

The scallop: star of the autumn in le Bessin!

Each year, in the autumn, le Bessin celebrates the start of scallop harvesting. In the fishing towns of the region, two festive events are organised on the theme of the sea and seafood: "Le Goût du Large" in Port-en-Bessin-Huppain in November and "La Coquille Saint-Jacques en fête" in Grandcamp-Maisy in December. "Pecten maximus"» will be at the heart of the events... Enjoy!



Le Goût du Large – 9th & 10th November 2013

in Port-en-Bessin-Huppain

Organised in 2004 for the first time, the event "Le Goût du Large" attracts each year close to **50 000 visitors** over two days. Fishermen and inhabitants rally round one theme: the sea.

For the **10**th **edition** of this festival, the professional fishmarket will open its doors to the public, for the sale of fish and seafood. Along the quays, visitors will have the opportunity to admire **old sailing ships** and watch fishermen repair their nets. Restaurants will tickle diners' tastebuds with special scallop menus and there will also be **culinary demonstrations** organised by the association "**Les Toques Normandes**"

and recipes concocted by fishermen's wives. The Cultural Centre Léopold Sédar Senghor will propose different **guided tours** revealing the history of the harbour, as well as a "**mini-village**" for children.

"Ten years is worth a special celebration!" New activities have been added to the programme for the festival's 10th edition: culinary demonstration with the "Toques Normandes", a Book Fair on gastronomy, a marine flea market and a village for children!

Since 2005, "Le Goût du Large" also includes a **festival of maritime songs!** Under a marquee on the quays, regional and international bands will perform – for the first time or once again – in a very festive and friendly atmosphere.

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La Coquille Saint-Jacques en fête – 7th & 8th December 2013 in Grandcamp-Maisy

Celebrating the start of scallop harvesting in the Baie de Seine zone, the charming fishing harbour of Grandcamp-Maisy organises a scallop festival, created in 2007: it is the opportunity for visitors to sample recipes prepared by local chefs, visit fishing boats and enjoy a country market to the sound of maritime songs. It will also be the occasion for gourmets to buy fresh scallop, the star of the fete (in the professional fishmarket and the covered market)! A fireworks display will close the day on Saturday.

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