



## What to do in Le Touquet!

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[www.letouquet.com](http://www.letouquet.com)

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### ***Water and Sand Sports***

**Aqualud Water Park and Leisure Centre** – Fun for all the family. You can enjoy swimming in warm water even on a cold, windy day at Aqualud which is located on Le Touquet sea front. The vast glass pyramid offers a wide range of indoor water-based activities - though it's not open all year round. There's a giant water slide, the “River of Surprises”, artificial waves, bubbling baths - and afterwards a sauna complex.

New attractions in the glass pyramid - From a platform at the top of the pyramid, 16 metres high, you travel in a two-seater boat down through a “black hole”, with special effects and a fearsome drop into the darkness! Also the “Twister” - a high speed slide which twists and turns, and includes a fall into a crater - leaving you feeling quite dizzy!

**Sand Yachting** – Bertrand Lambert leads a highly experienced and motivated team and is, himself, 5 times world sand yachting champion and holder of the world speed record (151,55 Km/h). A sport governed by the wind. One day athleticism is required, the next, finesse and a gentle touch.

**Nautic Centre** - Wind surfers, dinghies, sport catamarans and canoes can be hired by the hour or for the high tide. If you do not own a boat but intend to sail regularly why not join?

The sailing school is a member of the French sailing federation (FFV). The school welcomes all those who want to learn to sail, improve their technique or navigation skills or even prepare an instructor's qualification. (From 8 years olds upwards)



## ***Health, Beauty and Fitness***

**Thalassa** – “Your Beach of Vitality” - Inviting you to take the first few steps towards a new state of well-being, the finest sea resort of the Côte d’Opale welcomes you to its Institute of seawater therapy and to its new Beauty Spa. The omnipresent nature and the fragrances coming from maritime pines and varied essences arouse the senses and calm the spirit. Come and breathe in its bracing air and enjoy personalised treatment. <http://www.accorthalassa.com/gb/centres/index.html>

**The Park Plaza Grand Hotel** – The Hotel offers the discerning traveller and privileged business person 134 elegant rooms and suites, as well as a sumptuous presidential suite. The hotel's cuisine is gourmet and renowned for its taste and splendour.

The heated indoor swimming pool is the largest and most outstanding in the region ; Extensive conference and banquet facilities provide the ideal setting for successful business meetings and prestigious private functions.

- The Health and Beauty Centre enables you to take advantage of the benefits of the sea products and nutrients a cure or for preventive purposes. It makes use of the climate, algae, sand and other substances from the sea.  
[http://www.mercure.com/mercure/fichehotel/gb/mer/thalassa/5605/fiche\\_hotel.shtml](http://www.mercure.com/mercure/fichehotel/gb/mer/thalassa/5605/fiche_hotel.shtml)

## ***Equestrian***

**Le Touquet Riding Centre, Canche Park** – In the idyllic setting of the Canche Park, Le Touquet riding centre offers some of the best facilities in France. Take an introductory lesson or if you're an experienced rider, explore Le Touquet on horseback. Lessons from beginner level (equipment provided) up to level 7 (gallop) and proficiency courses available. Magnificent hacks in the forest, dunes and on the beach (minimum level required gallop 3). Pony riding also available for children.

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### **Business**

Le Touquet is an ideal place to have your business conference or seminars and has hosted many high profile meetings in the prestigious Hotel Westminster (e.g. Prime Minister Tony Blair and President Jacques Chirac). In addition to this The Congress Palace has been totally renovated and when combined with the other commercial venues it meets with all your business needs.

**Congress Palace** – Newly renovated and equipped with the latest technological gadgets, Palais de l' Europe is ready to respond to the most demanding congress, seminar or exhibition. Included within its many conference rooms are auditoriums and halls which have capacity in excess of 1000. The majority of rooms have video conference, broadcast and projection facilities and there are also interpretation booths which have simultaneous translation into 6 different languages. The team can also provide catering ranging from buffet meals to cocktail dinners to gourmet menus, and will manage and organise any excursions or sporting trips.

**Hotel Westminster** – “*Renowned As... The Perfect Host.*” The Hotel Westminster has selected the finest of ingredients to offer you the most delightful of stays...it's classic luxury has not only created a certain style but also an “art de vivre.” It will energize your public relations meetings or seminars with the aid of the quality structure we have in place, which will guarantee the success of your event. The key to success is not only the interest which your event arouses but also the support and publicity which follow. Our role is to envisage your project and create your own unique function.

The Opal Rooms are three new superb suites which can be converted for your seminars, with a capacity of up to 300 guests. Four superbly furnished function rooms, ideal for your receptions. The inter-connecting suites can be converted according to individual requirements.

**Le Picardy (Holiday Inn)** – With 8 naturally-lit meeting rooms, Le Picardy is perfectly adapted for any type of meeting and can cater for groups ranging from 20 to 120 people. Some of the rooms on the ground floor open out onto the forest for your meeting to be enjoyed in a quiet and intimate environment.

### **Casino**

**Casino St Jean** - In the town centre along the Rue St Jean, Casino St Jean and Groupe Partouche welcome you with 100 slot machines, the game of “Boule”, the restaurant “Le Grill” with an ocean liner theme, the night club “Le Doral” and the Egyptian musical bar “Le Philae Cafe”. The management and the staff want you

to share wonderful moments the whole year round in an exceptional site with an thrilling, relaxed and smart atmosphere.

**Casino du Palais** - Unique in Le Touquet Paris-Plage, the casino du palais offers you an elegant relaxed atmosphere in its traditional gaming room. Our staff will be happy to remind you the rules of the game. Take your chance at Black-



Jack or Stud Poker or place your bets at Roulette, the most popular betting game in the world. (Minimum bet: 2€ at Roulette and 5€ at Black-Jack and Stud Poker).

The record Jackpot in 2004 to beat on the slot machines is more than 120 000€ in Casino du Palais. So come and see the largest slot machines rooms the opal coast with the best selection of machines and the highest jackpots. Your dreams come true...

## **Golfing**

Well-known as one of France's major golfing complexes, the Golf du Touquet is the jewel of the Côte d'Opale. It offers a choice of three golf courses (2 x 18 holes, 1 x 9 holes) where golfers can enjoy an exceptional environment.

“**La Forêt**” course (5659 m, PAR 71) was designed by Horace Hutchinson and inaugurated in 1904. The course is laid out in Le Touquet's superb pine grove and its calm and friendly atmosphere offers players of all levels a pleasurable and relaxing experience

“**Parcours de la Mer**” (6275 m-PAR 72), designed by Harry Colt, was inaugurated more recently in 1931. This course can be likened to a genuine Scottish links and has been chosen on several occasions for the French Open and the Amateur Championships of France. For more than 60 years it has been the source of Golf du Touquet's international reputation. Mainly sculpted around the rugged and wind-swept dunes of the Coast, the course offers its golfers a magnificent landscape.

“**Le Manoir**” course (2817 m-PAR 35), designed by Bill Baker and opened in 1994 is ideal for all golfers at a beginner's level or who wish to perfect their swing. This 9-hole course presents the golfer with all the most likely difficulties and particular situations of the game. It is also used for teaching and has been designed for initial grading purposes and for golfers to obtain their green card.

Golf du Touquet also offers a driving range (capacity 30 stations, of which 20 are covered), a putting green, a pitching green and a Club House with bar and restaurant. <http://www.opengolfclub.com/en/home.htm>

## **Motor Sport**

**Enduro** – Every year in February, a spectacular motorbike & quad race called ‘Enduro’ brings hundreds of thousands of spectators to watch crowds of bikers racing along the beach and through the dunes.

## **Real Estate**

Le Touquet has a reputation as the most elegant holiday resort of northern France - the playground of rich Parisians, with many luxury hotels. The resort was created in 1876 by the owner of the Paris newspaper, Le Figaro. Then this was an area of wild sand dunes and forest - part of a hunting estate. It became known as “Paris by the sea”, and strict building regulations encouraged the most talented architects to create imaginative and innovative developments.

In 1903, a British syndicate bought the land, and set out to sell properties to the rich from across the English Channel.



In the 1920s Noel Coward and the ‘smart set’ from England spent weekends here, and commissioned more outstanding villa designs echoing traditional and ultra-modern domestic styles. Today the town tourist office offers organised trails to see outstanding examples of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century domestic architecture, which are now preserved and

protected.

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## **Places To Stay in Le Touquet**

Visit [www.lyddair.com](http://www.lyddair.com) for live online hotel bookings

### **Westminster Hotel \*\*\*\***

135€ / 575€ per room for 2 persons

Tel: (00 33 321) 05.48.48

Fax: (00 33 321) 05.45.45

[www.westminster.fr](http://www.westminster.fr)

In the heart of one of the most elegant quarters of Le Touquet, just 500m from the beach and 150m from the Palais des Congrès, the 1930's charm of the Westminster and its sober luxury continue to attract.

Situated close to the beach, the Hotel benefits from the fresh sea air, which mingles with the aromas of the pine forest. The trees delicately shadow the large, majestic facade of deep rose, with its luminous bay windows. As soon as you enter the hallway, there is a certain magic in the air, where a Retro charm reigns. The contrast of space and wood-panelling, wrought ironwork and delicate lighting emphasize the tranquil and convivial ambiance, which will enchant you.

***Holiday Inn Resort \*\*\*\****

109€ / 177€ per room for 2 persons

Tel: (00 33 321) 06.85.85

Fax: (00 33 321) 06.85.00

[www.holidayinnletouquet.com](http://www.holidayinnletouquet.com)

Situated in the resort centre and at the edge of the forest, Holiday Inn resort le Touquet with its corridors roofed with glass is showered by light. 88 rooms including 32 for families with mezzanine, the restaurant le Picardy and the bar with large sunny terraces, 8 meeting rooms, a large indoor swimming-pool (closed 08-15 Oct 06) a Jacuzzi, a tennis court : a full leisure and relaxed hotel.

***Mercure Grand Hotel \*\*\*\****

93€ / 158€ per room for 2 persons

Tel: (00 33 321) 06.88.88

Fax: (00 33 321) 06.87.87

[www.mercure.com](http://www.mercure.com)

Located in the heart of the forest, close to the beach, the Mercure Grand Hotel Le Touquet offers a nice venue with contemporary design. The Mercure Grand Hotel Le Touquet features 134 rooms furnished in British style and with a panoramic view of the bay. All rooms are equipped with a private bathroom with bathtub/shower, hair dryer, mini-bar, air conditioning, safe deposit box, direct dial telephone, and satellite TV.

***Bristol \*\*\****

80€ / 105€ per room for 2 persons

Tel (00 33 321) 05.49.95

Fax: (00 33 321) 05.90.93

[www.hotelbristol.fr](http://www.hotelbristol.fr)

Ideally situated in the town centre and 100 meters from the beach, the Bristol, renovated in its original style, offers you the charm of its past and the comfort of its 3 stars.

**Manoir Hotel \*\*\***

144€ / 224€ per room for 2 persons

Tel: (00 33 321) 06.28.28

Fax: (00 33 321) 06.28.29

[www.opengolfclub.com](http://www.opengolfclub.com)

Beautifully situated in the heart of the forest estate at Le Touquet, Le Manoir Hotel was originally built in 1911 and belonged to Alien Stoneham, the founder of the renowned Le Touquet Golf Club.

Tastefully converted into a 3 star hotel, Le Manoir Hotel, is only a few steps from the first tee, and provides guests with an elegant and comfortable first class personal service.

Facilities at The Manoir Hotel include:- tennis, swimming during the summer in the spacious heated outdoor pool, or snooker. The 42 rooms have been individually furnished to provide every comfort including en suite bathroom, satellite television and telephone.

With an enviable reputation for fine cuisine and a superbly stocked wine cellar, the elegant dining room offers the very highest standard of French cuisine.

**Novotel \*\*\***

101€ / 168€ per room for 2 persons

Tel: (00 33 321) 09.85.00

Fax: (00 33 321) 09.85.10

[www.thalassa.com](http://www.thalassa.com)

Linked to the thalassotherapy centre. Directly on the beach. 1 km away from Le Touquet, also 1 km from the Convention Centre 'Palais de l'Europe'. Heated indoor sea water swimming pool (30 C). Light or traditional food. Great views of water and sand sports from both the bar and restaurant.

**Ibis \*\***

75€ / 118€ per room for people

Tel: (00 33 321) 09.87.00

Fax: (00 33 321) 09.87.10

[www.thalassa.com](http://www.thalassa.com)

The Ibis Le Touquet Paris Plage hotel is a beachfront hotel, opposite the Cote d'Opale, rooms with stunning views of the ocean. The thalassotherapy institute is in the hotel. Restaurant, bar, swimming pool and public parking, 4 km to the airport and 6 km from railways station.

**Red Fox \*\***

31€ / 105€ per room for 2 persons

Tel: (00 33 321) 05.27.58

Fax: (00 33 321) 05.27.56

[www.hotalredfox.com](http://www.hotalredfox.com)

The Red Fox Hotel is located in the heart of Le Touquet-Paris Plage. The hotel boasts 53 comfortable and fully equipped rooms, with en-suite facilities (bathtub or shower) and private toilet, direct dial telephone and TV with English channels.

### ***Nouveau Caddy* \*\***

55€ / 70€ per room for 2 persons

Tel: (00 33 321) 05.83.95

Fax: (00 33 321) 05.85.23

[www.lenouveaucaddy.com](http://www.lenouveaucaddy.com)

Between sea and forest, the Nouveau Caddy offers quality accommodation and services in a warm setting.

### ***Residence Hippotel* \*\***

#### **From 55.60€ per room**

The Hippotel is set in the forest area of Le Touquet, near the Canche estuary & the regional riding centre. Guests may choose from spacious and comfortable rooms, some of which accommodate up to six people. The hotel is less than a kilometre from the town centre. All studios and apartments have either a balcony or terrace with pleasant views of the park surrounding the hotel. Bed linen is provided and beds are made up for guest arrival. The hotel's game area boasts a pool table, video games, table football & pinball machines. A sauna and a small gymnasium are also available. Enjoy pre-dinner drinks in the bar, complete with terrace. Delicious meals are available in the hotels restaurant.

## **Places to Eat in Le Touquet**

### ***Food & Drink***

French food is renowned world wide as being some of the best, and in Le Touquet you are truly spoiled for choice. The restaurants range from simple and traditional French foods to gastronomic and 'nouvel cuisine'. All are friendly and all staff speak enough English for you enjoy you evening.

Nearly all restaurants have patios or gardens for summer dining and further information is available on the restaurants that we have tried in Le Touquet. Also the town has a superb covered market with many special delights (look out for the one day only Christmas market)



### ***La Dune Aux Loups***

Set Menus from 15.70€ to 45€

Tel: (00 33 321) 05.42.54

Fax: (00 33 321) 05.51.67

Traditional cuisine served in a warm and intimate environment. The maitraderie Eric and Head Waiter Jean-Louis could not be more welcoming and they are well versed in "franglais". All the set menus are fantastic value for money and the



house wine is generally very good. A favourite among the locals makes the La Dune Aux Loups one of the best restaurants in Le Touquet and we would recommend making a reservation as it gets full very quickly.

### ***La Village Swiss***

Set Menus from 21€ to 45€

Tel: (00 33 321) 05.69.93

Fax: (00 33 321) 05.66.97

Fine French food, beautifully served and presented. In the summer the terrace is fantastic to sit out on and cool down, and one of the best places to see the fireworks on Bastille Day. All the set menus are great value for the truly excellent food you will receive, and the menus change seasonally. The cheese board is particularly good (smelly) and a reservation is recommended as it is very popular with the locals.

### ***Le Jardin***

Set Menus from 15€ to 45€

Tel: (00 33 321) 05.16.34

Fax: (00 33 321) 05.93.39

Great traditional food in a great French restaurant. The menu is generally good value although the top set menu is a little expensive for what it is. We would recommend the mid-priced set menu for the best value. Good wine and fantastic oysters (the best in Le Touquet) make this a must but booking is essential at weekends.

### ***Le Manoir***

#### **Menus from 26€**

Located about five minutes outside of Le Touquet in the forest, Le Manoir restaurant is beautifully decorated and has sumptuous food to satisfy everyone. Wonderful especially on a summer's day when all the windows are opened to

make it feel as if you are eating in the forest. Ask the maitrader for his recommendation on the wine and you will not be disappointed.

***La Picardy (Holiday Inn)***

Menus from 23€

Tel: (00 33 321) 06.85.85

Fax: (00 33 321) 06.85.00

Set on the edge of the forest, La Picardy is not a far walk from the town. The gastronomic menu changes according to the season and there are great Sunday BBQ's during July and August.

***La Viet – Nam***

**Set Menus from 15€ to 26€**

If you feel like some 'hot' food this is the place to go. A family run restaurant with a great atmosphere and really great Vietnamese cuisine. Ask for 'tres picant' at your own risk!

***Le Foret (Casino de Palais)***

Set Menus from 12€ to 26€

Good French food at affordable prices.