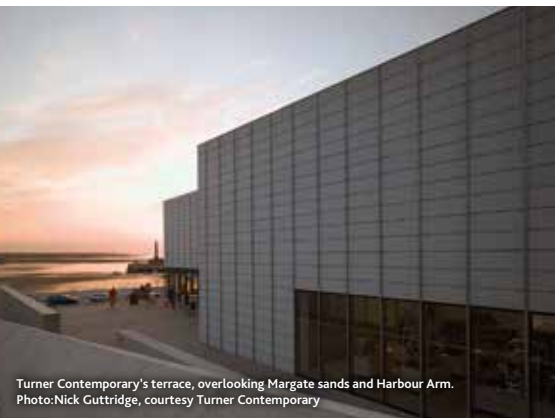


Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate

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

Group and Travel Trade Guide 2023/24



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 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.



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
- 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

What's New and Anniversaries 2023

There's always something to look forward to in Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate new exhibitions and walking trails, plus anniversaries being celebrated.

Powell-Cotton Museum Exhibitions

Namibian Narratives - displays work created by six women from Ovamboland (Northern Namibia) who were commissioned to make objects that represent themselves. The display features photographs and a short film of the six women talking about their work and culture.

Creative responses to the collection - a creative response to artefacts from the Angola/Namibia border by students at the University of Namibia. The students have created appliques and a silk screen printed textile in response to photographs of objects collected by Diana and Antoinette Powell-Cotton in the 1930s.

Living Lineages: Bajuni Island Lives in the Powell-Cotton Archives - featuring a selection of photographs taken by Diana Powell-Cotton of the community inhabiting the Bajuni Islands (an archipelago off the coast of Somalia and Northern Kenya) in the 1930s. In 2015, a small selection of photographs were digitised and circulated through social networks, eventually reaching Faiz Mohammad Shee who was able to identify his great grandmother.

www.powell-cottonmuseum.org



Applique panel of ostrich with eggshell beads
by Laimmy N. Moses copyright The Powell-Cotton Trust.

Turner Contemporary Exhibition

Sonia Boyce: Feeling Her Way - until 8 May 2023
Sonia Boyce (OBE, RA) represented the UK at the 59th International Art Exhibition of LaBiennale di Venezia in 2022

Boyce came to prominence in the early 1980s as a key figure in the burgeoning Black-British art scene, actively participating in critical discussions and exhibitions for racial equality

Boyce's ambitious installation will immerse visitors through combining video, collage, music and sculpture to present a body of work that centres around the vocal experimentation of five Black female musicians.

www.turnercontemporary.org



Feeling Her Way featuring four performers - Errollyn Wallen, Tanita Tikaram, Poppy Ajudha, Jacqui Dankworth 2022.
© British Council

Dickens House Museum

50th Anniversary and new Dickens Trail

Dickens House was originally a small Tudor building, extended and remodelled in Victorian times. Dickens based the character of Betsey Trotwood in 'David Copperfield' on Miss Mary Pearson Strong, who once lived here.

The house was given the name 'Dickens House' at the end of the 19th century, and was purchased by the Tattam family in 1919. When Mrs Dora Tattam died in 1952 she left the house to her friend Gladys Waterer, who, when she died, left instructions for the house to be turned into a Dickens museum, and it subsequently opened on 16 June 1973.

A new walking trail will be launched, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Dickens House Museum, starting and finishing here, highlighting the author's connections to Broadstairs, and will be available from April when the museum opens for the season.



Credit Tourism at Thanet District Council

www.dickensmuseumbroadstairs.com

Empire of Light Film Location Map

From Academy Award®-winning director and writer Sam Mendes, EMPIRE OF LIGHT is moving drama about the power of human connection during turbulent times. Set in and around a faded old cinema in an English coastal town in the early 1980s, it follows Hilary (Olivia Colman) a cinema manager struggling with her mental health, and Stephen (Micheal Ward), a new employee who longs to escape this provincial town in which he faces daily adversity. Both Hilary and Stephen find a sense of belonging through their unlikely and tender relationship and come to experience the healing power of music, cinema, and community.

Much of Empire of Light was filmed at locations across Margate, while a few key scenes were filmed on Broadstairs seafront.



The new film map highlights the venues and locations that were used during filming and the scenes in which they featured, alongside key areas of interest in each town.

www.visitthanet.co.uk/empireoflight



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 where possible



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

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







Considered to be the oldest surviving amusement park in the UK, the site of Dreamland (as it was re-named in 1920) dates back to the British Railway boom of the early 1870s when, in its original form, the 'Hall By The Sea' was operated by the famous circus impresario Lord George Sanger.

Now Dreamland is so much more than just an amusement park with modern day facilities complemented by the vintage charm of yesteryear. Dreamland is where 'age' is left at the entrance.

Strap on some roller skates, get interactive with art installations and taste all the classic seaside food favourites from our street food vendors and cafe. Prepare to be waltzed, flung and dizzied on one of our vintage amusement rides, or take in the view of Margate's golden sands from the Scenic Railway, the UK's oldest wooden rollercoaster, and our retro Big Wheel

The beautifully landscaped park and its position by the sea provides an ideal setting for the renowned Margate sunsets.

Fast becoming Kent's coolest music venue, Dreamland offers a packed programme featuring an amazing line up of artists with something for everyone from bouncing DJ nights to outdoor festival style fun. With a range of different spaces available for events as well as the outdoor Scenic Stage, Dreamland also offers indoor space to include the Roller Room home to the art-deco Roller Disco, the Grade II listed Ballroom and the warehouse style Hall By The Sea.

-  Free to enter. Group rates are available for groups of 20+. For a quote and availability, please email sales@dreamland.co.uk.
-  There is ample parking in the area with two large car parks on either side of Dreamland: Arlington Car Park, All Saints Road, CT9 5FE and Dreamland Car Park, Belgrave Road, CT9 1XG. Coaching parking is available in the Dreamland Car Park.
-  Sign up to their newsletter to be the first to find out about offers, events and more.
-  A range of food and drink around the park to suit all tastes – group dining at affordable prices can be arranged in advance.
-  Please check the website for times.
-  CT9 1XJ
sales@dreamland.co.uk
www.dreamland.co.uk

Dreamland is a truly unique experience for every visitor.

Dreamland Margate will open on weekends and school holiday basis from Saturday 1st April, until the end of September 2023. The park is free to enter with rides, amusements, and activities available on a pay per ride/play basis. During 'off peak' periods, Dreamland will be open for indoor ticketed events and private hire.

Powell-Cotton Museum Quex House and Gardens



Hedley Basford LRP5

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



Free coach parking. Coach drivers receive free entry.



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



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



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



CT7 0BH
01843 842168
enquiries@powell-cottonmuseum.org
www.powell-cottonmuseum.org/visit-us/group-visit



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



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



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



CT9 4JX
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visitorcentre@hornby.com
www.hornby.com/visitorcentre



Credit: John Coverdale



Credit: Michael Desbruslais

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 £5 per person, 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



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'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 £4 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 £4pp). 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 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) £22



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

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



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

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

£ Adult £5, Child £2.50,
Concessions £4
Family £15

P Free onsite coach and
car parking

☺ Onsite NAAFI Café

🕒 November - March
weekdays 10am-3pm
and weekends
10am-4pm.

April -October daily
10am-4pm

i 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



50th
Anniversary

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 (Max 20 people in house)
Adult £3.50
Under 16/Student £1.50
- P** Drop off point and coach parking available nearby
- ☞** Range of cafes and restaurants available nearby
- 🕒** Easter (Friday 7th April) to Sunday 16th July Wednesday - Sunday 1pm - 4.30pm

School summer holidays Wednesday 19th July - Sunday 3rd September daily 1pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 6th September - Sunday 29th October Wednesday - Sunday 1pm - 4.30pm

Last admission 4pm

Group visits available outside of these times on enquiry
- i** CT10 1QS
01843 861232
www.dickensmuseumbroadstairs.com

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
- P** 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
- i** 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



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.

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.



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

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 jam-packed events schedule, 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



www.visitthanet.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

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 £12, 24 hours £25

Vere Road, Broadstairs (CT10 1JF)

- 1 April to 31 October
4 hours £12, 24 hours £25
- 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

Prices shown 2022



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 OHE)**

Villages

Minnis Bay, Birchington (CT7 9QP)
1 April – 31 October
4 hours £12, 24 hours £25



- 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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