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White Cliffs Country

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Welcome

White Cliffs Country is a unique English destination with glorious countryside and coastline, and incredible history and culture all within easy reach from London and mainland Europe.

The towns of Dover, Deal and Sandwich are home to an abundance of historic sites and fabulous attractions all geared up to welcome groups, and the area offers spectacular walking, sailing, cycling, golf and sightseeing, as well as many other memorable experiences.

The rich heritage of the area is awe-inspiring with an amazing selection of diverse museums and a busy season of re-enactments at historic sites bringing English (and world!) history to life as you've never seen it before.

Part of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Kent's Heritage Coast – including the White Cliffs – was the only UK destination to feature in Lonely Planet's list of the world's best places to visit in 2022.

The White Cliffs Country team can provide advice and support and help you develop bespoke itineraries to match the interests and needs of your customers (please see contact details at the end of this guide).



Why visit?

- Great strategic location with London just 77 miles from Dover, and mainland Europe a short hop by ferry or Eurotunnel.
- Rich history and international status with 48 ancient monuments, 12 museums, 57 conservation areas, 21 historic parks and gardens, 30 walking routes and 9 cycle trails and 100 visitor attractions!
- The iconic White Cliffs, a recognised symbol of Britain, and the town of Dover are world-famous.
- Just along the coast, the lovely maritime town of Deal is unspoilt with amazing history, beautiful seafront, pier, and 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.
- White Cliffs Country has inspired writers for centuries. James Bond author, Ian Fleming, wrote Moonraker from his holiday home on the beach at St Margaret's Bay – the 007 tag came from the number of the London to Dover coach, now a National Express service!



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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 and see the famous White Cliffs 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, seen best whilst taking a stroll along the pier, 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 which runs alongside the River Stour. From here you can take the River Bus and see the seals. For afternoon tea and the beauty of a formal garden, once enjoyed by Jane Austen, take a short drive into the countryside to Goodnestone Park Gardens. Haven't found time to fit it all in? Then stay a little longer!

Memorable experiences



See the 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

Coach parking is first-come-first-served and chargeable

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.



Explore 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



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.

- On and off-road cycling
- Orienteering and geocaching
- Guided nature walks
- Boonies Obstacle Course and Fitness
- Archery
- Axe-throwing
- Fossil hunting
- Regular programme of events



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

Tee off on our Golf Courses



ROYAL ST GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB

Hosted the Open Championship an impressive 15 times. The Open Championship returned in 2021 and their challenging course offers stunning sea views.



Group Prices: Group rate (12 pax+) £375
Drop Off: Car Park onsite
Info: Groups from min 6 people, max 35
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 Prices: Package prices on asking
Drop Off: Car Park onsite
Info: Variety of packages available
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 Prices: (4-100 pax) various packages available from £235pp
Drop Off: Car Park onsite
Info: Variety of packages available
Times: Check website
Location: CT14 6RF
Tel: 01304 374007
Website: www.royalcinqueports.com
Eating/Drinking: No 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 Prices: Tee times can be booked by telephoning the pro shop 01304 363017
Drop Off: Car Park onsite
Info: info@kingsdowngolf.co.uk
Times: Check website
Location: CT14 8EP
Tel: 01304 373256
Website: www.kingsdowngolf.co.uk
Onsite/near eating/drinking:
Clubhouse & halfway house
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

These impressive ruins mark the point from which the Romans launched their successful invasion of Britain in 43 AD. Visitors can climb a reconstructed wooden gateway and rampart, explore the site with a new audio guide and discover new displays in the revamped museum.



Group Price: 15% discount 11 pax+
Drop Off: Coach parking available onsite, must book in advance



Info: Tours available - please book in advance



Times: 10am-5pm daily summer,

10am-4pm 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

Accessibility: Uneven ground



WALMER CASTLE AND GARDENS

Parts of the house will be closed for essential conservation work. Please contact before booking for full details.



Group Price: 15% discount 11 pax+
Drop Off: Coach parking available onsite, must book in advance



Info: Tours available - please book in advance



Times: 10am-5pm daily summer,

10am-4pm weekends winter

Location: CT13 9JW

Tel: 01304 612013



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

Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Sandwich

Accessibility: Uneven ground

Amazing 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 3600 years old (the oldest-known sea-going boat) is now displayed just yards from where it was found in 1992.



Group Price: Free entry
Group Drop Off: Church Street coach stop (max stay 20min)



Info: Nearest coach parking Maison Dieu car park- CT16 1RU



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)



DEAL 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



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
£7 scramble experience
Group Drop Off: Free coach parking if 10+ visitors



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
Onsite/near eating/drinking: 1st floor cafe on site (lift)



Accessibility: Fully accessible site, although some slopes. Dogs on leads welcome.



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: Please contact for group rates



Drop Off: Free coach parking onsite
Info: Picnic tables in the grounds



Times: Mar-Oct Wed/Sat/Sun/Bank Holidays 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



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
Group Drop Off: Public car park nearby.
Coaches - 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



CRABBLE CORN MILL

Restored in 1986, this Georgian watermill is classed as the finest working mill in Europe. Built in 1812 to supply flour to troops defending the Kent Coast from possible invasion from Napoleon's forces, the mill is packed with history.



Group Prices: Discounted rates (£3.50) for groups over 15
Group Drop off: Drop off at mill. Parking in Lewisham Road (300m).
Info: Guided tour takes 45 mins
Times: Last tour 3.30pm
Postcode: CT17 0UY
Contact: 01304 823292 or 01304 823710 when mill is closed
Onsite/near eating/drinking: Onsite cafe



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



KENT MINING MUSEUM

A fascinating journey through the historic Kent coalfield with interactive exhibitions and entertaining programmes for all ages.



Group Price: free entry but donations welcome
Drop Off: Coach parking onsite
Info: Please book in advance via email info@kmmhf.org.uk
Times: Please check
Location: CT14 0BF
Tel: 01304 619227
Website: kentminingmuseum.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Restaurant and bar onsite
Accessibility: rough ground





TIMEBALL TOWER MUSEUM

The museum has video, static and interactive displays covering 3 centuries of involvement in signalling, the fight against smuggling, and as a vital link in safe navigation of distant oceans.



Group Prices: Adults £3. Children & Students £2. Under 5's FREE



Drop Off: Seafront
Info: Please contact for group info/booking



www.dealtimeball.co.uk
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



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 Prices: Groups of 10+ contact in advance



Group Drop Off: Pay and display parking nearby



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

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: Please email to discuss
Drop Off: Coach bays in Maison Dieu Road car park



Info: Please contact for visitor information
Location: CT17 9AJ



Email: RPH@doover.gov.uk



Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Dover town centre

Accessibility: Lower level accessible



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: NT Visitor Centre car park then 2-mile cliff top walk to lighthouse



Info: Regular guided tours - last 30mins
Times: Summer only 11:00-17:30



Location: CT15 5NA

Tel: 01304 853281



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



MAISON DIEU (DOVER TOWN HALL)

This wonderful Grade I listed building is the oldest in Dover town centre and is currently undergoing a £10.5m restoration project thanks to a £4.27m grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. It will be closed to visitors until 2025 when it will be opened revealing the treasures and history of this amazing building. Be sure to book then.



Group Price: TBC
Drop Off: Maison Dieu Rd car park



Info: TBC



Times: TBC



Location: CT16 1DL

Tel: 01304 201200



Website: www.dover.gov.uk

Eating/Drinking: TBC



Accessibility: TBC



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 Prices: Free but donations welcome



Group Drop Off: Free limited car parking

Times: Sundays and Bank Holidays only,

May to September



Location: CT3 1QE

Tel: 01304 841970

Website: www.southbarn.plus.com

Onsite/near eating/drinking: No toilets.

Pubs & restaurants within 5km

Accessibility: Disabled access to grounds and base of windmill only.



THE WESTERN HEIGHTS, DROP REDOUBT AND ST MARTIN'S BATTERY TOURS

The Western Heights are one of the most impressive and important fortifications in Britain. Explore and discover the historic fortress, battery and more during one of the Western Heights Open Weekends.



Group Prices: Free but donations welcome



Group Drop off: CT17 9DZ

Info: Check website

www.doverwesternheights.org

Postcode: CT17 9DZ



Onsite/near eating/drinking: no nearby facilities



SANDWICH MEDIEVAL CENTRE

The Sandwich Medieval Trust looks forward to welcoming you to our Centre on the Sandwich Quay. Take a look round the Centre with its medieval crafts on display from woodworking to blacksmithing and beyond



Group Prices: Bookable craft workshops for groups/schools



Group Drop off: Onsite parking

Info: Free entry. Paid membership available. Donations welcome



Postcode: CT13 9EN

Contact: 01304 617250



Onsite/near eating/drinking: Nearby

eating/drinking



Accessibility: Wheelchair user friendly.

Visitor toilets



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: NT Visitor Centre car park then 1 1/4 mile cliff top walk to Fan Bay Deep Shelter



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



WHITE MILL RURAL HERITAGE CENTRE

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



Group Price: Free

Group Drop Off: Small car park in front of building



Info: Small shop selling ice cream & souvenirs. Dog friendly



Times: Tues/Fri/Sun- 10:00-12:00

Location: CT13 9JB

Tel: 07900 531284

Website: whitemillheritagecentre.org.uk

Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Sandwich town

Accessibility: Please contact to discuss



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 adults £3.50, children £2.50. Group ticket available



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 although stepped areas. Tower by stairs only.

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 (Easter-Sept) also, every weekend all year



Accessibility: Level paths.



Accessible toilet



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: Donation suggestion £4 adult, £1.50 child, £2.50 concession
Drop Off: Next to entrance
Times: Garden daily 10.00-17.00 (excl. Xmas) Tearoom & Museum Apr-Sep 10.00-16.00 (Oct-Mar Wed-Sun)
Location: CT15 6DZ
Tel: 01304 851737
Website: www.baytrust.org.uk
Eating/Drinking: Onsite tearoom
Accessibility: Wheelchair ramp to tearoom & museum. Accessible toilets



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 Prices: 20+ pax only £8pp; garden tours £20pp
Drop Off: Coach parking onsite
Info: Groups must be booked in advance
Parties arriving by coach: please email office@goodnestone.com for parking information
Garden tour enquiries: please email headgardener@goodnestone.com
Times: Winter 10:00-16:00, Summer 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. Dogs welcome in gardens (excl. walled gardens) & café



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
Info: Max. Coach length 12m.
Accommodation available - no pets
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: Outside toilet & restarow reserve closed to public. Other reserves now open. Some uneven ground.

Unique experiences



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 group booking. Adults £8, children £5, family up to 2a/2c £20, concessions £5
Info: Tours available by pre-booking
Times: Closed Mon.
Tues-Sun 9:00-16:00.
Location: CT15 7PD
Tel: 01304 832042
Website: www.eastkentrailway.co.uk
Onsite/near eating/drinking: cafe on site
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss.



LYDDEN HILL RACE CIRCUIT

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



Group price: Available for groups 10+ exact prices vary by event
To book your group in for the VIP experience, track days or attend an event, please contact the events team on events@lyddenhill.co.uk or 01304 830557.
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



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
Group Drop Off: Onsite parking incl. coaches
Info: Please book in advance
Times: Visit winghamwildlifepark.co.uk for details
Location: CT3 1JL
Tel: 01227 720836
Website: www.winghamwildlifepark.co.uk
Onsite/near eating/drinking: Onsite catering plus shop
Accessibility: Fully accessible



RIVER RUNNER

Step aboard the River Runner and take a boat trip to see the wildlife and learn about the historic river Stour. The modern, family friendly boat can accommodate up to 10 passengers per trip.



Group Prices: Contact to arrange group booking
Drop Off: Sandwich Town Quay Steps
Times: For sailing times and to book tickets in advance call 07955 465729
Location: CT13 9DH
Tel: 07955 465729
Website: river-runner.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Nearest facilities in Sandwich town



WHITEMILLS WAKE AND AQUA PARK

A purpose-built, state-of-the-art wake and aqua park resort offering a wide range of water-based activities for all ages. There is a popular lakeside restaurant and bar.



Group Prices: Please contact for groups of 10+
Drop Off: Coach parking onsite
Info: Please book in advance
Times: Please check
Location: CT13 9JB
Tel: 07778 075565
Website: www.whitemillswake.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Restaurant and bar onsite
Accessibility: Rough ground



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 when booked in advance. The vineyard makes English sparkling wine and still red and white wines - sold exclusively from their winery door.



Group Prices: Tours £20pp. Children welcome. Dog friendly
Drop Off: Please contact to arrange
Info: Evening tours by pre-arrangement
Times: Mon-Sun 10:00-17:00
Location: CT3 1LG
Tel: 07772 300511
Website: www.barnsole.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Wine tasting onsite
Accessibility: Please contact to discuss



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
Onsite/near eating/drinking: Indoors at the Wild Kitchen/beach hut or picnic (weather dependant)
Accessibility: Wheelchair by prior arrangement



BOONIES

Exhilarating outdoors activity course based at Betteshanger Park. Group bookings are instructor-led and include a full safety induction based on E.D.I.P (Explanation, Demonstration, Imitate, Practice). Fully qualified instructor on hand throughout.



Group price: Min 8 pax/£15pp/hr (can be 60, 90 or 120 mins)
Drop Off: Coach parking on site
Info: contactus@booniesoutdoors.co.uk
Times: Please check
Location: CT14 0BF
Tel: 07415 111652
Website: www.booniesoutdoors.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Restaurant and bar onsite
Accessibility: Rough ground



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: Dover Patrol 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: Dover Patrol Restaurant onsite

Accessibility: Wheelchair access



DOVER SEA SPORTS CENTRE

There's an exciting range of activities and courses available at Dover Sea Sports Centre. Try a dinghy sailing course - from beginners to advanced.



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: Dover Patrol Restaurant onsite

Accessibility: Wheelchair access



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

Info: www.placesleisure.org/centres/dover-district-leisure-centre/centre-activities/climb

Times: Open all year. 1 hour session includes 15 minute harness and safety brief and 45 minute climb.

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





BUNKER ESCAPE - DOVER CASTLE

Experience a brand new, fully-immersive escape room experience, deep within the secret wartime tunnels of Dover Castle. The Bunker scenario is 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



THE ESCAPE GOAT

Immersive escape room adventures in Dover. Great for groups. Challenge yourselves and experience a thrilling adventure in our themed games!



Group Price: Please contact to book

Drop Off: Coach drop off; parking in town.



Info: www.theescapegoat.co.uk



Times: Varies



Location: CT17 0SU



Tel: 07921 859291



Website: www.theescapegoat.co.uk

Eating/Drinking: In Dover

Accessibility:



ROMAN LANDINGS ADVENTURE GOLF

Fabulous themed 18-hole course on Walmer seafront. Putt your way through a Roman Galley and Walmer Castle and work together to pull yourselves across rafts to the next hole!



Group Prices: discount available dependent on numbers, please contact to book.



Group Drop off: Coach bays nearby



Info: info@walmeradventuregolf.co.uk



Times: 9am-8pm



Postcode: CT14 7DN



Contact: 01304 380373



Website: www.walmeradventuregolf.co.uk

Eating/Drinking: Café onsite

Accessibility: Some rough ground



BRAESIDE STABLES

Braeside is a small, friendly BHS and ABRS approved riding school, that sits neatly on the outskirts of a lovely network of woodlands and bridleways, enabling them to offer fantastic hacking without the need for roadwork. The riding school also offers dressage and jumping tuition. Their experienced qualified staff are able to teach all disciplines.



Group Prices: 1-hr hack £33 weekday/ £38 weekend.



Group lessons £38 weekday/ £40 weekend



Group Drop off: Limited parking in lane or on street



Info: Private & group lessons also available payment to be paid in advance to confirm booking. 24 hours cancellation notice must be given

Postcode: CT15 6HL

Contact: 01304 852959

Website: www.braeside.co.uk

Onsite/near eating/drinking:

Village of St-Margarets-at-Cliffe 5 mins

by car



CORNILO RIDING

Cornilo Riding is a BHS approved riding school with a long tradition. They specialise in teaching equitation skills as well as riding lessons for all ages and abilities.



Group Drop off: Car park on site
Postcode: CT15 5DF
Contact: 01304 380369
Website: www.corniloriding.com



OWL HOUSE STABLES

Situated in stunning Kent countryside, the stables have a multitude of bridle paths, open fields and woodland nearby. The riding school welcome groups and work closely with local venues if you would like to book something special.



Group Prices: Group lessons are available for all abilities. £27 for 1 hour. Maximum of 8 riders of a similar ability. Because the groups are based on ability riders are able to progress well.



Postcode: CT15 6HN



Contact: 07816 235441



Website: www.owlhousestables.com

Onsite/near eating/drinking: Village of St-Margarets-at-Cliffe 5 mins by car



DEAL PIER FISHING

Deal Pier (length 1,026 ft) is a popular place to fish with benches lining its length as well as a number of shelters and disabled access.



Group Prices: Club hire of pier £250 (per night). Private bookings available 10pm-6am Sun to Thurs.



Group Drop off: Seafront



Info: www.dover.gov.uk/Leisure-Culture-Tourism/Leisure-Facilities/Deal-Pier/Fishing-On-Deal-Pier



Postcode: CT14 6HZ



Contact: 01304 363815



Onsite/near eating/drinking: Deal Pier Kitchen



COKER FISHING TRIPS

Catering for groups and individuals, the large charter fishing vessels operating from Dover specialise in cod and bass fishing, offshore wrecking and mid channel sandbanks. The two purpose-built charter vessels, 11m Royal Charlotte and 11m Portia, are licensed and insured for 12 persons.



Group Prices: Price on asking



Group Drop off: Seafront



Info: Fishing all year round 7 days a week

Postcode: CT17 9BN

Contact: 01303 872329



Website: www.cokorseafishing.com



Onsite/near eating/drinking: onboard refreshments.





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

From high street chains to a range of diverse and creative independent shops, White Cliffs Country has it all. In Dover, you'll find popular St James Retail Park and small independent traders in town. There's a bustling high street in Deal (a previous winner of High Street of the Year) with many cool gift, homeware and vintage stores and delicatessens, and more unique and special shops in the medieval streets of Sandwich. Visitors will be spoilt for choice.



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 birdwatching, 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.

St James Retail Park, with shops, cafes, restaurants and a six-screen cinema, is in the heart of the town centre. Surrounding streets are home to a wide variety of shops, cafes, restaurants, bars and pubs and sites of historical and architectural interest.

Once a leading destination for Victorian pleasure-seekers, Dover seafront is still a beautiful area to stroll, with its fine architecture, marina, pier and magnificent views. Take in the panorama of the English Channel, the harbour, port and White Cliffs. You may be tempted to take a daytrip to France 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. The modern café, Deal Pier Kitchen, located at the end of the pier featured in The Times' top 30 best beach cafes and restaurants in 2020.

Deal was recently rated the best seaside resort out of 91 resorts in the UK and its 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 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

This beautiful ancient town is 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. 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

Stroll through beautiful Kearsney Parks in Dover and explore the historic gardens at Walmer Castle. Wander in Jane Austen's footsteps at Goodnestone Park Gardens and visit organic Pines Gardens in St Margaret's Bay.





Events

MARCH

Dover Film Festival Showing of two local films recording the events and lives of the people of Dover.

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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.

Crabble Corn Mill Beer & Cider Festival Featuring real ales and ciders from all over the country, including local specialities.

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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.

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.

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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.

Port of Dover Community Regatta

A highlight of the summer fun planned on Kent's coast, the Port of Dover Regatta with live music and performances, water displays, food and drink, and much more.

Deal Pride Deal's LGBTQIA+ celebrating diversity, acceptance and inclusion.

AUGUST

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.

Dover Pride Dover's LGBTQIA+ celebrating diversity, acceptance and inclusion.

Brocante The popular antiques, collectables and crafts fair on Walmer Green.

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SEPTEMBER

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

Sandwich Arts Week A week long exhibition of over 40 local artists.

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Christmas Lights Switch On in Dover, Deal and Sandwich.

Dover Winter Light-up Fabulous lantern procession through the town with music and stalls.

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ALL YEAR ROUND

Dover Castle Events Various events throughout the year, including family events during school-holidays.

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

Visitor Information Centre
Dover Museum,
Market Square,
Dover, Kent, CT16 1PH
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E: vic@dover.gov.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

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
- Mainline stations at Dover, Martin Mill, Walmer, Deal and Sandwich
- 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

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:

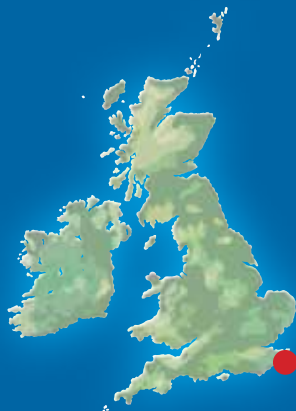
- Maison Dieu Car Park, Dover • Dover Castle Hill Car Park
- Prince of Wales Terrace, Deal • Deal Beach Street, Deal
- The Strand, Walmer • Ash Road, Sandwich • The Quay, Sandwich

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



Area map





This brochure is a small snapshot of what to do and see
in White Cliffs Country – Dover, Deal and Sandwich.
Our experienced and knowledgeable team can provide
help with itineraries, free images and promotional material.

For more inspiration and information,
please visit our website.



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