

# ECM 2011

## PRE- and POST- CONGRESS EXCURSIONS

These excursions (of one or two days) are suggested directly by the conference organization committee and not by a tourist agency. We directly negotiated the prices and you will be accompanied by one or two representatives of the committee. We attempted to find both touristic and scientific interests. These excursions will be cancelled if the quota of people is not reached.

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### **1- Mammalogy & Ornithology in « Baie de Somme »: one day / € 60**

**Sunday 24 July from 8:30 to 18:30**

*Limited to 50 persons.*

*Including: transport by bus, access to the park, and gastronomic lunch at Cap Hornu.*



At 230 km North of Paris, discover the largest estuary in the North of France by the Channel. Today the Baie de Somme is a member of the very select club of the Most Beautiful Bays of the World, along with San Francisco Bay and Ha Long Bay in Vietnam's Gulf of Tonkin. Peculiar sandy, swampy environment extended over 70 square kilometres between Hourdel cape and St Quentin en Tourmont.

The light and sea are exceptional, you will see the seals in Hourdel and learn about the rehabilitation of the colonies, and in the afternoon you will discover the ornithological reserve of Marquenterre between beach, dunes and forest: a unique experience. You will enjoy traditional sea food direct from the harbour of Cap Hornu as well as the medieval city of St Valery sur Somme.



**2- Chambord Renaissance Castle and Hunting reserve: one day / € 60  
- CANCELLED -**

**3- Safari in Parc de la Haute Touche & Bourges medieval city and its  
Natural History Museum: 2 days / € 180 - CANCELLED -**

**4- Parc des Félines of Melun: one day / € 25**

**Tuesday 19 July (return before 17:00)**

*Including: transport by bus, guided tour and entrance fees.*



At only 52 km East of Paris, this zoological park, located in a magnificent woodland estate, is unique in the world in being specialized in the reproduction and breeding of felids and lemurs. You will spend a nice day and will have a guided tour into the reserve.



**5- A time journey in the heart of Paris by bicycle: 3 hours / € 30**

*Wednesday 20 July: 6pm to 9pm*

*Including: bike rental, security equipment, insurance, guides*

A unique experience: enjoy a slow speed commented tour of the very old heart of Paris through the Marais, St Louis island and Place des Vosges.



This original way of visiting the heart of Paris is like a time travel. You will take little streets of Marais to end in front of the modern Beaubourg museum, then you will enjoy the sight of the Palais Royal, the Louvre, the Seine islands and finally Saint Paul village.