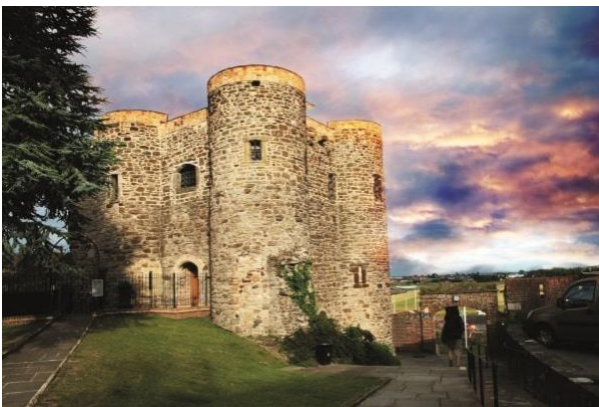




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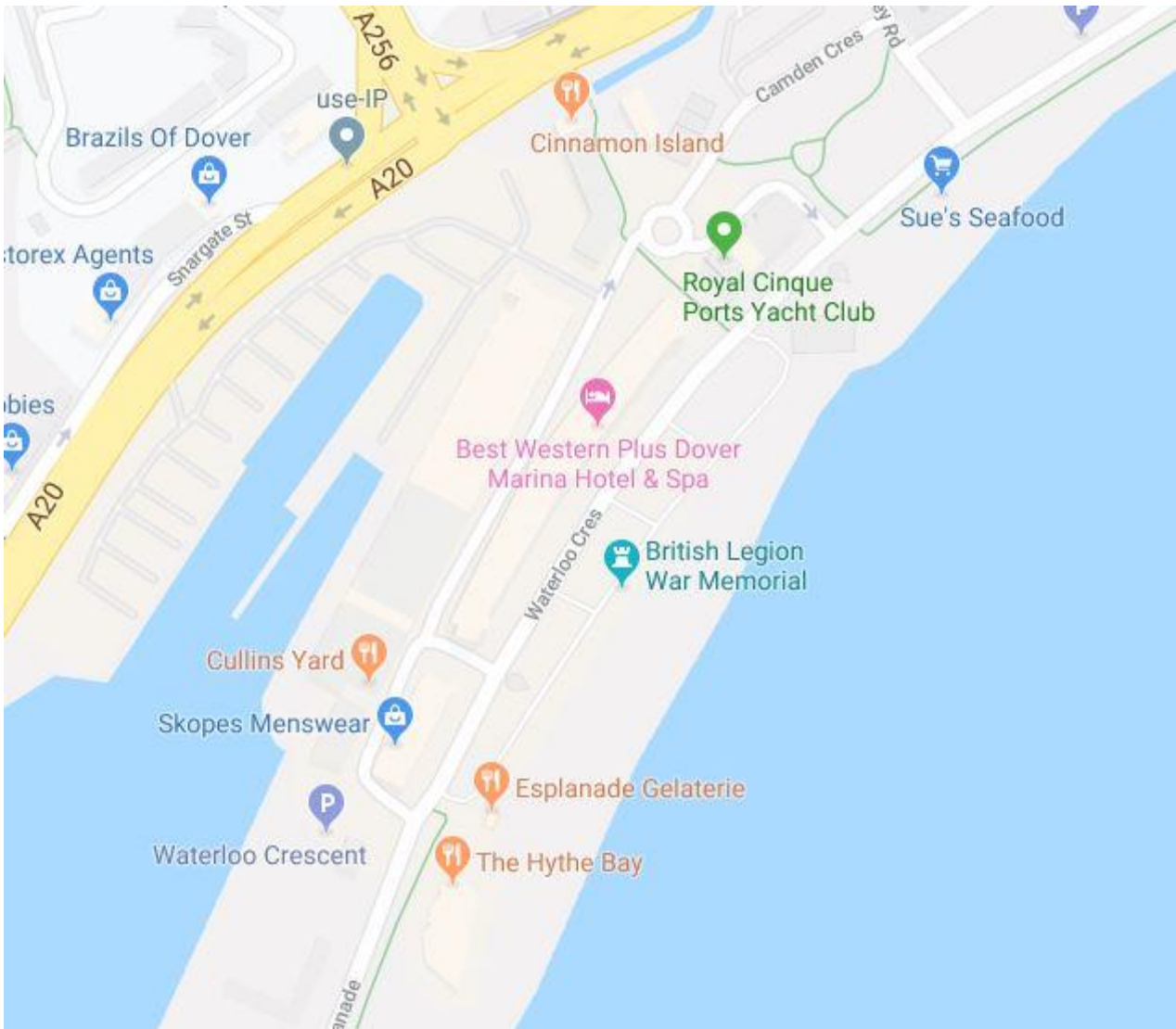
Dover and the Cinque Ports





The tour starts and finishes at **Best Western Dover Marina Hotel and Spa**
Waterloo Crescent
Dover
CT17 9BP
Tel: 01304 203633

Please note that transport to Dover Marina Hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

Driving directions to the hotel:

Take the M20 towards Dover and merge onto the A20 at Folkestone. Continue on the A20 into Dover and at the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Archcliffe, then at the roundabout take the 1st exit and stay on the A20. Keep left to stay on the A20 and at the roundabout take the 3rd exit and turn left onto Wellesley Road, then right onto Marine Parade. Continue onto Waterloo Crescent and your destination will be on the right.

If you are travelling by train: The nearest railway station is Dover Priory Station which is approx. 2 miles from the hotel.



Accommodation

Best Western Dover Marina Hotel and Spa

With its stunning seafront location, beautiful Victorian building, sophisticated and boutique interiors, The Dover Marina Hotel & Spa is situated overlooking the harbour. The hotel facilities include a gym and health club and spa, 2 restaurants, bar and a terrace overlooking the sea. Each of the comfortable bedrooms feature air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi, TV, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, iron and ironing board, safe and complimentary toiletries.

Parking is free for hotel guests in the De Bradelei Wharf Shopping Centre just behind the hotel. When you arrive just pull into the loading bay at the back of the hotel in Cambridge road, collect a car park pass from reception, and then proceed and park your car in the De Bradelei Wharf car park opposite at the back of the hotel. Please make sure you display your pass when you park your car.

Additional details can be found via the hotel website:

<https://www.dovermarinahotel.co.uk/>

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival, you will be able to check-in from 15.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.00 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night, this is on a bed and breakfast basis and check out is by 11.00.

Special Requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

Dining

On the first night of your stay, a three-course dinner with wine will be served. On the second night of your stay dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant and no wine is included. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price, but meals other than these stated are not included.

Places Visited

Rye Castle Museum – Ypres Tower

The Ypres Tower is thought to have been built in the early 14th century as part of the town's defences and is the second oldest building open to the public in Rye. (The oldest is St Mary's church.) The Tower has had a chequered history and as you look round the inside you can see some of those changes in the blocked windows and doorways. From the balcony you can look over what was once one of the largest and most important harbours in the country. In the C16th it was England's seventh busiest port; now there is farmland where once there was sea. There are good views from the balcony in all directions, and guides to tell you what you are seeing. In the Tower are various exhibits, the newest is a replica of the gibbet with skull of John Breads. Other recent additions are a new model of the changes in the local shoreline and the Ypres Tower Embroidery, created by a team of stitchers over a period of several years and depicting the Tower's roles through nine centuries of history — as defence, private home, prison, mortuary and museum.

<https://www.ryemuseum.co.uk/home/ypres-tower/>

Court Hall Museum, Winchelsea

The Court Hall is one of the oldest buildings in Winchelsea though it was drastically restored in the 16th century. Parts of it are probably as old as the town itself and it may incorporate still earlier materials. The notable crown-post roof is 15th century and there is a fine medieval chimney. The museum is housed on the first floor of the Court Hall and features a list of Mayors of Winchelsea shown on a series of oak boards. This list, far fuller than that of most towns, is complete from 1430, and is partially complete from 1295 when Mayors first replaced the King's Bailiffs. The lower rooms were the Town Gaol in the 18th century, and are now used for meetings and functions.

<https://www.winchelsea.com/museum>

St Thomas Church, Winchelsea

Winchelsea Parish Church is named in honour of St. Thomas the Martyr, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was murdered in his own Cathedral in 1170. The first recorded mention of the church of St. Thomas in Old Winchelsea came in 1215.

<https://www.winchelsea.com/the-town-story/town-trail/st-thomas-church/>

New Romney and St Nicholas Church

New Romney was once a thriving port and its harbour was adjacent to St Nicholas' Church, in front of which a mooring ring can still be seen. In 1287 a storm changed the coastline dramatically and the port was destroyed, the town now being more than a mile from the sea. Four feet of silt, gravel and sand were deposited inside the Church and around, which is why it's now lower than the surrounding area. St Nicholas' Church was built in the mid 12th century under the patronage of the archbishops of Canterbury. The nave retains its original low Norman arcades with alternating round and octagonal Caen stone piers. By contrast, the grand 14th century east end is spacious and light with tall, slim piers of Kentish rag stone and three magnificent reticulated tracery windows. The carved door surround of the Norman west door was restored in 2013 to reveal the beauty of the golden Caen stone.

<https://romneymarshhistory.com/stnicholas>

Guildhall Museum, Sandwich

From priceless documents to Roman relics, ancient coins and gold insignia to the town's role as a safe haven, the newly refurbished Sandwich Guildhall Museum offer visitors a unique opportunity to appreciate and admire the fascinating story of this ancient Cinque Port town. There's also a very rare opportunity to see one of the most celebrated documents in history - the Magna Carta - together with its sister document, the Charter of the Forest dating from 1300.

<https://www.sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk/guildhall/museum.htm>

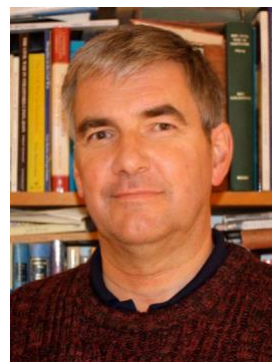
Dover Castle

Commanding the shortest sea crossing between England and the continent, Dover Castle has a long and immensely eventful history. Known as the 'key to England', this great fortress has played a crucial role in the defence of the realm for over nine centuries, a span equalled only by the Tower of London and Windsor Castle. The chalk of Castle Hill has been shaped and reshaped over the centuries into massive earthworks, ditches and mounds. Imposing walls and towers have been raised and networks of tunnels excavated beneath them. Henry II began the building of the present castle in the 1180s, and ever since its buildings and defences have been adapted to meet the changing demands of weapons and warfare. Within the walls of the medieval castle stands a much older building, dating from a time when Britain was an outpost of the Roman Empire. The Romans built a lighthouse here after they invaded in AD 43, to guide ships into the harbour. The Dover pharos is now one of only three Roman lighthouses to survive from the whole of the former Roman Empire. It is also the most complete standing Roman building in England.

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/dover-castle/history-and-stories/>

Your Guide

Julian Humphrys will be your guide/lecturer throughout the tour. After reading history at the University of Cambridge, Julian has had a long and impressive career. He is a trustee of the Battlefields Trust and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, an experienced battlefields guide, an author of a number of books on English battles and a regular contributor to BBC History Magazine. Julian's input aims to enhance and develop your understanding of this fascinating subject.



Julian will give the following talks during you tour:

'The History or the Cinque Ports'

'The Hundred Years War'

Practical Information

Tour manager – Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping – To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services, but for your guidance about £2-3 per person per day for the tour manager is the norm. We would like to reiterate that tipping is an entirely optional payment and this information is given purely to answer any questions you may have about it.

Grading – This tour has been graded as **Moderate**: Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewing.



Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

020 7251 0045

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