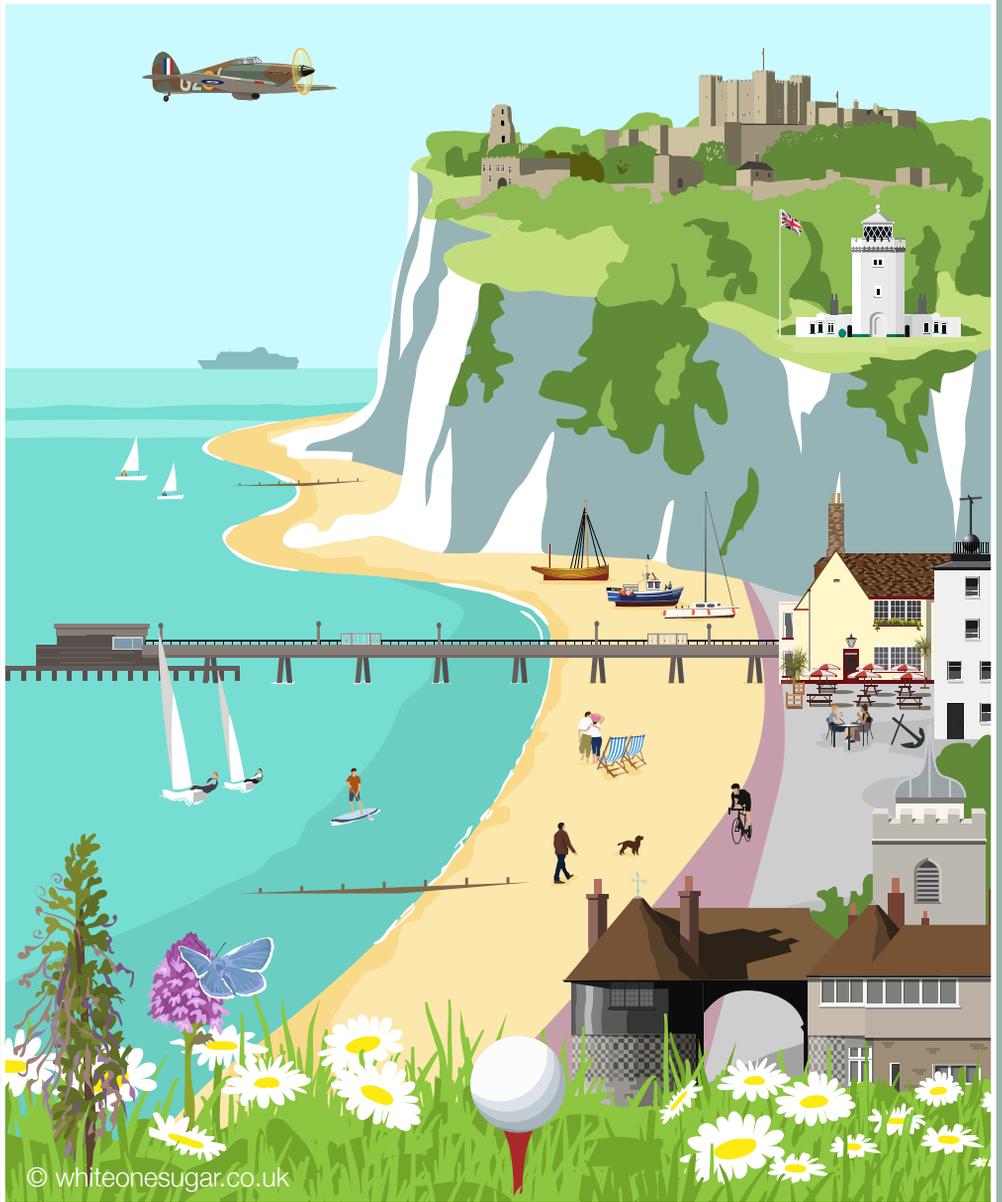


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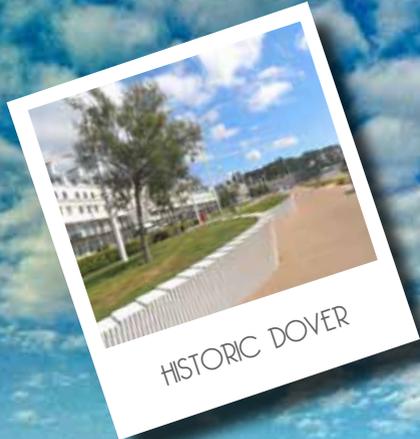
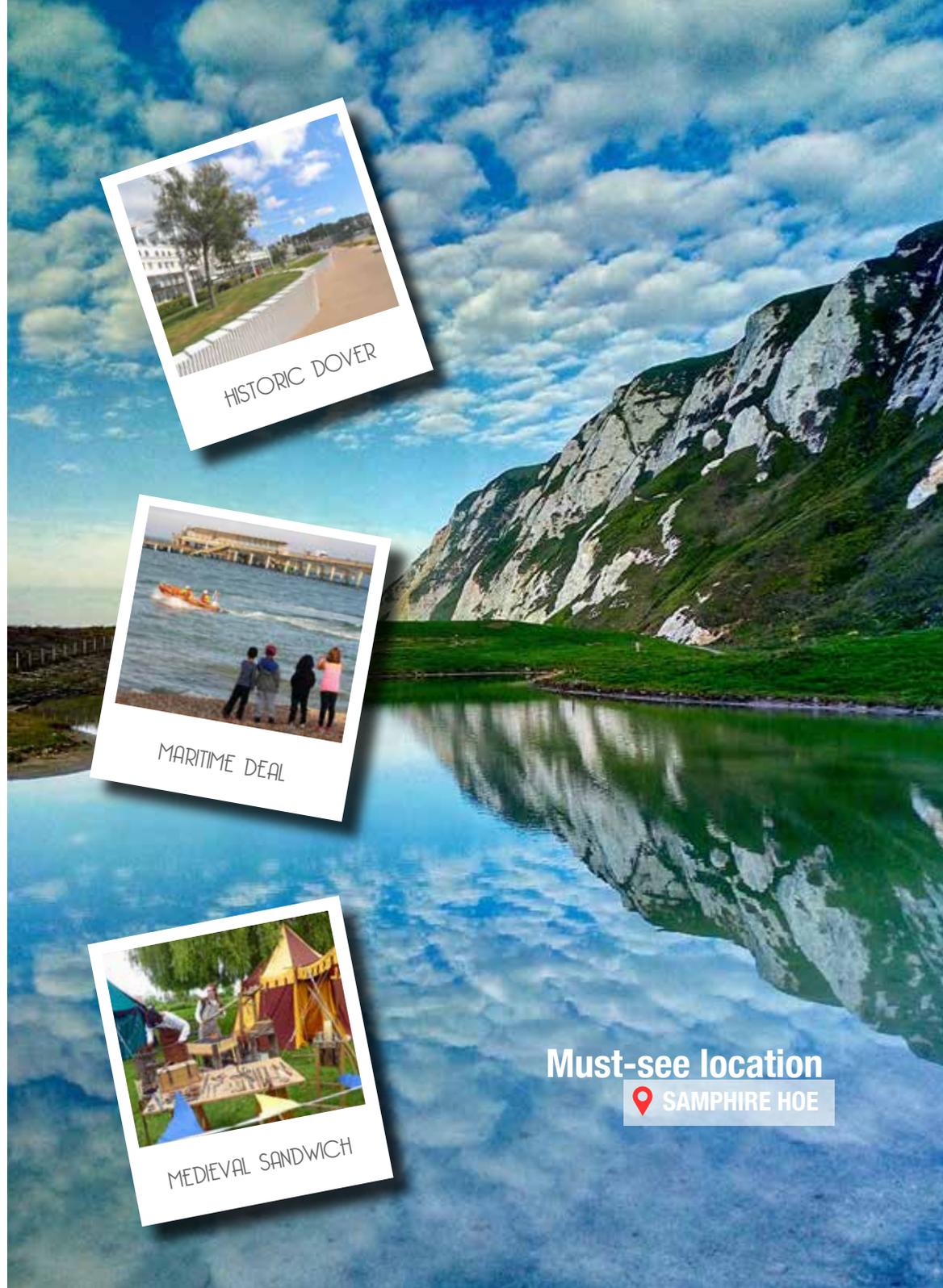
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## Must-see location

SAMPHIRE HOE

# WELCOME



Welcome to White Cliffs Country, a unique place where coast meets country, beauty meets history, tranquil meets active and England meets Europe.

The world-famous White Cliffs and our beautiful coast and countryside offer 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 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.

DISCOVER MORE AND EXPLORE BEYOND THE CHALK!

# TEN GOOD REASONS TO VISIT



## 1 World-famous White Cliffs of Dover

Enjoy spectacular views on an exhilarating cliff top walk on the world-famous White Cliffs. The cliff face reaches up to 300 feet and the cliffs stretch for about 16 miles. On a clear day you can spot the French coast!

## 2 Impressive history and heritage

Immerse yourself in 2000 years of history at Dover Castle, see the world's oldest known sea-going vessel, the Bronze Age Boat at Dover Museum or visit South Foreland Lighthouse, a striking Victorian landmark on the White Cliffs of Dover, which was the first to display an electrically powered signal.

## 3 Stunning coast

Cast your cares away and embrace coastal living! Being by the sea promotes a feeling of relaxation - have you noticed you sleep soundly after a day on the beach? It's the sea air! Enjoy our beautiful bays and beaches, our coastal walks, our unique piers, fishing boats, yachts in the marina, our nautical towns with smuggling alleyways and traditions

# 4

## Beautiful countryside

As well as our striking coastline we also have wonderful countryside with stunning views, historic villages and ancient churches. Many of our villages display historic information panels, which describe their origins and history through the centuries.

# 5

## The perfect place for walking and cycling

Whether an experienced walker or casual Rambler, join a guided tour or independently explore miles of marker walking and themed trails. There are also a huge variety of cycle routes and trails, bring your own bike or hire one, and discover the countryside on two wheels!

# 6

## Exhilarating coastal activities and outdoor pursuits

White Cliffs Country is totally geared up for outdoor lovers so take advantage of its miles of diverse and unspoilt coastline. Play a round of golf at one of the challenging Championship courses or try a wide range of water based activities at Dover Sea Sports Centre.

# 7

## Culinary delights

From cosy village pubs, festival street food to gourmet restaurants, there's something for everyone's tastes in White Cliffs Country. It would be a culinary crime not to visit Sandwich, next to the hamlet of Ham. Did you know... the word "sandwich" for an item of food was probably named after John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich, who to avoid interrupting a gambling game, asked for meat to be served between slices of bread.

# 8

## Quirky hidden gems

Discover one of the many hidden gems in White Cliffs Country. Why not take a tour of Sandwich Guildhall, built in the reign of Elizabeth I or see a fantastic range of maritime exhibits at Deal Maritime & Local History Museum. Dover's Roman Painted House or Transport Museum may also take your fancy.

# 9

## Relax with some retail therapy!

The new St James Retail & Leisure Park in Dover offers a good choice of shops alongside restaurants, cafes and a multiplex cinema. Just a short walk away is De Bradelei Wharf in a beautiful marina setting. You'll find a wealth of independent quirky shops and art galleries for that perfect gift in the town of Deal, and medieval Sandwich should also not be missed!

# 10

## Festivals and regattas

Our festivals and regattas are traditional, fun, full of community spirit and everyone is invited! Sandwich Folk and Ale Festival, Deal Music and Arts Festival, Sandwich Food Fayre and Le Weekend just to mention a few.



# THE 149TH OPEN

Dover District is proud to host 'The 149th Open' at Royal St Georges Golf Club in Sandwich, from 12th to 19th July 2020. This will be the 18th time 'The Open Championship' has been held in White Cliffs Country and will draw world-class players to compete for the famous Claret Jug. As well as 'The 149th Open', White Cliffs Country has a total of four stunning golf courses with breath-taking views out to the Channel and the countryside.

## ROYAL ST GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB

With its famously changing 18-holes set in 450 acres of DDI dune land, it is one of England's finest links golf courses. Golfers can enjoy beautiful surroundings, with wild flowers, dune grasses and of course stunning sea views. The traditional and historic clubhouse is the ideal venue from which to enjoy the best golf club lunch in the country after a game.



## Challenging Links Course

 3RD HOLE ROYAL ST GEORGE'S



## OTHER GOLF COURSES

### PRINCE'S GOLF CLUB

A classic 27-hole championship links course and host to 'The Open' in 1932. This internationally renowned club welcomes visitors seven days a week. The Lodge offers 38 ensuite bedrooms overlooking the golf course and Sandwich Bay.

### WALMER & KINGSDOWN GOLF CLUB

Perched on top of the world-famous White Cliffs of Dover, with sea views from every hole, the unique location of this beautiful course delivers stunning views across the English Channel to the coast of France. Walmer and Kingsdown is one of only a few courses in the world where golfers can see another country while enjoying a round.

### ROYAL CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB

The well-presented playing surface at Deal is firm and undulating, challenging players' skills with steep bunkers and, of course, a sea breeze! With excellent practice facilities and said to be one of the finest links golf courses in the British Isles, Royal Cinque Ports hosted 'The Open' in 1909 and 1920.

# HISTORIC DOVER

Dover nestles under the protection of its magnificent castle and the busy port town 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 St Mary's Church, St Edmund's Chapel, Maison Dieu and the Roman Painted House – a fine example of a Roman house in Britain.

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

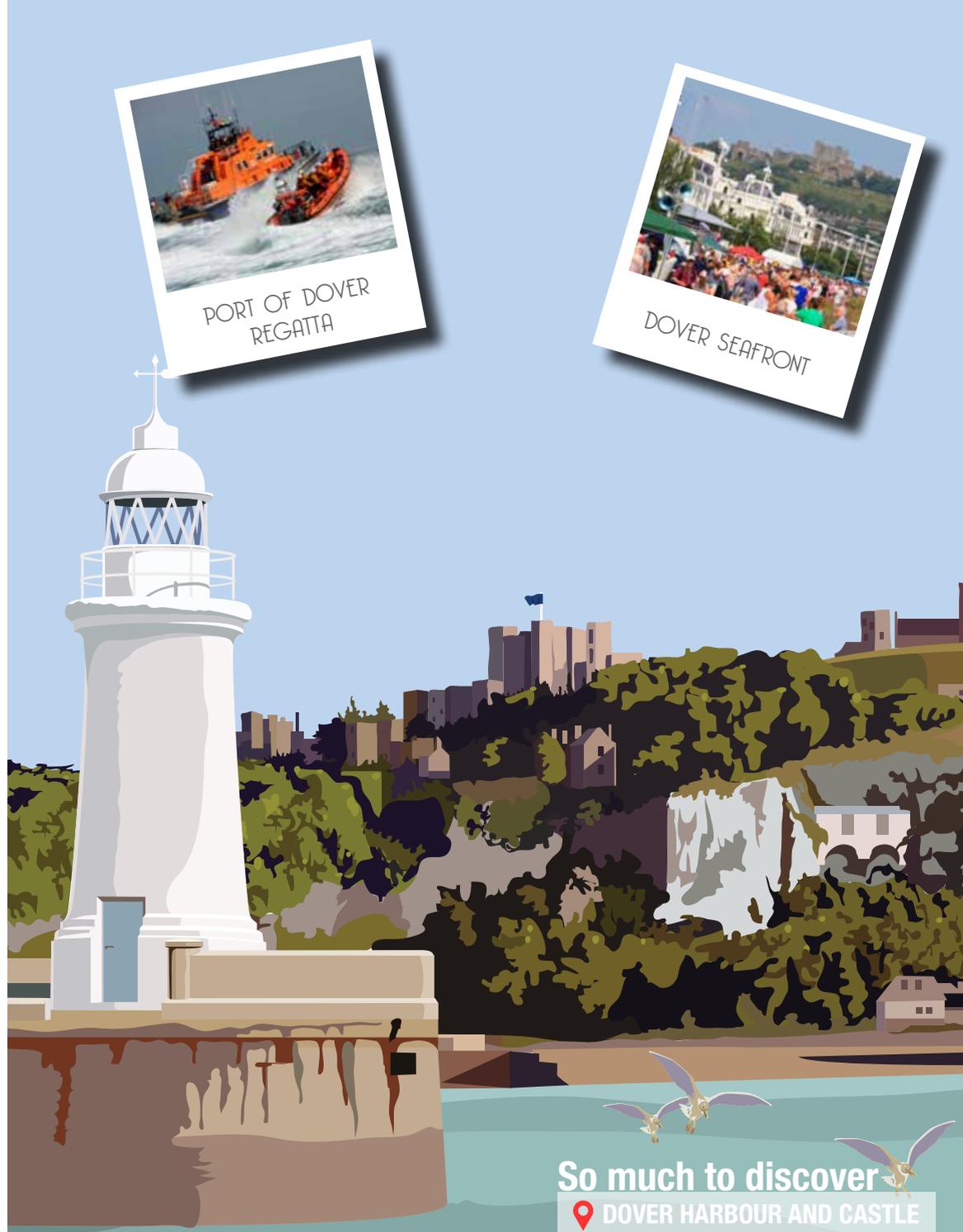
Take in the panorama of the Channel and see across to the coast of France on a stroll along the seafront promenade - maybe tempting you to take a day-trip on one of the regular ferry sailings. Don't forget your passport!

## DOVER MUSEUM AND BRONZE AGE BOAT GALLERY

Our flagship museum, with family activity days throughout the year. See the world's oldest-known sea going vessel, as well as fascinating real objects, models and original pictures showing the history of Dover at the award-winning Dover Museum & Bronze Age Boat Gallery. FREE ENTRY.

AN ACTIVE, ADVENTUROUS  
AND AUTHENTIC ENGLISH  
HISTORIC TOWN

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## WHAT'S ON



### MARCH

#### Dover Film Festival

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

### MAY

#### Crabble Corn Mill Beer & Cider Festival

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

### JULY

#### Dover Carnival

See the colourful carnival as it winds its way through the streets of Dover.

### AUGUST

#### Port of Dover Community Regatta

A fantastic festival of family fun.

### SEPTEMBER

#### Heritage Open Days

Explore some hidden historical gems during the Heritage Open Days in Dover.

### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

#### White Cliffs Christmas at Dover's Cruise Terminal 1

With a traditional Christmas market, ice rink, live music and lots more, head to Port of Dover's Cruise Terminal 1 for a White Cliffs Christmas.

#### Dover Christmas Lights

Christmas lights switch on.

### ALL YEAR ROUND

#### Dover Museum Family Days

Come along to one of the regular themed family days held throughout the year – see website for further details.

#### Dover Castle

Events held throughout the year.

So much to discover  
DOVER HARBOUR AND CASTLE

# MARITIME 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, Maritime Museum, Kent's Museum of Moving Image, churches, quaint 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. Discover more on one of the many guided tours and walks delivered by The History Project and the Royal Marines Heritage Trail.

Indulge yourself at the many wonderful tea rooms and coffee shops or browse around quaint gift shops, art galleries and antique emporiums.

## DEAL MARITIME & LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Despite not having a harbour, Deal was once a major port and is steeped in history. Situated in the heart of Deal Town Centre is Deal Maritime and Local History Museum with a wonderful collection of historic model boats, maritime exhibits and displays on local history.

A QUAIN, QUIRKY AND  
QUINTESSENTIALLY ENGLISH  
SEASIDE TOWN

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## WHAT'S ON



### MAY

#### Walmer Brocante

Antiques and collectables fair on Walmer Green held on May Bank Holiday weekend.

#### Classic Motor Show

Hundreds of classic vehicles on Walmer Green in aid of the RNLI.

### 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, teddy bear picnic, raft race, lorry-pull, colourful carnival and much more.

#### Royal Marines Concert

Annual concert on Deal Memorial Bandstand at Walmer Green by Her Majesty's Royal Marines Band.

### SEPTEMBER

#### Deal Braderie

Open air antiques and memorabilia fayre held through the town.

#### Heritage Open Days

Explore some hidden historical gems during the Heritage Open Days in Deal.

### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

#### Deal Christmas Lights

Christmas carnival, parade and lights switch on.

### ALL YEAR ROUND

#### Astor Theatre

Live events and shows throughout the year.

#### Walmer Castle

Events held throughout the year.

# MEDIEVAL SANDWICH

Once a bustling and prosperous port, Sandwich is now said to be 'one of the most well preserved medieval towns in Britain'. See it all from above by climbing St Peter's Tower or wander through unspoilt streets, where there are more half-timbered houses than any other street in England or follow the historic town trail. Built in 1579, the Guildhall dominates the Market Square that was once a corn and cattle market. It still has a weekly markets 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 walk along 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SANDWICH GUILDHALL MUSEUM

Visit the newly refurbished Sandwich Guildhall Museum with updated displays and an array of artefacts, including a display of an original Magna Carta and Charter of the Forest. FREE ENTRY.

A RELAXED, ROMANTIC AND  
RUSTIC ENGLISH MEDIEVAL  
TOWN



## Quaint and engaging

TOLL BRIDGE AND BARBICAN



## WHAT'S ON



### MAY

#### 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!

#### Sandwich Salutes the 40's

A free three-day event held in the medieval town of Sandwich celebrating all that is 1940's.

### JUNE

#### Little Gardens of Sandwich

The hidden gardens of one of Kent's most charming medieval towns opens up to public. The perfect event for garden-lovers to find inspiration.

#### Le Weekend

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

### JULY

#### 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

#### Sandwich Festival

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

### SEPTEMBER

#### Heritage Open Days

Explore some hidden historical gems during the Heritage Open Days in Sandwich.

#### Sandwich Arts Week

Art exhibitions at St Peter's Church and other locations around the town. Music, concerts, workshops, drama and film.

### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

#### Sandwich Christmas Lights

Christmas carnival, parade and lights switch on.

# SPECTACULAR COASTLINE

## OUR COAST AND COASTAL VILLAGES

On our South East coast, overlooking the English Channel, lays the village of Capel-le-Ferne, home to the national memorial to 'The Few' at the Battle of Britain Memorial and Scramble Experience.

To the east of Dover, visit the beautiful village of St Margaret's-at-Cliffe. Paddle in the sea at the bay or take a fantastic walk along the coastal path on the world-famous White Cliffs of Dover to South Foreland Lighthouse for breath-taking views and afternoon tea. The village has been home to some famous faces including Noel Coward and James Bond novelist, Ian Fleming. Fleming's book, Moonraker, is largely based in St Margaret's and nearby Kingsdown.

From South Foreland Lighthouse head along the cliff top path to the village of Kingsdown and stop for a drink or a bite to eat at the Zetland Arms, located on the beach.

Continue up the coast to Walmer, passing fishing boats pulled up on the shingle beach and wander out onto the pier at Deal before heading north to the sands of Sandwich Bay with its famous links golf courses and dog friendly beaches.

BREATHTAKING VIEWS  
ACROSS TO FRANCE



BATTLE OF BRITAIN  
MEMORIAL



ZETLAND ARMS  
PUB ON THE BEACH



SANDWICH BAY

## WHAT'S ON



### AUGUST

#### 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.



WHITE CLIFFS  
WALKING FESTIVAL



SAMPHIRE HOE

### ALL YEAR ROUND

#### Samphire Hoe

Regular events and exhibitions held throughout the year – see website for details.

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WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER

# UNIQUE COUNTRYSIDE

## OUR GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND!

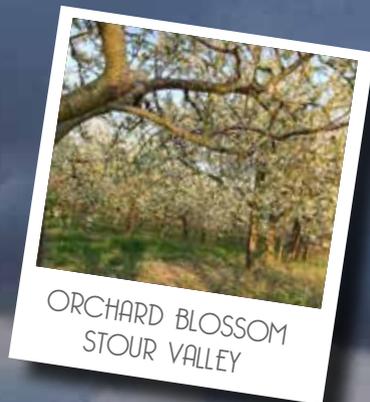
We are best known for our coastal areas and the famous White Cliffs but travel just a few miles inland and you will discover the beauty of the North Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and surrounding countryside, with many little villages and hamlets nestling in our green and pleasant land!

Temple Ewell is situated in the Dour valley and was first mentioned in a charter of c.772. In the village of Shepherdswell there are two fine old yew trees in the churchyard which are thought to be around 1,000 years' old and from here you can step back in time with a trip on a heritage railway.

Coldred is one of the highest places in East Kent, nearly 400ft above sea level. The cottages and pub around the village green date from the early 17th century. Take a stroll through Alkham Valley, within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with unique chalk downland and ancient woodlands.

Goodnestone, locally pronounced as 'Gunston', has a connection through its prestigious stately home and park to Jane Austen. Eastry once boasted a Royal Palace for the Kings of Kent, as early as 660 AD, and Wingham has several half-timbered houses in the high street which are over 500 years' old. Close by is the Parish of Ash which retains 11 of its 12 original manor houses.

Find out more about the history of our villages by following a village trail or download a copy of the village trail leaflet from our website.



HOW GOOD IS THIS!



Unique chalk downland

 NORTH DOWNS

WHAT'S ON



### JUNE

#### 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.

### ALL YEAR

#### East Kent Railway

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

#### Goodnestone Park Gardens

Various events held through 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 experiences and Halloween events.

#### White Cliffs Countryside Partnership

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



# MAGNIFICENT CASTLES & FORTS

## WHERE HISTORY COMES ALIVE!

A highlight to any visit is to explore our magnificent castles and forts. Britain's spirit of resistance to unwanted invasion over the years is best symbolised by these amazing structures. Regular re-enactments take place to bring our history to life.

### DOVER CASTLE

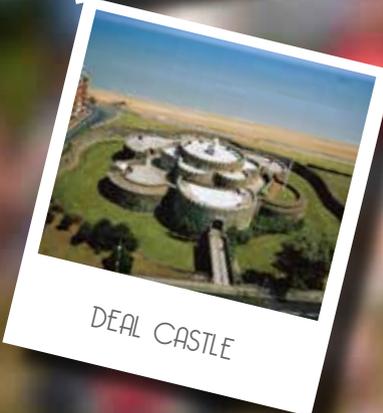
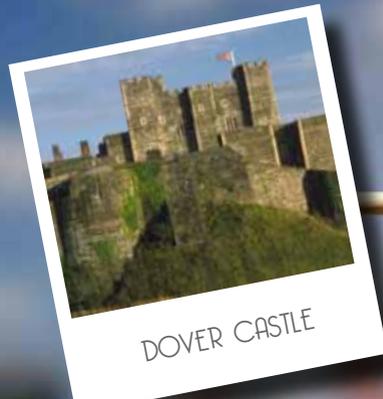
Built in the 1180's by King Henry II and situated on top of the iconic White Cliffs of Dover. Discover 2000 years of history. Immerse yourself in the royal court of King Henry II in the Great Tower or travel deep inside the White Cliffs to explore the atmospheric underground hospital within the Secret Wartime Tunnels.

### DEAL CASTLE

For a fascinating day out on the Kent coast look no further. Built by the order of King Henry VIII it 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.

### WALMER CASTLE AND GARDENS

Built in 1540 as part of Henry VIII's chain of coastal defences, the castle has been transformed through centuries of domestic refinements to an elegant stately home. See the original Wellington boots, the reception rooms of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and explore the magnificent gardens.



A DAY TO REMEMBER!

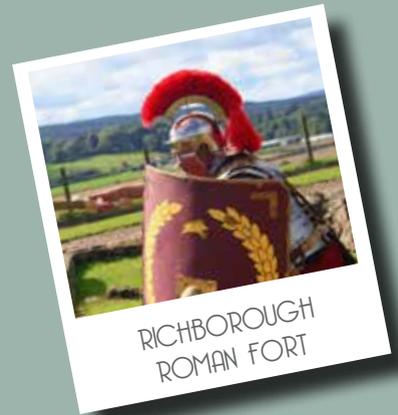
## Exciting events!

📍 DOVER CASTLE



### RICHBOROUGH ROMAN FORT

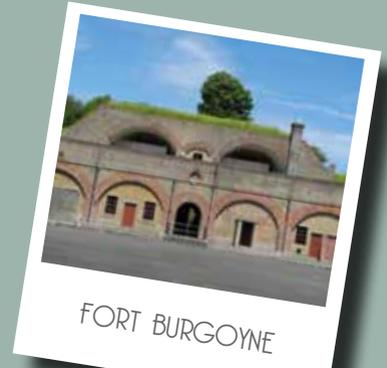
The impressive ruins of the Roman Township at Richborough mark the point from which the Romans launched their successful invasion of Britain in 43 AD. Extensive remains of the walls and defensive ditches can be seen.



### FORT BURGoyNE

Situated on high ground overlooking Dover Castle, Fort Burgoyne was built in the 1860's to protect Dover Castle.

Although there is no public access to the site, look out for one of the many 'Discover Fort Burgoyne' guided walks taking place throughout the year which provide an insight into its history and emerging plans for the site.



# GATEWAY TO BRITAIN

Our past is what shaped our surroundings and gives us our identity as the 'Gateway to Britain' and nowhere is this more apparent than when we look back at how White Cliffs Country defended our shores.

## BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL

The Battle of Britain Memorial situated high up on the White Cliffs at Capel-le-Ferne 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.

## DOVER CASTLE

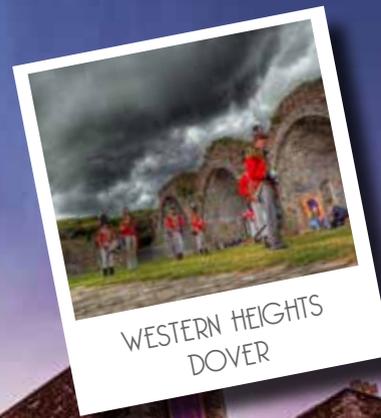
The wartime tunnels below Dover Castle were first dug during the Napoleonic Wars. It was from here that the rescue operation 'Operation Dynamo' was co-ordinated for the evacuation of Allied Forces from Dunkirk. Immerse yourself in the drama of the evacuation with state-of-the-art effects and real film footage combined to bring the dramatic events of May 1940 to life.



DOVER CASTLE  
SECRET TUNNELS



THE SCRAMBLE  
EXPERIENCE



WESTERN HEIGHTS  
DOVER



Great British Heritage

DOVER CASTLE



## WESTERN HEIGHTS

See living history displays at one of the Western Heights Drop Redoubt Open Weekends, explore the historic fortress and descend the Grand Shaft staircase. Built during the Napoleonic Wars, to link the Harbour to the barracks on the Western Heights, the unique triple helix staircase winds round a central light-well 140 feet through the cliffs.

## ROYAL MARINES AT DEAL

Deal has also had a long association with the Royal Marines who were stationed at barracks in Deal from 1869 to 1996 and return each year to play a concert on Deal Memorial Bandstand.

Find out more about the rich history of the Royal Marines and their unique relationship with Deal and Walmer by following the new self-guided Royal Marines Heritage Trail. Follow the trail around Deal and Walmer, looking out for the 23 embedded bronze markers.



ROYAL MARINES BAND

# PROUD INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

As well as the natural landscape, agriculture, the maritime and shipping industry and coal mining have shaped our coast and countryside to what it is today.

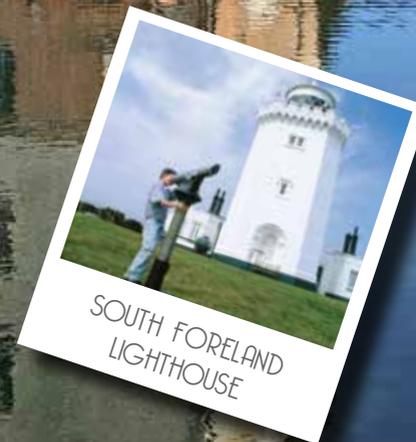
It was first speculated that there was coal beneath Kent in the 1840's and the Kent Coalfield Syndicate was set up by Arthur Burr in 1896. Shakespeare Colliery was Kent's first coal mine but never produced any commercial coal. The first commercial coal was brought to the surface in 1912 at Snowdown Colliery. Tilmanstone Colliery was begun near the village of Eythorne in 1906. Betteshanger was the biggest colliery in Kent and was the last Kent colliery to close in 1989.

Find out more about the industrial heritage in White Cliffs Country with a visit to some of the local attractions including a water mill which supplied flour to troops defending the Kent coast from possible invasion, and a lighthouse which was a lifesaving beacon for mariners guiding ships around the treacherous Goodwin Sands.



History brought alive!

📍 CRABBLE CORN MILL DOVER



## ELVINGTON & 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.

## EAST KENT RAILWAY

East Kent Railway was constructed between 1911-1917 as an industrial line to serve the Kent Coalfield. The line from Shepherdswell to Tilmanstone Colliery remained operational until 1984/1985. Today visitors can enjoy a scenic 5 mile round trip between the villages of Eythorne and Shepherdswell.

## SOUTH FORELAND LIGHTHOUSE

Walk along the famous White Cliffs of Dover to South Foreland Lighthouse. This striking Victorian landmark was the location for the first international wireless transmission by Marconi in 1898. Today visitors can take a guided tour of the lighthouse or relax in Mrs Knott's tea room.

## CRABBLE CORN MILL

Head to Crabble Corn Mill, the only working water mill in Kent. Located in the picturesque village of River, the mill was built in 1812 and is packed with history.

## WHITE MILL RURAL HERITAGE CENTRE

Built in 1760, climb up inside a restored smock mill at the White Mill Rural Heritage Centre in Sandwich. The site also includes a miller's cottage and displays of country life.

# MARITIME HISTORY

Dover, Deal and Sandwich have all had long associations with the sea. From a 3,500 year old boat and Cinque Ports to modern day Dover being one of the busiest ferry terminals in the world with a thriving cruise industry and a marina.

## THE BRONZE AGE BOAT

Come and see the world's oldest-known sea-going vessel at the Bronze Age Boat Gallery in Dover Museum. Discovered in 1992, just yards from where it is now displayed in its own gallery, the boat is thought to be some 3,500 years' old.

## CHANNEL CROSSING

Since the 1870's many brave and talented swimmers have attempted and successfully swum the English Channel.

In August 1875 Captain Matthew Webb became the first swimmer to successfully complete an unaided swim across the Channel taking 21 hours 45 minutes.

Born in 1919, Sam Rockett was influential to Channel swimming. In 1950 Sam was one of only nine swimmers to finish the First Daily Mail International Channel Race. He had decided to enter the race as a new challenge.

Published in 1956, Rockett wrote the renowned book 'It's Cold in the Channel' based on his own channel swimming experiences.

## Cinque Port history

 SANDWICH QUAY



BRONZE AGE BOAT



CHANNEL SWIMMER

I didn't know that!

 DEAL



ON THE HOUR THE BALL DROPS

TIME BALL  
TOWER  
MUSEUM



DUKE OF EDINBURGH  
OPENS DEAL PIER



## CINQUE PORTS

The Confederation of the Cinque Ports pronounced 'SINK' was formed in c.1050. The five original members were Hastings, Romney, Hythe, Dover and Sandwich who in return for providing men and ships for 15 days free service a year to the Crown, received many rights and privileges.

## TIMEBALL TOWER MUSEUM

On Deal seafront is the working Timeball Tower Museum. Visitors can see interactive, video and static displays covering three centuries of involvement in signalling, the fight against smuggling and its vital role in safe navigation of distant shores.

## SMUGGLING

Renowned for smuggling during the 18th century, discover Deal's history on an independent or guided walk through the old part of town. Middle Street was the centre of Deal's notorious smuggling activities and the smugglers' hiding places were so good they are still being discovered to this day.

## DEAL MARITIME & LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM

See a fascinating collection of local history at Deal Maritime & Local History Museum. The museum is housed in an old industrial building and includes displays on local domestic and industrial history, a model boat room, plus an exhibition celebrating the history of the Royal Marines in Deal.

## DEAL PIER

Featured in the popular ITV drama "Liar". Deal's present pier was built in 1954 and was the first seaside pleasure pier of any size to be built since 1910. The pier is internationally recognised as an angling venue. In the award-winning building at the end of the pier is Deal Pier Kitchen. This modern café, featuring a baby grand piano, offers an all-day dining menu and supper clubs.

# HIDDEN GEMS

Discover one of the many hidden gems in White Cliffs Country. Take a tour of Sandwich Guildhall, built in the reign of Elizabeth I or see a fantastic range of maritime exhibits at Deal Maritime & Local History Museum.

## FAN BAY DEEP SHELTER

Take a journey into the past, 70 feet underground, on a guided tour of Fan Bay Deep Shelter in the White Cliffs of Dover.

## PRINCESS OF WALES'S ROYAL REGIMENT & QUEEN'S REGIMENT MUSEUM

In the grounds of Dover Castle is the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment & Queen's Regiment Museum. With a series of displays, interactive and video recordings, the museum traces the history of the regiment. View the changing exhibitions of artefacts in The Stone Hut - built in 1912 it is now used as an archaeological store.

## DOVER TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Just a few miles outside town you will find Dover Transport Museum with displays of over fifty historic road vehicles, from a Penny Farthing bicycle to a double decker bus, many arranged in period street scenes.

## 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 the collection amassed over nearly sixty years.

## ST MARTIN LE GRAND

The church was founded in the 7th century and rebuilt after it was believed to have been destroyed by the fire of 1066. View the remaining walls adjacent to Dover Discovery Centre and the Roman Painted House.

## ROMAN PHAROS

Located next to St Mary-in-Castro church within the grounds of Dover Castle is the oldest surviving lighthouse 'Roman Pharos' in the country. The lighthouse was once used by the Romans to aid navigation across the English Channel.

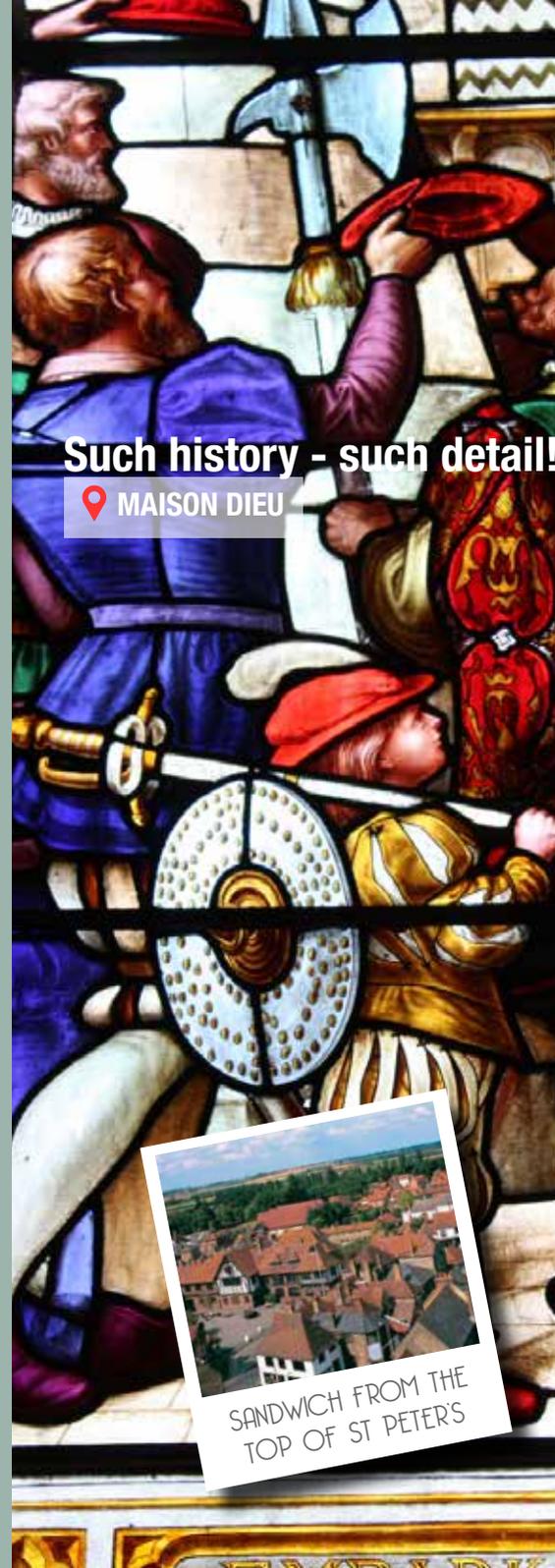
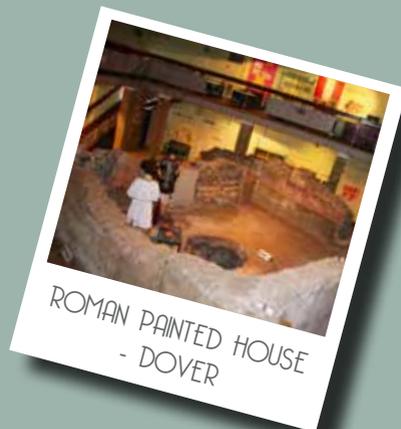
At the Drop Redoubt on Dover's Western Heights are the remains of a second Roman lighthouse.

## MAISON DIEU (Dover Town Hall)

The Maison Dieu, the oldest of the Town Hall buildings, was founded in 1203 by Hubert de Burgh. Built to provide short term accommodation to pilgrims travelling to and from Europe, the building has seen many changes of use over its 800 years.

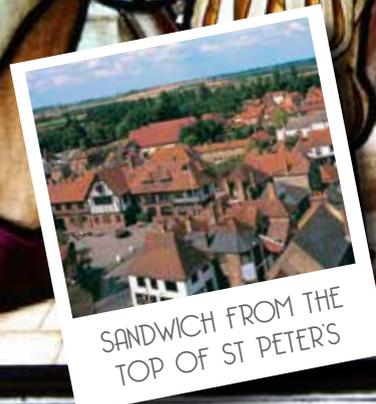
## ROMAN PAINTED HOUSE

Not far from Dover's town centre is the Roman Painted House. Built about AD 200 it formed part of a large mansio or official hotel for travellers crossing the English Channel.



Such history - such detail!

MAISON DIEU



## OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES

White Cliffs Country has some wonderful churches. Barrestone is known for its village church with its Norman architecture and wonderful stone carvings. Other examples of Norman churches can be found at Worth and Eastry.

The stained glass windows in the 14th century church of St James in Staple commemorate the local Plummers and the Ffrench-Blakes, old families of the village.

Probably the smallest church in England, still in regular use, is St Edmund's Chapel in Dover. The Chapel stands on what was once a cemetery and was probably intended for use as a chapel of rest. Over three quarters of the chapel is original and the remainder has been restored using medieval materials.

Dating from Saxon times and situated in the heart of Dover town is St Mary's Church. The church has several beautiful stained glass windows including the Great East Window and The Zeebrugge Window.

## ST PETER'S CHURCH TOWER

In Sandwich at St Peter's Church you can explore the churches centuries-old tower. Take a journey through the ages as you ascend the stairs of the tower and see views across this historic medieval town.

## RIDE AND STRIDE

Visit one of the many churches open in the towns and villages throughout White Cliffs Country as part of Ride and Stride. Taking place in September and supported by the National Churches Trust, plan your own route whilst helping raise money for historic churches and chapels.

# BLOOMING GARDENS & PARKS

In White Cliffs Country we are proud to have a wonderfully varied selection of both formal gardens and public parks. 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. Kearsney Parks in Dover also offer a variety of outdoor family activities throughout the year.

## WALMER CASTLE GARDENS

Enjoy the tranquil setting of the Queen Mother's Garden as she did while here at Walmer Castle. This contemporary garden was created in honour of her 95th birthday. Explore the mature trees of the woodland walk. On the Oval Lawn, take time to read a book, or play with the new giant garden games in the summer.

## GOODNESTONE PARK GARDENS

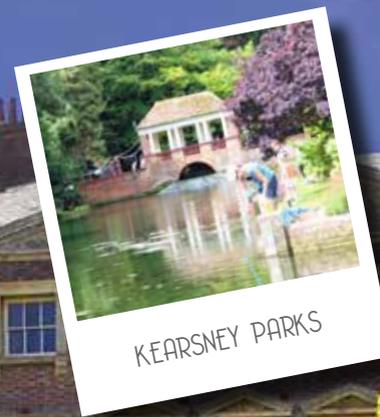
Considered to be one of the best gardens in the South East including woodland area, walled garden and a large collection of roses and herbaceous plants. Goodnestone Park also has connections to Jane Austen who was a frequent visitor.

## SALUTATION GARDENS

The beautiful Lutyens-designed garden, with its esteemed long borders and tree-lined avenues, feature artistic and inventive planting that provide visitors with an oasis of serenity and calm. Wander around Lake Patricia, visit the vegetable garden and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea.

## Jane Austen connections

 **GOODNESTONE PARK**



**SUCH A PEACEFUL PLACE**



## PINES CALYX GARDENS & MUSEUM

Situated behind the White Cliffs are 6 acres of garden with many fine features including a cascade and adjoining lake, grass labyrinth and statue of Sir Winston Churchill. There is a museum featuring local history including information on Noel Coward and Ian Fleming - both former residents of St Margaret's. There is also a tea room serving delicious wholesome light lunches, hot and cold drinks and cream teas.

## KEARSNEY PARKS

Take a leisurely stroll around Kearsney Abbey just on the outskirts of Dover. The gardens are laid out as informal parkland and you can enjoy a walk or relax watching the wildlife on the lake.

On the opposite side of the road to Kearsney Abbey is Russell Gardens. The Grade II Listed gardens, designed by the renowned Edwardian landscape architect Thomas H. Mawson (1861-1933), are laid out in a more formal style and are popular all year round for a relaxing walk. With £3m investment secured from Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund restoration of Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens is well underway.

## SANDOWN CASTLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

This beautiful community garden stands in the ruins of Sandown Castle, one of the three castles built on the orders of Henry VIII to guard the sea off Deal. The garden makes for a great spot to relax.

## OPEN GARDEN EVENTS

Don't miss seeing some beautiful gardens as owners open their gardens to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme and The Little Gardens of Sandwich event.

# ADVENTURES ON WATER...

White Cliffs Country has 26 miles of coast beckoning to be discovered in all different ways from the thrill of a RIB ride beneath the cliffs, a trip up the Stour to see a colony of seals or join in with water sports in Dover harbour.

## DOVER SEA SAFARI

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!

## SANDWICH RIVER BUS AND SEAL SPOTTING TRIPS

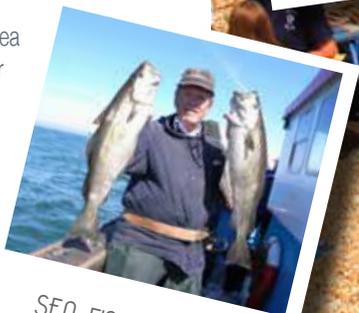
See seals and wildlife in the estuary on a two hour cruise with Sandwich River Bus.

## 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 beginner to advanced there's an activity for you.

## FISHING

If you fancy trying a spot of sea fishing, step aboard a charter fishing vessel operating from Dover Marina or wander out onto Deal Pier and cast off.



SEA FISHING TRIPS



CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

## Fun on the water!

📍 DOVER HARBOUR



DOVER SEA SAFARI



LORD OF LYDDEN  
LYDDEN HILL



## ...LAND & AIR

But you don't have to have sea legs to enjoy a thrill or two. At our newest country park you can take on the challenge of an obstacle course or try your hand with a bow and arrow. If that sounds a bit tame why not have a go at shooting or gliding?

## BETTESHANGER PARK

Come along to Betteshanger Park and go on a geocaching treasure hunt or try one of the four orienteering courses. Let the kids run off a bit of steam in the play area equipped with rope walks, cradle swings, slides, see-saws and more!

## CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Ever wanted to try clay pigeon shooting? Then head to Martin Gorse Wood Clay Pigeon Club. The small friendly club situated between Dover and Deal welcomes everyone, from all ages and experience.

## LYDDEN HILL RACE CIRCUIT

See regular motorsport events held throughout the year at Lydden Hill Race Circuit - the 'Home of Rallycross'. Bring your car or bike along to one of their Track Days. Designed to be fun, track days are ideal to learn more about your vehicle in a safe environment.

## GLIDING

Situated in beautiful countryside, within the Earl of Guildford's Waldershare Park is Channel Gliding Club. The club has three 2-seater gliders and a single seater for more advanced solo flying. Trial lessons are available for those just wanting to see what gliding is about.

# FAMILY TIME

Don't think the district only has adventures for big boys and girls. We have plenty to excite the little ones, too. They can meet the dinosaurs, go wild on a cycle ride, take a train ride or join in with the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership Green Gang activities.

## WINGHAM WILDLIFE PARK

Get up close and personal with a loveable meerkat, racoon or penguin on an Experience Day at Wingham Wildlife Park. Shadow a Reptile Keeper or become a Keeper for the Day where you'll meet some of the animals and help with their feeding all the while learning about the animals.

## PARKS

Enjoy a family picnic in one of our beautiful parks in White Cliffs Country. Kearsney Parks in Dover holds many family events during the year including The Big Tree Climb.

Betteshanger Park offers plenty to keep the kids entertained. Bring your bikes along or hire them there and go on a family bike ride around the 250 acre park.

## EAST KENT RAILWAY

For a wonderful family day out, step back in time and enjoy a 5 mile round trip on Heritage trains at East Kent Railway. Ride the miniature railway, see the model railway carriage and enjoy a leisurely stroll around The Knees Woodland.

## BEACHES, PROMENADES & PIERS

From skimming stones, paddling in the sea and stunning sea views, nothing is better than a family escape to the coast. Relax on one of our many beaches, take in amazing views from the promenade on Dover and Deal seafront or enjoy a stroll along one of our piers.

Go for it!

 KEARSNEY PARKS DOVER

WHAT A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

## WHITE CLIFFS COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIP GREEN GANG

Look out for the range of Green Gang events held throughout the year. Green Gang is a programme of activities for children and their families. From fun days and pond dipping to family walks you're sure to find an event the whole family can enjoy.



## NEW LEISURE CENTRE

This exciting new leisure centre has a range of facilities including a county standard swimming pool, squash courts, health and fitness suite and a Clip 'n Climb climbing facility.



# LEISURE TIME

You can't get bored in White Cliffs Country. Why not go swimming, fishing, have a game of golf or simply head to the cinema to see the latest movie.

## SWIMMING

If you fancy going for a swim, take a dip from one of the many beaches in the area or if you prefer, Tides Leisure Centre in Deal has an indoor leisure pool with wave machine and flumes which is popular with families. For the under 10's there is also Walmer's outdoor paddling pool.

## FISHING

Head to Samphire Hoe or Deal Pier for some sea angling. Cottington and Sandwich Lake fisheries offer a variety of angling to suit everyone.

## CINEMAS

Settle down and catch one of the latest films on the big screen. From an original thirties art-deco cinema to open-air cinemas, to state of the art six-screen Cineworld multiplex, we have a great choice in White Cliffs Country.

## THEATRES, CONCERTS & SHOWS

With independent theatres and music venues you'll be kept entertained whilst in White Cliffs County. Located in a former train station is The Booking Hall where you can see a range of live music and community events. The Astor Community Theatre has a year-round programme of events including live music performances, theatre productions and films. The Roundhouse Theatre hosts a range of theatre performances by local groups.

# NATURE LOVERS

Go rock pooling along our coast, pond dipping in our parks, take a boat trip or climb up onto our unique chalk Downs. This is a diverse and wonderful area for all who love and appreciate nature.

## SAMPHIRE HOE

Get up close to nature with a visit to Samphire Hoe. Samphire Hoe was made from the material dug to create the Channel Tunnel and is a stunning location with wildflowers and birds, as well as peace and quiet. Warm up after a winter walk or cool off from the long summer days with refreshments at the tea kiosk (open every weekend of the year and most days from Easter to September).

## NATURE RESERVES

We have wildlife in abundance in White Cliffs Country. Why not book a wildlife tour, a seal spotting trip from Sandwich Quay or visit one of our many nature reserves?

A good place to see the wildflowers and butterflies of ancient chalk grassland is at Whinless Down Nature Reserve. This nature reserve is a gateway to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

## WHITE CLIFFS COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIP NATURE EVENTS

Join White Cliffs Countryside Partnership on one of their many nature events from rock pooling to mini beast safaris.



SEAL TRIPS  
SANDWICH QUAY



ADONIS  
BLUE BUTTERFLY

Touch the bugs!

 SAMPHIRE HOE

SO MANY GREAT ACTIVITIES  
FOR KIDS AND ADULTS ALIKE!



## ST MARGARET'S BAY

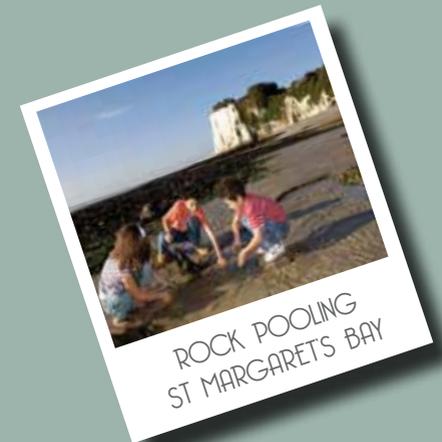
St Margaret's Bay is a fantastic place for rock pooling - a great way to discover what wildlife exists along the coast.

## SANDWICH BIRD OBSERVATORY

Birdlife thrives in this diverse landscape - listen for the call of the terns and the oyster catcher. The egret has become a common sight on our marshes and buzzards can be seen catching the wind above our woodland. Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory holds open days and talks.

## TIDAL COMPASS – TIDE WALKS

Book yourself on a Tide Walk in Deal. Suitable for all ages and abilities, along the walk you'll find out what makes the tides, why currents flow along the coast and much more.



ROCK POOLING  
ST MARGARET'S BAY

# WALKING FOR EVERYONE

With stunning coast and countryside White Cliffs Country has miles of walking trails to suit all ages and abilities. Whether an experienced walker or casual rambler you're sure to find something to suit you.

## WHITE CLIFFS

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

## DOVER TOTEMS

See the newly installed 'Dover Totems' marking the pathway from Athol Terrace up to the White Cliffs of Dover. The totems have been inspired by the shape of lighthouses and Samphire Tower at Samphire Hoe with patterns and images decorating the totems.

## WHITE CLIFFS WALKING FESTIVAL

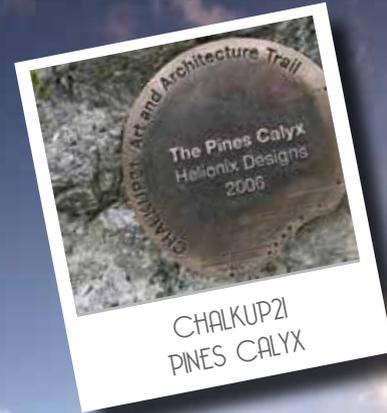
This week-long festival centres on the historic towns of Dover, Deal and Sandwich. With over 40 walks ranging from 1 to 50 miles there's a huge variety of walks to suit all abilities and interests.

## WALKING THE DOG

There are loads of areas to walk your dog during your stay, whether at one of our parks, in the countryside or on the beach, we are a dog friendly place.



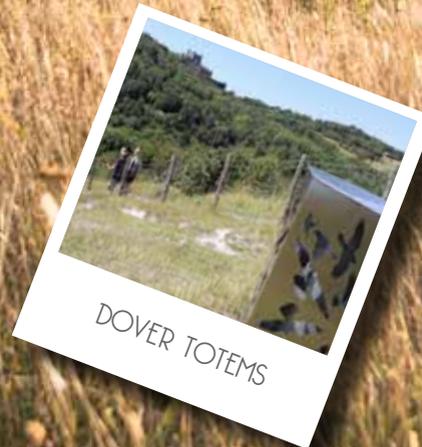
WHITE CLIFFS  
ACCESS TO ALL PATHWAY



CHALKUP21  
PINES CALYX



WHITE CLIFFS  
WALKING FESTIVAL



DOVER TOTEMS

**Dog friendly**  
BETTESHANGER PARK



## CHALKUP21 ART & ARCHITECTURE TRAIL

Follow this new trail and discover 21st century art and architecture. The 17 mile trail stretches from 'The Wing' at Capel to Deal Pier and includes fine examples of coastal architecture.

## SANDWICH ROPE WALK

For an historic walk around the medieval town of Sandwich, follow the path of the old town wall along the Ropewalk. This was once used for ships rope-making which required a long, straight stretch for 'walking out'.

## HISTORIC TOWN & VILLAGE TRAILS

Discover the history and heritage of our unique towns and villages by following the Historic Town and Village Trails. Find churches, buildings of interest and ancient hostleries with a wealth of history along the way.

## WAYMARKED WALKING TRAILS

Put your boots on and explore miles of marked walking and themed trails:

- Frontline Britain Trail
- Cliff Top Walks
- Samphire Hoe
- Miner's Way
- Stour Valley Way
- The North Downs Way
- Saxon Shore Way
- Dover's Bluebird Heritage Trail
- England Coast Path
- Royal Marines Heritage Trail - Deal
- Dover Totems - White Cliffs

## DOVER'S BLUEBIRD HERITAGE TRAIL

Follow the self-guided Bluebird Heritage Trail around Dover. Marked by distinctive bronze pavement markers, the trail links 31 of Dover's historic buildings, sites and monuments.

# CYCLING FOR ALL

White Cliffs Country is the perfect place for cycling so come and explore the area on two wheels! Bring your bike with you or hire one and take advantage of our quiet country lanes, designated cycle paths and coastal tracks. There are even places where you can take your bike and cycle safely off-road.

## SAFE AND OFF-ROAD

Betteshanger Park has a smooth 3km tarmac track, with fast lane, providing safe, traffic-free cycling. There is also 10km of rugged mountain bike trails running throughout the Park.

Designed with varying difficulty and for different abilities, they are perfect for both beginners and those with off-road experience.

## LE TOUR DE SANDWICH

Held in June as part of Le Weekend this popular event, starting and finishing in Sandwich, offers a choice of 3 distances from 50k to 100k through beautiful Kent countryside.



LE TOUR DE SANDWICH

## WALMER CYCLE PATH

What a lovely ride!

EASY FAMILY CYCLING



OFF-ROAD CYCLING



BETTESHANGER PARK



## WAYMARKED CYCLE ROUTES

Whatever your ability take life at a slower pace and pedal one of the many waymarked routes:

### The Sandwich Way – Route 15

Starting at Dover seafront, this route takes you through beautiful rolling countryside, past ancient churches and villages on to the historic town of Sandwich.

### Cathedral to Coast – Routes 16 and 17

Cycle through stunning East Kent countryside on this 50 mile circular ride. The route takes you along regional routes 16 and 17 which link Dover, Canterbury and Folkestone.

### Kent Coastal Castles Ride – National Route 1

Starting in Dover, follow the route along the coast to Kingsdown and on to Deal passing both Walmer and Deal Castle. From Deal the route goes past Deal Pier and the Timeball Tower then inland on to Sandwich.

## LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE ROUTES

For great views of open countryside, woods and hedgerows follow the Skylark Trail or explore the beautiful lower slopes of the North Downs between Deal and Shepherdswell on the Miner's Way Cycle Trail.

### The Skylark Trail

With great views of open countryside, the route starting from Walmer station takes you through the small villages of Guston and East Langdon and along country roads on to Dover.

### The Miner's Cycle Trail

This 30 mile cycle trail goes through beautiful countryside linking the former mining villages of East Kent.

## CYCLE HIRE

If you want to hire a bike in White Cliffs Country, there are a number of cycle hire shops to choose from - for more information visit our website.

# CREATIVE INSPIRATION

Our beautiful coastline and stunning countryside have been an inspiration for many writers and artists throughout the centuries, come and see what inspired them.

## GALLERIES & SHOPS

We have a host of galleries in White Cliffs Country. Seaward Gallery on Deal seafront exhibits paintings by Penny Bearman. Formerly a chapel, Linden Hall Studio has space over two floors for artists to exhibit their work. Boasting a 'punk rock' ethic DONT WALK WALK Gallery offers something a little different. Opened in 2017 is Will and Yates, an art gallery and home store, with original paintings, ceramics and new decorative pieces. Many of the galleries hold regular exhibitions.

White Cliffs Country has a number of independent shops selling a range of arts and crafts, unique gifts and jewellery.

## ANTIQUA FAIRS

Look out for the antique fairs in White Cliffs Country. Walmer Brocante, an antique and collectables fair, is held on Walmer Green over the May Bank Holiday weekend. Held in the high street in Deal is the annual Braderie in September with antiques, collectables, jewellery, crafts and lots more.

## WORKSHOPS

Create that special gift. Learn new techniques and skills to design and make your own jewellery. Hazeedaze gift and bead shop in Sandwich offers Bead Weaving Classes and at Rees and Rees in Deal you can take part in a jewellery course or workshop.



Inspired creativity

 WHITE CLIFFS PATHWAY



## 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 the children, there's a wide variety of cookery courses and workshops in their fully equipped teaching kitchen. Whether an accomplished cook or a beginner you're sure to find something to suit you.

## THE WILD KITCHEN

Adventure into the Kent landscape on a forage and feast course with The Wild Kitchen. Find fresh shellfish, edible seaweed and lots of other delicious food in secret places, learn how best to cook them and enjoy a wild gourmet lunch.



## COCKTAIL MASTERCLASS

If you fancy a cocktail visit The Lanes in Deal, you can even book a fun packed cocktail masterclass here!

## GARDENING CLASSES

Book yourself onto one of the popular gardening classes at The Salutation in Sandwich. Learn how to grow plants in your own garden at their Propagation Masterclass or create pots and containers bursting with vibrant colour on the Container Garden class.

# ENJOY EATING IN OR OUT

Indulge in the quintessentially English pursuit of taking afternoon tea. For that special lunch or evening meal you have a choice from traditional English fare through to continental and world cuisine, and if catering for yourself locally produced means local!

## LOCAL PRODUCE

If during your stay here you are looking for places that sell locally produced meat, fruit and vegetables then you'll find plenty of places in White Cliffs Country. From home reared meat including beef, lamb and pork to large ranges of fruit and vegetables grown on local farms or why not visit one of the farms where you can pick your own fruit including strawberries, cherries and raspberries? For freshly caught fish head to one of the fishmongers.

Just on the outskirts of Dover is Little Farthingloe Farm. The farm has a farm shop, bakery, traditional butchers and cider shop. The bakery offers a wide selection of breads, cakes and pastries which are baked through the night by the bakers at Farthingloe. Plus there's a restaurant and café on site.

Try some fresh from the farm real dairy ice cream at Solley's Ice Cream Parlour. You can create your own ice cream sundae from a choice of over 15 flavours!

At Barnsole Vineyard you can take a mini tour and try wine tasting. The vineyard makes English sparkling wine and still red and white wines are sold exclusively from their winery door.

## Perfect location for a picnic

 DOVER CLIFFS

## OPEN FARM SUNDAY

Look out for the Open Farm Sunday events taking place in June. At Solley's Farm in Ripple, near Deal there will be tours of the dairy plus tractor rides around their new nature trail. Goldstone Farm near Ash offers tractor rides around the orchards and you get to pet the bull!



## EATING OUT

Take your pick from a wide range of great places to eat out in White Cliffs Country - from cafes, delicatessens, bistros and restaurants you'll be spoilt for choice. Why not try some locally caught fresh fish and other local produce whilst dining in one of the many wonderful restaurants and pubs.

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

Don't miss the new Marco Pierre White Chophouse restaurant and Wheeler's Fish & Chips Shop at the Best Western Plus Dover Marina Hotel located on Dover seafront. The Chophouse restaurant features traditional home-grown classics whilst Wheeler's Fish & Chips Shop showcases Marco's take on the nation's favourite dish.

In the heart of Deal is the Frog and Scot, a lively French bistro offering quality ingredients, superbly cooked.

For a traditional stone baked pizza try Pizza GioVANNi, within the Drill Hall in Sandwich, which has a quirky outside feel inside! Said to have the best gluten free pizzas in town.

For pub food with a difference 'The Dog at Wingham' won the 'Best for Food' title at the 2019 Great British Pub Awards.

## SANDWICH FOOD FAYRE

During May in the heart of the historic town of Sandwich is the annual two-day food fayre. The food fayre has many food stalls from the UK and around the world, as well as street music, making it an event for everyone to enjoy.

# DRINK & BE MERRY!

From the traditional country pub to wine bars there are plenty of places to relax with a drink, and maybe a bite to eat, in White Cliffs Country. Here are a some suggestions...

Originally built in 1365, The White Horse is Dover's oldest pub. Not only worth a visit for the good pub food and real ales but also to see the wall where successful English Channel Swimmers sign their names to record their achievement.

Le Pinardier is a quirky wine bar and shop located in Deal High Street.

Enjoy panoramic views across the English Channel at The Coastguard Pub in St Margaret's Bay, just a stone's throw from the sea and is Britain's nearest pub to France.

The George and Dragon located in the medieval town of Sandwich is a 15th century inn serving craft beers.

The Freed Man is a nautically themed micropub and was previously a post office. Located in Walmer the pub offers a selection of drinks including real ales and cider.

The Zetland Arms in Kingsdown sits right on the pebble beach looking out on coloured beach huts and magnificent sea views bordered by the White Cliffs.

Many of the pubs and restaurants in White Cliffs Country have won awards or been mentioned in newspaper and magazine listings and are well worth a visit. The award winning 'The Dog at Wingham' offers an ever-changing range of beers, wines and spirits, with a particular focus on locally brewed real ales

## Signature pub!

📍 WHITE HORSE DOVER

# Traditional ENGLISH PUB FOOD



THE FREED MAN, WALMER  
DOG FRIENDLY

BEER FESTIVAL  
CRABBLE CORN MILL

SANDWICH FOLK & ALE  
FESTIVAL



## MICROPUBS

If you want to try somewhere different to the traditional pub or wine bar, there are a number of micropubs across the district. The Thirsty Scarecrow Cider House was Britain's first micro cider house and has a great selection of real ciders from both Kent and further afield.

For a relaxed environment without television, a juke box, fruit machines or mobile phones head to The Just Reproach in Deal.

The Mermaids Locker is a 13th century building in Sandwich offering real ale and cider available from Kent cider makers.

In the picturesque village of Barfrestone is The Wrong Turn. This chalet style pub is just 5 minutes' walk from St Nicholas' Church with its Norman architecture and wonderful stone carvings.

## BEER FESTIVALS

Head to the annual Beer Festival in May at Crabble Corn Mill or their Cider and Ale Festival in the autumn. Both festivals feature real ales and ciders from all over the country.

Hosted at Dover Town Hall by the Dover, Deal, Sandwich & District branch of CAMRA is the White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales offering real ales plus a range of ciders.

## SANDWICH FOLK & ALE FESTIVAL

Held in the centre of the beautiful town of Sandwich is the annual Sandwich Folk and Ale Festival. The festival has a range of folk music styles with music and dancing in Sandwich pubs and streets.

# SHOP AND RELAX

Whatever your taste White Cliffs Country has shopping experiences to suit. From a brand new retail and leisure park at St James in Dover, an outlet store on the edge of Dover Marina to the unique seaside town shopping in Deal, offering a range of independent and national chain stores interspersed with antique and collectable shops and art galleries, gives an amazing choice for that very special gift or memento from your visit. It was no surprise that Deal High Street won the Telegraph High Street of the Year Award.

Then in Britain's oldest medieval town of Sandwich you will find a wealth of independent, quirky shops including delis, unique clothes shops as well as a wealth of cafés, restaurants and pubs.

If you don't fancy shopping, why not have a relaxing spa day and indulge in a spot of pampering? Whether it's a beauty treatment, an Indian head massage or reflexology you're sure to feel relaxed and rejuvenated.

## ST JAMES, DOVER

Located in the heart of Dover town centre is the new St James Retail and Leisure Park, offering a range of shops and places to eat including Next, Trespass, M&S Foodhall and Nando's plus a six-screen Cineworld multiplex cinema.



ST JAMES DOVER  
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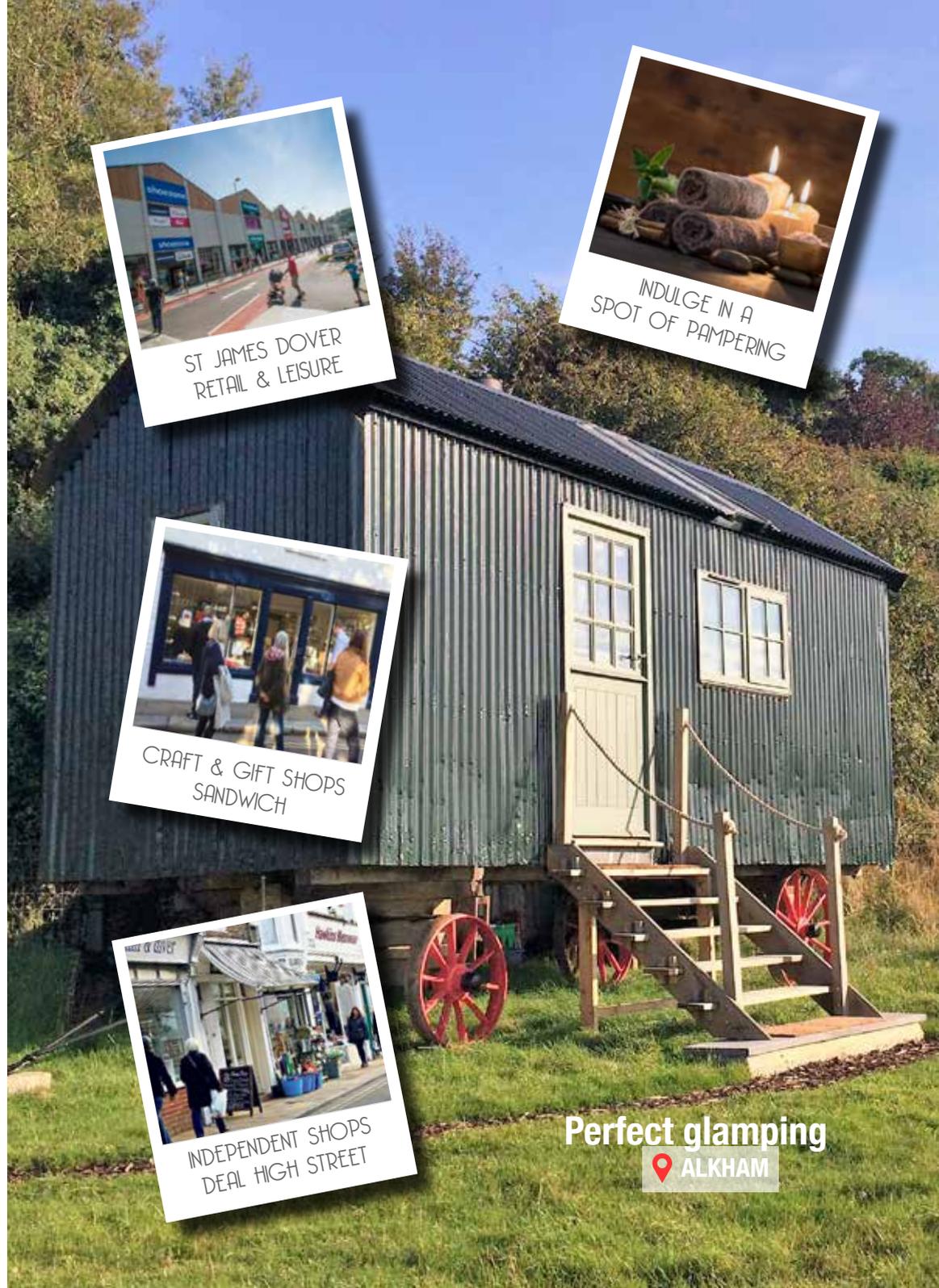
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# STAY A WHILE

We have a wide selection of places to stay to satisfy every taste and budget. From cosy self-catering cottages, quirky huts and glamping, to traditional bed and breakfasts through to boutique and luxury hotels. Wherever you decide to stay there's always a warm welcome in White Cliffs Country.

Looking for a great day out, weekend break or UK holiday? Then escape to White Cliffs Country - we've got plenty of accommodation for you to choose from.

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.

For details on places to stay and visit with your pet whilst visiting White Cliffs Country see our dedicated pet friendly page on the White Cliffs Country website.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Full accommodation details can be found on our website: [www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk](http://www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk) where you can also check out great ideas to make your visit even more special.

Plus find and reserve Guest Houses, Hotels and Historic Inns offering you a range of town, rural and urban settings at:

[www.stayindover.co.uk](http://www.stayindover.co.uk)



# DAYS OUT

Visit fairy tale castles and imposing fortresses by the sea; excite your senses with tigers and RIB rides. For a different perspective, sail around the harbour or take a boat trip to see the seals or travel back in time on an historic railway. There's fun to have at our parks, leisure centres, countryside and beaches.

Don't forget to check out the What's On section at [www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk](http://www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk) for details of all the events.

## **BARNSOLE VINEYARD**

m: 07772 300511  
[www.barnsole.co.uk](http://www.barnsole.co.uk)

## **BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL**

t: 01303 249292  
[www.battleofbritainmemorial.org](http://www.battleofbritainmemorial.org)

## **BETTESHANGER PARK**

t: 01304 619227  
[www.betteshanger-park.co.uk](http://www.betteshanger-park.co.uk)

## **CHILLENDEEN MILL**

t: 01304 841970

## **COKER SEA FISHING CHARTERS**

t: 01303 872329  
[www.cokarseafishing.com](http://www.cokarseafishing.com)

## **CONNAUGHT PARK**

t: 01304 825569 (to book Tennis Courts)

## **CRABBLE CORN MILL**

t: 01304 823292 [www.ccm.t.org.uk](http://www.ccm.t.org.uk)

## **DEAL CASTLE**

t: 01304 372762  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk/dealcastle](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/dealcastle)

## **DEAL MARITIME & LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM**

[www.dealmuseum.co.uk](http://www.dealmuseum.co.uk)

## **DEAL PIER**

t: 01304 363815  
[www.dover.gov.uk](http://www.dover.gov.uk)

## **DOVER CASTLE**

t: 01304 211067  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk/dovercastle](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/dovercastle)

## **DOVER DISTRICT LEISURE CENTRE**

t: 01304 201145  
[www.placesleisure.org](http://www.placesleisure.org)

## **DOVER MUSEUM AND BRONZE AGE BOAT GALLERY**

t: 01304 201066  
[www.dovermuseum.co.uk](http://www.dovermuseum.co.uk)

## **DOVER SEA SAFARI**

t: 01304 212880  
[www.doverseasafari.co.uk](http://www.doverseasafari.co.uk)

## **DOVER SEA SPORTS CENTRE**

t: 01304 212880  
[www.doverwatersports.co.uk](http://www.doverwatersports.co.uk)

## **DOVER TOWN HALL TOURS**

t: 01304 201066 to check tours are running

## **DOVER TRANSPORT MUSEUM**

t: 01304 822409  
[www.dovertransportmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dovertransportmuseum.org.uk)

## **EAST KENT RAILWAY**

t: 01304 832042  
[www.eastkentrailway.co.uk](http://www.eastkentrailway.co.uk)

## **ELVINGTON & EYTHORNE HERITAGE CENTRE**

[elvingtoneythorneheritagegroup@hotmail.com](mailto:elvingtoneythorneheritagegroup@hotmail.com)

## **FAN BAY DEEP SHELTER**

t: 01304 207326  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/white-cliffs-dover](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/white-cliffs-dover)

## **FRONTLINE BRITAIN TRAIL**

t: 01304 241806  
[www.whitecliffscountryside.org.uk](http://www.whitecliffscountryside.org.uk)

## **GOODNESTONE PARK GARDENS**

t: 01304 840107  
[www.goodnestoneparkgardens.co.uk](http://www.goodnestoneparkgardens.co.uk)

## **KEARSNEY PARKS**

t: 01304 829046 (tea room)  
[www.kearsneyparks.co.uk](http://www.kearsneyparks.co.uk)

## **KENT BATTLE OF BRITAIN MUSEUM**

t: 01303 893140 [www.kbobm.org](http://www.kbobm.org)

## **LITTLE FARTHINGLOE FARM**

t: 01304 212040  
[www.littlefarthingloefarm.co.uk](http://www.littlefarthingloefarm.co.uk)

## **PRINCESS OF WALES'S ROYAL REGIMENT & QUEEN'S REGIMENT MUSEUM**

t: 01304 240121

## **RICHBOROUGH ROMAN FORT AND AMPHITHEATRE**

t: 01304 612013  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk/richborough](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/richborough)

## **ROMAN PAINTED HOUSE**

t: 01304 203279  
[www.theromanpaintedhouse.org.uk](http://www.theromanpaintedhouse.org.uk)

## **ROYAL CINQUE PORTS YACHT CLUB**

t: 01304 206262 [www.rcpyc.org.uk](http://www.rcpyc.org.uk)

## **SAMPHIRE HOE**

t: 01304 225649 [www.samphirehoe.com](http://www.samphirehoe.com)

## **SANDWICH WILDLIFE PARK**

[www.sandwichwildlifepark.co.uk](http://www.sandwichwildlifepark.co.uk)

## **SANDWICH BAY BIRD OBSERVATORY & FIELD CENTRE**

t: 01304 617341 [www.sbbot.org.uk](http://www.sbbot.org.uk)

## **SANDWICH GUILDHALL MUSEUM**

t: 01304 617197  
[www.sandwichguildhallmuseum.co.uk](http://www.sandwichguildhallmuseum.co.uk)

## **SANDWICH GUILDHALL TOURS**

t: 01304 617197  
[www.sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk)

## **SANDWICH RIVER BUS & SEAL SPOTTING TRIPS**

t: 07958 376183  
[www.sandwichriverbus.co.uk](http://www.sandwichriverbus.co.uk)

## **SOUTH FORELAND LIGHTHOUSE**

t: 01304 853281  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/south-foreland-lighthouse](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/south-foreland-lighthouse)

## **ST PETER'S CHURCH TOWER**

[www.visitchurches.org.uk/sandwich](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/sandwich)

## **THE HISTORY PROJECT**

[www.thehistoryproject.co.uk](http://www.thehistoryproject.co.uk)

## **THE PINES GARDEN TEA ROOM & MUSEUM**

t: 01304 851737 (Garden)  
01304 853173 (Tea Room)  
[www.baytrust.org.uk](http://www.baytrust.org.uk)

## **THE SALUTATION GARDENS**

t: 01304 619919  
[www.the-salutation.com](http://www.the-salutation.com)

## **THE WOMEN'S LAND ARMY MUSEUM**

t: 01304 212040

## **TIDES LEISURE & INDOOR TENNIS CENTRE**

t: 01304 373399  
[www.yourleisure.uk.com](http://www.yourleisure.uk.com)

## **TIMEBALL TOWER MUSEUM**

t: 01304 362444  
[www.dealtimeball.co.uk](http://www.dealtimeball.co.uk)

## **TOURS OF THE REALM**

t: 07595 769615  
[www.toursoftherealm.com](http://www.toursoftherealm.com)

## **WALMER CASTLE & GARDENS**

t: 01304 364288  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk/walmercastle](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/walmercastle)

## **WALMER PADDLING POOL**

t: 01304 373399 (Tides Leisure Centre)  
[www.yourleisure.uk.com](http://www.yourleisure.uk.com)

## **WESTERN HEIGHTS – LOCAL NATURE RESERVE**

t: 01304 241806  
[www.whitecliffscountryside.org.uk](http://www.whitecliffscountryside.org.uk)

## **WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER**

t: 01304 202756  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/white-cliffs-dover](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/white-cliffs-dover)

## **WHINLESS DOWN – LOCAL NATURE RESERVE**

t: 01304 241806  
[www.whitecliffscountryside.org.uk](http://www.whitecliffscountryside.org.uk)

## **WHITE MILL RURAL HERITAGE CENTRE**

t: 07900 531 284  
[www.whitemillheritagecentre.org.uk](http://www.whitemillheritagecentre.org.uk)

## **WINGHAM WILDLIFE PARK**

t: 01227 720836  
[www.winghamwildlifepark.co.uk](http://www.winghamwildlifepark.co.uk)



## 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  
T: 01304 201066  
E: vic@dover.gov.uk  
W: [www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk](http://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](mailto:tourism@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk)



# 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 roads 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](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

Continental train connections can be made at Ebbsfleet 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](http://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](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)

#### BY BIKE:

There is an extensive network of cycle routes throughout White Cliffs Country.

For full details visit our website.

[www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk](http://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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