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KENT'S GOLF COAST



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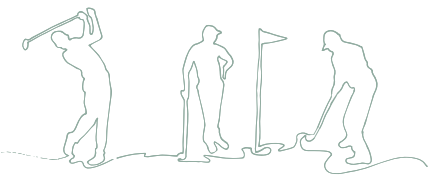
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Welcome



Welcome to White Cliffs Country, a unique destination where coast meets countryside, ancient meets modern, relaxation meets adventure, and England meets Europe.

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

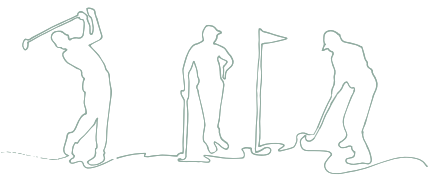
The rich heritage of the area is awe-inspiring with an amazing selection of diverse museums and a busy season of re-enactments bringing history to life as you have never seen it before.

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.

Come for a day or stay for a week - you'll have an experience to remember.

**ESCAPE THE EVERYDAY
IN WHITE CLIFFS COUNTRY**

A perfect place to play golf



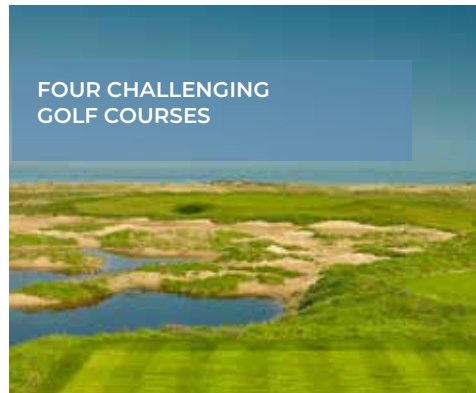
THE GOLF COAST



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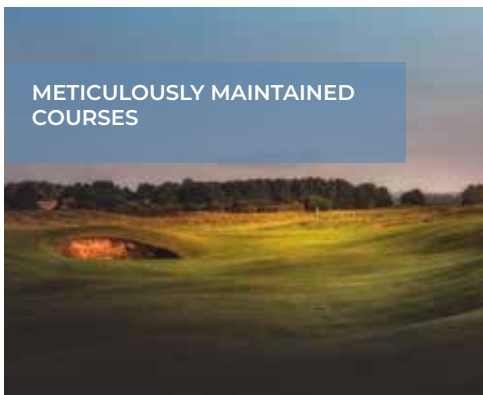
HOST OF THE 149TH OPEN



FOUR CHALLENGING GOLF COURSES



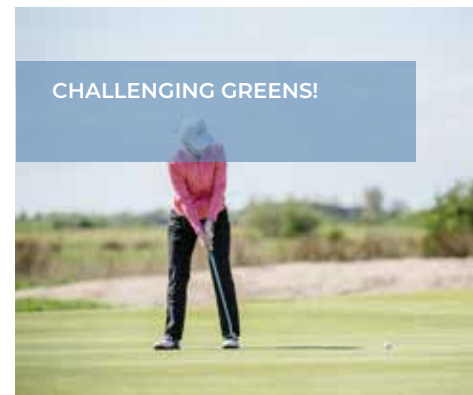
TEE OFF ON THE WHITE CLIFFS



METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED COURSES



CHAMPIONSHIP LINKS COURSES



CHALLENGING GREENS!

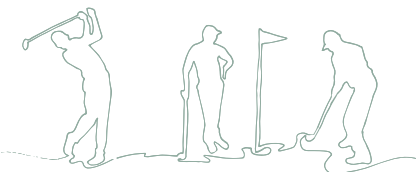
White Cliffs Country – Dover, Deal and Sandwich and home to Kent's Golf Coast, has been recognised as one of the best places in England to enjoy playing golf. In fact all three of the links golf courses in this unique staycation destination were ranked in the top 30 in England, by Golf World's Top 100 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 designed with 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 Golf 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



White Cliffs Country is proud to host The 149th Open at Royal St George's Golf Club in Sandwich, from 11th to 18th July 2021.



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 14 times and will be welcoming The 149th Open back for the 15th time in July 2021.



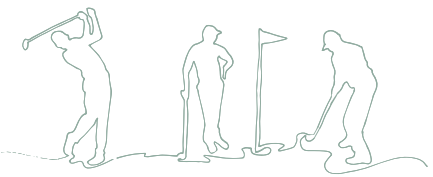
THE 149TH OPEN

It will be the 15th time this world-class sporting event has been held at Royal St George's Golf Club and the 18th time The Open Championship has been held in White Cliffs Country. Played on links courses (areas of coastal sand dunes), The Open is the most historic competition in golf and draws the world's best players to compete for the famous Claret Jug.

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Prince's Golf Club



Prince's Golf Club is a classic championship links golf club and former venue for the Open Championship.

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. Finally opening in 1985 by Peter Allis, the layout incorporates 17 of the original greens and eliminated any blind tee or approach shots.



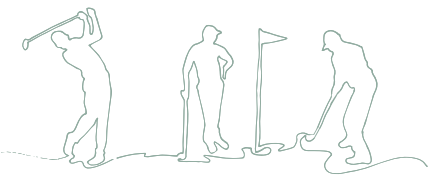
Notable for hosting the 1932 Open Championship, which was won by the American Gene Sarazen, Prince's is the only club to host The Open just once. Nowadays the club remains a firm favourite for The Open Championship Local Final Qualifying course.

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



The Championship Links course has classic out and back layout to the highest standard.

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!



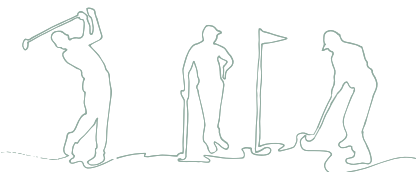
Host to The Open Championship in 1909 and 1920, the club is a final qualifying course for The Open whilst recently the club jointly hosted the English Amateur and British Seniors Championships in 2007 and 2008 respectively.

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



Known as the 'Club on the Cliffs'
Walmer & Kingsdown Golf Club has
amazing views from every hole.

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.

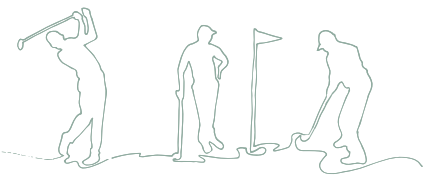


The course officially opened in 1909 with a match between two of the world's best-known players of their era, course designer James Braid and Harry Vardon – both Open Championship winners. In December 1948 the two benefactors registered the club as a members club and handed the ownership to the members,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

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Staying for the long game



With top class golf on offer, you'll want to maximise your playing time and stay a little longer!

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

From boutique and luxury hotels, traditional bed and breakfasts to cosy self-catering cottages, quirky shepherds' huts and even glamping pods – you'll be spoilt for choice for places to stay in White Cliffs Country.

All accommodation featured on our website has either been certified by a recognised external agency (such as Visit England; the AA or a signatory of the White Cliffs Country Accommodation Charter).

Full accommodation details can be found on our website at: whitecliffscountry.org.uk/stay



BOUTIQUE HOTELS



LUXURY HOTELS



STAY IN UNIQUE HISTORIC PLACES



BED AND BREAKFAST

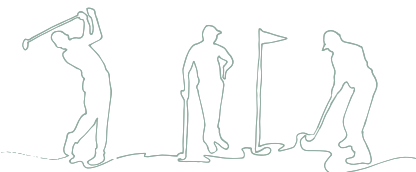


SELF-CATERING



CAMPING, GLAMPING AND QUIRKY

The 19th hole



For that special lunch or evening meal from traditional English fare through to continental and world cuisine - we have it all in White Cliffs Country.



Relax and enjoy a traditional English Afternoon Tea of homemade cakes, scones with clotted cream and jam and tea served in china teacups in a quirky tearoom or hotel.

Take your pick from a wide range of great places to eat out from top class restaurants to cafes, delicatessens and bistros - you'll be spoilt for choice. Most serve locally produced meat, locally caught fresh fish and vegetables picked from the market garden of England.

You will be able to enjoy a pint in our many traditional pubs and a selection of micro-breweries across the district. Kent's hop fields have made our local beer famous for hundreds of years. If you prefer a drop of wine our Kentish vineyards produce some of the best.

Fancy yourself as a bit of a foodie? Eating out is an experience in itself but why not take things one step further and embark on a foraging adventure with a professional forager to explore the rockpools and sample edible coastal flora.



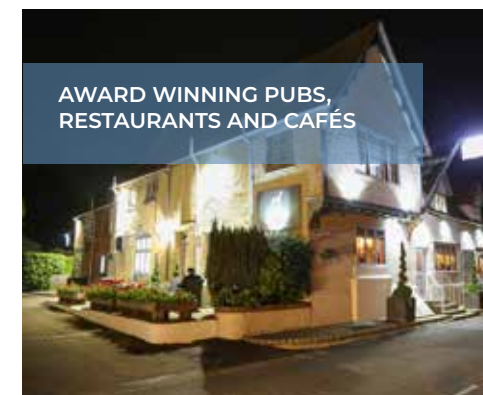
ENGLISH AFTERNOON TEA



ATMOSPHERIC PUBS AND MICRO PUBS



LOCALLY CAUGHT FISH WITH YOUR CHIPS!



AWARD WINNING PUBS, RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS

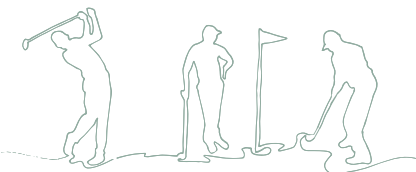


LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD AND DRINK



FORAGE AND FEAST

Beyond the fairway



White Cliffs Country is brimming with exciting things to see and do!

You'll be spoilt for choice with more than 100 attractions to enjoy.



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.

Uncover the history of Deal in a fun, interactive and entertaining way on a History Walking Tour. Topics include: Smugglers' Trail, Deal History Tour, Castles on the Coast and The Story of Deal's Piers Over The Years.

Relax in the beautiful formal gardens of Walmer Castle and Goodnestone Park or discover The Pines Garden in St Margaret's. Picnic at Kearsney Parks in Dover where there are a variety of outdoor family activities throughout the year.

Take advantage of our wonderful coastline on an exhilarating tour on a RIB speed boat with Dover Sea Safari. Choose from a variety of trips including their popular 2-hour Secret Seal Safari!



HISTORY AND HERITAGE



PARKS AND GARDENS



ADRENALIN FUELLED EXPERIENCES



CLIFF TOP TRAILS

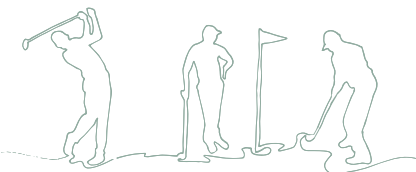
A must is a cliff-top walk along the iconic White Cliffs of Dover. Natural England is establishing a 2,700 mile path around the entire English coastline and the England Coast Path on the White Cliffs of Dover was the first section to be opened in South East England.

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



NATURE LOVERS

Experiences off course



If you're on the lookout for new experiences to enjoy – on your own or with the family – White Cliffs Country has lots to offer.



For those who enjoy the water, there are plenty of things to keep everyone happy, including paddle boarding, windsurfing and sailing at Dover Sea Sports Centre.

Adrenalin junkies will love the thrill of a high-speed boat trip around the world-famous White Cliffs Of Dover (as seen on Paul O' Grady's Great British Escape!) or perhaps you'd like to take in the aerial view from a glider over the English Channel?

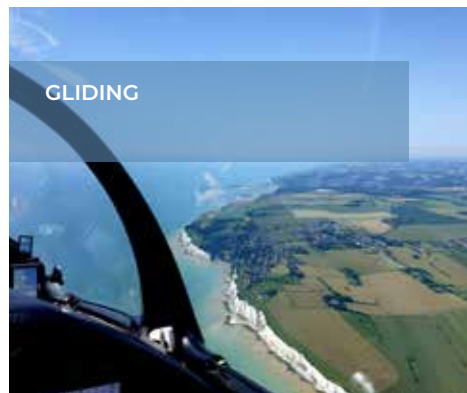
As well as golf there is fishing, water sports, clay pigeon shooting, gliding – we have it all.

Lydden Hill Race Circuit is the international home of rallycross and a hub of motorsport action in Kent. It is the UK's shortest road racing circuit at one mile long, hosting a variety of motorsport events held at the circuit throughout the year including rallycross, motorbikes, cars, trucks and more.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING



GLIDING



LYDDEN HILL RACE CIRCUIT



BETTESHANGER PARK



Get up close and personal with a loveable lemur, otter or red panda on an Experience Day at Wingham Wildlife Park - Kent's fastest growing zoo.

Visit one of the local equestrian centres and saddle up for a lesson or a hack across our beautiful countryside. Bring your bikes along or hire them at Betteshanger Park and go on a family bike ride around the 250 acre park including some exciting mountain bike tracks.

Experience fabulous music in one of the local pubs or head along to one of the local theatres to enjoy a packed programme of events. There are some great options to watch the latest blockbusters at Cineworld or you can check out one of the latest films at one of our smaller independent cinemas – you can even find an original thirties cinema in Sandwich!

Enjoy a fun-filled or lifestyle experience in White Cliffs Country and return home with memories to last forever!



VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

Making the most of your visit to White Cliffs Country

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How to get here



Within easy access from London and Europe White Cliffs Country is effortless to reach and perfect for a short or long break. The High Speed Rail Link makes us only 67 minutes from London on the train! France is only 75 minutes on a Cross Channel ferry or 35 minutes by Eurotunnel. The M20 and M2 motorways link us to rest of the country. Dover, Deal, Sandwich and our countryside are serviced by regular trains and buses both locally and to and from London.

BY RAIL:

The High Speed Train operates from London St Pancras to Dover, Deal and Sandwich. South Eastern operates services from London Charing Cross and London Victoria to Dover, Deal and Sandwich. National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50 www.nationalrail.co.uk Continental train connections can be made at London St Pancras and Ashford International. Eurostar 03432 186 186

BY COACH:

National Express operates a regular direct link from London to Dover and Deal. For times, fares and information: National Express 08717 818181 www.nationalexpress.com

BY LOCAL BUS:

Detailed times of all local bus services are available from Stagecoach Buses. Stagecoach 0871 200 2233 www.stagecoachbus.com

BY BIKE OR FOOT:

There is an extensive network of walking routes and cycling routes throughout White Cliffs Country. For full details visit our website: www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk

BY CAR OR MOTORBIKE:

Both the M20 and M2 connect directly to White Cliffs Country.

CROSS CHANNEL TRAVEL:

Ferry and train crossings between Dover to Calais and Dunkirk operate on a regular basis throughout the day. P&O Ferries 0800 130 0030 DFDS Seaways 0871 574 7235 Eurotunnel 08443 353535



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