

DOVER · DEAL · SANDWICH

White Cliffs Country

Group & Travel Trade Guide

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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 of London and mainland Europe.

The characterful 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 and events at historic sites bringing English (and world!) history to life as you've never seen it before.

The area includes part of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Kent's Heritage Coast – including the iconic White Cliffs of Dover – and several nature reserves home to many special bird, insect and plant species.

The White Cliffs Country Visitor Information team can provide advice and support, and help you develop bespoke itineraries to match the interests and needs of your clients (please see contact details on page 35).



Why visit?

- Great strategic location – Dover is 77 miles from London; mainland Europe is a short journey from the ferry terminal at the Port of Dover or by car via nearby Eurotunnel.
- Rich history and international status – 48 ancient monuments, 12 museums, 57 conservation areas, 21 historic parks and gardens, and 100 visitor attractions!
- The iconic White Cliffs are world-famous and a recognised and much-loved symbol of Britain.
- The lovely maritime town of Deal is unspoilt with amazing history, a beautiful seafront, pier, and quaint houses and pubs.
- The historic town of Sandwich is said to be one of the most well-preserved medieval towns in Britain and home of the humble sandwich!
- With 30 walking routes and 9 cycle trails, this beautiful area is ideal for exploring on foot or two wheels.
- The area has inspired writers for centuries. James Bond author, Ian Fleming, wrote *Moonraker* from his holiday home at St Margaret's Bay – 007 is now the number of the National Express London to Dover coach!



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 – experience the royal court of Henry II and travel deep into the White Cliffs to explore 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 or visit the town’s museum and see the oldest seagoing boat in the world, the Bronze Age Boat.

For the more adventurous, take to the water and see the famous White Cliffs of Dover from a boat. At the end of a busy day try one of the 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. Walk along the pier for fabulous sea views and to admire the town’s colourful seafront. Wander through the High Street and explore fantastic small, independent shops, cafes and delicatessens.

Head 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 where you can hop on board the River Runner to 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.

There’s so much more to do and see – stay longer if you can!



Memorable experiences



See the White Cliffs

One of England's most spectacular natural features, enjoy an exhilarating clifftop walk for spectacular views of the busy English Channel. National Trust Visitor Centre with shop and café.

- £ Group Price: Free entry, parking chargeable
- Drop Off: 4 coach bays, first-come-first-served and chargeable
- P 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/whitecliffs
- Eating/Drinking: Café in Visitor Centre, lunch served 12:00-14:30
- Accessibility: Visitor Centre, café, shop and toilets are level access throughout. Accessible viewing point. Accessible toilets.
- Hearing loops in cafeteria servery and shop.



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, learn about the castle under siege and explore in the medieval tunnels and Secret Wartime Tunnels from WWII deep in the white cliffs.

- £ Group Price: 15% discount 11 pax+
- Drop Off: layby by Constable's Tower and coach park at top of Castle Hill Road
- P Times: 10:00-17:00
- Tel: 01304 211067
- Location: CT16 1HU
- Website: www.english-heritage.org.uk/dover
- Eating/Drinking: food outlets on site
- Accessibility: Transport around site available for visitors with limited mobility



Betteshanger Park

A 250-acre country park between Deal and Sandwich providing a wide variety of activities and events, plus natural habitats to explore.

- On and off-road cycling (cycle hire available)
- Fossil hunting
- Orienteering and geocaching
- Boonies Assault Course
- Battlezone archery, battle blasters, gel master and target archery
- Kent Mining Museum
- Restaurant and adventure playground

- £ Group Price: Please contact to arrange
- Drop Off: Onsite parking
- Info: Choice of activities—phone to discuss
- P Times: Apr–Oct daily 10:00–18:00
- Nov–Mar daily 10:00–16:30
- L 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.

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Group Prices: Refer to website or contact club
 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.

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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 links golf courses in the British Isles with excellent practice facilities.

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Group Prices: Refer to website or contact club
 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.

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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

Explore gardens in the grounds of a Tudor fortress turned country home for the Lords Warden of the Cinque Ports, including the Duke of Wellington and the Queen Mother. Explore the private rooms of the Lord Warden and see where the Queen Mother stayed during her visits.

Parts of the castle are closed in preparation for important conservation work.



Group Price: 15% discount 11 pax+
Drop Off: There is no coach parking or turning available on site. Drop off at Granville Road nearby is advised.
Info: Tours available - please book in advance
Times: 10am-5pm daily summer, 10am-4pm weekends winter, last admission 1 hr before closing
Location: CT14 7LJ
Tel: 0370 333 1181
Website: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/walmer-castle-and-gardens
Eating/Drinking: 2 cafes available on site
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

Discover Deal's remarkable history with special exhibitions, displays of real and model boats, local life and social history objects. The museum also celebrates the Royal Marines' 350-year relationship with Deal in a dedicated gallery.



Group Price: Donations appreciated
Drop Off: Town Hall
Info: Guided tours available by pre-booking
Times: Apr to Oct, Fri-Sun 13:00-16:00
Location: CT14 6BA
Tel: 01304 372098
Website: www.dealmuseum.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 museum has a 'wow' factor for all ages. From bicycles to buses and vintage shop scenes, there is plenty to see for a great day out.



Group Price: Contact groups@dovertransportmuseum.co.uk for rates
Drop Off: Free coach parking onsite
Info: Picnic tables in the grounds
Times: Feb- Dec Wed/Sun/Bank Holidays 10:30-16:30
Location: CT16 2JX
Tel: 01304 822409
Website: dovertransportmuseum.org.uk
Eating/Drinking: Onsite Tram Stop Cafe
Accessibility: Accessible displays and toilets
Dogs on lead welcome





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: Please email info@kmm.org.uk to arrange visit
Drop Off: Coach parking onsite
Info: Please book in advance via email info@kmm.org.uk
Times: Wed-Sun 9:30-16:00
Location: CT14 0BF
Tel: 01304 619227
Website: kentminningmuseum.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: Seafrost
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@dover.gov.uk
Website: romanpaintedhouse.co.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 electrically powered signal. Take a guided tour of the lighthouse and learn all about its historical connections.



Group Price: Grounds, toilets and tearoom free; Lighthouse tours £8 adult, £4 children, £20 family ticket, NT members free
Times: Summer only 11:00-17:30. Last tour 30 mins before closing
Location: CT15 5NA
Tel: 01304 853281
Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/south-foreland-lighthouse
Eating/Drinking: Mrs Knott's Tea Room
Accessibility: Mobility parking via advance request. Ground floor & tea room accessible. Hearing loops in the tearoom and shop and on request for guided tours.



MAISON DIEU (DOVER TOWN HALL)

Dover's magnificent Town Hall. Its £10.5m renovation will open up previously vacant areas, a new café and holiday let, and reveal beautiful Gothic interiors in May 2025.

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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.

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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.

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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 their Centre on the Sandwich Quay. Take a look round the Centre with its medieval crafts on display from woodworking to blacksmithing and beyond.

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Group Prices: Free entry, donations welcome.
 Group Drop off: Onsite parking
 Info: Free entry. Donations welcome
 Postcode: CT13 9EN
 Contact: 01304 617250
 Onsite/near eating/drinking: Nearby eating/drinking
 Accessibility: Wheelchair-user friendly



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.

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Group Price: Guided tours £15 adult, £7 children, NT members free
 Info: Max 12 pax per tour
 Times: Fri-Mon Apr-Oct, tours every 30 minutes from 11:00 -15:00
 Tel: 01304 202756
 Website: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/kent/the-white-cliffs-of-dover/the-fan-bay-deep-shelter-project-at-the-white-cliffs-of-dover>
 Eating/Drinking: Mrs Knott's Tearoom, South Foreland Lighthouse (½ mile) and nearest toilets.



WHITE MILL RURAL HERITAGE CENTRE

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

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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

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

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Group Price: Church free/Tower £3.50 adult, £2.50 child, £4 family (4 or more). Group tickets available
 Drop Off: Nearest coach parking The Quay
 Info: Beautiful old church with ceiling paintings
 Times: Daily, 10:00-15:00 Nov-Feb, 10:00-16:00 Mar-Oct (last entry to tower 30 mins before closing)
 Location: CT13 9DA
 Tel: 07766 486155
 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.

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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.

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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.

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Group Prices: Group admission £9pp; Garden tours £15
 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.goodnestonepark.co.uk
 Eating/Drinking: Onsite café Wed-Sun 11:00-17:00
 Accessibility: Accessible toilets/limited wheelchair access. Dogs welcome in 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.

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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: Bird hides and most reserves have good accessibility, though some have uneven ground. Accessible shower and toilet facilities in the building. An off-road wheelchair can be booked in advance

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.

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Group Price: Please contact to arrange a group booking. Adult £12, child / concessions £6, family £30
 Info: Tours available by pre-booking
 Times: Site open Tues-Sun 09:00-16:00. Trains operate on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
 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

Lydden Hill hosts year-round motorsport events featuring rallycross, motorbikes, cars and trucks on its iconic circuit. Join them for a Track Day to safely explore your vehicle's potential and be part of the action!

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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 6RY
 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.

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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.

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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.

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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: Thurs-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

Choose from over 15 flavours of real dairy ice cream in the Parlour, enjoy the pub, and explore the 383-acre farm following a marked trail.



Group Price: Free entry, please contact for groups of 10+
Drop Off: Free parking on site
Info: Group factory tours available by prior arrangement, contact for prices
Times: March - December, 10:00 - 16:00
Location: CT14 8JL
Tel: 01304 374100
Website: www.solleysicecream.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Ice cream parlour, café & pub on site
Accessibility: Wheelchair access limited due to farm terrain, ramps available for parlour & café and pub access



WILD KITCHEN

Renowned British forager, Lucia Stuart, leads gourmet foraging experiences with a wild feast and cook ups. From foraging wild oysters near Margate to Roman plants near Deal and seaweeds at St Margaret's Bay, see her website for 2025 events.



Group price: Group discount available
Drop Off: Parking on seafront
Info: Please contact 07810 317866
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 outdoor 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 805799
Website: www.doverseasafari.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Bella Vita Dover Marina Restaurant onsite
Accessibility: Wetwheels accessible trips available



WETWHEELS SOUTH EAST

Wetwheels South East offers an exhilarating way for individuals with disabilities to enjoy the sea. With specially adapted, fully accessible powerboats, guests can experience the thrill of the ocean in a fun, safe, and unforgettable environment alongside their families and peers.



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 600201
Website: www.wetwheelssoutheast.co.uk
Eating/Drinking: Bella Vita Dover Marina Restaurant onsite
Accessibility: Wheelchair access (see below)



DOVER SEA SPORTS CENTRE

Offering RYA powerboat courses in the shelter of Dover Harbour and various shore-based training.



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: Bella Vita Dover Marina Restaurant onsite
Accessibility: Wheelchair access

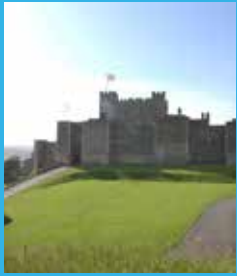


CLIP 'N CLIMB - DOVER DISTRICT LEISURE CENTRE

High Places Clip 'N Climb is an 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



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: summer 09:00-20:00, winter 10:00-18:00 (last tee off an hour before close).
Weather dependent
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

Enjoy the freshest fish and chips, a delicious, themed afternoon tea, excellent quality restaurant food or a humble sandwich in Sandwich – there's something for everyone here.

With a wide range of great places to eat in White Cliffs Country and a growing range of quality food producers and sellers, the area is fast becoming a foodie destination. Explore our food and drink scene for inspiration www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk/explore/holiday-inspiration/explore-our-food-drink-scene



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 has a wide range of accommodation to suit groups of different sizes and FITs, with hotels including the Dover Marina Hotel overlooking Dover Harbour, The Rose and The Royal Hotel in Deal and The Bell in Sandwich.

Stay at the beautiful country house Goodnestone Park or at Roseyard Rural Retreat. There is also a range of chain accommodation including Travelodge and Holiday Inn, plus plenty of self-catering cottages.

Check out the Stay pages on our website.



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 1800s, 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.

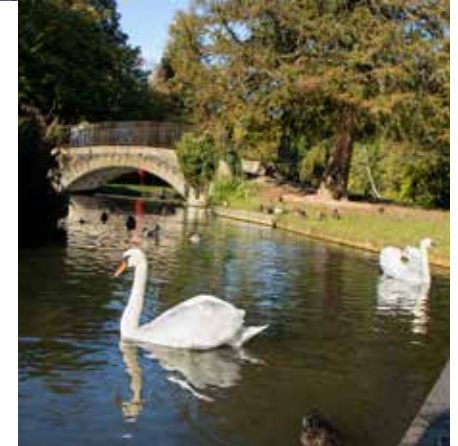
It is well worth a wander down the newly refurbished quayside to Fisher Gate - dating from 1384 and one of the two surviving original medieval town gates - the other is the Barbican which later served as a toll gate for the bridge.

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.

MAY

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

JUNE

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

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

JULY

White Cliffs Walking Week Huge variety of walks to suit all abilities and interests.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.



Working with the White Cliffs Country team

Planning a group trip to the Dover, Deal and Sandwich area is easy with the support of the White Cliffs Country visitor information team who can help you build an itinerary and offer advice and suggestions.

- **Bespoke itineraries** – our Group & Travel Trade Guide makes it easy to design a tailored trip that caters to your group’s interests but do contact the team if you have any questions.
- **FAM trips** – we can organise familiarisation trips specifically for travel professionals
- **MICE** – we can provide information about a wide variety of excellent venues
- **Information** – we have a wide range of free maps and leaflets to help point you in the right direction.

The Visitor Information Centre (see page 35) is open on Mondays to Saturdays from 9.30am to 5pm all year round and on Sundays from 10am to 3pm between April and September.

Smaller visitor information centres are in Deal (open Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm) and Sandwich (Monday-Thursday from 10am to 1pm).



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

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:

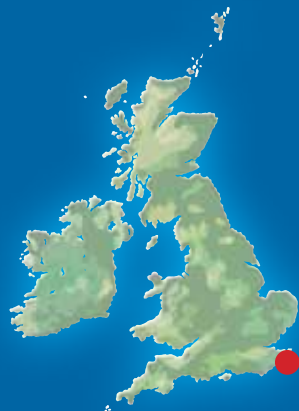
- Maison Dieu Car Park, Dover • Dover Castle Hill Road Car Park
- Prince of Wales Terrace, Deal • Deal Beach Street, Deal
- The Strand, Walmer • Ash Road, Sandwich • The Quay, Sandwich

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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