

ACTIVITIES



GENERAL

Discover the interesting places in the area with the advice of the green Michelin guide Picardie – Nord-Pas-de-Calais. The IGN topographic map of Boulogne-sur-Mer 2104 ET comes highly recommended as well. The proper resources will help you make the most of your stay at Le Grand Bleu.

WALKING/GUIDES

Follow the yellow triangle signs for the most fun and easy walks. They come listed in a pack per region, available for free (maybe after insisting a bit) in all tourist information centres. The Boulonnais region comes in a pack of 12 trips, all tested and approved!

Beginners: "24 Balades dans le Pas de Calais" by Roland Huguet for Conseil Général Pas-de-Calais. Walks from 4 to 10 kms, easy to follow though the IGN map might come in handy. Trip 19, 20 and 21 start in the vicinity of Le Domaine Sauvage.

More experienced: "Le Pas-de-Calais à Pied" from the Topo Guides series: 23 fun walks with a lot of extra info. Or "Les Nouveaux Guides Franck: Randonnées Pas-de-Calais, Côte d'Opale" by Christophe Lépine: a lot of daytrips between 10 and 20 km, combining existing walks. Include the nicest sceneries but not always easy to follow. Recommended: walk 12 – Entre les 2 Caps ; walk 20 – Montreuil-sur-Mer.

NATURE

Check Dominique Arnaud's "Nature en Caps et Marais d'Opale": a wealth of details on the area's fauna & flora. Arena, the educational centre on nature in Condette is nice as well. So are Jo 62's educational walks in the region, their program is available everywhere for free.

LOCAL RESTAURANTS, NO TOURIST TRAPS

We tested these ourselves and gave them our approval.

- 62224 Equihen-Plage: Restaurant Le Bouquet, 4 rue Charles Cazin, 00 33 3 21 92 25 210 - Upscale cuisine. Excellent value. This is our top pick!
- 62270 Wierre-Effroy: La ferme du Vert, Rue du Vert, 00 33 3 21 87 67 00 - Beautiful barn renovation, unique location and atmosphere, hotel, € 28 menu could be better, à la carte recommended.
- 62930 Wimereux: Chez Yann, 25 Rue Napoleon, 00 33 3 21 87 30 04, www.chez-yann.com - Tasty original cuisine.
- 62930 Wimereux: La Vie est Belle, 44 Rue Carnot, 00 33 3 21 83 19 31, www.restaurant-lavieestbelle.fr. - Former star chef, simpler now but very good and affordable bistro/restaurant. Unique flavours and dishes at an interesting price. Our personal favourite!
- 62520 Le Touquet: Perard, 67 Rue de Metz, 00 33 3 21 05 13 33, www.restaurantperard.com - Perard invented the fish soup, now exported to all corners of the world. Price/quality/service is just OK, but Perard is really worth checking out. Oyster bar and store.
- 62520 Le Touquet: Le Manoir du Golf, Avenue du Golf, 00 33 3 21 06 28 00 - At the Golf club, beautiful scene and terrace, non-golfers welcome too, delicious 'spicy' food, not cheap but more than worth it.
- 62520 Le Touquet: Les Djukes, 73 Rue de Paris, 00 33 3 21 05 03 03 - Cosy interior, tasteful dishes.

- 62520 Le Touquet: Le Ricochet, 49 Rue de Paris, 00 33 3 21 06 41 36 - World cuisine with eastern influences.
- 62170 Saint-Josse: Auberge du Moulinel, 116 Ch. De L'Avant-Pays (D139), 00 33 3 21 94 79 03 - Hard to locate (check your Satnav and don't drive to St-Josse) but worth finding. Subtle cuisine in an old fashioned and unique settingwo.

Definitely worth mentioning are the estaminets-randonnée ("pub-crawl"), ± 20 popular bars/restaurants (e.g. "Au Lion d'Or" in Hardinghen), spread across small villages in the Boulonnais region. Enjoy a nice local meal for ± € 10 and play authentic popular games. Free booklet with all addresses available in all tourist information centres.

TRIPS

Nature lovers: take a whisper boat ride through the Clairmarais (St-Omer) nature reserve and the Somme Bay. Or explore the bay and its extraordinary nature by car. Along the coastline and through the bay's 'hinterland' you'll see nature's different facets. There are a couple of themed parks and visitor centres along the way.. And of course, don't miss a city tour of the towns of Saint-Valéry-sur-Somme or Le Crotoy. A unique nature walk, straight through the Somme Bay, is possible too. On the way back, don't miss the beautiful St-Riquier abbey and the garden of the Valloires abbey. Trythis route, it's a top priority! History enthusiasts: visit La Coupole near Saint-Omer, an impressive WW2 bunker museum. And , of course, golfers won't want to miss the Hardelet Golf.

SURROUNDINGS

Équihen-Plage Surf school	0.5 km
Hardelet les Dunes Golf Course Boulogne-sur-Mer	5.5 km
Train Station Boulogne-sur-Mer	5.8 km
Tintelleries Train Station Boulogne-sur-Mer	6.9 km
Museum	7 km
Boulogne Hospital	7.3 km
Wimereux Golf Club	13.6 km
Aqualud Water Park	16.1 km
Maréis Sea Fishing Discovery Centre	17.3 km
Le Touquet Golf Course	18.9 km
Wissant Kitesurf	32.4 km
Le Touquet Opal Coast Airport	17.7 km



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