



## la Maison du Westhoek

### PERMANENT EXHIBITION :

In one of the galleries, a permanent exhibition put ahead the Westhoek and the Flanders. This exhibition relates to you the great history of the Westhoek cross-border and also all the little stories of this territory and its residents.

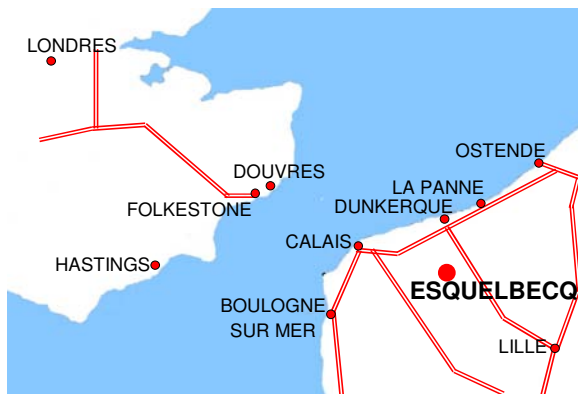
### SHOWS AND ANIMATIONS :

Exhibitions on Flanders, movies and theatre on giant screen, Live Shows and animations are suggested all year long. Program upon request.

### HIKES AND THEME VISITS :

Itineraries of hikes and theme visits (patrimony, craftsmen, nature...) in a typical Flemish village: come spend a weekend at Esquelbecq and discover its countless facets.

*The cultural space  
"LA MAISON DU WESTHOEK":  
a warm place to find advices, inquiries  
and practical informations on the tourist activity  
(leisure, visits, culture...)  
organised in the Westhoek.*



# ESQUELBECCQ

Westhoeks' flemish village



## Réservation la Maison du Westhoek

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La Maison du Westhoek opening hours  
from 10h to 12h and 15h to 18h  
Weekly closing on Mondays  
low season (November 1<sup>st</sup> till Eaters Eve):  
Closed Sunday, Monday and Thursday afternoon

## DISCOVER OUR PATRIMONY

### SAINT FOLQUIN CHURCH

(Typical « Hallekerque » of Flanders)  
Guided visit 2 €/person



### BELLS TOWER VISIT 2 €/person

75 steps allow access to the bells, a panoramic view on the Yser plain, the castle and the village square that conserved an authentic Flemish type.

Church and Bells visit 3 €/person – 1h/1h30\*

**THE CASTLE:** last witness of the feudal architecture in Flanders, a fortress was probably built at this spot as far back as the 9<sup>th</sup> century.



The Esquelbecq castle is private and not open for public, but you can see it through the gates as well as the dovecote dated from 1606 and its gardens “à la française”

Painting d'A. BAF COP (1804-1895)

On the square, notice the Inn “AUBERGE du château” (1615), the gable is decorated with geometric signs and on the Bergues street we have a beautiful façade of the XVIII century.

## MEET OUR CRAFTSMEN

### POTTERY WORKSHOP “TERRE DE FLANDRE”

Demonstration and explanations of craftsmanship.

to 10 pers. : fixed price of 40 €  
10 - 15 persons : 4 €/pers  
16 - 20 pers. 3.50 €/person  
+ 20 : 2.50 € \*



### HAND-MADE BEER BREWERY THIRIEZ

Through a guided visit, you'll discover the fermentation secrets of Esquelbecq Beer.

Visit followed by beer tasting. 3 €/person. 1h\*



\* Visit only upon reservation

## TAKE A TOUR

### HIKING “Des chênes au Château”

A hiking tour of 11 Km, estimated time 3h40.

### TOUR WITH DONKEYS

Several itineraries are possible.

1h30 : 20 €/donkey

half a day: 35 €/donkey

all day: 45 €/donkey

3 possible itineraries (only children are authorized

to ride the donkeys) donkey trekking 35 €.

Special Group price : documentations upon request.




### HORSE RIDE


The Yser Horse riders, information at 5 rue du souvenir.

03.28.65.78.60

**CLUB OF PONIES** Mrs DERYN Rue des chênes  
« *les écuries des chênes* » 06.72.68.54.15

**BIKES RENTAL** at the Tourist Office 


**WALKING TALES** in the Flanders, Jean-François QUÉNIART, tales teller. Inquiries and booking :  
03.28.62.99.13 and/or 06 888 50 222

**SHARE** the dynamism of  
« Esquelbecq, village du livre » book association through their numerous actions :   
the Book night, the first saturday of july, the book market, the third sunday from march to October ...

## APPRECIATE THE LOCAL PRODUCTS

**MARKETS** with animations during the summer season.

## GATHER TO PRAY ON OUR MEMORIAL SITES

The «PLAINE AU BOIS» memorial site   
A pasture of 2 hectare that witnessed on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1940, one of the most awful and biggest 2<sup>nd</sup> world war crime committed on the French territory. Free visit or guided visit 2 €/person

**BRITISH CEMETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**  
Rue du Souvenir

## COME TO PARTY



The last Sunday of August during the “PATATE FEEST” and its mashed potatoes pool that cannot be ignored.

And during summer, outside music festivities on the coffee shop pavements with

“Les Nocturnes” 

## ACCOMODATIONS



Pascale et Olivier Vanpeperstraete  
(*de Guernonval farm*) rue du Souvenir.  
Will welcome you in their charming  
Bed and Breakfast. Accommodation  
capacity: 5 rooms of 2 to 4 persons, 2 of them are  
labelled “tourism and handicap” PH# 03.28.65.61.29  
Hall space for rent (80/100 pers.)



Philippe et Marie-Christine Baudens  
Chemin du Héron (*T'Heergernest farm  
& holiday cottage des Roses*) Holiday  
cottages, Hosts rooms or camping car.  
Common hall for over 40 persons. Bar, estaminet,  
billiard table. Accommodation capacity : 20 persons.  
PH# 03.28.62.90.09



Mrs DELAUTRE 4<sup>ter</sup> rue de Pitgam  
Self catering holiday cottage: 2 rooms,  
kitchen with sitting room, private garden  
and car parking.

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## RESTAURANT

LA TABLE DES GÉANTS: 03.28.62.95.84

Open at noon and evening on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. On Tuesdays, for groups with prior booking.

AU SOETINVALD : 03.28.65.60.50

Open each noon except Saturday and Sunday.

LA TAVERNE DE L'YSER : 0 328.230 242 Brasserie  
service on lunchtime from Monday to Friday and on Saturdays evenings

AU BON COIN : 03.28.65.62.01

Food service upon reservation, closed on Wednesday.

Picnic area at the POINT FORT YSER