

WHITE CLIFFS COUNTRY

VISIT • DOVER • DEAL • SANDWICH

2020 GROUP & TRAVEL TRADE GUIDE



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Welcome

White Cliffs Country is a unique place where coast meets country, beauty meets history, tranquil meets active, and England meets Europe. With glorious countryside, fabulous coastline and great access to London and the Continent, Dover, Deal and Sandwich offer an abundance of historic sites, attractions and museums all geared up to welcome groups.

Home to the iconic White Cliffs of Dover, the district offers spectacular walking, sailing, cycling, golf 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've never seen it before.

Our team can provide travel trade planners and group organisers with advice and support and develop bespoke itineraries to match the interests and needs of the group.



Why Visit?

- Great strategic location with London just 77 miles from Dover, and mainland Europe a short hop by ferry or Eurotunnel.
- Envy of many destinations with rich history, international status and 100 visitor attractions, 48 ancient monuments, 12 museums, 57 conservation areas, 21 historic parks and gardens, 30 walking routes and 9 cycle trails!
- The iconic White Cliffs (a recognised symbol of Britain) and town of Dover are truly world-famous. Just along the coast, the lovely maritime town of Deal is unspoilt with amazing history, quaint houses and pubs. The beautiful town of Sandwich is said to be one of the most well-preserved medieval towns in Britain and home of the humble sandwich!
- Beautiful, unique coast and countryside; great for walking and cycling or just watching the world go by.



48 Hours

48 hours is not enough time to experience White Cliffs Country, but this will give you some inspiration to get started.

DAY ONE

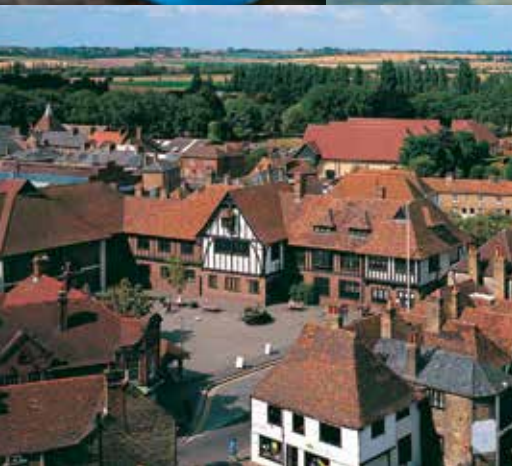
Immerse yourself in history at Dover Castle and experience the royal court of Henry II or travel deep into the White Cliffs and visit the Wartime Tunnels. After a spot of lunch, take advantage of a free guided walk and explore one of our many walks and trails with a volunteer greeter.

For the more adventurous, take to the water. Try water activities or see the sights of Dover from a boat. At the end of your busy day try one of our great places to eat and relax, with a range of locally sourced produce, you won't be disappointed.

DAY TWO

Soak up some café culture and shopping in Deal. The colourful seafront plays host to a wide choice of excellent pubs and restaurants. Wander through the High Street and explore fantastic small, independent shops and delicatessens.

Head along to Sandwich and discover one of the most intact, historic medieval towns in the country. Take a tour of the 16th century Guildhall or follow the town trail, much of it runs alongside the River Stour. From here you can take the River Bus and see the seals or a short walk from the town centre are the beautiful Salutation Gardens. Haven't found time to fit it all in? Then stay a little longer!



Things to Do and See...



White Cliffs

One of this country's most spectacular natural features, enjoy an exhilarating cliff top walk offering unrivalled views of the busy English Channel. National Trust shop and cafe.



Group Price: Free entry



Drop Off: 3 coach bays onsite



Info: Excellent views of France on a clear day



Times: Car park 09:00-19:00 Visitor centre 10:00-17:00



Location: CT16 1HJ

Tel: 01304 202756

Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-white-cliffs-of-dover

Eating/Drinking: Café in visitor centre.



Lunches served 12:00-14:00

Accessibility: Wheelchair loan on request.

Accessible viewing point. Accessible toilets.



Dover Castle

Discover 2000 years of history! Immerse yourself in the medieval world and royal court of King Henry II inside the Great Tower. Travel deep inside the White Cliffs and tour the Underground Hospital within the Secret Wartime Tunnels.



Group Price: 15% discount 11 pax+



Drop Off: Layby by Constable's Tower



Info: Tunnels included/pre-booking recommended



Times: 10:00-18:00 summer 10:00-16:00 weekends winter



Tel: 01304 211067



Location: CT16 1HU

Website: www.english-heritage.org.uk/dover

Eating/Drinking: 3 food outlets onsite

Accessibility: Transport around site available for visitors with limited mobility



Walmer Castle and Gardens

Built in 1540 as part of Henry VIII's chain of coastal defences, the castle is now an elegant stately home and has been home to an incredible range of characters. See the original Wellington boots, the reception rooms of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and explore the magnificent gardens.



Group Price: 15% discount 11 pax+



Drop Off: By drawbridge



Info: Please book in advance



Times: 10:00-18:00 summer 10:00-16:00 weekends winter



Location: CT14 7LJ

Tel: 01304 364288

Website: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/walmer-castle-and-gardens/

Eating/Drinking: Tearooms onsite

Accessibility: Ground floor of house and most of gardens accessible

Golf Courses

ROYAL ST GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB

Hosted the Open Championship an impressive 14 times. The Open Championship is returning in 2020 and their challenging course offers stunning sea views.



Group Price: Check website



Drop Off: Car Park onsite



Info: Please book in advance



Times: Check website

Location: CT13 9PB

Tel: 01304 613090

Website: www.royalstgeorges.com

Eating/Drinking: Restaurant onsite

Accessibility: Uneven ground

PRINCE'S GOLF CLUB

Hosted the Open Championship in 1932. Classic 27-hole championship links golf course and extensive practice facilities.



Group Price: Check website



Drop Off: Car Park onsite



Info: Please book in advance

Times: Check website

Location: CT13 9QB

Tel: 01304 611118

Website: www.princesgolfclub.co.uk

Eating/Drinking: Restaurant onsite

Accessibility: Uneven ground

ROYAL CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB

Hosted the Open Championship in 1909 and 1920. The course is said to be one of the finest Championship link golf courses in the British Isles with excellent practice facilities.



Group Price: Check website



Drop Off: Car Park onsite



Info: Please book in advance

Times: Check website

Location: CT14 6RF

Tel: 01304 374007

Website: www.royalcinqueports.com

Eating/Drinking: No drinking and

eating facilities onsite

Accessibility: Uneven ground

WALMER & KINGSDOWN GOLF CLUB

Perched on top of the famous White Cliffs with sea views from every hole. This fantastic 18-hole course has challenges for all abilities.



Group Price: Check website



Drop Off: Car Park onsite



Info: Please book in advance

Times: Check website

Location: CT14 8EP

Tel: 01304 373256

Website: www.kingsdowngolf.co.uk

Eating/Drinking: No drinking and

eating facilities onsite

Accessibility: Uneven ground

Castles & Forts



DEAL CASTLE

Built by the order of King Henry VIII, Deal Castle is one of the finest Tudor artillery castles in England. Come and explore the whole of the castle from the exciting dark passages to the first floor captain's residence.



Group Price: 15% discount 11 pax+
Drop Off: Coach parking bay Victoria Road
Info: Please book in advance
Times: 10:00-18:00 summer
10:00-16:00 weekends winter
Location: CT14 7BA
Tel: 01304 372762
Website: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/deal-castle/
Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Deal town
Accessibility: Ground floor and courtyard accessible



RICHBOROUGH ROMAN FORT

The impressive ruins of the Roman Township at Richborough mark the point from which the Romans launched their successful invasion of Britain in 43 AD. Extensive remains of the walls and defensive ditches can be seen.



Group Price: 15% discount 11 pax+
Drop Off: 3 coach bays onsite, must be booked in advance
Info: Tours available
Times: 10:00-18:00 summer
10:00-16:00 weekends winter
Location: CT13 9JW
Tel: 01304 612013
Website: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/richborough-roman-fort-and-amphitheatre/
Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Sandwich town
Accessibility: Uneven ground

Museums



DOVER MUSEUM

Housing a range of fascinating objects, models and pictures showing the history of Dover including the Bronze Age Boat. Thought to be some 3000 years old (the oldest-known sea-going boat) is now displayed just yards from where it was found in 1992.



Group Price: Free entry
Drop Off: Market Square layby. Nearest coach parking Maison Dieu Road car park
Times: Mon-Sat 09:30-17:00
Sun (summer only) 10:00-15:00
Location: CT16 1PH
Tel: 01304 201066
Website: www.dovermuseum.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Dover town centre
Accessibility: All galleries accessible. Accessible toilet (radar key)



BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL

Situated high up on the White Cliffs at Capel-le-Ferne, the memorial is dedicated to Churchill's famous "Few" who fought in the skies overhead to keep their country free from invasion. Visit the iconic building 'The Wing' and see the high-tech multimedia Scramble Experience which gives visitors an idea of life during the Battle.



Group Price: Free entry to memorial
£6 scramble experience
Drop Off: Chargeable coach park onsite
Info: Guided tour available by pre-arrangement
Times: Mar-Sep 10:00-17:00 Oct-Feb 10:00-16:00
Location: CT18 7JJ
Tel: 01303 249292
Website: www.battleofbritainmemorial.org
Eating/Drinking: Café onsite
Accessibility: Fully accessible site

Museums



DEAL MARITIME & LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Learn about Deal's maritime history with special exhibitions, displays of real and model boats, local life and social history objects. The museum celebrates the history of the Royal Marines in Deal over 350 years with an exhibition.



Group Price: £2pp
Drop Off: Town Hall
Info: Guided tours available by pre-booking
Times: Apr/May/Sep/Oct Tue-Fri 14:00-16:30 Jun/Jul/Aug Tue-Sat 11:00-16:30
Location: CT14 6BA
Tel: 01304 372098
Website: www.dealmuseum.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Deal town centre
Accessibility: Ground floor/stable block/boatyard accessible. Nearest radar toilet at Town Hall



SANDWICH GUILDHALL MUSEUM

The recently refurbished Museum tells the story of Sandwich from the Mesolithic period to the modern day with an array of artefacts plus display of an original Magna Carta and Charter of the Forest. Also visitors will be able to explore the unique Tudor Court Room.



Group Price: Free entry
Drop Off: Nearest coach parking The Quay
Info: Please contact for group info/booking
Times: Wed-Sun/bh 10:00-16:00
Location: CT13 9AH
Tel: 01304 617197
Website: www.sandwichguildhallmuseum.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Sandwich town
Accessibility: Fully accessible



DOVER TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Set in attractive grounds, with ample parking, the museums two large galleries include over fifty road vehicles. From bicycles to buses, the vehicles include many which are unusual or unique.



Group Price: £8/£7/£4
Drop Off: Free coach parking onsite
Info: Picnic tables in the grounds
Times: Mar-Oct Wed/Sat/Sun/bh 10:30-17:00
Location: CT16 2JX
Tel: 01304 822409
Website: dovertransportmuseum.org.uk/
Eating/Drinking: Tram Stop Café onsite
Accessibility: Accessible displays & toilets. Assistance on request



TIMEBALL TOWER MUSEUM

Video, static and interactive displays cover 3 centuries of involvement in signalling the fight against smuggling and as a vital link in safe navigation of distant oceans.



Group Price: Please contact to arrange
Drop Off: Seafront
Info: Please contact for group info/booking
Times: Jun-Sep Wed-Sun 11:30-16:30
Apr-May - see website for details
Location: CT14 7BP
Tel: 01304 362444
Website: www.dealtimeball.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Deal town centre
Accessibility: No lift or stairs

Museums



KENT MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE

The museum centres on a collection of cinema and pre-cinema artefacts, with more than 50,000 items in its collection amassed over nearly sixty years.



Group Price: Please contact to arrange
Drop Off: Seafrost - drop off Stanhope Road
Info: Tours available by pre-booking
Times: May-Sep Fri-Sun/Bank Holidays 11:00-18:00 Oct-Apr 12:00-17:00
Location: CT14 6AD
Tel: 01304 239515
Website: www.kentmomi.org
Eating/Drinking: Café onsite
Accessibility: Lift and accessible toilet



WOMEN'S LAND ARMY MUSEUM

Farthingloe is an historic site that was mentioned in the Domesday Book. The Women's Land Army Museum gives a fascinating insight into the life for women serving their country during the Second World War.



Group Price: Free entry
Drop Off: Please contact to arrange
Info: Interesting pictures of the Land Army girls
Times: Daily 09:00-17:00
Location: CT15 7AA
Tel: 01304 212040
Website: www.littlefarthingloefarm.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Restaurant & café at Little Farthingloe Farm
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss



ELVINGTON AND EYTHORNE HERITAGE CENTRE

Learn about the history of Tilmanstone Colliery and the mining villages at the Elvington and Eythorne Heritage Centre. The centre is packed with information including plans, images and memorabilia.



Group Price: Free entry
Drop Off: Free car park onsite
Info: Groups can visit by pre-arrangement outside of open days
Times: Tuesdays 10:00-14:00
Location: CT15 4DZ
Tel: 07928 835525
Website: www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk
Eating/Drinking: Closest cafés are Eythorne or Aylesham
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss

Historic Sites



ROMAN PAINTED HOUSE

See detailed displays on Roman Dover at the Roman Painted House. This finest surviving Roman period house was built about AD 200 and formed part of a large mansio or official hotel for travellers crossing the English Channel.



Group Price: £24/£3
Drop Off: Coach bays in Maison Dieu Road car park
Info: Exhibition on Roman Dover
Times: Summer only 10:00-17:00 winter group visits by pre booking
Location: CT17 9AJ
Tel: 01304 203279
Website: www.karu.org.uk/roman_paint_house
Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Dover town centre
Accessibility: Lower level accessible

Historic Sites



SOUTH FORELAND LIGHTHOUSE

A striking Victorian landmark on the White Cliffs of Dover, this fascinating historic building was the first to display an electronically powered signal. Take a guided tour of the lighthouse and learn all about its historical connections.



Group Price: £5/£2.50 For 12+ pax
Drop Off: Langdon then walk
Info: First lighthouse to use electric light
Times: Summer only 11:00-17:30
Location: CT15 5NA
Tel: 01304 852463
Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/south-foreland-lighthouse
Eating/Drinking: Mrs Knotts Tea Room
Accessibility: Mobility parking via advance request. Ground floor & tea room accessible. Braille guide on request



WHITE MILL RURAL HERITAGE CENTRE

Built in 1760, this restored smock mill has original wooden machinery, millers cottage and domestic displays.



Group Price: Free
Drop Off: Please contact to arrange
Times: Please contact
whitemill_sandwich@hotmail.com
Location: CT13 9JB
Tel: 07900 531284
Website: whitemillheritagecentre.org.uk
Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Sandwich town
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss



FAN BAY DEEP SHELTER

Take a journey into the past on a guided tour of Fan Bay Deep Shelter in the White Cliffs of Dover. Follow your guide deep into the cliffs where the 125 steps take you in and out of the shelter 70 feet underground.



Group Price: £10/£5/NT Members free
Drop Off: Langdon
Info: Max 12 pax per tour
Times: Fri-Mon Apr-Oct Tours every 30 mins
Tel: 01304 202756
Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-white-cliffs-of-dover/features/visiting-fan-bay-deep-shelter
Eating/Drinking: Mrs Knotts Tea Room, South Foreland Lighthouse
Accessibility: Entry via 125 stairs. No wheelchair access



CHILLENDEEN MILL

This grade II listed building is a distinctive local landmark. The renovated windmill stands on a hill at Chillenden, with fine countryside views.



Group Price: Please contact to arrange
Drop Off: Limited parking
Times: May-Sep Sundays only
Location: CT3 1QE
Tel: 01304 841970
Website: www.southbarn.plus.com
Accessibility: Grounds and base of windmill. No toilet facilities

Historic Sites



MAISON DIEU

(DOVER TOWN HALL)

Discover the medieval Maison Dieu by taking a tour around the building and learning all the history that has taken place within the walls.



Group Price: £2pp
Drop Off: Maison Dieu Rd car park
Info: Tours finish at 12:00 on last Weds of month
Times: Apr-Oct Weds 10:00-16:00 Other times available by pre-arrangement
Location: CT16 1DL
Tel: 01304 201200
Website: www.dover.gov.uk
Eating/Drinking: Catering available if prebooked
Accessibility: Entry via steps, please contact in advance to use lift. Accessible toilet available



ST PETER'S CHURCH TOWER, SANDWICH

Take a journey through the ages as you ascend the medieval tower of St Peter's. The tower is now open to visitors for the first time, providing views across Sandwich. On a clear day, you might even catch a glimpse of France!



Group Price: Church free/tower £3pp 8+ pax
Drop Off: Nearest coach parking The Quay
Info: Beautiful old church with ceiling paintings
Times: Daily 10:00-17:00
Location: CT13 9DA
Tel: 07909 972700
Website: www.visitchurches.org.uk/sandwich
Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Sandwich town
Accessibility: Church accessible. Tower by stairs only



Unique Countryside and Gardens



SAMPHIRE HOE

Get up close to nature with a visit to Samphire Hoe. The site made from the material dug to create the Channel Tunnel is a stunning location providing gentle and interesting walks - the further you get from the car park the wilder the site becomes.



Group Price: Free entry
Drop Off: Coach parking onsite - £2 per coach
Info: Guided walks available at £2pp minimum £20
Times: 07:00-dusk
Location: CT17 9FL
Tel: 01304 225649
Website: www.samphirehoe.com
Eating/Drinking: Tea kiosk open 11:00-17:00
Accessibility: Level paths. Accessible toilet



BETTESHANGER PARK

Wonderful 250-acre Country Park providing activities such as walking, cycling, fossiling, archery, and geocaching plus an abundance of wildlife to see within the park's natural habitats. Cycle hire available.



Group Price: Please contact to arrange
Drop Off: Onsite parking
Times: Apr-Oct daily 10:00-18:00 Nov-Mar daily 10:00-16:30
Location: CT14 0BZ
Tel: 01304 619227
Website: www.betteshanger-park.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Onsite café
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss



Unique Countryside and Gardens



THE SALUTATION GARDENS

Set in the heart of Sandwich, the beautiful Lutyens-designed garden, with its infamous long borders and tree-lined avenues provide visitors with an oasis of serenity and calm. Visit the vegetable garden and enjoy a traditional Afternoon Tea.



Group Price: Discount for 12+ pax
Drop Off: Coach parking on quayside
Info: Please contact for group info/booking
Times: Daily 10:00-17:00/dusk
Location: CT13 9EW
Tel: 01304 619919
Website: www.the-salutation.com
Eating/Drinking: Café onsite
Accessibility: Accessible gardens/café/toilet



GOODNESTONE PARK GARDENS

Beautiful and peaceful gardens considered to be one of the best in the South East including woodland area and walled garden. Fine trees, large collection of roses and herbaceous plants. Connections with Jane Austen who frequently visited.



Group Price: 20+ pax £6.50pp
Drop Off: Coach parking onsite
Info: Please book in advance
Times: Daily 11:00-17:00
Location: CT3 1PL
Tel: 01304 840107
Website: www.goodnestoneparkgardens.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Onsite café Wed-Sun 11:00-17:00
Accessibility: Accessible toilets. Limited wheelchair access



PINES GARDEN

Set behind the White Cliffs, this 6-acre site includes a grass labyrinth and sensory garden. Opposite the gardens is St Margaret's Museum featuring displays on local history including former resident Noel Coward.



Group Price: Free entry
Drop Off: Next to entrance
Times: 10:00-17:00 summer 10:00-16:00 winter
Location: CT15 6DZ
Tel: 01304 851737
Website: www.baytrust.org.uk
Eating/Drinking: Onsite tearoom
Accessibility: Wheelchair ramp to tearoom & museum. Accessible toilets



SANDWICH BAY BIRD OBSERVATORY

SBBOT is an independent conservation charity that works to maintain the local environment and to monitor the changes in bird, butterfly, dragonfly and all other species in the area. The site has a modern field centre with accommodation.



Group Price: Please contact to arrange
Drop Off: Coach parking onsite, £2 per coach max coach length 12m
Times: Apr-Oct daily 10:00-16:00 Nov-Mar daily 10:00-13:00
Location: CT13 9PF
Tel: 01304 617341
Website: www.sbbot.org.uk
Eating/Drinking: Drinks & snacks available onsite
Accessibility: Accessible toilets. Some uneven ground



Activities



WINGHAM WILDLIFE PARK

Take a walk on the wild side with the largest number of species of animals and birds than any Kent zoo. There are a range of animal experiences available. The park also has an indoor soft play area, outdoor play area, café, picnic areas and dinosaur exhibition.



Group Price: Discount for 16+ pax
Drop Off: Onsite parking
Info: Please book in advance
Times: Oct-Mar daily 10:00-16:00
Apr-Sep daily 10:00-18:00
Location: CT3 1JL
Tel: 01227 720836
Website: www.winghamwildlifepark.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Onsite catering
Accessibility: Fully accessible



LYDDEN HILL RACE CIRCUIT

Regular motorsport events held throughout the year including rallycross, motorbikes, cars, trucks and much more. Bring your car or bike along for a Track Day and learn more about your vehicle in a safe environment.



Group price: Annual season ticket available from £250
Drop Off: Coach parking must be pre booked
Times: Times vary - please contact for race dates
Location: CT14 6ET
Tel: 01304 830557
Website: www.lyddenhill.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Cafeteria onsite
Accessibility: Wheelchair access



DOVER ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

The club currently competes in the National League, the fifth tier of English football, and welcomes supporters to the Crabble Ground from across England & Wales.



Group price: £18 adult, £15 over 60
Drop Off: Rugby ground
Info: Football fixtures on website
Times: Saturday match day 12.30
Location: CT17 0JB
Tel: 01304 822373
Website: www.doverathletic.com
Eating/Drinking: Centre Spot onsite
Accessibility: Mobility buggy provided for anyone who needs it



EAST KENT RAILWAY

Step back in time and enjoy a 5-mile round trip on Heritage trains. Ride the miniature railway, visit the model railway carriage and enjoy your lunch in a unique buffet carriage - a great day out for the whole family.



Group Price: Please contact to arrange.
Adults £7, concessions £3, children £4
Info: Afternoon tea. Team building. Parties
Times: April-Dec see timetable
Location: CT15 7PD
Tel: 01304 832042
Website: www.eastkentrailway.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Café onsite
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss



Activities



GET LOST ESCAPE ROOMS

Part game, part theatre, part reality, the Get Lost Escape Rooms has themed rooms to choose from. With clues and puzzles to solve, can you escape within 60 minutes?



Group Price: Book online from £16 per person
Drop Off: Closest parking De Bradelei, approx 10 minute walk.
Info: info@getlostepaeroms.co.uk
Times: Times vary - closes 23.00
Location: CT17 9BZ
Tel: 01304 892425
Website: www.getlostepaeroms.co.uk
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss



BUNKER ESCAPE - DOVER CASTLE

Experience a brand new, fully-immersive escape room experience, deep within the secret wartime tunnels of Dover Castle. The Bunker pits visitors against the clock in a thrilling scenario inspired by the Castle's real-life Cold War history.



Group price: Max 6 people - book online.
Drop Off: Car park close by.
Info: Within Dover Castle
Location: CT16 1HU
Tel: 01304 211067
Website: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/dover-castle/the-bunker-escape-room/
Eating/Drinking: Cafeteria onsite
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss



DOVER SEA SAFARI

Take an exhilarating coastal tour on a RIB speed boat with Dover Sea Safari. There are a variety of trips including their popular 2-hour Secret Seal Safari!



Group price: Variable
Drop Off: Coach bays on seafront
Info: Advised to book online
Times: Trip times vary throughout year, please contact for information
Location: CT17 9FS
Tel: 01304 212880
Website: www.doverseasafari.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Hythe Bay Restaurant onsite. Dover Marina Hotel & Spa close by
Accessibility: Wetwheels accessible trips available



WETWHEELS

Wetwheels builds disabled people's confidence by providing the opportunity to access the sea in a fun, safe, stimulating and rewarding way using specially modified, fully accessible powerboat.



Group Price: Book online, 12 passengers 3 wheelchairs per trip.
Drop Off: Seafront
Info: Trips last one hour, allow time to arrive and disembark.
Times: April-September
Location: CT17 9FS
Tel: 01304 212880
Website: www.wetwheelssoutheast.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Hythe Bay Restaurant onsite
Accessibility: Wheelchair access



Activities



DOVER SEA SPORTS CENTRE

There's an exciting range of activities and courses available at Dover Sea Sports Centre. Learn to windsurf, try a dinghy sailing or paddleboard course - from beginners to advanced there's an activity for you.



Group Price: Book online prices vary according to activity.
Drop Off: Seafront
Info: Variety of courses available book online.
Times: Open all year 09.00 – 17.00
Location: CT17 9FS
Tel: 01304 212880
Website: www.doverwatersports.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Hythe Bay Restaurant onsite
Accessibility: Wheelchair access



BARNSOLE VINEYARD

Located in the village of Staple, take a mini tour and wine tasting at Barnsole Vineyard. A one-hour guided tour with the winemaker is available booked in advance. The vineyard makes English sparkling wine and still red and white wines - sold exclusively from their winery door.



Group Price: Tours £11pp
Drop Off: Please contact to arrange
Info: Evening tours by pre-arrangement
Times: May-Sep daily 10:00-16:00
Oct-Apr 11.00 – 16.00. Closed Weds
Location: CT3 1LG
Tel: 07772 300511
Website: www.barnsole.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Wine tasting onsite
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss



SANDWICH RIVER BUS

Various cruises are available e.g. two-hour cruise to see the seals and birdlife in the estuary and one-hour cruise to the Roman Fort, half-hour mini cruise along the town boundary.



Group Price: Please contact to arrange
Drop Off: The Quay
Info: Variety of trips available
Times: Please contact to arrange
Location: CT13 9EN
Tel: 07958 376183
Website: www.riverbus.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Sandwich town
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss



CHEQUERS KITCHEN

Book yourself onto a cookery class at Chequers Restaurant in Deal. From artisan bread-making to a fish masterclass or baking mornings for children, there's a wide variety of cookery courses and workshops in their fully-equipped teaching kitchen. For all abilities.



Group price: Prices vary according to course taken
Drop Off: Plenty of free parking
Info: Variety of courses available book online
Times: Times vary
Location: CT14 6RG
Tel: 01304 362288
Website: chequersdeal.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Cafeteria onsite
Accessibility: Wheelchair access



Activities



SOLLEY'S FARM

Join us in the Parlour where you can choose from over 15 flavours of our real dairy ice cream. Explore our 383-acre farm following our marked trail.



Group Price: Free entry
Drop Off: Free parking onsite.
Info: Ice cream parlour onsite.
Times: Easter-September 10.00 – 16.00
Location: CT14 8JL
Tel: 01304 374100
Website: www.solleysicecream.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Cafeteria onsite
Accessibility: Wheelchair access limited due to terrain



WILD KITCHEN

Founded in 2012, The Wild Kitchen is a seaside foraging company with a gourmet approach. Foraging events are based near Deal.



Group price: Group discount available
Drop Off: Parking on seafront
Info: Please contact 07810317866
Times: Open 09.00 – 17.00
Location: CT14 6LX
Tel: 01304 369799
Website: www.thewildkitchen.net
Eating/Drinking: Picnic/weather dependent
Accessibility: Wheelchair by prior arrangement



CLIP 'N CLIMB - DOVER DISTRICT LEISURE CENTRE

High Places Clip 'N Climb is a new and innovative indoor adventure concept. The colourful arena features 16 fun themed climbing experiences and 20 individual climbing lines up to a maximum height of 7.5 metres, each showcasing striking designs.



Group price: Please contact to discuss
Drop Off: Onsite parking
Times: 1 hour 15 minutes including safety briefing
Location: CT16 3FZ
Tel: 01304 201145
Website: www.placesleisure.org/centres/dover-district-leisure-centre/centre-activities/climb/
Eating/Drinking: Café onsite
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss



HISTORY PROJECT

Discover Deal's amazing history on a fun and informative tour with George and Peter!



Group price: Contact for details
Times: Various times – please contact for details
Location: CT14 6HZ
Website: www.thehistoryproject.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities on Deal seafront/Deal town centre
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss





Eat and Drink

Take your pick from a wide range of great places to eat in White Cliffs Country - from cafés, delicatessens, bistros and restaurants - you'll be spoilt for choice!

From locally caught fresh fish in one of the many cafés and restaurants, to enjoying a traditional English Afternoon Tea in a quirky tearoom or hotel, there is something for everyone.



Shopping

Whatever your taste, White Cliffs Country has shopping experiences to suit. From the new retail and leisure park at St James and De Bradelei Wharf Designer Outlet in Dover, to the unique seaside town shopping in Deal, offering a wide range of independent shops, interspersed with antique and collectable shops and art galleries. It was no surprise that Deal High Street won the Telegraph High Street of the Year Award! In Britain's oldest medieval town of Sandwich, you will find a wealth of independent quirky shops including delis, unique clothes shops as well a wealth of great places to eat and drink.



Accommodation

White Cliffs Country offers the ideal place to stay, whether conveniently in the town centre or in a village location. There is a wide range of quality assessed accommodation available to suit all tastes and budgets, after all, there is too much to see and do to fit into one day!

Quality is a very important part of the visitor experience and in recognition of this, all accommodation featured on our website has either a valid inspection certificate carried out by a recognised external agency such as Visit England, the AA or those who have signed the White Cliffs Country Accommodation Charter. Full accommodation details can be found on our website - www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk



Activities

With the iconic White Cliffs and our amazing coast and countryside, you will be spoilt for things to do. With top class, championship golf courses, walking and cycling trails, water sports, fishing and RIB rides to foraging and learning to cook; the district has something for everyone.





Dover

Dover town nestles under the shadow of its magnificent castle. The busy port boasts some wonderful hidden gems. Dover Museum and Bronze Age Boat Gallery sits behind the old Market Hall façade. Just up from Market Square is the Roman Painted House - a fine example of a Roman house in Britain.

If you fancy doing some shopping the St James Retail and Leisure Park in the heart of the town centre with the six-screen Cineworld multiplex cinema and retail shops opened in 2018. A short walk away, located in a beautiful marina setting, is De Bradelei Wharf Outlet Centre with up to 70% discount on branded fashion and homeware.

Take in the panorama of the Channel and see across to the coast of France on a stroll along the seafront promenade - maybe tempting you to take a daytrip on one of the regular ferry sailings. Don't forget your passport!



Deal

Walk to the modern award-winning building at the end of Deal's 1000ft long pier and look back at a view that has hardly changed in over a century. Deal's unspoilt seafront, full of dangerous smuggling haunts in the 1800's, is now a wonderful collection of colourful buildings complemented by the fishing boats hauled up onto the shingle beach giving it a unique vista.

A short stroll from the seafront you will find the Timeball Tower Museum, Deal Local History & Maritime Museum, churches, houses and pubs and the narrow lanes around historic Middle Street. You're not the first to enjoy the charm of this town though - Lord Horatio Nelson himself entertained Lady Emma Hamilton at the Royal Hotel, where you can still dine and stay. Why not also indulge yourself at the many wonderful tea shops or browse around quaint gift shops, art galleries and antique emporiums.



Sandwich

Said to be “one of the most well-preserved medieval towns in Britain”. Built in 1579, the Guildhall dominates the Market Square that was first a corn market and then a cattle market and still has a weekly Thursday market and a monthly farmers’ market. In 1255, the first captive elephant was delivered to England as a gift from the French King to Henry III. Arriving at Sandwich quayside, it was then taken on foot to the King’s menagerie in the Tower of London. It is well worth a wander down the newly refurbished quayside to Fisher Gate - dating from 1384 and one of the two surviving original medieval town gates - the other is the Barbican which later served as a toll gate for the bridge. Food has always been associated with the town – in the 18th century the Earl of Sandwich is reputed to have devised the popular snack, and this is celebrated in the annual food fayre. There are many pubs, restaurants and cafés found in the winding lanes of the town as well as a variety of unique independent shops.



Gardens

In White Cliffs Country we are proud to have a wonderfully varied selection of gardens. Relax in the beautiful gardens at Walmer Castle, Goodnestone Park and the exquisite Salutation Gardens of Sandwich or discover Pines Gardens in St Margaret’s.





Events

MARCH

Dover Film Festival Two films from 1979 and 2019, recording events and lives of the people of Dover.

MAY

Walmer Brocante Antique and Collectables Fair on Walmer Green held on May Bank Holiday weekend.

Sandwich Food Fayre Two-day food fayre in the heart of historic Sandwich Town with stalls focused on quality local products. The event celebrates the sandwich itself, named after the 4th Earl of Sandwich in 1762, so come to Sandwich and enjoy a quality sandwich in Sandwich!

Crabble Corn Mill Beer & Cider Festival

Featuring real ales and ciders from all over the country, including local specialities.

JUNE

Le Weekend Two-day festival in Sandwich including an authentic Normandy market, food stalls, music, classic cars and Can Can dancing.

Western Heights Open Weekend View the Western Heights during one of the Open Weekends when the Drop Redoubt, one of the two forts on the Western Heights and the Grand Shaft will be open to visitors.

JULY

Deal Festival of Music and the Arts

International and national artists perform at venues in Dover, Deal and Sandwich at the annual popular two-week festival showcasing everything from street music to opera and local art.

Deal Carnival and Regatta Considered the South East's oldest and finest carnival and regatta. The packed programme includes live music, firework displays, a rowing regatta, culminating with a colourful carnival.

Sandwich Folk & Ale Festival Annual festival with music and dancing in Sandwich pubs and streets. Range of folk musical styles with an outdoor stage on the Guildhall Forecourt.

AUGUST

Port of Dover Community Regatta

A fantastic festival of family fun.

Sandwich Festival Popular annual event with street stalls, Italian food market, street music and classic car meets

White Cliffs Walking Festival Huge variety of walks to suit all abilities and interests. Whether your interests cover history or geocaching or flora and fauna, the festival has a walk for you.

SEPTEMBER

Deal Braderie Open air antiques and memorabilia fayre held through the town.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Christmas Lights Switch On Across Dover, Deal and Sandwich.

White Cliffs Christmas Head to the Port of Dover's White Cliffs Christmas at Cruise Terminal 1 with a traditional Christmas market, ice rink, live music and lots more.

ALL YEAR ROUND

Dover Castle Events held throughout the year.

East Kent Railway Regular events held throughout the year – see website for details.

Goodnestone Park Gardens Various events held throughout the year from plant sales to charity events.

Betteshanger Park Lots of events held throughout the year from Open Air Cinemas to Bird of Prey Experience and Halloween events.

White Cliffs Countryside Partnership Regular events for the whole family throughout the year, from walks to exhibitions and workshops.



Visitor Information

Pop into one of our friendly Visitor Information Centres for expert help and information about White Cliffs Country.

We offer great impartial advice for all of your group needs and have a wide range of free maps and leaflets to help point you in the right direction.

Whether you need a map, a place to stay or simply need to know how to make the most of your time in White Cliffs Country, our friendly, knowledgeable team will be on hand with a wide range of information and services.

Our Visitor Information Centres are brimming with information and inspiring brochures and leaflets. Dover Visitor Information Centre is located in the heart of the town, within Dover Museum.



VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

Making the most of your visit to White Cliffs Country

DOVER

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Dover, Kent, CT16 1PH
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W: www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk

DEAL

Visitor Information Centre
Town Hall, High Street,
Deal, Kent, CT14 6TR
T: 01304 369576
E: info@deal.gov.uk

SANDWICH

Visitor Information Centre
Guildhall, Cattle Market,
Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9AH
T: 01304 617197
E: tourism@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

Where We Are

As a visitor destination, White Cliffs Country's strength is in its location, its three main character towns, traditional rural villages, heritage, coast, countryside and access to a wealth of surrounding attractions from London, Canterbury, Calais, Dunkerque and beyond!

Within easy access of London and Europe, White Cliffs Country is effortless to reach and perfect for any length of stay. The High-Speed Rail Link makes us only 67 minutes from London by train, and France is a short 75 minutes on a ferry or 35 minutes by Eurotunnel. The M20 and M2 roads give great links to the rest of the country.



Coach and Minibus Parking

Dover District Council car parks have a length restriction of 5.55 metres including a towbar, a height restriction of 2.50 metres including any roof rack or luggage box, and a width restriction of 2.10 metres including any wing mirrors. If your minibus exceeds any of these restrictions, coach parking is available at the following sites:

- Maison Dieu Car Park • Dover Castle Hill Car Park • Dover Seafront
- Dover Prince of Wales Terrace • Deal Beach Street, Deal
- The Strand, Walmer • Ash Road, Sandwich • The Quay, Sandwich

Please note that some of these bays are designated for sole coach use in the summer only - see signs close by for clarification.

Contact Parking Services Tel: 01304 872459

E-mail: parking@dover.gov.uk Web: www.dover.gov.uk/parking



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help with itineraries, free images and promotional material.

For more inspiration and information,
please visit our website.



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