Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate

Find out why your group would love it here...

Group and Travel Trade Guide 2025















Dickens House Museum

Spitfire and Hurricane Museum

The Grange, St Augustine and Pugin Shrine and Visitor Cent

For group visit ideas and information go to www.visitthanet.co.uk/groups or call 01843 577577





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Welcome

Situated on the north-eastern coast of Kent, experience the coastal towns of Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate, rich in history and heritage, within 90 minutes of London.

Grab a hard hat to explore Ramsgate Tunnels, the UK's largest network of civilian wartime tunnels. Visit the Spitfire and Hurricane Museum getting up close to these iconic Battle of Britain fighters or take to the controls of Spitfire and Lancaster bomber simulators. Discover the unique collection of African and Asian taxidermy and world-culture artefacts collected by the Powell-Cotton family.

Follow in the footsteps of artist JMW Turner, marvelling at the Turner Contemporary's latest exhibition. Discover Broadstairs, seeing connections to its most famous visitor Charles Dickens before heading to the Dickens House Museum. Ramsgate is where you will find the home 'The Grange' and St. Augustine's Church designed by gothic architect AWN Pugin.

From joining a guided bike ride, to making a meal of foraged goods, to learning a new skill, Nordic Walking to creating your own masterpiece and making memories, Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate are waiting to welcome you.





Why Visit Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate?

- Located just 75 miles (121km) from London and 20 miles (32km) from Dover
- See world-class art at Margate's international art gallery Turner Contemporary
- Experience JMW Turner's Margate (Turner Contemporary, Turner Itinerary, Old Town cobbled streets and Harbour Arm)
- Soak up the vibes and enjoy all the fun of the fair at Dreamland with their specially selected line up of seasonal vintage style rides alongside arcades. a roller disco. concerts and events
- Explore Charles Dickens' Broadstairs (Dickens House Museum, annual Dickens Festival)
- Learn about AWN Pugin (The Grange, St Augustine's Church, Pugin Town Trail (self-guided walk), Pugin Week)

- Visit the Pugin and St Augustine Visitor Centre and Shrine
- Discover world class collections at the Powell-Cotton Museum, Quex House and Gardens
- Ramsgate, the only Royal Harbour in the country and designated Heritage Harbour
- Miles of glorious coastline with 16 sandy beaches and bays, many with Blue Flag or Seasside Awards
- Itinerary suggestions Pugin's Ramsgate, Frontline Thanet, Beside the Original Seaside, Dickens' Watering Hole
- Accommodation available for groups
- Vibrant events programme and range of experiences
- · Meeting and Away Day venues

What's New 2025

There's always something to look forward to in Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate. Discover more at www.visitthanet.co.uk/newanniversaries

New Exhibitions at Powell-Cotton Museum, Quex House and Gardens



edit: Nikhilesh Havel

2025 sees the opening of three new exhibitions, carefully curated to reflect the museum's diverse material culture collections on display.

The Natural History Collections – new interpretation with fascinating facts and information about the unique dioramas, the animals in them and the people who created them.

The material culture artefacts from Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia – redisplayed with new interpretation, curated by community advisors and shining a spotlight on the people and communities behind the stories, celebrating the traditions and skills, many of which still thrive today.

www.powell-cottonmuseum.org

Dunkirk Little Ships 85th Anniversary

Ramsgate Royal and Heritage Harbour marks the 85th anniversary of the Dunkirk evacuation by 'Little Ships' codenamed Operation Dynamo. An assortment of yachts, motor cruisers, fishing boats and other small craft assembled at the harbour before crossing and rescued around 40,000 men of whom were landed in the town.

Events will take place in and around the harbour over the May Spring Bank Holiday with displays of vehicles, over 60 little ships, reenactors, talks and more.



www.visitthanet.co.uk/operationdynamo

What's On 2025

Why not plan your visit around an exciting event in our annual calendar? Below are some of the larger events taking place this year.

For full event information please visit our website www.visitthanet.co.uk

JANUARY

Until 26 January

Anya Gallaccio: Preserve at Turner Contemporary Turner Contemporary, Margate www.turnercontemporary.org



FEBRUARY

20-23 February

Broadstairs Blues Bash www.broadstairsbluesbash.com

22 February – 1 June Resistance by Steve

McQueen at Turner Contemporary

Turner Contemporary, Margate www.turnercontemporary.org

MARCH

1-31 March

Power of Women Festival

- 10th anniversary

www.powthanet.com

APRIL

18-20 April

Broadstairs Easter Food Festival

www.broadstairsfood festival.org.uk

Credit: Harding-Lee Media



JUNE

13-15 June

Broadstairs Dickens Festival

www.broadstairsdickens festival.co.uk



AUGUST

1-3 August

Margate Soul Festival www.margatesoulfestival.co.uk

8-15 August

Broadstairs Folk Week – 60th anniversary www.broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk

SEPTEMBER

12-21 September

Heritage Open Days www.heritageopendays.org.uk



OCTOBER

3-5 October

Broadstairs Food Festival www.broadstairsfood festival.org.uk



Turner Contemporary

See world-class art in a stunning seaside setting.

Turner Contemporary is one of the most distinctive galleries in the UK, showcasing the best in contemporary and historical art.

Through a rolling programme of temporary exhibitions and events, the gallery offers a space for everyone to embrace their curiosity. Inspired by Britain's best-loved painter, JMW Turner, the gallery is situated on the same site where Turner stayed when visiting the town, with spectacular views out to sea.

The iconic building, designed by award-winning David Chipperfield Architects, has been voted as a 21st Century landmark by British Airways.

The gallery shop collaborates with local artists and makers to create unique products. When you visit, enjoy something to eat in the cafe which sources its menu from Kent based producers and has unrivalled views of the harbour.

Find out what's on





Entry to the gallery is free



Drop-off point outside the gallery and a coach park nearby



Special group packages available, including tours, creative sessions, catering and shop discount



Turner Contemporary's café serves delicious seasonal cuisine, with food and drink sourced locally



Summer – Tuesday-Sunday 10am-5pm plus Bank Holidays

Winter – Wednesday-Sunday 10am-5pm plus Bank Holidays

Closure periods during exhibition change over



CT9 1HG 01843 233000

info@turnercontemporary.org www.turnercontemporary.org/visit



Dreamland

The picture-perfect entertainment and amusement venue down by the sea! A one stop shop of festival fun, featuring seasonal vintage style rides, an eclectic mix of food traders and a packed line up of live music and events.

Free to enter. Dreamland is the picture-perfect entertainment venue down by the golden shores of Margate beach! Here you'll enjoy traditional seaside fun with festival vibes, featuring seasonal vintage style rides, an eclectic mix of food traders and a packed line up of live music and events. With a fascinating history, Dreamland has been an amusement park for over a century in various forms. In 2025, Dreamland will celebrate 10 years since reopening in 2015.

Now, Dreamland is so much more than just an amusement park. You'll find modern day facilities complemented by the vintage

charm of yesteryear. Strap on some roller skates and enjoy a spin in the retro Roller Disco, try your luck in the arcades, enjoy the rides and take in the stunning views of the golden sands of Margate from the height of the Big Wheel, before tucking into some delicious food served up by the on-site traders.

Fast becoming the UK's coolest music venue, Dreamland offers a packed programme of live music featuring an amazing line up of artists with something for everyone, from euphoric handsin-the-air DJ sets to performances from legends.



Free to enter. Tokens for rides can be purchased from the token booths, with a token bundle deal available. Please email customerservices @dreamland.co.uk for further information.



There is ample parking in the area with two large car parks in close proximity. Arlington Car Park, All Saints Road CT9 5QH and the Belgrave Road Car Park, CT9 1XG. Coach parking is available at the Belgrave Road Car Park. Both car parks are operated by SMART PARKING and payment can be made using the RINGO app.



Sign up to the Dreamland newsletter to be the first to find out about offers, events and more.



A range of food and drink is available around the park to suit all tastes.



Please check the website for opening times prior to your visit.



CT9 1XI customerservices@ dreamland.co.uk www.dreamland.co.uk

With a range of both indoor and outdoor spaces hosting events, live music, pop ups, art installations and more all year round, Dreamland offers a truly memorable experience for every visitor.

Dreamland's outdoor park, rides, amusements and roller disco are open on weekends and school holidays from spring through to the end of summer. The park is free to enter with rides, amusements and activities available on a pay per ride / play basis. During the late autumn through the winter months, Dreamland is open for indoor ticketed live music and events plus private hire.

Powell-Cotton Museum **Quex House and Gardens**



Enjoy an exclusive visit for your group. Discover worldclass animal dioramas, artefacts and photographs from around the world as well as Grade II listed Quex House and Gardens

Groups can benefit from:

- · Dedicated host for your visit
- · Complimentary guided tour of Quex House
- · Optional guided or self-guided museum visit
- · Time to explore Quex Gardens
- · Free entry for the coach driver
- · Free parking for all sized vehicles
- Optional add-on of a Head Gardener Tour (subject to availability).



3hr Private Museum, House and Gardens visit Mon-Thurs (excluding bank holidays):

£150 up to 15 people

£275 up to 30 people

£7 per additional person above a group size of 30.

2hr Private Gardens Only visit Mon-Thurs (excluding bank holidays)

£7 per person, minimum group size 15

Optional add-on: Head Gardener tour (45 minutes + questions) £100 up to 30 people.



Free coach parking. Coach drivers receive free entry.



Felicity's café offers delicious breakfasts, cakes, sandwiches and afternoon teas. Groups must pre-book. 01843 482004.

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Museum, House and Gardens opening days and times vary. For more information contact enquiries@powellcottonmuseum.org

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www.accessable.co.uk/ england/access-guides/ powell-cotton-museum



The WonderWorks by Hornby Hobbies

Located in Margate, The WonderWorks (previously Hornby Visitor Centre) offers an engaging, educational, and affordable experience for visitors of all ages.

The reimagined experience features new miniature worlds and incredible exhibition pieces, along with a redesigned café with updated menu featuring local produce.

Look out for new exhibits and layouts that cater to speed freaks, engine geeks, and car connoisseurs! Whether you're a model train enthusiast, a car aficionado, or just love innovative engineering, there will be something special for you.

In addition to interacting with the impressive exhibitions, visitors will have the opportunity to discover the history of the company and to learn how Hornby, Airfix, CORGI, Scalextric and Pocher make their models and kits.

Daily workshops and special events will help new and existing Hornby Hobbies fans to get the most out of their hobby. The Cafe can be visited without buying a ticket to the attraction.



Group rate for 8 and over Adult £3.50, Concession £2



Coaches drop off and parking on Enterprise Road, alongside Visitor Centre



Café open daily 10am-3.30pm, serving a selection of hot and cold food and drink, all freshly prepared to order



Open 7 days a week 10am-4pm (last entry 3.30pm)

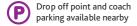


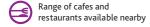
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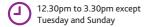
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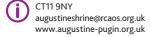












Pugin and St Augustine Visitor Centre and Shrine

Come and see the 'ideal church' of Augustus Pugin, the man who designed Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, at the home of the Gothic Revival on Ramsgate's clifftop. The church is also the Shrine of St Augustine, the first Archbishop of Canterbury, who landed near here in AD 597. A fascinating historical and active place!

Group guided tours available out of hours if required. Pilgrimage groups are welcome to use our facilities for Mass, confessions, adoration and private prayer. Pilgrim stamp and Compostela for those completing the Augustine Camino.



Pugin's The Grange

Pugin's contribution to the townscape of Ramsgate brought lasting fame to the town.

Restored by The Landmark Trust, a Grade I listed house designed and lived in by 19th century architect Augustus Pugin who is best known for the magnificent interiors, furnishings and fittings of the Houses of Parliament. The Pugin family's contribution to the townscape of Ramsgate brought lasting fame to the town and can be seen from the Fast Cliff to the West Cliff.



Wednesday guided tours of main rooms at The Grange £5 per person



Drop off point and coach parking available nearby



Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby

Main ground floor rooms only by appointment Weds (guided tours 2pm & 3pm £5pp). Cartoon Room open Weds 2-4pm by appointment. Tours limited to 12 people



CT11 9NY Please book tours in advance through The Landmark Trust Booking Office (Office open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm) on 01628 825925 or bookings@landmarktrust.org.uk



Ramsgate Tunnels

Home to over 1,000 people during the darkest period of WWII.

This complex of underground tunnels was home to over 1,000 people during the darkest period of WWII – don a hat and come experience how life underground was for them.

Small museum and displays free to browse.

- £
- Adult £9, Senior £7, Child £6, Family ticket (2+2) £25
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 - Drop off point and coach parking available nearby

Group visit arranged by prior agreement and advance notice



Tea Shop on site



Open throughout the year. Check website for current tour times. Special tours as advertised



CT11 8FH 01843 588123 admin@ramsgatetunnels.org www.ramsgatetunnels.org

Margate Caves

Open to the public, come adventure underground to explore and discover a subterranean wonder.



Group Adult £4.50, Concession £3.60 and Child £2.25



Onsite cafe



Easter – end of October Half Term daily 10am-5pm, Winter: Fridays & Weekends only plus daily during February Half Term 11am-4pm. Group visits available outside of these times on enquiry



CT9 1FG info@margatecaves.co.uk www.margatecaves.co.uk 01843 838035



Credit: Frank Leppard



The Spitfire and Hurricane Museum

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Free entry.

Spitfire Simulator 30 minutes £30.

Lancaster Simulator Experience 30 minutes £75



Free onsite coach and car parking



Onsite Spitfire Cafe



Open Tuesday – Sunday 10am-4pm October – end of March. Open daily 10am-4pm April – end of September



CT12 5DF 01843 821940 enquiries@spitfiremuseum.org.uk www.spitfiremuseum.org.uk

Bringing history alive for all the family.

A unique site which not only displays the two iconic war planes themselves but also a whole host of objects and artefacts which help tell the story of life in, and around Kent during WWII. The museum boasts a shop and café.

The Allied Air Crew Memorial Garden is where visitors are welcome to sit to relax and reflect in an evocative atmosphere. The museum offers a conference room hosting regular talks on a variety of subjects and occasional third party workshops.

Can accommodate group and coach bookings. Experience for yourself what it was like to fly a Spitfire or Lancaster on the museum's simulators that can be booked at www.spitfiremuseum. org.uk/simulator.



Adult £6.50, Children (5-15 years) £3.50, Concessions £5.50 Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) £20



Free onsite coach and car parking



Onsite NAAFI Cafe



November – March weekdays 10am-3pm and weekends 10am-4pm. April – October daily 10am-4pm



CT12 5DF 01843 825224 info@rafmanston.co.uk www.rafmanston.co.uk

RAF ManstonHistory Museum



Located opposite the Spitfire and Hurricane Museum. Based on the history of the airfield from 1916 with 23 aircraft and range of artefacts dating back to WWI on display. Regular events including car shows and paranormal nights held alongside seasonal family fun events.



Dickens House

Museum

Explore Charles Dickens' relationship with Broadstairs through his letters and personal items in the home owned by Mary Pearson Strong Explore Charles Dickens' favourite holiday resort

who was the inspiration for Betsey Trotwood in David Copperfield. Also original prints, costumes and Victoriana. Guided tours available. £

Group (min 10 to max 30 people in house) Adult £4 Under 16 £2



Drop off point and coach parking available nearby



Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby



Wednesday 2nd April – Sunday 2rd November, Wednesday – Sunday 1pm-4.30pm (last entry 4pm)

Group visits available outside of these times on enquiry



CT10 1QS 01843 861232 dickenshouse@thanet.gov.uk www.dickensmuseum broadstairs.com

Walk in Dickens' footsteps, with the Dickens Town Trail, discovering places around town with a connection to the author.

St Peter's Village Tour

Attend the award winning St Peter's Village Tour and meet costumed characters from past centuries.



Invited donation of £5 per person



Free parking in nearby public car park



Refreshment breaks provided at £2 per person



May-September plus November Graves tours. See website for individual tour dates and times



CT10 2TR

Village Tour: 07546 514948

Churchyard and War Graves: 07494 215840

www.villagetour.org.uk



See the flint built church and find out about its long history. Hear about conditions in the workhouse, the Newbolts' breakfast concerts for hundreds of fashionable people, the tower used in Napoleonic wars, famous (and infamous) local residents and the ancient seat of local government for the area. War Graves Tours take place in the churchyard of St Peter's, whilst the Churchyard Tour guides visitors around the graves of famous and interesting individuals buried here.

Westwood Cross



FREE designated coach parking (Subject to availability)



Range of cafes and restaurants available onsite



Monday – Friday 9.30am-7.30pm Saturday 9.30am-6.30pm Sunday 10am-4pm Bank Holidays 10am-5pm See website for individual store trading hours

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With more than 50 stores, restaurants and entertainment venues, Westwood Cross in Broadstairs has plenty going on day and night.

Plenty of Places to Shop, Play and Dine

With over 50 independent and national brands, including more than 40 fashion and lifestyle brands, a variety of fantastic dining options offering delicious meals, and leisure venues to provide entertainment, Westwood Cross in Broadstairs is the ultimate destination from sun up to sun down.

Westwood Cross offers fashion, fun and food to suit all tastes and visits including Jump Inc (Trampoline Park) and Hollywood Bowl (Bowling Alley).

Late Night Opening

Shop until 7.30pm on weekdays and enjoy a delicious evening meal at our restaurants. Keep the fun going at our brilliant leisure brands, from catching the latest blockbusters at the 10-screen cinema to trying your luck with a visit to the casino or the bingo. There's even a hotel on-site so you can make a night of it too.

Perfect Day-Out Destination

Located 20 miles from Dover and just three miles from the three picturesque seaside towns of Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate, Westwood Cross is ideally situated for both day trips and extended stays. With a children's play park, including free family activities, pop-up parks, Christmas celebrations and more, you'll find lots of fun at Westwood Cross all year round.

Getting Here

Coaches are welcome, with a drop off point conveniently located close to Primark. We also have secure, free parking for your vehicle and depending on when you're visiting us, there may be free fun family activities going on.

Make the most of the coast at Westwood Cross

Experience Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate

Looking to tick something off your bucket list or try something new? We have a range of experiences from foraging along the coastline, joining a cycling tour or creating your own masterpiece. www.visitthanet.co.uk/experiences





Meeting Venues and Away Days

Looking for that perfect venue to host your next business meeting, award night or team building experience? Well, we may be able to help www.visitthanet.co.uk/awaydays







How to get here

The seaside resorts of Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate are situated on the north-eastern coast of Kent and can be easily reached from London and mainland Europe via good road, rail, ferry and Eurotunnel services.

Minnis Bay A299 From London M2 & M25 St Nicholas -at-Wade Mon A253 From Canterbury & Ashford

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Coach Parking (prices shown 2024)

Margate

Dreamland, Margate (CT9 1XG)

Up to 4 hours £4 Up to 24 hours £24 Weekly £90 19 bays

Margate Lido (CT9 1RX)

Up to 24 hours £9 9 bays

Broadstairs

Joss Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 3PG)

1 April – 31 October 4 hours £13.20. 24 hours £27.50

Vere Road, Broadstairs (CT10 1|F)

30 minutes drop off – £1.10 (all year) 11 bays

1 April to 31 October 4 hours £13.20, 24 hours £27.50

1 November – 31 March Up to 24 hours £12

Millennium Way, Broadstairs (CT10 2LA)

Free on street parking

Ramsgate

Port of Ramsgate (CT11 9FT)

£23.80 per 24 hours or part thereof by prior arrangement with Port Security tel 01843 587661 6 bays

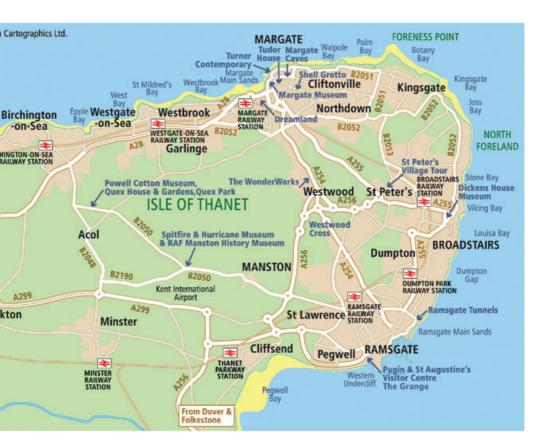
Limited on-street parking at Victoria Parade (CT11 8DU) and Royal Esplanade (CT11 0HE)

Villages

Minnis Bay, Birchington (CT7 9QP)

1 April – 31 October 4 hours £13.20, 24 hours £27.50

For more information www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/coach-and-hgv-parking-charges/



- M25 links to M26, M20, M2 then A299 into Thanet
- St. Pancras International Station, London to Ramsgate 75 minutes
- Ferry services into Dover (approx 20 miles/32 km from Ramsgate)
- Eurotunnel into Folkestone (approx 30 miles/42 km from Ramsgate)

Planning to bring your group to our beaches & bays?



To help plan your group visit and keep safe on our beaches and bays, please take a look at this useful information

www.visitthanet.co.uk/groups/group-beach-information



We are happy to provide assistance with itinerary planning, destination literature and promotional material on request.

Included within this guide, is just a snapshot of what is available in Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate for group visits. More information on the area is available on our website, along with signing up to receive our newsletter.

MARGATE

Thanet Visitor Information Centre The Droit House, Stone Pier Margate CT9 1|D

BROADSTAIRS

Information Kiosk Promenade, Victoria Parade, Broadstairs, CT10 1AN (Seasonal opening)

RAMSGATE

Information Kiosk The Custom House, Harbour Parade. Ramsgate CT11 8LP

For group visit ideas and information go to

www.visitthanet.co.uk/groups or call **01843 577577**







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