



Le Bois de Cise THE LE BOIS DE CISE VILLA TRAIL

Originally wild woodland, then used for hunting with hounds in the Middle Ages, the Cise Woods were sold off as building plots by a late 19th-century property developer and the site became a well-known seaside resort during the Belle Époque. Today, it is a holiday resort and a charming place for a leisurely stroll along its little paths and up its wooden steps. Some fine villas testify to the prosperous pre-war years.

1 VILLA LUMEN : built in 1902, it has an oriental style and was considered to be a replica of the Tunisian pavilion exhibited at the 1900 World Fair.

2 LES COUCOUS : built in 1900, this villa has a certain charm with its polychrome brickwork and two turrets.

3 LES LUTINS (CURRENT NAME: LE CHAT NOIR) : built in 1903 by Théophile Bourgeois. It was used as a guard house to protect Le Bois from smugglers. It was originally made of exposed brick and half-timbering.

4 FRANFRELUCHE : built in 1899, it served as the post office and estate agency for the beach.

5 LA PASTORALE : built in 1904 by Jules Froideval, who was the founder of the owners' association.

6 LES ESPAGNOUX : built in 1903, the architecture is characterised by the asymmetry of the building's main body, roof and elevations.

7 VILLA YVONNE : built between 1901 and 1904, this villa housed a wine warehouse in its cellars during the first quarter of the century.

8 SAINT EDITH CHAPEL : this chapel was built in 1911 by Léon Montier, a resident of Le Bois de Cise, in honour of his daughter. The striking interior and intimate atmosphere make you forget the many steps you have to climb to reach it.

9 LE NIL : built in 1900, this villa has some of the features characteristic of the architect Théophile Bourgeois, including recesses, hips, decorative arches and a stylised false chimney.

10 CHAUME DES ROSSIGNOLS : built in 1901, the villa differs from the others by its curved chestnut wood panelling.

11 LA BLOTTIÈRE : constructed in 1903, it was built to accommodate the guard.

12 ALLÉE MARIE : Le Bois has numerous paths and tracks on both sides of the wood which allow you to discover the fauna and flora in this unspoilt site and enjoy a relaxing break during a walk.

13 LES HIRONDELLES : this Hôtel des Voyageurs was originally converted into a residential centre after the First World War to accommodate the orphans from the Hospices de Cambrai.

14 LES 3 CHALETS : Gevette, Madolinette and Pierrot, built in 1903, appear to be identical, but are distinguished by their numerous recesses and balconies (stylised animals).

