidays 2015

- Friday 3rd April - Good Friday (Vendredi Saint)
- Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday (Pâques)
- Monday 6th April - Easter Monday (Lundi de Pâques)
- Friday 1st May - Labour Day (Fête du Travail)
- Friday 8th May - Victory Day (Fête de La Victoire)
- Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day (Ascension Catholique)
- Sunday 24th May - Whit Sunday (Pentecôte)
- Monday 25th May - Whit Monday (Lundi de Pentecôte)
- Tuesday 14th July - Bastille Day (Fête Nationale)
- Saturday 15th August - Assumption of Mary (Assomption)

French organisations and businesses close on public holidays. Although some shopping centres and grocers open for part of the day, the majority of shops do not. Police stations and hospitals do not close. When a public holiday falls on a Thursday or Tuesday, it is common practice to "make the bridge" (faire le pont) by taking off the Friday or Monday so creating a very long weekend.

## Handy Hints and Tips

**Shop Opening & Closing** - The classic French shopping days are Monday to Saturday, with shops generally open from 9 a.m. to Middy, and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Stores generally close on Sundays.

Please Note - Although some larger stores or those in popular tourist areas may remain open at lunchtimes and Sundays, this is optional and not guaranteed.

**Dialling Codes** - If dialling the UK use 00 44 and drop the first 0 from the dialling code if dialling The Republic of Ireland use 00 353 and drop the first 0 from the dialling code

## Tourist Information Office

Office de Tourisme, Place Guillaume Le Conquérant, 80230, St Valéry sur Somme.  
Tel: 0033 322 609 350.

Every effort has been made to ensure the information provided in this guide, to the best of our knowledge, is both helpful and correct at the time of going to press.

## Important Information

**Car breakdown** - Please note that in the event of breakdown all customers insured through Eurocamp Independent should consult their Insurance Terms and Conditions booklet. Couriers on site will have information of local garages.

Due to recent European legislation it is now a requirement when driving in Europe that all cars need to carry a reflective jacket at all times. These reflective jackets can be purchased almost everywhere in Europe for approx 8 to 15 Euros each.

**Personal Injury** The chances of you and your family either having an accident or becoming the victims of crime whilst on holiday are extremely low. However, you should encourage the members of your party to take the same sensible precautions that they would do at home.

Try to avoid walking alone at night, and keep to well-lit main roads where possible. You should try to avoid short cuts like alleyways, waste ground and wooded, bushy areas. Stay alert: be aware of what's going on around you.

It is always worth letting someone know where you are going, the route you intend to take and when you expect to return.

We want you to have a safe holiday - please read campsite notices carefully and ensure all members of your party understand the rules and regulations as they are there for your own safety.

## Emergency Information

**Emergencies.** In the event of an emergency please contact the main campsite reception for details of local emergency services.

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| Doctors  | St Valéry sur Somme | 0033 322 602 700 |
| Dentist  | St Valéry sur Somme | 0033 322 269 007 |
| Hospital | St Valéry sur Somme | 0033 322 602 800 |
| Vet      | St Valéry sur Somme | 0033 322 268 111 |