

Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate

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

Group and Travel Trade Guide 2024/25



Margate Caves



Dreamland Margate



Powell-Cotton Museum



Ramsgate Tunnels



Dickens House Museum



Spitfire and Hurricane Museum



The Grange, St Augustine and Pugin Shrine and Visitor Centre

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Viking Bay, Broadstairs

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Margate Main Sands

Welcome

The seaside resorts of Margate, Broadstairs, Ramsgate and surrounding villages are situated on the north-eastern coast of Kent. Each with their own character, offering quality attractions and facilities for the group trade to experience.

Visit Margate's internationally acclaimed gallery Turner Contemporary, named after the famous artist JMW Turner, who frequently visited the town and described the skies here as '*the loveliest in Europe*'. Take a ride through the decades at Dreamland on rides including the Grade II* Scenic Railway alongside arcades, concerts, events and roller disco.

An area rich in history and heritage with strong links to great names. See if you agree with Charles Dickens who loved to holiday in Broadstairs and described it as "*Our English watering place*". Augustus Pugin, designer of the interiors of the Houses of Parliament, lived in Ramsgate in the house he designed 'The Grange'.

Take an indoor safari and discover Major Powell-Cotton's extensive world class collection of his African Adventures, alongside a historic house and acres of gardens. Or get close to iconic fighter aircraft at the Spitfire and Hurricane Museum.

All just a taster of what Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate have to offer.



Ramsgate Royal Harbour

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)
- Dreamland Margate, UK's original pleasure park
- 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 and Marina in the country
- Miles of glorious coastline with 16 sandy beaches and bays, many with Blue Flag or Seaside Awards
- Itinerary suggestions – Pugin's Ramsgate, Frontline Thanet, Beside the Original Seaside, Dickens' Watering Hole
- Accommodation available for groups
- Vibrant events programme

What's New 2024

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

The WonderWorks by Hornby Hobbies

Located in Margate, Kent, The WonderWorks is an interactive attraction that immerses visitors into the world of Hornby Hobbies' famous hobby, toy, collectable and specialist brands. Formerly the Hornby Visitor Centre, the reimagined experience features new miniature worlds and incredible exhibition pieces, along with a redesigned café with updated menu featuring local produce. In addition to interacting with the impressive exhibitions, visitors can discover the history of the company and learn how Hornby, Airfix, CORGI, Scalextric and Pocher make their models and kits.

www.wonderworksmargate.co.uk



New Lancaster Bomber Cockpit Experience

Visitors to the Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Museum at Manston, near Ramsgate can book a Lancaster Experience Flight. The opportunity to enter an exact replica Avro Lancaster cockpit section. The Lancaster Experience includes the opportunity to sit in the pilot's, navigator's, flight engineers and radio operator's stations and 'fire-up' the four Merlin engines, the sound of which will be piped into the cockpit.

Plus, the fully functional cockpit section is probably the only genuine Lancaster cockpit that can be flown as a simulator, which will have a route of historical significance to the Lancaster.

www.spitfiremuseum.org.uk



Credit: Dennis Jackson

What's On 2024

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.visithanet.co.uk

FEBRUARY

3 February – 6 May
Beyond Form: Lines of
Abstraction, 1950-1970
Turner Contemporary, Margate
<https://turnercontemporary.org>

3 February – 15 Sept
Lynda Benglis
Turner Contemporary, Margate
<https://turnercontemporary.org>

15-18 February
Broadstairs Blues Bash
www.broadstairsbluesbash.com

MARCH

1-31 March
Power of Women
Festival
www.powthanet.com

29-31 March
Broadstairs Food Festival
www.broadstairsfoodfestival.org.uk

MAY

25 May – 1 September
Ed Clark
Turner Contemporary, Margate
<https://turnercontemporary.org>



Broadstairs Dickens Festival

JUNE

14-16 June
Broadstairs Dickens
Festival
www.broadstairsdickensfestival.co.uk

AUGUST

2-4 August
Margate Soul Festival
<https://margatesoulfestival.co.uk>

9-16 August
Broadstairs Folk Week
<https://broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk>

SEPTEMBER

6-15 September
Heritage Open Days
www.heritageopendays.org.uk

27-29 September

Broadstairs Food Festival
www.broadstairsfoodfestival.org.uk



28 September 2024 – 12 January 2025

Anya Gallaccio
Turner Contemporary, Margate
<https://turnercontemporary.org>





Credit Hufton + Crow

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.



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 and home to the UK's oldest wooden roller coaster, The Scenic Railway, Dreamland is considered to be one of the oldest amusement parks in the country.

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 hands-in-the-air DJ sets to performances from legends such as Sir Tom Jones and Status Quo.

With a range of both indoor and outdoor spaces available for events, activations and pop ups year-round, art installations including Banksy's Valentine's Day Mascara, Dreamland offers a truly memorable experience for every visitor.

£ 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.

P 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.

i CT9 1XJ
customerservices@dreamland.co.uk
www.dreamland.co.uk

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 and rides, amusements and activities are 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 a relaxed visit to the museum on a weekday. As the museum is closed to general visitors during the week, groups will have the chance to visit whilst the museum and gardens teams continue their work.

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 Curator or Head Gardener Tour*

*weekdays only, subject to availability.

£ Weekday 3 hr visit:
£150 up to 20 people
£200 up to 30 people
£5 per additional person

2hr Garden Only visit
Weekday (excluding bank holidays) £75 up to 20 people
£105 up to 30 people
£3.75 for each additional person

P Free coach parking. Coach drivers receive free entry.

Optional add-on: Curator or Head Gardener tour (45 minutes + questions) £150 per 20 people.

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

J Weekday visits are available year-round. Weekend visits are available during the open season (Feb-Oct) Pre-booking is essential. For more information please email enquiries@powell-cottonmuseum.org

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01843 842168
enquiries@powell-cottonmuseum.org
www.powell-cottonmuseum.org/visit-us/group-visit



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 Café 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)



CT9 4JX
01843 233524
shop@hornby.com
www.wonderworksmargate.co.uk



-  Free. Donations welcome
-  Drop off point and coach parking available nearby
-  Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby
-  12.30pm to 3.30pm except Tuesday and Sunday
-  CT11 9NY
augustineshrine@rcaos.org.uk
www.augustine-pugin.org.uk

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 East 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



10th Anniversary

-  Adult £9, Senior £7, Child £6, Family ticket (2+2) £25
-  Drop off point and coach parking available nearby
-  Group visit arranged by prior agreement and advance notice
-  Café on Site
-  Open 7 days a week all year round. Check website for current tour times. Special tours as advertised
-  CT11 8FH
01843 588123
admin@ramsgatetunnels.org
www.ramsgatetunnels.org

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.

Margate Caves

Open to the public for the first time in 15 years, come explore Margate's other subterranean wonder.

-  Group Adult £4.05, Concession £3.60 and Child £1.80
-  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



-  Free entry. Spitfire Simulator 30 minutes for £30
-  Free onsite coach and car parking
-  Spitfire Cafe
-  Tuesday – Sunday 10am-5pm plus Bank Holiday Mondays
-  CT12 5DF
01843 821940
enquiries@spitfiremuseum.org.uk
www.spitfiremuseum.org.uk


The Spitfire and Hurricane Museum


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, Ramsgate during WWII. The museum boasts a shop and fantastic café serving teas,


coffees and quality hot food. The Allied Air Crew Memorial Garden is where visitors are welcome to sit to relax and reflect in an evocative atmosphere. The museum offers bespoke educational sessions and can accommodate group or coach

bookings. Experience for yourself what it was like to fly a Spitfire with the museums simulator that can be booked at www.spitfiremuseum.org.uk/simulator or new for 2024 a Lancaster Bomber Cockpit Experience.

 Adult £5.50, Children (5-16 years £2.50, Concessions £4.50 Family £16 (2A+2C)

 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
events@rafmanston.co.uk
www.rafmanston.co.uk

RAF Manston History Museum



Located opposite the Spitfire and Hurricane Museum. Based on the history of the airfield from 1916 with aircraft and artefacts dating back to WWI



-  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
-  Easter (Friday 29th March) to Sunday 3rd November, Wednesday – Sunday 1pm-4.30pm (last entry 4pm)
- Group visits available outside of these times on enquiry
-  CT10 1QS
01843 861232
dickenshouse@thanel.gov.uk
www.dickensmuseumbroadstairs.com

Dickens House Museum

Explore Charles Dickens' favourite holiday resort

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

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

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



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.

www.villagetour.org.uk

Westwood Cross



-  Designated coach parking
-  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
-  CT10 2BF
01843 867273
hello@westwoodx.co.uk
www.westwoodx.co.uk

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. With a brand new trampoline park and bowling alley launching in 2024.

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? Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate may just be able to help you with a range of experiences. From foraging along the coastline to create a meal, learning new cookery skills to taking to two wheels on a cycling tour or cracking the code. www.visitthantet.co.uk/experiences





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.

Coach Parking (prices shown 2023)

Margate

Dreamland, Margate (CT9 1XG)

4 hours price to £4

Margate Lido (CT9 1RX)

Up to 24 hours £9

Broadstairs

Joss Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 3PG)

1 April – 31 October

4 hours £13.20, 24 hours £27.50

Vere Road, Broadstairs (CT10 1JF)

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)

£22 per 24 hours or part thereof by prior arrangement with Port Security tel 01843 587661

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



- 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



Sunset over Margate

We can provide assistance with itinerary planning and destination literature. Free images for tour planners', website and promotional material are available on request.

For more information, group visit ideas, accommodation and to sign up to receive our newsletter visit our website

Included within this brochure is just a snapshot of what there is available in Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate for group visits with lots more information on the area available on our website.

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