

South Lodge Guest House

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Broadstairs - I have just arrived, what is there to do?

The information below have been prepared by Ken, one of the many volunteers who support lots of different activities in Broadstairs, a place they all love and are proud of. Our thanks to Ken and many other volunteers who add so much to Broadstairs.

Above all we want you to enjoy your stay, mini break or longer holiday.

1. An easy walk around Broadstairs.

Visit Broadstairs Harbour.

Walk through Victoria Gardens to Harbour Street. Turn right to the Harbour. You will pass plenty of ice cream and coffee vendors. Return either to the top of Harbour Street and turn left to pass the Royal Albion Hotel. The road continues to the main shopping area where there are more cafés and Pubs.

On the left of the high street as you walk away from the sea there is Pierremont Park containing swings for the children and providing relaxation for adults.

This first suggestion will provide you with knowledge of the town and its facilities.

- Visit Dickens House Museum 10:30 – 4.00pm daily
- Visit Crampton Tower Museum 2:00pm to 5.00pm daily

2. Local Entertainment

- Visit Lilliput's mini Golf in Victoria Gardens - open daily.
- Music at the Bandstand – free and most afternoons.
- Palace Cinema in Harbour street. One of the top 10 small cinemas in the UK.
- Viking Bay - a very special bay forming a central part of Broadstairs where you will still find a Punch & Judy Man in August, ice cream, hot freshly made doughnuts as well as good safe bathing.
- Music in a number of our Local pubs is on often at the weekend and in the week.

3. Kent Greeters

- Looking for a unique experience that will truly make your trip memorable? Book a free welcome with a Kent Greeter and see the Garden of England from the eyes of a friendly local!
- Our band of helpful and passionate volunteers are ready and waiting to share the local area they know and love so well. Taking you on a short 2-4 hour personalised walk, our greeters will introduce you to the local highlights, hidden gems and everything else that makes up their day-to-day world.
- Take advantage of their knowledge and experiences, giving you lasting cherished memories of the Garden of England.
- See <http://www.visitkent.co.uk/kent-greeters> for more information or e-mail info@kentgreeters.co.uk

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4. Guided Tour Walks – (Usually from Easter to Early September) Contact the Visitor Information Centre to confirm the walks are running.

- Each Saturday & Sunday at 2.00pm the “**Historic Broadstairs**” walk. These are free and start at the Visitor Information Centre, the VIC, on Victoria Promenade next to the Royal Albion Hotel. A gentle stroll around Broadstairs that lasts about 1 hour when you will find out a little more about some of the interesting history of this special town. For more information ask Bill or Christa.
- **St. Peter's Village Tour** – This is a guided tour of St. Peter's Village where the past is brought to life by costumed characters. It is a very popular event and needs to be booked because of its popularity. The walk is free but contributions are welcomed if you are able, tel: 01843 871 200.

5. Local Walks

- **Dumpton Gap** - about 30 minutes round trip
From the Clock Tower opposite Lilliput Golf visit Dumpton Gap, (approximately ½ mile) in the direction of Ramsgate, (sea on your left). Turn left down the slope to the bay and café. By returning on the lower promenade you will arrive at Louisa Bay and the Louisa Bay café, just below the clock tower.
- **Stone Bay** - about 20 minutes round trip
Follow the route above to Broadstairs Harbour. Leave the Harbour with the sea on your right either on the lower promenade or on the sandy beach and walk the full length of Stone Bay. Ascend the steps at the end of the bay, turn left at the top and then the first left into Park Road, follow the road directly to the sea front. Turn right on to Eastern Esplanade towards Bleak House. Turn right at the block of flats, Rectory Road, left at the top of Rectory road to return to the town centre.
- **Ramsgate** - about 45 minutes one way, with a walk, taxi or LOOP bus back
Follow the walk to Dumpton Gap, but DO NOT turn down the slope to the beach. Instead continue along the top of the cliffs via Western Esplanade, South Cliff Parade and through King George VI Park and you will get to the picturesque Ramsgate Harbour.

On a clear day you can see the coast of France with the naked eye.

The distance of this walk is a couple of miles. After a coffee or a drink, snack or meal you can return on the “**LOOP**” bus which runs from the Harbour every 7 minutes or so. Its Header will read “Heading towards Broadstairs, Cliftonville, Margate.

Alternatively, if you are feeling energetic you can walk back to Broadstairs along the beach, subject to the tide of course.

- **Margate** - about 2 1/2 hours one way, with a taxi or LOOP bus back
Follow the walk to Stone Bay, sea on your right, and keep going. Most tides you can get all the way on the beach and/on the lower promenade. There are several places to stop on route for refreshment.

When in Margate do visit the International Turner Contemporary Art Gallery and if you appreciate “fine dining” ask us about our arrangement with the Ambrette, where you will treat yourself to the best restaurant food in Kent.

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6. Places of interest outside Broadstairs but within Thanet.

- Turner Contemporary International Art Gallery
- Ramsgate Harbour and Yacht Marina.
- Ramsgate Maritime Museum – (at the Harbour).
- Pegwell Bay nature reserve near Ramsgate
- Manston Spitfire & Hurricane Museum.
- Quex Museum, House & Garden.
- Margate local History Museum – Margate Place.
- Margate beach & leisure attractions.
- Manston Nature reserve and observatory.

7. A few of the many other places of interest outside our local area.

- The historic City of Canterbury with its Cathedral and excellent shopping facilities.
- Shepherd & Neame Brewery tours in Faversham
- Brogdale Farm, home of the National Fruit Collections near Faversham
- Deal – another historic town with a pier for fishing and Deal Castle and Walmer Castle.
- Sandwich River Cruise - a wonderful historic and charming town where you can walk around the old town, visit Salutation Gardens or take a river cruise with Captain Colin to Reculver or the mouth of the River Stour to see the basking seals.
- Goodnestone Gardens near Wingham
- Chatham docks.
- The Charles Dickens Experience. - Chatham.
- Dover Castle

The Visitor Information Centre has train timetables to help you plan your journey.

This publication is a summary of some of the attractions of Thanet and surrounding area. Should you require any additional information Visitor Information Centre in the Royal Albion Hotel Garden has many brochures and staff who are familiar with the many other attractions in this lovely Island or visit the web site <http://www.whatsonbroadstairs.co.uk> or <http://www.visitthanet.co.uk/what-s-on>

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