

Sandwich and Deal are both very historic Towns with some great history; they also have some superb Castles, shops, pubs and restaurants.



WALMER CASTLE AND GARDENS

This Tudor Castle has been transformed over the years into an elegant home and residence of the Lord Wardens of the Cinque Ports. See where the Duke of Wellington lived and died. HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother was Lord Warden for 24 years and enjoyed many summers here. See the rooms in which she entertained and stroll through extensive gardens. Themed guided tours available for groups.

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RICHBOROUGH ROMAN FORT is perhaps the most symbolically important of all Roman sites in Britain, witnessing the span of Roman rule here.

Explore the site of the first Roman landing in Britain and visit the Museum with its collection of artefacts uncovered on-site.

In AD 43 the site overlooked a sheltered lagoon harbour, now it is two miles from the sea. See the remains of the huge Triumphal Arch, once 25 metres high and the remains of the early Christian Church, discovered in one corner of the Fort.

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DEAL CASTLE is one of the finest Tudor artillery Castles in

England. It was built after Henry V111 divorced his Catholic wife Catherine of Aragon in 1533, when England then became under threat from France and Spain.

The Castle consists of six semi-circular bastions in the form of a tower, with an outer wall of the same shape to protect it.. Fortunately the Castle was never attacked and was a Royalist stronghold during the Civil War.

Today you can explore the whole of the Castle, from the Storerooms to the first-floor Captain's residence.

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Sandwich

SANDWICH, one of the original Cinque Ports, can lay claim to being one of the most historic towns in the country. The street plan has changed little since the time of Domesday in 1086. The first recorded mention of Sandwich was in 664 when it was a 'thriving town' and Saxon stronghold.

A wealth of historic sites and attractions awaits those who visit: The Guildhall, the ancient Churches of St. Clement's, St. Mary's, St. Bartholemew's, St. Peter's and the United Reformed Church, Richborough Roman Fort (just 1½ miles north of the town) and the White Mill Heritage Centre. Of particular interest are The Barbican and Fishergate on the Quay. There are many fine shops and quality restaurants to enjoy and, in Strand Street, there are more half-timbered houses than in any other street in England. Walk the Historic Town Trail around the old town walls and discover the history behind the town.



Sandwich Guildhall dates back to 1579 and houses a Museum and the Tourist Information Centre.

Opening hours for the Museum: April to end of November - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10.30 to 12.30 and 14.00 to 16.00. On Thursday and Sunday 14.00 to 16.00 only. (Closed Mondays.) Telephone 01304 617197. £1 entry: Concessions free. The T.I.C. is open from April to October. Telephone 01304 613565 or email info@tcsandwich.wanadoo.co.uk. Tours of the Guildhall are also available by telephoning 01304 617197



The ruins of Richborough Fort

One of the most extensive remains of the Roman occupation of England in the country. Situated 1½ miles north of Sandwich off the A257.

It was here that Claudius's invading army landed in AD 43 and the ditches dug by his legionnaires can still be seen.



The White Mill Heritage Centre

The Smock Mill was built around 1760 and has been restored with the original wooden machinery. The site also contains a restored miller's cottage and wheelwright's workshop.

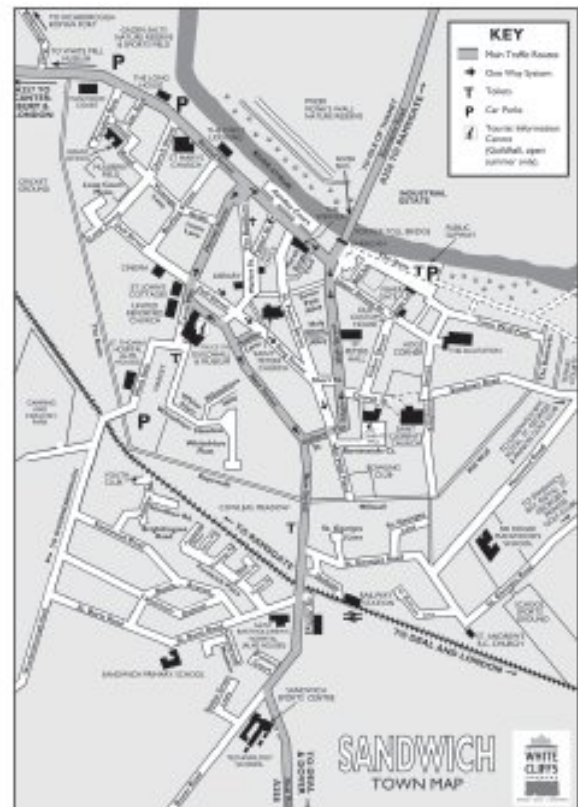
Open all year - Tuesday, Friday and Sunday 10.30 to 12.30. From Easter to mid September also open Sundays and Bank Holidays 14.30 to 17.00. Groups welcome, but please call 01304 612076 for bookings.



Sandwich River Bus

See historic Sandwich and the River wildlife. Enjoy the fun of a mini-cruise with friendly, fully qualified crew. Seal spotting trips are also available.

River trips start at the Sandwich Quay, Old Toll Bridge. Sailing times: 11.00 to 18.00. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays. Small groups of up to 12 welcome. Telephone 07958 376183 for sailings at other times.



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Coach parking is available on the Quay (2 spaces) or on the Ash Road (1 space)

Deal

DEAL is a very special place to visit, some say it is the prettiest seaside town in Kent. Henry VIII thought it so good, he built three castles here. Deal is also one of the Cinque Ports.

The quality historic sites and attractions of Deal and Walmer Castles; the Timeball Tower; Deal Maritime & Local History Museum; the newly restored Pier and many others, including the Smugglers' Cottages in the medieval narrow streets, show there is something for everyone. Take a stroll along the seafront, trying the wonderful fresh fish restaurants with their daily catch. There are ample coach parks on the seafront allowing guests/passengers to visit and enjoy every aspect of Deal's history, as well as the shops, pubs and restaurants serving food. Explore for that special gift in a wealth of small specialist shops to rival the famous Brighton Lanes. Walmer Castle and their spectacular gardens a short three-minute coach ride away.

For more details, please contact Deal Visitor Centre, The Landmark Centre, High Street, Deal on 01304 369576, or email info@deal.gov.uk

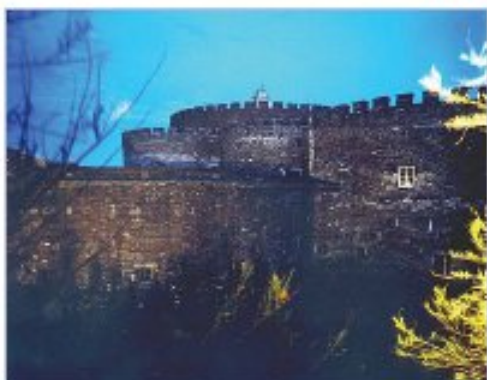


Deal Carnival and Regatta Week

In the last week in July is the biggest in the South East; Morris dancing in the streets is part of the Maritime Folk Week each September.

Deal Pier

Built in 1954 the pier was the first seaside pleasure pier of any size to be built since 1910. Deal Pier continues to be a significant local landmark and public amenity. The pier has international recognition as an angling venue and the English breakfasts served in the pierhead cafe are superb.



Deal Castle

An English Heritage site. Henry VIII's austere fortress once carried 119 guns. It is fascinating to explore the battlements, dark passages and a huge basement with an exhibition of England's coastal defences. Inclusive topped tour in Dutch, English, French, German and exciting exhibition "The Story of Deal Castle". It is an excellent place to visit, with special group rates available, please see the English Heritage entry for details.



Deal's TimeBall Tower started life as a Semaphore Tower built in 1821. The site was previously used as an 18th century Shutter Telegraph. The Timeball on top of the Tower started life in 1853 and was last used with the original mechanism in 1927. Opening hours: Easter to September weekends and bank holidays 10am to 4pm; mid-week 10am to 4pm. Group visits very welcome midweek too. Please phone 01304 360897 for rates.

and finally...

The White Cliffs Countryside Project organises walks around some of our most beautiful (AONB) countryside. Contact 01304 241806 or visit www.whitecliffs-country.org.uk/wccp/home.asp. Rippledown House near Dover offers environmental breaks for schools. Contact 01304 364854 or visit www.rippledown.com



Deal Maritime Museum

Discover the fascinating & often notorious history of Deal and its connections with the sea, smugglers, revenue men & wrecks on the infamous Goodwin Sands. For rates and opening times, please phone 01304 381344

