

SpeedFerries opens new fast ferry Terminal at Dover's Hoverport today

I am really proud to announce the opening of our new fast ferry terminal today at the Dover Western Docks, known as the Hoverport. The first sailing took place this morning at 07:00 a.m. From this historic place where the mighty Hovercraft used to take off we have constructed a facility which I find to be the best possible ferry port. Ideal from our operational perspectives and ideal from all service and convenience perspectives.

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As the Port of Dover is getting increasingly congested, landside as well as seaside, this move to the Hoverport, closer to the M20 and away from the ever longer queues of lorries, is really good news. So it's now "goodbye lorries and goodbye freight ferries". While refurbishing the Hoverport we have also taken the opportunity to upgrade our facilities in Boulogne where customers will now park just in front of the ferry and right next to the Terminal.

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The easy and convenient access to SpeedFerries' exclusive port facilities in both Dover and Boulogne connecting the M20/A20 directly to the French A16 motorway will be very efficient. On most of our ticket types customers would only need to arrive thirty minutes prior to departure and with a crossing which is now just 50 minutes we will be able to beat even Eurotunnel on the travel time for most of France. SpeedFerries offers a direct connection to the motorway in France at twice the freight ferry speed.

"new historic café concepts and new land based lounges"

During the coming weeks and months three new historic café concepts and new land based lounges will emerge. The (Hovercraft) Engine Bay Café in the Hoverport, the Jervis Bay Café onboard SpeedOne and the Orient Express Café in Boulogne Port will open, partly as catering facilities, partly as small museums celebrating the famous past of the historic buildings and the craft we are using for the service. On top of this, new Premier Class lounges will open in both ports in July and the Premier concept onboard will also be upgraded.

"priority check-in and priority lanes for PREMIER Class and SUPER Voucher customers"

In the Dover Hoverport as well as in Boulogne there are now priority check-in and priority lanes for PREMIER Class and SUPER Voucher customers as well as the previous 10-trip Voucher customers.

"new improved operational set up is the perfect platform for expansion"

The Hoverport move was a precondition for operating more than one fast ferry out of Dover. SpeedFerries has already obtained 13% percent of the car passenger market on the Dover Strait and the new improved operational set up is the perfect platform for expansion.

Curt Stavis

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