Hidden Gems of the Region

A small journey through our own experiences with charming local eateries.

62224 Équihen-Plage: Le Bouquet, 4 Rue Charles Cazin, 00 33 3 21 92 25 21. Panoramic terrace with breathtaking sea views. For 16 years, my go-to spot when staying at my holiday home *Villa Le Grand Bleu*. Always a warm welcome from *La Patronne* Carole, who never fails to surprise with her cuisine. For me, it feels like coming home culinary-wise.

62224 Équihen-Plage: La Brise, 48 Rue Charles Cazin, 00 33 3 21 33 73 25. Excellent value for money.

62480 Le Portel: Le Spot, 21 Quai de la Violette, 00 33 6 77 99 20 92. Le Spot is not just a place to eat – it's a place to be. A perfect mix of simplicity, freshness, and flavor, where the sea meets the soul of French gastronomy. A must-visit in Le Portel!

62360 Condette: L'Orée du Bois, 20 Rue de la Marne, 00 33 3 21 87 34 73. A renewed menu every Monday (3 new starters – 3 new main courses – 3 new desserts). Just 5 minutes from Hardelot Castle, this restaurant has been recommended by Gault & Millau for the fifth consecutive year.

62152 Neufchâtel-Hardelot: L'OCEAN Bistr'o de la mer, 100 Boulevard de la Mer, 00 33 3 21 83 17 98. A unique experience in Hardelot-Plage, a peaceful refuge located on the promenade with an exceptional panoramic view of the English Channel. Inspired by the sea and the local terroir, Nicolas creates refined, picturesque, and colorful dishes that play with textures and bold combinations.

62200 Boulogne-sur-Mer: La Strega, 107 Rue De La Porte Gayole, 00 33 3 59 44 12 21. La Strega offers a wide selection of dishes and Moroccan specialties. Delicious Eastern specialties in a typical Moroccan atmosphere. Fully homemade couscous to delight your taste buds. The tagine, a traditional Moroccan dish, is prepared with quality Mediterranean herbs and a mix of sweet and savory flavors. The wine list includes French wines as well as wines from various regions of Morocco.

62930 Wimereux: La Bourriche Wimereusienne, 19 Rue du Général de Gaulle, **00 33 3 21 83 67 48.** An oyster and seafood bar that sells its products several times a week at markets along the Opal Coast and daily at its location on 19 Rue du Général de Gaulle in Wimereux!

62170 Audinghen: La Sirène, 376 Rue de la Plage Cap Gris-Nez, 00 33 3 21 30 78 64. Restaurant with feet in the water, in a place that has remained pristine and natural. Mr. and Mrs. Bouloy warmly welcome you to their fish and seafood restaurant, with a classic interior and panoramic view of the seaside boulevard. A true institution!

62179 Wissant: Restaurant de la Plage, 1 Place Édouard Houssin, 00 33 6 30 44 19 95. This historic building is located in the heart of Wissant village, 150 meters from the sea, between Cap Gris-Nez and Cap Blanc-Nez. The restaurant serves local, homemade dishes prepared with seasonal ingredients. High-quality products from local farmers, fishermen, and artisans are highlighted by the chef.

62520 Le Touquet-Paris-Plage: Perard, 67 Rue de Metz, 00 33 3 21 05 13 33. Perard is the inventor of fish soup, now exported worldwide. Excellent value for money, service, and quality – a must-see. Includes an oyster bar and adjacent shop.

62520 Le Touquet-Paris-Plage: Caravane, 71-73 Rue de Metz, 00 33 3 21 05 94 **12.** A new culinary and sensory adventure, in the colors of the world. Embark on a journey of taste, visuals, and sound in an exceptional setting. Each weekend brings a different atmosphere thanks to various artists. Pianists, guitarists, singers – they ensure you enjoy your time with the Caravane team.

62170 Saint-Josse: Auberge du Moulinel, 116 Ch. De L'Avant-Pays (D139), 00 33 3 21 94 79 03. Difficult to find; best to set GPS (and don't go to St-Josse directly) but worth searching for. Fine cuisine in a traditional yet special interior.

Additionally, there are so-called "estaminets-randonnée": about twenty cozy local cafés and restaurants, such as Au Lion d'Or (28 Rue de l'Église, 62132 Hardinghen, Tel: 00 33 3 21 82 09 96), scattered across small villages in the Boulonnais. Enjoy delicious regional dishes for around €15 and take part in traditional folk games. A booklet with all addresses is available for free at tourist offices.

Let yourself be seduced by authentic flavors and pure enjoyment!

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