

Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate

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Group and Travel Trade Guide 2026



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Quex House



Ramsgate Tunnels





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Welcome

Uncover the beauty and rich heritage of Margate, Broadstairs, and Ramsgate, nestled on Kent's north-eastern coast. The captivating towns invite you to an unforgettable escape, all within a 90-minute journey from London.

Step into immersive journeys through time. Don a hard hat to explore Ramsgate Tunnels, the UK's largest civilian wartime tunnel network. Stand close to the legendary Battle of Britain fighters at the Spitfire and Hurricane Museum or command the skies yourself in thrilling Spitfire and Lancaster bomber simulators. Delve into the extraordinary world-culture artefacts and unique African and Asian taxidermy gathered by the pioneering Powell-Cotton family.

Ignite your artistic spirit as the greats. Stand in awe of the latest exhibition at Turner Contemporary, Margate named after JMW Turner. Be charmed tracing the connections to Broadstairs' most cherished visitor, Charles Dickens, exploring his legacy at the Dickens House Museum. Marvel at the architectural genius of gothic master AWN Pugin at his former home, 'The Grange,' and the majestic St. Augustine's Church in Ramsgate. Adventure, creativity, and discovery await! Whether a refreshing guided bike ride, creating your own masterpiece or battling it out to be the top archer, Margate, Broadstairs, and Ramsgate are ready to welcome you.



The Grange, St Augustine and Pugin Shrine and Visitor Centre

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 a specially selected line up of seasonal vintage style rides alongside arcades, 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 Seaside 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

Celebrations

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

Celebrating 100 Years of the Powell-Cotton Trust

There's never been a better time to visit Quex House and Gardens, the home of the Powell-Cotton Museum. In 2026, the Powell-Cotton Trust marks 100 years since the establishment of the charity which governs the museum, house and gardens. This centenary year offers group visitors a wonderful opportunity to explore the historic house, heritage gardens and internationally significant collections that make this place so unique.

Throughout 2026, groups can enjoy a rich programme of collection talks, garden activities, art and music events, as well as a year-long community engagement programme aimed at capturing 100 creative responses to the collection to mark the 100th anniversary. The centenary is an opportunity to look back at the past 100 years, at the development of the museum,



Credit: Hedley Basford LRPS

the fascinating collections it holds, the story of Percy Powell-Cotton and his family, Quex House and its relationship to the local area.

www.powell-cottonmuseum.org

APRIL

15th Anniversary of Turner Contemporary

Internationally-renowned gallery showing contemporary and historic art. From exhibitions to workshops, seasonal events, markets and live music all against a backdrop of Margate Main Sands.

www.turnercontemporary.org

MAY

Operation Dynamo, The Little Ships Come Home

Following the Commemoration of the 85th Anniversary of Operation Dynamo in 2025, The Little Ships return to Ramsgate for a 4 day extravaganza including military vehicle displays, parades, workshops and more.

www.visitramsgate.co.uk

JULY

25th year of Margate Soul Weekender

A packed weekend of live music celebrating Margate's relationship with soul music plus funk, disco, reggae and house within venues, on streets and piazzas plus beachside stages.

www.msw2026.com

What's On 2026

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

FEBRUARY

19-22 February

Broadstairs Blues Bash

www.broadstairsbluesbash.com

APRIL

3-5 April

Broadstairs Easter

Food Festival

www.broadstairsfoodfestival.org.uk

Credit: Harding-Lee Media



MAY

Until 4 May

Bridget Riley: Learning

to See at Turner

Contemporary

Turner Contemporary, Margate

www.turnercontemporary.org



22-25 May

The Little Ships Return

www.visitramsgate.co.uk



JUNE

12-14 June

Broadstairs Dickens

Festival

www.broadstairsdickensfestival.co.uk



JULY

26 July

The Most Wuthering

Heights Day at The Oval

Bandstand, Margate

www.theovalbandstand.co.uk

31 July – 2 August

Margate Soul

Weekender – 25th

Anniversary

www.msw2026.com

AUGUST

7-14 August

Broadstairs Folk Week

www.broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk

SEPTEMBER

11-20 September

Heritage Open Days

www.heritageopendays.org.uk



OCTOBER

2-4 October

Broadstairs Food Festival

www.broadstairsfoodfestival.org.uk

15th
anniversary of
opening



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 café 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
11am-5pm plus Bank Holidays

Winter – Wednesday-Sunday
11am-5pm plus Bank Holidays

All or part of the gallery may need to close during exhibition changeovers. Please check the website for details.



CT9 1HG
01843 233000
info@turnercontemporary.org
www.turnercontemporary.org/
[visit-us](#)



Credit: G Heming

Dreamland







The beating heart of Margate. Home to fun filled family festivals, huge music events and seasonal vintage style amusement park rides, plus a packed programme of indoor shows all year round.

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.

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.

-  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 1XJ
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.

Quex House & Gardens, Powell-Cotton Museum



Credit: Hadley Basford LRPS

Enjoy a relaxed and welcoming group day out exploring one of Kent's most distinctive museums, where natural history, archaeology, and world culture collections sit alongside a historic house and peaceful heritage gardens.

Recognised for its historic natural history dioramas and extensive collections sharing world cultures and archaeology, the Powell-Cotton Museum offers a fascinating window into global history and the life of the Powell-Cotton family.

Group visitors can enjoy a curated experience with a complimentary guided tour of Quex House, plus time to explore the Museum and Gardens at their own pace. Tailor the experience to the group's interests by adding a specialist tour with a Curator or Head Gardener for deeper insight into the collections and gardens.

Located in Quex Park, Birchington, just a stone's throw from the charming Minnis Bay, it is perfectly placed for a relaxed day out, and can easily be paired with a trip to the seaside or the many nearby attractions.

Groups benefit from:

- Complimentary guided tour of Quex House
- Time to enjoy Quex Gardens
- Free entry for coach driver or group organiser
- Free coach, minibus or car parking
- Option to add on a guided tour from the Head Gardener or a Curator – subject to availability.

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

£12 per person – up to 30 people (£180 minimum charge)

£10 per person for groups over 30

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

£9 per person – up to 30 people (£135 minimum charge)

£7.50 per person for groups over 30

Optional Extras: Tea/coffee & biscuits £5 per person

Head Gardener or Museum Curator tour (45 minutes + questions) £150 up to 30 people.

P Free coach parking. Coach drivers receive free entry.

☞ Tea/coffee & biscuits can be provided on request. For lunch, Felicity's Café offer sandwiches, salads and afternoon teas. Groups must pre-book on 01843 482004.

⌚ Museum, House and Gardens opening days and times vary. For more information contact enquiries@powell-cottonmuseum.org

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01843 842168
enquiries@powell-cottonmuseum.org
www.powell-cottonmuseum.org/visit-us/group-visit
www.accessable.co.uk/england/access-guides/powell-cotton-museum

We look forward to welcoming your group for an enjoyable 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 entry. Guided tours £5 per person
- P Drop off point and coach parking available nearby
- ☺ Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby
- 🕒 Open Daily 10am to 4pm
- i 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 most Wednesday afternoons. Pre booking 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
- P 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
- i 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 £10, Senior £8, Child £6, Family ticket (2+2) £27
-  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

Discover a hidden world deep beneath the streets of Margate as well as a cafe, gift shop and gallery space upstairs. Light and airy rooms also available for hire.

-  Group admission for parties of 10 or more people: Adult £4.50, Concession £3.60 and Child £2.25
-  Group visits require pre-booking and are subject to availability
-  Onsite cafe
-  Open throughout the year, check website for current times. Open daily throughout Kent school holidays. Out-of-hours group visits and private hire available outside of public opening times on enquiry
-  CT9 1FG
info@margatecaves.co.uk
www.margatecaves.co.uk
01843 838035





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 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.

- £ Free entry.
Spitfire Simulator
30 minutes £35.
Lancaster Simulator Experience
30 minutes £75
- P Free onsite coach and car parking
- ☞ Cafe onsite
- 🕒 Open 7 days a week 10am-4pm
Closed over the Christmas period
- i CT12 5DF
01843 821940
enquiries@spitfiremuseum.org.uk
www.spitfiremuseum.org.uk

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

P Free onsite coach and car parking

☞ Onsite NAAFI Cafe

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

i CT12 5DF
01843 825224
info@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 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.



-  Group (min 10 to max 30 people in house) Adult £4 Under 16 £2.50
-  Drop off point and coach parking available nearby
-  Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby
-  Wednesday 1st April – Sunday 1st November, Wednesday – Sunday 1pm-4.30pm (last entry 4pm)
- Group visits available outside of these times on enquiry
-  CT10 1QS
01843 577950
dickenshouse@thanet.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
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
- 
 - 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

Explore fashion and dining to suit every taste, including M&S, Next and Boots plus exciting new arrivals: Pandora, Rituals, Skechers, Lovisa, and Captain D's. Make a day of it with family-friendly entertainment at AirHop Adventure and Trampoline Park, or enjoy classic fun at Hollywood Bowl, Mecca Bingo, and the Grosvenor Casino and plenty of parking too!

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 Travelodge 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 making your own masterpiece with friendly local creatives, learning to surf at London's closest surfing beaches or enjoying a beach side sauna.

www.visitthanet.co.uk/experiences



Meeting Venues and Away Days

Be inspired by top-notch settings, both rural and coastal, including an art gallery, an amusement park, and a country estate, for your next business meeting, award night or team building experience. 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.

Coach Parking (prices shown 2024)

Margate

Dreamland, Margate (CT9 1XG)

Up to 4 hours £12
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 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 £13.20

Millennium Way, Broadstairs (CT10 2LA)

Free on street parking

Ramsgate

Port of Ramsgate (CT11 9FT)

£36 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



Droit House, Visitor Information Centre



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 1JD

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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