

Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate

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

Group and Travel Trade Guide 2019/20

2020
Dreamland's
100th
Anniversary



Turner Contemporary's terrace, overlooking Margate sands and Harbour Arm.
Photo: Nick Guttridge, courtesy Turner Contemporary



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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Broadstairs walk

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Ramsgate Royal Harbour

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 good 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**, as it celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2020 on over 25 rides including the Grade II* Scenic Railway alongside arcades, side shows, 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, acres of gardens, farmers market and much more. 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.



Margate Main Sands

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 marking its 100th anniversary in 2020
- Explore Charles Dickens' Broadstairs (Dickens House Museum, annual Dickens Festival, 2020, the 150th anniversary of Dickens death)
- 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
- 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 and 16 sandy beaches and bays with more Blue Flag beaches than any other district
- Itinerary suggestions – Pugin's Ramsgate, Frontline Thanet, Beside the Original Seaside, Dickens' Watering Hole
- Accommodation available for groups
- Vibrant events programme

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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.



Entry to the gallery is free



Drop-off point outside the gallery and a coach park nearby (see page 18)



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



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



Tuesday – Sunday and Bank Holidays Autumn/Winter 10am – 5pm, Spring/Summer 10am – 6pm



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01843 233000
info@turnercontemporary.org
www.turnercontemporary.org/visit



Credit Jason Pay

Dreamland

A unique amusement park with new and vintage rides, festival inspired entertainment, live music and street food

Dreamland Margate is considered to be the oldest-surviving amusement park in Great Britain: the site of Dreamland (as it was re-named in 1920) dates back to the British railway boom and the early 1870s when, in its original form, the 'Hall By The Sea' was operated by the circus tycoon, 'Lord' George Sanger.

Now a world-class visitor attraction, Dreamland offers

families and friends all the fun of the festival. The beautifully landscaped park brings together an amusement park with lovingly restored vintage rides, new thrill and family rides, indoor and outdoor entertainment spaces and much more – all set against the scenic backdrop of Margate's golden sands.

There's a year-round live music programme on the outdoor Scenic Stage and event space

for up to 15,000 guests to more intimate events in the indoor Hall By The Sea, and several eclectic bars and restaurants. From Easter to October and holiday seasons, expect festival-inspired live entertainment, delicious street food, interactive art installations, and over 25 rides and attractions – a truly unique offering for visitors.



Free entry or unlimited ride wristbands from £11. See website.

Group discounts available (10% or more) for groups of 10+. Group discounts available for Octopus Garden and Roller Disco

For a bespoke group booking or quote please email sales@dreamland.co.uk or call 01843 295887



Arlington Car Park, All Saints Road, CT9 5QH £7 all day. Additional public parking and coach parking at Belgrave Road, Margate CT9 1XG



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



Dreamland has a wide range of food and drink around the park to suit all tastes and budgets



Please check the website for times



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Powell-Cotton Museum Quex House and Gardens



**NEW
FOR 2020 –
complimentary
tours for
groups**

We offer groups a relaxed, engaging and enjoyable day out. You will find amazing natural history and world culture collections, a stunning house and beautiful gardens in one impressive location.

Highlights Tour

Explore the iconic objects and animals on display at the Powell-Cotton Museum and hear about some of the new and exciting discoveries uncovered by our collections team. See old favourites in a new light and hear the intriguing tales behind objects you might never have noticed before.

Female of the Species Tour

Discover the roles and voices of women within the Powell-Cotton Museum. From the collections of the Powell-Cotton family women, to objects important to women around the world, this tour looks at the Museum from a female perspective.

£ Museum, House and Gardens Group Adult £7.75, Group Concession £5.75. Gardens Only Group Adult £4, Group Concession £2.50

P Free and unlimited coach parking. Coach drivers receive a complimentary refreshment voucher for £5

Group rates for 15 or more. Guided tours must be booked in advance. One tour per group

Mama Feelgoods Boutique Café caters for pre-booked groups of up to 100 guests serving delicious homemade dishes from an extensive menu. Afternoon cream teas and the finest selection of tea and coffee are also available. Lunch bookings essential

Museum and Gardens open Mid-January to Mid-December 10am – 5pm (closed on Mondays, except Bank Holidays)

Quex House open from Easter to 31st October yearly 1 – 4pm (closed on Mondays, except Bank Holidays & occasionally closed for wedding functions. Please check in advance of your visit)

CT7 0BH
01843 842168
enquiries@powell-cottonmuseum.org
www.quexpark.co.uk/museum



Hornby Visitor Centre

Fascinating displays about some of the nation's best loved toys, iconic brands of Hornby, Scalextric, Airfix and Corgi.

The Hornby Visitor Centre, features treasures from the Company's archives dating back as far as the 1920s, including fascinating displays about some of the nation's best loved toys, with sections dedicated to

the iconic brands of Hornby, Scalextric, Airfix and Corgi. Visitors are able to see some stunning model rail layouts and also try their skills on a Scalextric circuit.



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



Drop off and coach parking onsite. Coach drivers receive free entry



Guided tours of the Visitor Centre can be booked (subject to availability) and are charged at an additional £10 on top of group booking total



Just the Ticket 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



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01843 233524
visitorcentre@hornby.com
www.hornby.com/visitorcentre



Credit: John Coverdale



Credit: Michael Desbruslais



Free. Donations welcome



Drop off point and coach parking available nearby



Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby



Daily 10am – 4pm



CT11 9NY
01843 606756
office@augustineshrine.co.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!

Special events around the Feast of St Augustine 27th May and Pugin Week 12th to 17th September 2020.



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.



Free access to information display in Cartoon Room on Wednesday afternoons. Wednesday guided tours of main rooms at The Grange £4 per person



Drop off point and coach parking available nearby



Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby



Open on Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 4pm or by appointment. Two guided tours (2pm and 3pm) for a maximum of 20 people: advance booking essential to secure a place



CT11 9NY
Please book tours in advance through The Landmark Trust Booking Office 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.



Adult £7, Senior £5, Child (3-16 years) £4, Under 3's are Free



Drop off point and coach parking available nearby



Group visit arranged by prior agreement and advance notice



Café on Site



Open 7 days during School Holidays and Bank Holidays.

Tours 1st October to 31st March
Wednesday – Sunday at 10am, 12pm and 2pm and 1st April – 30th September Wednesday – Sunday at 10am, 12pm, 2pm and 4pm. Special Tours as advertised



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

Ramsgate Maritime Museum



Adult £2.50, Child £1



Drop off and coach parking available nearby



Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby



Easter Weekend, May Bank Holidays and June to September. Please contact for full details



CT11 8LS
01843 852780



Discover connections to 'The Titanic', see Ramsgate's own Meridian Line and objects raised from Stuart Warships lost on the Goodwin Sands. Enjoy a guided tour of Steam Tug Cervia, and learn the history of her working life on the river Thames.



£ Free entry. Spitfire Simulator 30 minutes for £30

P Free onsite coach and car parking

☺ Onsite Merlin Café

🕒 1st November – 31st March daily 10am – 4pm, 1st April – 31st October daily 10am – 5pm. Closed 24th December – 2nd January and Mondays in January and February

📍 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. In addition to the collection, 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

£ Adult £2.50, Child 50p

P Free onsite coach and car parking

🕒 March – October daily 10am – 4pm, November – February Weekends 10am – 4pm

📍 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 aircraft and artefacts dating back to WWI



Dickens House Museum

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.

Explore Charles Dickens' favourite holiday resort

£ Group (10 – 25 people)
Adult £3.20,
Under 16/Student £2.20

P Drop off point and coach parking available nearby

☺ Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby

Good Friday 10th April - Sunday 21st June daily 1-4.30pm

Monday 22nd June - Saturday 29th August daily 10am-4.30pm

📅 Sunday 30th August - Saturday 31st October daily 1-4.30pm

Last admission 4pm

November weekends only 1-4pm

Closed December to Good Friday 2021 (first day of season)

i CT10 1QS
01843 861232
(Group Bookings 863453)
www.dickensmuseumbroadstairs.co.uk

Crampton Tower Museum

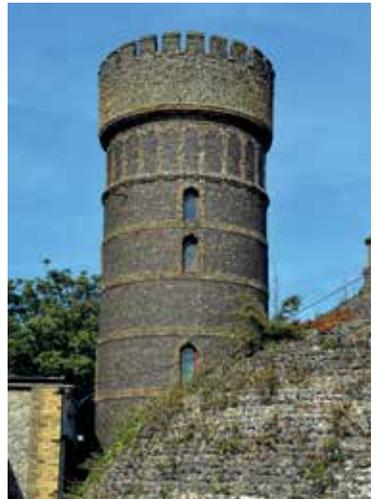
Local history and railway museum, celebrating the life and achievements of Broadstairs engineer, Thomas Crampton, plus buses and trams

£ Adult £3, Child (4-12yrs) £1.50,
Family £7.50 (2 Adults, 2 Children)

☺ Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby

📅 Daily 2 – 5pm (Last admission 4.30pm).
Good Friday – end of September.
October weekends only

i CT10 2AB
01843 871133
cramptontower@hotmail.com
www.cramptontower.co.uk



St Peter's Village Tour

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

-  Invited donation of £4 per person
-  Free parking in nearby public car park
-  Refreshment breaks provided at £1 per person
-  May – September. See website for individual tour dates and times
-  CT10 2TR
Village Tour: 07546 514948,
Churchyard and War Graves:
01843 868646
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

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



Shop 'til 7.30pm every weekday, then feast at restaurants, have fun at the 10-screen cinema or try your luck at the casino or bingo! There's even a hotel on site so you can make a night of it. Home to some of the biggest brands, from Marks & Spencer and Debenhams to Primark, Outfit and Next.

Coaches are welcome; with a drop-off point conveniently located close to Primark and secure, free parking for your vehicle. Pre-booked groups of 10 or more are welcomed by Guest Services.

Depending on when you're visiting us, there may be free fun family activities going on - with two Pop-up Parks during the summer months (perfect for relaxing in the sun!), and our own resident dinosaurs love to drop by from time to time too. Don't miss out on the fun.

-  Secure free designated coach parking
-  Complementary set breakfast or lunch at Bella Italia for coach driver and tour guide
-  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
-  CT10 2BF
01843 867273
westwoodx@savillspm.co.uk
www.westwoodx.co.uk

Margate Museum

£ Adult £2, Concession (School groups, NUS Students and over 60's) £1.50. Joint ticket with Tudor House £3, Concession £2.50

P Drop off point and coach parking available nearby

☞ Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby

⌚ Open all year Wednesday and Weekends plus Bank Holidays 11am to 5pm (Last entry 4pm). Look out for special exhibition open days.

i CT9 1ER
01843 231213
museum@margatemuseum.org
www.margatemuseum.org



Learn about Margate's history

Located in the Old Police Station and Magistrates Court learn about Margate's history as part of the Isle of Thanet, sea-bathing machines, paddle-steamers, shipwrecks and day-trippers



Tudor House

Thought to be one of the oldest of its kind in Kent, it was built around 1525 and is believed to be the home of a wealthy yeoman farmer

£ Adult £2, Concession (School groups, NUS Students and over 60's) £1.50. Joint ticket with Margate Museum £3, Concession £2.50

P Drop off point and coach parking available nearby

☞ Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby

⌚ Open all year Wednesday and Weekends plus Bank Holidays 11.30am to 2.30pm (Last entry 2pm)

i CT9 1QE
01843 227996
museum@margatemuseum.org
www.margatemuseum.org

Shell Grotto



Try to solve the mystery of the 70ft of winding underground passages decorated with strange symbols mosaiced in millions of shells.

£ Adult £4.50, Concession £4, Child £2, Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) £10

☎ Onsite cafe

🕒 Easter – end of October Half Term daily 10am – 5pm, Winter: Fridays and weekends only plus daily during February Half Term 11am – 4pm

📍 CT9 2BU
01843 220008
info@shellgrotto.co.uk
www.shellgrotto.co.uk

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

📍 CT9 1FG
info@margatecaves.co.uk
www.margatecaves.co.uk



Credit: Frank Leppard

Events 2020

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 2020

Turner Prize 2019 (until 12 January 2020)

turnercontemporary.org

FEBRUARY 2020

Broadstairs Blues Bash (21-23)

broadstairsbluesbash.com

We Will Walk: Art of Resistance from the American South (February – May 2020)

turnercontemporary.org

MARCH 2020

POW! Thanet (6 – 15)

powthanet.com



APRIL 2020

Barbara Walker, Place, Space and Who (until 19 April)
turnercontemporary.org

England's Creative Coast 2020 (1 April - 30 November)
turnercontemporary.org

JUNE 2020

Broadstairs Dickens Festival (19-21)
broadstairsdickensfestival.co.uk



JULY 2020

Ramsgate Week (26 – 31)
ramsgateweek.com

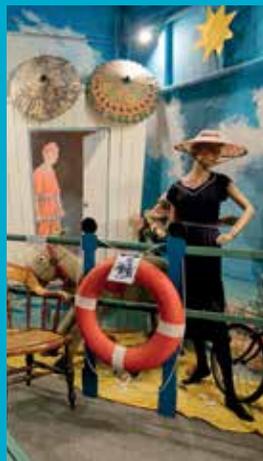
AUGUST 2020

Broadstairs Folk Week (7 – 14)
broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk



SEPTEMBER 2020

Heritage Open Days (11 – 20)
visitthanet.co.uk/heritageopendays



Margate Museum

Pugin Week (12 - 17)
augustine-pugin.org.uk

OCTOBER 2020

Broadstairs Food Festival (2 – 4)
broadstairsfoodfestival.org.uk





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

Margate

Dreamland, Margate (CT9 1XG)

4 hours £12, 24 hours £24

19 Bays

Margate Lido (CT9 1RX)

All day £7

Broadstairs

Joss Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 3PG)

1 April – 31 October

4 hours £12, 24 hours £24

Vere Road, Broadstairs (CT10 1JF)

1 April to 31 October

4 hours £12, 24 hours £24

Prices 1 November - 31 March

Up to 24 hours - £12

30 minutes drop off - £1 (all year)

11 Bays

Millennium Way, Broadstairs (CT10 2LA)

Free on street parking

Ramsgate

Port of Ramsgate (CT11 9FT)

£19 per 24 hours or part thereof

by prior arrangement with Port

Security tel 01843 587661

(2020 Price not available at time of print)

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

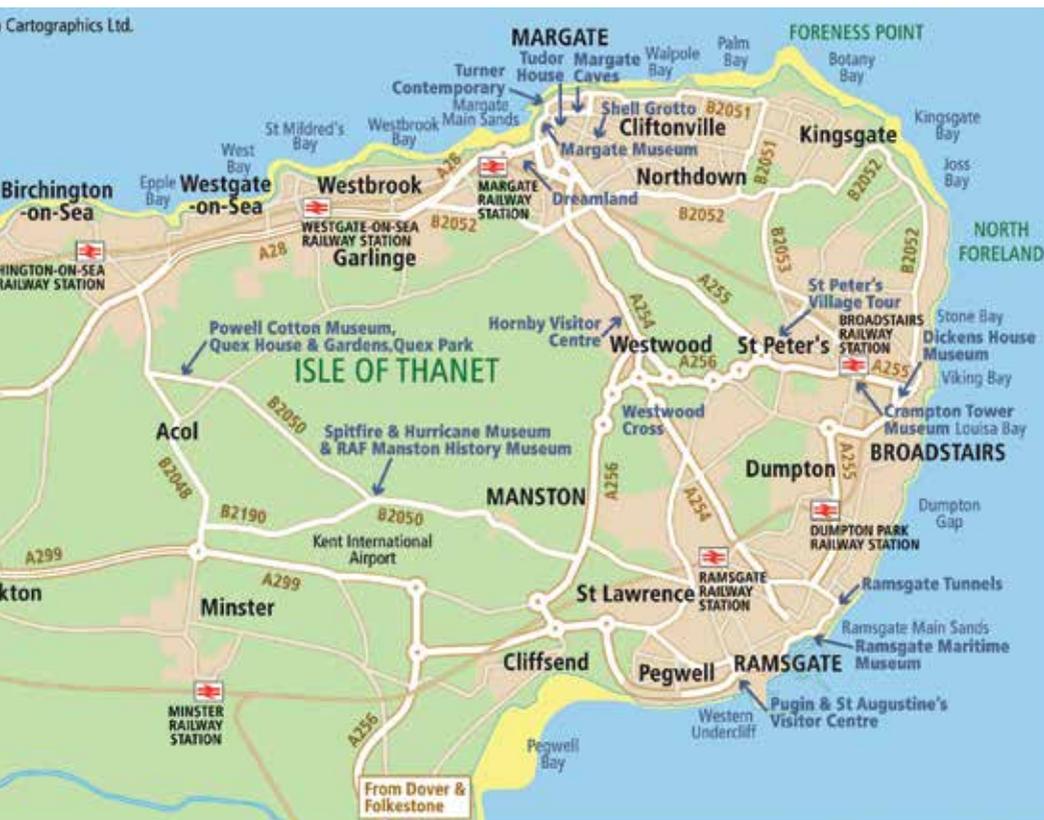
Villages

Minnis Bay, Birchington (CT7 9QP)

1 April – 31 October

4 hours £12, 24 hours £24

Prices shown 2019/20



- 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.

For group visit ideas and information go to

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or call **01843 577577**



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