

PART 2
TO CAMPING
MUNICIPAL
LA FALAISE to
EQUITTEN PLAGE

THE BECKS GO TO NORMANDY

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BOULOGNE-SUR-MER

Arriving in Boulogne-sur-Mer we wandered through the streets and found ourselves in the old fortified town. There were some lovely walks for Shadow and Cinders which, of course we enjoyed too! Our favourite place, here, was the beautiful Notre Dame Cathedral which has its own Chateau Museum surrounded by a moat - what a find for us this was!

EQUITTEN PLAGE AND HARDELOT PLAGE

We moved on to another campsite at Equitten Plage, and from there we walked about 4km to a little town called Hardelet Plage. Viewing it from the beach our first impressions

LE PORTEL

On a bright and sunny day we decided to visit Boulogne-sur-Mer and en route we visited the pleasant little seaside town of Le Portel.

The only downside for us was that it is not a dog friendly beach at any time of the year. This is a shame as, when we arrived the beach was completely empty. However, we found a lovely walk above the beach, and, from here we were able to look down onto the beach and see very clearly the remains of the long abandoned hover port.





were not favourable, just high rise apartments on the edge of the beach, all closed up for the winter! However, leaving the beach in the hope of finding a cafe, for a cup of coffee, we found a nice little town, behind the high rise buildings, with a variety of interesting little shops.

There was a great antique shop which we spent quite a time in and were tempted to buy an old French clock to add to our collection. In the end we resisted and settled for a delicious lunch of moules in cream and garlic with a side of pomme frites, which we found in a little restaurant nearby!

Happily replete we took a steady walk back, along the beach, to our campsite. On the way we were thrilled to see five very large seals bobbing up and down in the sea, the tide was on its way in so the seals were very close to the shore. They seemed to be aware of Shadow and Cinders and made no attempt to come onto the beach, we watched them for a long time and were very grateful for the experience. The following day we had these visitors joining us for lunch, along with a lot more!

