

# DOVER CASTLE

AND THE SECRET WARTIME TUNNELS

Kent's  
most haunted  
castle!



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Days out worth  
talking about.



## Dover Castle and the Secret Wartime Tunnels

Experience the majesty of the castle known as “the Key to England”. With its commanding position high on the White Cliffs of Dover, the fortress has protected England since before Norman times.

Over the centuries, successive kings, castle constables and governments have added to its mighty defences and its rich history.

### GREAT FOR KIDS!

- Children will love the tunnel tour with its sirens and wartime sound effects
- Let their imaginations run riot as they hunt out spooky corners of the castle and climb spiral staircases
- Whole season of family friendly events
- Plenty of “run around” space
- Children’s meals and high chairs in café
- Baby changing facilities

- Step into the Great Keep and immerse yourself in the castle’s royal history
- Imagine life at the Tudor court in the reconstruction of preparations for a visit by Henry VIII
- Feel the sanctity and calm of the Thomas Becket chapel
- Experience life as a medieval soldier in our sound and light presentation of the *Siege of 1216*
- Explore the winding, dark medieval tunnels
- Marvel at the castle’s extraordinary defences as you tour the extensive battlements
- Take time in the fascinating Princess of Wales’ Royal Regiment Museum
- Discover the Roman lighthouse and Saxon church
- Relax in the Keep Café and gift shop

### SOMETHING WORTH TALKING ABOUT

Dover Castle is said to have at least nine ghosts. One of the most frequently reported is the young soldier in the tunnels who stops visitors to ask for help to find “Helen”.

Travel deep into the white cliffs, through the labyrinth of tunnels where wartime personnel worked, slept and planned some of the most vital work of World War II. Soak up the atmosphere and imagine what it was like to be stationed here during the war.



### NEW FOR 2008

Imagine life in the castle as a soldier towards the end of the First World War as you step into the Fire Command Post. Furnished as it was in 1918, it recreates the atmosphere of the main control centre of the Royal Garrison Artillery, from which Dover’s coastal guns were directed in the vital defence of the harbour and the Channel approaches. Opens end May 2008.



- Tour the Secret Wartime Tunnels deep within the White Cliffs of Dover
- Experience the atmosphere of the underground World War II hospital with its operating theatre
- Walk through the wartime plotting room and telecommunications centre
- Immerse yourself in the sounds and smells of World War II
- Watch authentic Pathé news clips from the era
- Enjoy superb views across the White Cliffs from Admiralty Look-out
- Take a break in the themed Tunnels tea bar and shop or have lunch in the NAAFI restaurant



There is so much more to see and do at Dover Castle.

- Archaeological stores open first Friday of each month
- Artefacts from over 2,000 years of history
- Meet the curator and see our changing mini-exhibitions
- Guided tours of “hidden” Dover Castle – limited places available daily on a first come first served basis
- Two gift shops and cafés and the NAAFI Restaurant



### HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

For details of events, please ring 0870 333 1183 or visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk/events](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/events)

Events for 2008

#### EVENTS AT DOVER CASTLE AND THE SECRET WARTIME TUNNELS

Mon 7 - Fri 11 Apr

#### CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

A week of fun and frolics for all the family.

Sat 3 - Mon 5 May

#### SPY SCHOOL

Crack codes and ciphers and go on our spy mission.

Sat 24 - Mon 26 May

#### LIVING HISTORY SPECTACULAR

A full day out for the whole family!

Every Sun in Jun

#### MUSIC AT THE CASTLE

A different era of music each week.

Sat 2 & Sun 3 Aug

#### TIME TRAVELLER'S ACADEMY

A fun event for children. Learn how to be a knight, gladiator or circus clown.

Sat 9 & Sun 10 Aug

#### A RIGHT ROMAN DAY OUT

What have the Roman's ever done for us? More than you think! Discover more at this fun family event.

Sat 16 & Sun 17 Aug

#### THE WORST DAYS OUT IN HISTORY

A fun look at the most gruesome aspects of history. Meet the singing plague victims then visit the medieval surgeon and find out about cures.

Sat 23 - Mon 25 Aug

#### SPOOKY DAYS OUT

Ghosts don't wait until Hallowe'en – so why should we? Join us for a spine-tingling day out with terrifyingly fun activities for all the family.

Don't miss out on our fun quests for children including Gladiators Quest, Gruesome Castle Quest and Spooky Quest. Every weekday in Aug (excluding Bank Hol Mon).

Sat 25 - Fri 31 Oct

#### THE HAUNTED CASTLE

Enjoy a chillingly fun day out at Kent's most haunted castle.

Sat 6 & Sun 7 Sep

#### TUDOR FALCONRY

Sat 29 & Sun 30 Nov

#### PANTO FUN

Join in some crazy panto fun at the castle as you meet your favourite characters.

Every weekend in December come and take part in the Children's Christmas Quest.

At some events an additional charge may apply to visitors and, on occasion, members pay discounted entry. Please check our website or ring us before setting out. Our events aim to bring history to life and with your support contribute towards the conservation of England's heritage.

It takes a whole day to explore this amazing castle. With plenty to see and do, inside and out, underground and overground, you can be guaranteed a day out to remember at any time of the year.



**THE ROMAN PHAROS AND ST MARY-IN-CASTRO CHURCH**

See the 1st-century AD Roman "pharos" lighthouse and the Saxon church.



**ADMIRALTY LOOK-OUT AND PORT WAR SIGNAL STATION**

Enjoy wonderful views of the White Cliffs of Dover. Spare a moment to see the statue of Vice Admiral Ramsay, who masterminded the evacuation of 338,000 troops from France in the 'Miracle of Dunkirk'. Explore the fire command post which opens late spring 2008.



**THE SECRET WARTIME TUNNELS**

Take our atmospheric tour through the labyrinth of tunnels which house the World War II Military Command Centre and underground hospital. You will find here the Tunnels tea bar and a gift shop.



**AVRANCHES TOWER**

Guided tours available on the first Friday of every month.

**BATTEMENTS WALK**

Explore the defences of this mighty fortress.

**KEEP YARD**

Here you will find our coffee shop and a gift shop. The huge siege engine marks the entrance to *The Siege Experience*. Visit the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment Museum.

**NAAFI RESTAURANT AND THE POCKET PISTOL**

Our main restaurant serves lunches as well as all day refreshments. Look out for Queen Elizabeth I's "Pocket Pistol", a seven metre-long cannon!



**1216 SIEGE EXPERIENCE**

Imagine life as a medieval soldier under siege as you walk through our sound and light exhibition.

**THE GREAT KEEP**

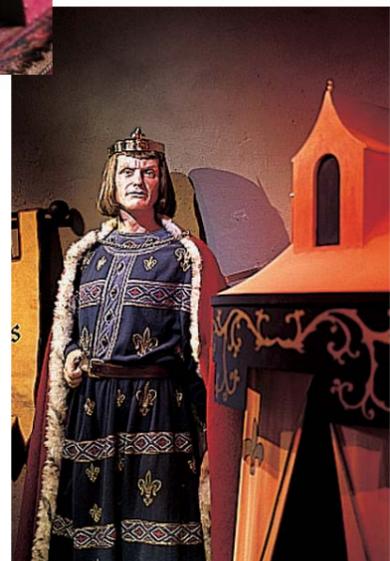
Discover how the castle was prepared for Henry VIII's visit in 1539 in our colourful reconstruction.

Climb to the top of the keep and enjoy far reaching views of Kent and the Channel.



**THE MEDIEVAL TUNNELS**

Enter these dark tunnels if you dare!



**SOMETHING WORTH TALKING ABOUT**

Look out for the ghost of the Red Lady, who falls through the floors in the Keep. Listen out for the ghost of the headless drummer boy, who according to one legend was murdered when collecting garrison wages from the town.

## DOVER CASTLE

Adult	£10.30
Concession	£8.20
Child (5-15yrs)	£5.20
Family ticket (admits 2 adults and 3 children)	£25.80

Children under 5, members/OVP FREE

Admission price includes entry to the Secret Wartime Tunnels, which is by guided tour and lasts approx. 50 mins, last tour 1 hour before castle closes. Last admission to site 30 mins before close. Group discounts and party rates available. Prices may vary at special events.

## OPENING TIMES

21 Mar-31 Jul: daily	10am-6pm
1-31 Aug: daily	9.30am-6pm
1-30 Sep: daily	10am-6pm
1-31 Oct: daily	10am-5pm
1 Nov-31 Jan: Thu-Mon	10am-4pm
1 Feb-31 Mar: daily	10am-4pm
Closed	24-26 Dec & 1 Jan

Keep closes at 5pm on Saturdays if a hospitality event is booked. Last admission ½ hour before closing time.

Secret Warime Tunnel tour: timed ticket system in operation; last tour 1 hour before closing.

## HOW TO FIND US

Address: Dover, Kent CT16 1HU

Direction: On east side of Dover, signed from M20, A2 (junction 1 of M2) and from town centre

## FACILITIES

- Café
- Dogs on leads welcome
- Family learning
- Parking
- Restaurant
- Shop
- Suitable for disabled
- Toilets

Land train, Mobility scooters are available for disabled visitors. Disabled access to courtyard grounds and the Secret Wartime Tunnels (steep slopes throughout).

For more information, ring the property direct on **01304 211067**

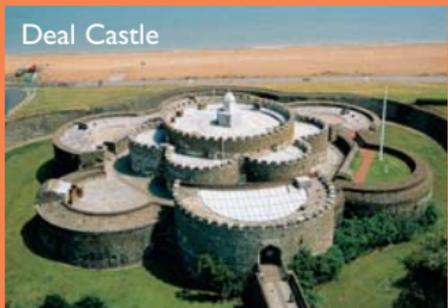
## HOSPITALITY



Available for corporate and private events. Licensed for Civil Ceremonies. For more details ring the Hospitality Manager on tel: 01304 209889.

## OTHER SITES TO VISIT – THE THREE CASTLES

Henry VIII left his mark on the fascinating castles of Dover, Deal and Walmer. Plan your day and visit all three, they are all within 30 minutes drive of each other.



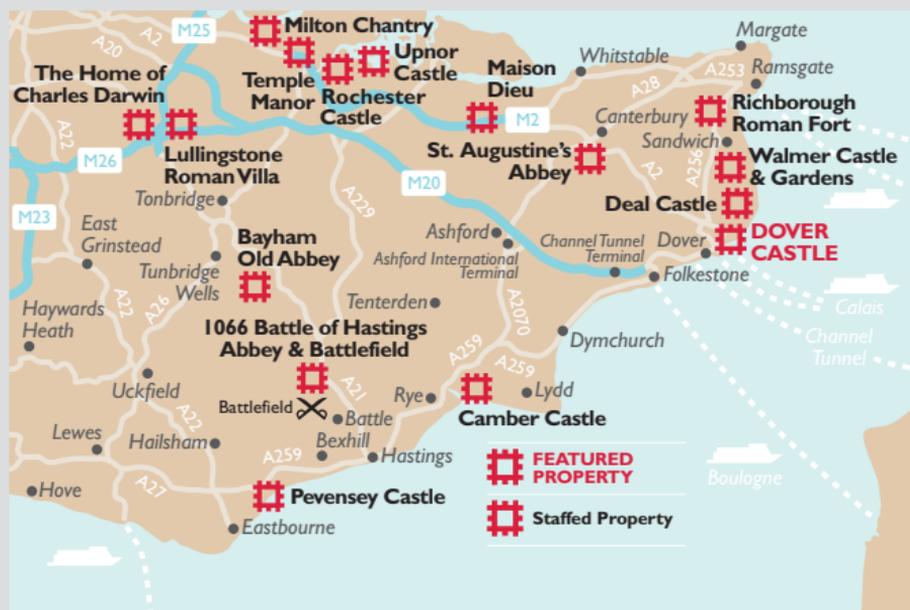
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## HOLIDAY COTTAGES



Dover Castle has a holiday cottage available to let. For reservations or information visit the web site [www.english-heritage.org.uk/holidaycottages](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/holidaycottages) or contact 0870 333 1187

For general enquiries or more information on any of our sites, visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk) or ring our customer services department on 0870 333 1181



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