

KENT'S GOLF COAST

White Cliffs Country

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Welcome

The world-famous White Cliffs and our beautiful coast and countryside offer spectacular golf courses complemented by our walking, sailing, cycling and sightseeing as well as white knuckle RIB rides, seal spotting and even the opportunity to feed a tiger!

The rich heritage of the area is awe-inspiring with an amazing selection of diverse museums and a busy season of re-enactments bringing history to life as you have never seen it before.

With our towns and villages overflowing with character and bustling with unique shops, theatres, restaurants and places to stay, it makes this a destination not to be missed.

Whether you visit for a day's golf or stay for a week, you are sure to have a memorable experience.



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A perfect place to play golf

White Cliffs Country has been recognised as one of the best places in England to enjoy playing golf. In fact all three of the links golf courses in this unique staycation destination were ranked in the top 30 in England, by Golf World's Top 100 rankings and featured in Today's Golfer magazine in 2019, with Royal St George's taking the top spot.

Our four courses have been meticulously planned by course designers including James Braid and Martin Ebert with this beautiful coastal landscape at the heart of their designs. These challenging golf courses are ideal for any golfing aficionado and three of them have hosted The Open, making White Cliffs Country the perfect place to enjoy golf.

The Open first came to White Cliffs Country in 1894 when the championship was hosted at Royal St George's which marked their first occasion out of Scotland.

Away from the fairways, there is plenty to do and see. With great walking and cycling routes, unspoilt coastline, beaches and countryside, why not take the time to explore more before playing the round.



Royal St George's Golf Club

Royal St George's Golf Club has hosted many major tournaments in addition to the Open Championship, for both amateur and professional golfers. Situated in Sandwich, it offers a famously challenging 18-hole course, with stunning sea views over Pegwell and Sandwich Bay. Golfers can enjoy beautiful surroundings and stunning sea views, making this the perfect backdrop to a challenging game on one of Britain's finest links golf courses.

As a links course, the wind creates challenging conditions, with every hole being very different and memorable. Ian Fleming was a member at Royal St George's, and it is said that the fictional golf club 'Royal St Marks' in the 1959 novel 'Goldfinger' is largely based on Royal St George's.

The club has hosted The Open Championship 15 times, most recently The 149th Open in 2021.

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Prince's Golf Club

The present day 27-hole layout is the result of a 1950 re-design following wartime damage to the original course. This allows the course to be played in three loops of nine holes, known as 'Shore', 'Dunes' and 'Himalaya', each starting and finishing beside the new centrally located clubhouse. Opened in 1985 by Peter Allis, the layout incorporates 17 of the original greens and eliminates any blind tee or approach shots.

Notable for hosting the 1932 Open Championship, which was won by the American Gene Sarazen, Prince's is the only club to host The Open just once. Nowadays the club remains a firm favourite for The Open Championship Local Final Qualifying Course.

Conveniently situated at the entrance of Prince's, The Lodge has 38 bedrooms and includes well-appointed rooms and some lavish apartments and suites. All rooms have great views of either Sandwich Bay or overlook the golf course. The 2AA Rosette Brasserie on the Bay has a wide range of high quality, locally sourced food and is the perfect place for a bite to eat.



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Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club

Consistently ranked in the top 50, the well-presented playing surface at Deal is firm and undulating, challenging players' skills with steep bunkers and, of course, a sea breeze! Charl Schwartzel (Brabazon 2002 Winner) once described Royal Cinque Ports Golf Course as having "Fine tight fast running fairways, and consistent greens both true and fast and a wind to test one's skill and judgement to the full".

With its fast rolling fairways and superbly kept greens, the course is one of the finest traditional links courses in the UK. In a prevailing wind, the last seven holes are reputed to be amongst the toughest in golf!

Host to The Open Championship in 1909 and 1920, the club is a Local Final Qualifying Course for The Open whilst recently the club jointly hosted the English Amateur and British Seniors Championships in 2007 and 2008 respectively.

Since 1924, Royal Cinque Ports has been home every year to the Halford Hewitt Public Schools Championship which is the largest amateur tournament in the world.

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Walmer & Kingsdown Golf Club

Perched high up on the edge of the famous white cliffs, this unique location offers stunning sea views across the channel and a fantastic course with challenges for all abilities.

The renowned course designer James Braid created the open downland course around the natural landscape incorporating a sharp ridge and steep valley leading to panoramic views of its unique location. The course benefits from rapid drainage courtesy of its position on the chalk cliffs, making it playable all year round.

The course officially opened in 1909 with a match between two of the world's best-known players of their era, course designer James Braid and Harry Vardon – both Open Championship winners. In December 1948 the two benefactors registered the club as a members club and handed the ownership to the members, to be run as a club for the community.

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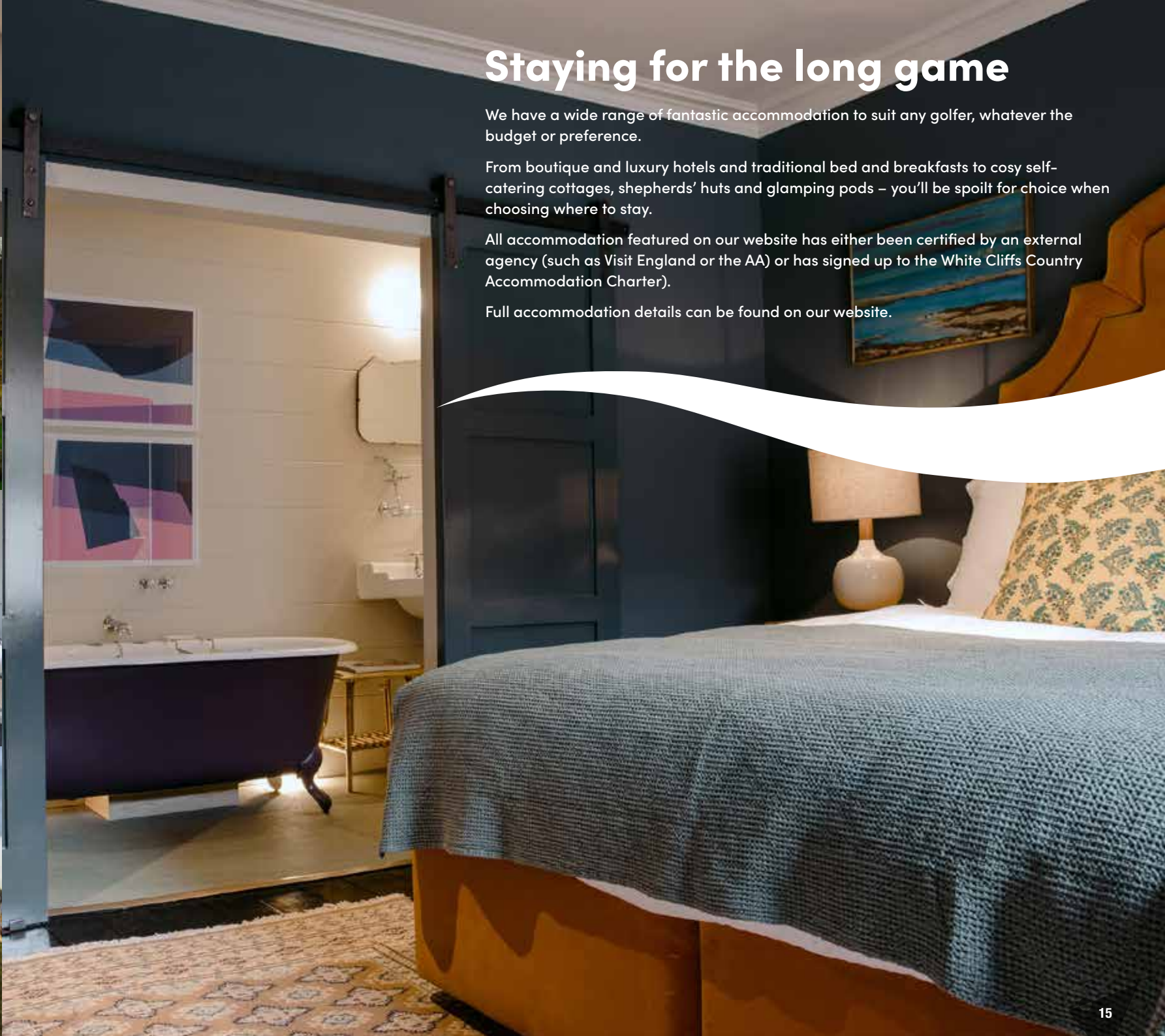
Staying for the long game

We have a wide range of fantastic accommodation to suit any golfer, whatever the budget or preference.

From boutique and luxury hotels and traditional bed and breakfasts to cosy self-catering cottages, shepherds' huts and glamping pods – you'll be spoilt for choice when choosing where to stay.

All accommodation featured on our website has either been certified by an external agency (such as Visit England or the AA) or has signed up to the White Cliffs Country Accommodation Charter).

Full accommodation details can be found on our website.



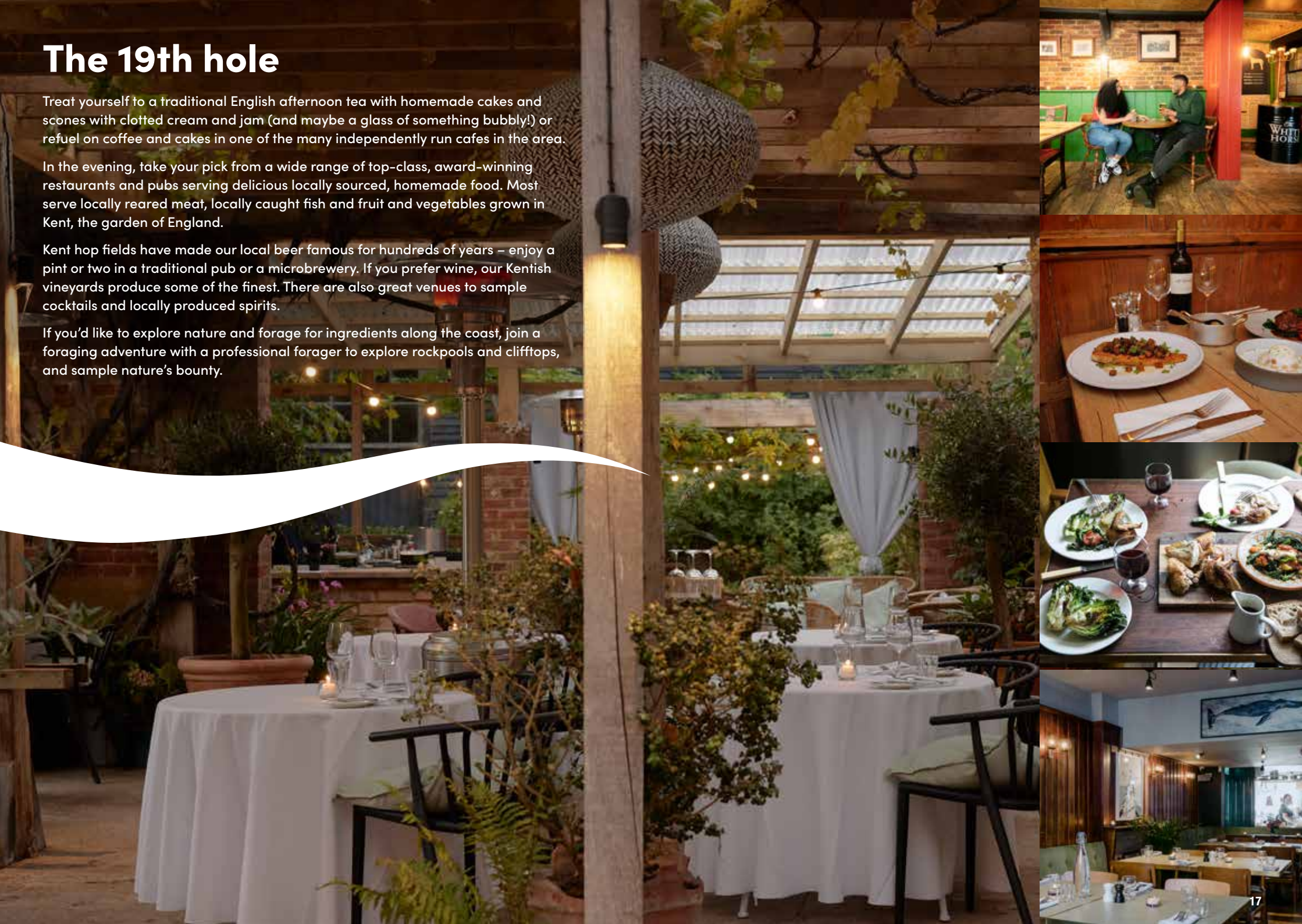
The 19th hole

Treat yourself to a traditional English afternoon tea with homemade cakes and scones with clotted cream and jam (and maybe a glass of something bubbly!) or refuel on coffee and cakes in one of the many independently run cafes in the area.

In the evening, take your pick from a wide range of top-class, award-winning restaurants and pubs serving delicious locally sourced, homemade food. Most serve locally reared meat, locally caught fish and fruit and vegetables grown in Kent, the garden of England.

Kent hop fields have made our local beer famous for hundreds of years – enjoy a pint or two in a traditional pub or a microbrewery. If you prefer wine, our Kentish vineyards produce some of the finest. There are also great venues to sample cocktails and locally produced spirits.

If you'd like to explore nature and forage for ingredients along the coast, join a foraging adventure with a professional forager to explore rockpools and clifftops, and sample nature's bounty.



Beyond the fairway

No trip to White Cliffs Country is complete without visiting our magnificent castles and forts, a symbol of Britain's spirit of resistance to unwanted invasion. Historical re-enactments at these incredible fortifications bring the past to life.

Head to Dover Museum to see the incredible Bronze Age Boat, the oldest-known sea-going boat in the world, discovered during roadbuilding in the 1990s! Delve deeper into local history by joining an organised tour.

Deal's Historic Walking Tour, for example, offers an entertaining tour of Deal, a Sandwich Town Tour is led by volunteers from the local history society and travel into the White Cliffs at Fan Bay Deep Shelter with the National Trust.

Back above ground, relax in the beautiful gardens at Walmer Castle, walk in the footsteps of Jane Austen at Goodnestone Park Gardens or explore the organic gardens at Pines Gardens nestled into the South Foreland Valley at St Margaret's Bay.

Take a stroll around Kearsney Parks in Temple Ewell just outside Dover where you can picnic beside the lake surrounded by landscaped gardens.

Follow a section of the 2700-mile-long England Coast Path here and blow the cobwebs away on a cliff-top walk along the iconic White Cliffs of Dover. On a clear day you can see the French coast, just 21 miles across the English Channel.

For an easier pace of life, take a gentle riverboat cruise from Sandwich to see the seals or the ancient Roman fort at Richborough.



Experiences off course

For those who enjoy the water, there are plenty of activities to keep everyone happy, including sailing from Dover Harbour and wakeboarding at Whitemills Wake & Aqua Park near Sandwich.

Thrill-seekers will love an exhilarating RIB ride from Dover Harbour with Dover Sea Safari along the White Cliffs to Deal Pier and back or out to the Goodwin Sands in the English Channel.

Lydden Hill Race Circuit is the international birthplace of rallycross and the hub of motorsport action in Kent. It is the UK's shortest road racing circuit which makes for exciting spectating at the wide variety of events throughout the year. Why not have a go yourself and book a driving experience on one of their track days.

Book an experience day at Wingham Wildlife Park to get up close and personal with loveable lemurs, otters, Arctic wolves, tigers and other incredible animals. You can also be a keeper for a day. Hack across beautiful White Cliffs Country on horses from one of our local riding stables or book a lesson to brush up your equestrian skills.

Head to Betteshanger Park between Deal and Sandwich where you can hire bikes to explore the park, either on the long tarmac trail or mountain bike trails through the woods, book a fun cross-country ride on a Swincar, electric all-terrain vehicles. If you're feeling super-energetic, book a session with Boonies, the outdoor adventure course.

For a taste of the local cultural scene, check out the live music in one of the many venues in the area, from pubs to The Booking Hall in Dover and The Astor Theatre in Deal – all have packed and diverse programmes. Or for big-screen cinema, head to Cineworld in Dover or the 1930s gem, the Empire in Sandwich.





VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

Make the most of your visit to White Cliffs Country.
Find our Visitor Information Centres in:

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Getting to White Cliffs Country

It's easy to travel here from London and mainland Europe. Dover, Deal, Sandwich and our villages and countryside are serviced by regular trains and buses both locally and to and from London.

- 63 minutes by high-speed train from London St Pancras, Stratford International and Ebbsfleet International
- 90 minutes from Calais, France on a cross-channel ferry
- 35 minutes from Calais, France by Eurotunnel, then a 10-minute drive from the terminal
- M20 and M2 motorways link us to the rest of the UK.

BY RAIL

- Mainline stations at Dover, Martin Mill, Walmer, Deal and Sandwich
- Highspeed trains from London St Pancras, Stratford International and Ebbsfleet International
- Other rail services from London Charing Cross and London Victoria
- National rail enquiries 03457 48 49 50 nationalrail.co.uk
- Connect to Eurostar at St Pancras International: 03432 186 186 eurostar.com

BY ROAD

- National Express operates a regular direct link from London Victoria to Dover. Times, fares and information: 08717 818181 nationalexpress.com
- The M20/A20 and M2/A2 connect directly to White Cliffs Country
- Stagecoach operates the local bus service. Times, fares and information: 0871 200 2233 stagecoachbus.com

CYCLING AND WALKING

- There is an extensive network of varied and interesting walking and cycling routes
- See whitecliffscountry.org.uk or visit our Visitor Information Centre (01304 201066)

CROSS-CHANNEL TRAVEL

Ferry and train crossings between Dover and Calais and Dunkirk operate regularly each day.

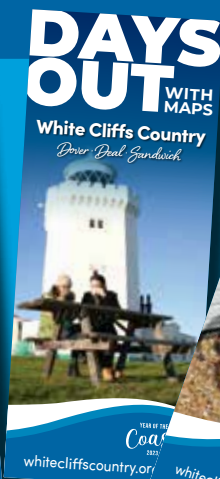
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