

L'huitrier

16 rue Saussier Leroy
Paris / France



As its name implies **L'huitrier** is a fish and seafood restaurant.

For those who absolutely cannot stand fish there is a couple of meat dishes to save them and their host!

The restaurant is small with good food and wines.

The service is efficient and competent although the description of the wine by the manager / sommelier could have been more elaborate.

The "salle"¹ though a little cramped is clean, light, airy and lets say overall, correct.

The quality to price ratio, I thought was fairly good too.

But that's the whole point the place is just good, no more.

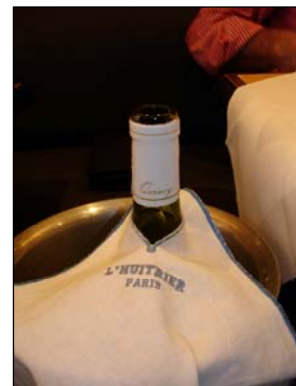
Both the manager and staff of two that I dealt with were "nice" but I didn't feel they were in love with their profession.

Although it was in May² we had oysters, fish, squid, a large crab, salad, two bottles of Quincy³ and two or three espressos all for under 150 Euros for three.

One very good, practical idea they had, I thought was the special napkin for the wine bottle but one of my guests thought it was obscene and the other thought it was sleazy. I guess you can draw the conclusion that one can be practical, obscene and sleazy at the same time!

So, what can I say?

If you're looking for a very correct and calm upper-middleclassish fairly classic seafood restaurant in the **Courcelles / Ternes**⁴ area of Paris it's a good choice but if you want more you may be disappointed.



Practical, obscene or sleazy?

¹ For a restaurant I prefer the French word *salle* to dining room

² According to French tradition raw oysters should not be consumed during months without an "r" in their name. It made sense in the days when there were no proper refrigeration.

³ From the same region and similar to the more famous Sancerre, slightly more acidic.

⁴ The word is a deformation of Externe. As late as the early 19th century this area was outside Paris.

One of the many positive points of seafood is that you are not too heavy after the meal and can go for a promenade in the neighborhood.

In the 17^{ème} arrondissement of Paris which has a lot to offer you could go for a stroll in one of the nicest parks of Paris “**Le Parc Monceau**⁵” which is within a 10 minutes walk. Or if you prefer to “let your fingers do the walking” you could go to the **FNAC**⁶, practically next door and look at books, CDs, etc...

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⁵ The first Parachute jump ever in the world – from a hot air balloon - took place here in 1797

⁶ The FNAC chain of books, CDs, electronics and photo / video stores are a French institution and the one close to the restaurant is one of the largest ones.