

WHITE CLIFFS • DOVER CASTLE • WWII HISTORY • COASTAL WALKS • LONDON DAY TRIPS • AND MORE!

HISTORY & HERITAGE | SCENIC VIEWS | CASTLES | WWII HISTORY | FOOD & DRINK | SHOPPING | DAY TRIPS | OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

1 CRUISE PORT & GETTING ASHORE



- Cruise ships dock at **Western Docks** (Dover Cruise Terminals).
- Leave the ship via port procedures and follow signs to the terminal building.
- Use the port-authorized shuttle bus or an official taxi to reach Dover town and attractions.
- Confirm pickup location, operating hours and return arrangements for your ship with the port.
- Independent walking to town or the White Cliffs is not recommended.

2 DOVER CASTLE



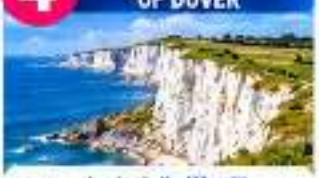
- One of England's most important castles – the "Key to England".
- Explore the Great Tower, medieval rooms and breathtaking views.
- Learn about 2,000 years of history from Romans to WWII.
- Reach the castle by shuttle, taxi or local bus from the port or town.
- Check English Heritage for opening times, ticket information and any closures or special events.

3 SECRET WARTIME TUNNELS



- Fascinating WWII tunnels used for military operations and planning.
- See the underground hospital, operations rooms and learn about Dover's crucial wartime role.
- Access, guided tours and opening times vary.
- Check English Heritage for current tunnel access, closures and timed tours before your visit.

4 THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER



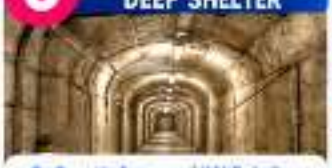
- Iconic chalk cliffs with stunning views of the English Channel.
- Reach the White Cliffs Visitor Centre by shuttle, taxi or local bus. It is beyond the Eastern Docks.
- Follow signed paths from the Visitor Centre. Cliff-top paths can be steep and exposed – keep to marked paths and stay away from cliff edges.
- Spectacular coastal views, wildlife and great photo spots.

5 SOUTH FORELAND LIGHTHOUSE



- Historic Victorian lighthouse overlooking the Channel.
- Reach via the clifftop path from the White Cliffs Visitor Centre.
- Enjoy beautiful coastal scenery and wildlife.
- Allow plenty of time for the walk and take care on steep and exposed sections. Follow signs and stay away from cliff edges.

6 FAN BAY DEEP SHELTER



- Underground WWII shelter in the chalk cliffs.
- Access is by guided tour only, with steep steps and narrow passages.
- Seasonal operation with limited availability.
- Check the National Trust for opening times, tour information and any access restrictions.

7 DOVER TOWN



- Shops, cafés, pubs and local restaurants.
- Historic streets and St. Mary's Church.
- A great place to grab lunch and experience local culture.
- Walkable town centre with a friendly, traditional English atmosphere.
- Reach by port shuttle, taxi or local bus.

8 COASTAL WALKING & SCENIC VIEWS



- Beautiful cliff-top walking routes with panoramic views.
- Look for wildlife and stunning photo spots.
- Options range from short, easy walks to longer hikes towards South Foreland.
- Cliff-top paths can be steep and exposed – wear suitable footwear, check the weather and stay on marked paths.

9 LOCAL FOOD & PUBS



- Try classic fish & chips, seafood, local produce and traditional pub food.
- Enjoy a pint of local ale or a traditional cream tea.
- Great cafés, bakeries and local treats.
- A perfect way to experience a taste of England.

10 LONDON DAY TRIP (OPTIONAL)



- High-speed trains run from Dover Priory station to St Pancras International (around 1 hour 10 minutes).
- Rail time is one way and does not include transfer from the port or connections in central London.
- This is a full-day, independent outing. Not recommended in short port calls.
- Check current timetables and allow a generous buffer to return to your ship.

PLANNING OVERVIEW – NOT TO SCALE / NOT A NAVIGATION MAP

WESTERN DOCKS CRUISE TERMINALS



- Cruise ships dock at Western Docks.
- Follow port procedures to leave the ship.
- Use port-authorized shuttles or official taxis to reach Dover town and attractions.
- Confirm pickup and return arrangements with the port.

DOVER TOWN & CASTLE



- Shops, cafés, restaurants and local services.
- St. Mary's Church and historic town centre.
- Dover Castle (English Heritage).
- Reach by port shuttle, taxi or local bus.
- Check opening times and ticket information.

WHITE CLIFFS VISITOR CENTRE



- Visitor centre, parking, café and exhibits.
- Beyond the Eastern Docks.
- Reach by shuttle, taxi or local bus.
- Follow signed cliff-top paths.
- Paths can be steep and exposed – keep to marked routes and stay away from edges.

SOUTH FORELAND VIA CLIFF-TOP WALK



- Historic lighthouse with stunning views.
- Reach via the marked cliff-top path from the White Cliffs Visitor Centre.
- Allow plenty of time.
- Paths can be steep and exposed – wear suitable footwear and follow signs.

GOOD TO KNOW

- ✓ Cruise ships dock at Western Docks (not near the cliffs).
- ✓ Use port-authorized shuttles or official taxis.
- ✓ The White Cliffs Visitor Centre is beyond Eastern Docks.
- ✓ Independent walking from the port line or cliffs is not advised.
- ✓ Check opening times and transport options in advance.
- ✓ Allow plenty of time to return to your ship.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

- ✓ Port-authorized shuttle buses (to town and key sites).
- ✓ Official taxis at the port.
- ✓ Local buses from Dover town to attractions (including the White Cliffs Visitor Centre and castle).
- ✓ Train services from Dover Priory to London and other destinations.
- ✓ Check current timetables and availability.

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE?

3–4 HOURS (SAMPLER)

- ✓ Explore Dover town.
- ✓ Visit Dover Castle (if time).
- ✓ Enjoy local food and views.

HALF A DAY (4–6 HOURS)

- ✓ Dover town and castle.
- ✓ Visit the White Cliffs Visitor Centre.
- ✓ Short cliff-top walk (from Visitor Centre).

FULL DAY (6–8+ HOURS)

- ✓ Dover town and castle.
- ✓ White Cliffs and cliff-top walk (towards South Foreland).
- ✓ Or include a day trip to London (if time allows).

PERFECT FOR...

- Families
- Couples
- History lovers
- Outdoor enthusiasts
- Foodies
- Photographers
- First-time Europe cruisers
- London visitors (with time)
- Wildlife & scenery lovers

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