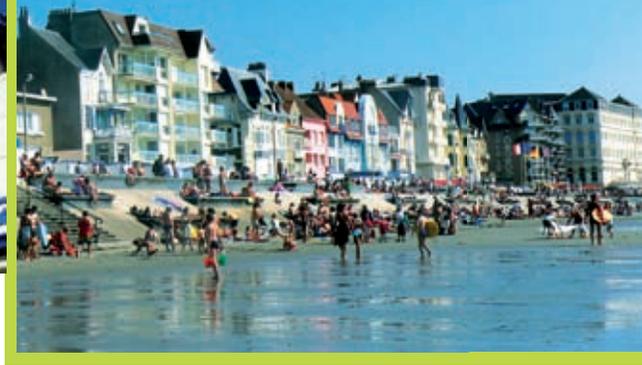




Wimereux





Wimereux, *The gem of the Côte d'Opale*

Nestling in Saint Jean Bay, Wimereux twinkles like an architectural gem set amidst nature. You simply won't be able to stop yourself falling under the spell of this delightful little seaside resort where a hundred or so Belle Époque villas try and outdo each other in beauty and boldness. Wimereux is best explored on foot, your eyes cast upwards, and you'll be surprised how often you'll spot a new architectural detail on a house that you have nonetheless walked past thousands of times! From the sea, when the seafront is bustling with life, the resort shows off its best side with its pretty beach cabins decorating the foreground.

Wimereux, there's nothing more natural

Located in the Parc naturel régional des caps et marais d'Opale, a stone's throw from the Deux Caps site, the seaside resort is simply brimming with walks to get your fill of fresh sea air or greenery. On each side of the town, a narrow footpath winds its way along the cliffs towards the Pointe aux Oies and La Crèche. You can wander atop or at the foot of the cliffs, depending on the tides. The lush green hinterland is revealed along the Wimereux, a river leading to the quaint, picturesque villages of Pittefaux, Conteville and Pernes-les-Boulogne.

Take your pick of sports!

Wimereux is a hyperactive town! Kitted out with the number one tennis club in the county, a regional sailing club, an English-style golf club and a riding centre, the resort banks on sport for all levels, beginners right through to high-level athletes. Its facilities and geographical location make Wimereux an ideal support base for the 2012 Olympic Games that will be held in London.

A family resort

Families and pushchairs, lovers of all ages and business men on the look-out for a good restaurant can all be found on the seafront. Snatches of conversation in English, Dutch and French, sometimes spoken in a Walloon accent, drift in the air. This melting pot shapes the character of Wimereux, a welcoming family resort with an impressive range of eateries to suit all budgets.

A land of history

The magnificent Belle Époque villas that fill Wimereux with so much charm are often talked about, as are the Fort de la Crèche and the seafront. But we forget that the history of the town has been written by such famous

people as Pilâtre de Rozier, an aeronaut who lost his life in the 18th century trying to cross the English Channel in a balloon, Marconi and Branly who successfully carried out the first wireless transmission across the English Channel in 1899, between Dover and Wimereux, or the Canadian Colonel John McCrae, who died in Wimereux and became famous for his poem "In Flanders Fields", which is now a symbol of World War One for the British.

All roads lead to Wimereux

Whether you take the A16 motorway, the train or a ferry, you can get to Wimereux from anywhere! This accessibility connects the station to the largest cities in Europe: London, Paris, Lille and Brussels.

Contact :

Tourist Office
Quai Alfred Giard – 62930 Wimereux
Tel.: +33 (0)3 21 83 27 17
www.wimereux-tourisme.fr