

Locals Guide



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An introduction to your locals guide





HASTINGS OLD TOWN

Locals know best

After all, they have plenty of experience.

We've put this guide together so you get to enjoy this magical part of the world like the locals do.

So instead of leaving us and thinking 'oh I wished we'd done that' you arrive and think 'oh lets do this'.

Like staying at a friend's house when they suggest a handful of things to do. They are always spot-on and you have a great time.

How to use this guide

We've broken everything down into

Short Gallivants and Long Gallivants

Some are a stroll away. Others a half-hour drive.

The Gallivant

BAR, SITTING ROOM AND SNUG

Pick a spot and do as you please. Sofa's and chairs to sink into. Games, cards and lots of books you actually want to read.

DINING ROOM

A light filled room with seriously comfortable chairs. Let the coastal calmness envelop you whilst enjoying some delicious, seasonal food.

TERRACE

Our 'outside sitting room' for taking in the sea air, the enormous sky, a bottle of chilled wine. For relaxation and conversation.



THE OPEN SPACE

A deeply calming studio, accessed from the Terrace. There you'll find yoga, a Peloton bike, Concept 2 rower and inspirational events.

THE BAMFORD CABIN AT THE GALLIVANT

The Beach Hut in the corner of our Coastal Garden, offers a wide selection of treatments, from facials to massages, book at reception.

BEACH AND DUNES

The reason why we are all here. A hop and a skip across the road. Connect with the calm power of nature, reconnect with yourself.

ECOLOGICAL COASTAL GARDEN

Beautiful throughout the year, a haven for butterflies and bees and everyone that likes to be left alone to enjoy being close to nature.

THE CABIN

Next to the bar, it's the quietest place to catch up on some emails throughout the day.

Good to know



THE TERRACE - OUR 'OUTSIDE SITTING ROOM'

KITCHEN OPENING TIMES

8 – 11am | 12.00 – 2.30pm | 6.00 to 9pm
At all other times please ask for our Snack menu.

HAPPY WATER

Fill your Gallivant bottle with still or sparkling filtered water as many times as you want. The taps are on the end of the bar.

DRINKS IN THE DUNES

Take a Negroni or bottle of fizz to the dunes and watch the sunset. It's on everyone's bucket list.

BEACH TAKE OUT

Enjoy a delicious picnic or some epic fish and chips on the beach. Because you can't visit the British seaside and not!

ALL DAY ELEVENSES

Help yourself to some fruit and a drink in the Sitting room. And in the afternoon enjoy something freshly baked from the kitchen.

ENGLISH WINE AT FIVE

A glass of English wine is served at 5pm every day in the Sitting Room or outside on the Terrace.

MORNING YOGA CLASSES

Every day, for beginners to seasoned yogis. Please ask a member of the team to book you a place or go online.

EVENTS

We host inspirational events every month. If there is space on the day you are here you are very welcome to book a spot.

Our beaches

From the huge expanse of Camber sands to low-tide rock pools at Pett Level, the beaches around here have something for everyone. How do you want to see the sea and soothe your soul today?



YOGA ON THE BEACH COULD BE THE START OF AN AMAZING JOURNEY

Short

Gallivants

CAMBER SANDS (0 MILES)

Across the road from the Gallivant. Walk straight ahead and over the sand dune. You have arrived.

Beach type

Golden sand & dunes

Dog friendly

Yes, all year round but in the summer to the right only.

Overview

Camber Sands is the biggest sandy beach in the South East of England, with one of the longest stretches of sand dunes in England. If you want the picture-perfect beach with rolling sand dunes, then this is top of the list.

Tips

Camber is one of the best places for learning to kitesurf and windsurf in the country with a vast expanse of waist-deep water extending out for about a mile into the sea, and a very consistent shore breeze. We can put you in touch with the right guys to take a lesson, just ask.

RYE HARBOUR BEACH (7 MILES)

Only 15 mins drive away, with plenty of parking. Head to the car park at the end of Harbour Road. The beach is down the path that runs alongside the river Rother.

Beach type

Sand low tide/shingle high tide.

Dog friendly

Yes

Overview

An expansive beach just a 5-minute bike ride down the river estuary (10 mins by foot). The path runs directly alongside the river with fields of samphire on your left and the Nature Reserve on your right. When you get to the beach, past the old pill box and famous black and red cottage, depending on what the tide is doing you will either see a shingle beach at high tide or an enormous expanse of sand at low tide as far as you can see.

Tips

Because there isn't any car access, the beach is ALWAYS virtually empty and is a great place to while away the day, with a picnic and a good book. Those in the know like swimming here at high tide as the shingle absorbs the sun's energy and heats the water as it comes in. In land is an incredible nature reserve (bring some binoculars) with purpose built hides overlooking salt marsh lagoons. The whole area is criss crossed with paths, all accessible by bike and if you keep heading west you'll eventually get to Pett Level.

PETT LEVEL (11 MILES)

Probably the most deserted stretch of beach in the area.

Beach type

Sand/shingle

Dog Friendly

Yes, except from May 1st to 30th September.

Overview

A continuation of Rye Harbour Beach, so there is shingle at high tide and sand at low. As you move inland, there is an eclectic line of cottages and shacks known as 'the Ridge' locally.

Pett Level ends as the Fairlight Cliffs begin. A small and peaceful seaside village situated on the coast between Rye and Hastings, it is famous for its petrified fossil forest which dates back to the last ice age. It lies alongside a sea defence wall built in the 1940's, where you can go for a long walk with views of the sea, beach and cliffs.

Tips

There is easy parking alongside the Smugglers pub in the village. We would recommend going at low tide where the sea exposes some great rock pools full of winkles, immature whelks and sea anemones. Bring old shoes, as the rocks can get muddy.

Eat and drink

Of course, we think the best food is to be had right here. But there's more to the area. And quite a few places share our food values: great local produce, well-cooked, and served in a relaxed space. Others have a charm all of their own.



NEVER FAR FROM THE BEACH AT THE GALLIVANT

Short Gallivants

HERE (0 MILES):

THE GALLIVANT DINING ROOM

New Lydd Road, Camber, TN31 7RB
01797 338 905

Dog Friendly

Dogs accepted in bar area only

Overview

Our kitchen team hardly ever stop, cooking exquisitely simple food using the best local ingredients. Dishes change every few days and are bang in tune with the seasons.

VERY CLOSE (UP TO 4 MILES):

RESTAURANTS

THE LANDGATE BISTRO

5 Landgate, Rye, TN31 7LH
01797 222 829

Overview

Offering good British food with a classic or modern slant, with most ingredients coming from the local area. It has been featured in the Good Food Guide and 'Where Chefs Eat' books. A great local choice. Open for dinner Wednesday-Saturday, as well as lunch only on weekends.

TATNER'S STREET KITCHEN

24 Wish Street, Rye, TN31 7DA
01797 724 111

Dog-Friendly

Yes

Overview

Located at the Old Forge in the centre of Rye. Kyle serves up locally sourced, slow-cooked and flame-grilled street food, accompanied by the fresh slaws, sides and homemade flatbreads.

THE HOOF

35 The Mint, Rye, TN31 7EN
01797 224 983

Overview

A popular gourmet burger restaurant. The spuds and beef served in the restaurant come straight from the owner's farm, 4 miles away on the Romney Marsh.

THE MERMAID INN

Mermaid Street, Rye, TN31 7EY
01797 223 065

Overview

Very traditional hotel with a wood-panelled restaurant that's like stepping back to the 70's. The bar/pub in the back is very welcoming in the winter.

THE UNION

8 East Street, Rye, TN31 7JY
01797 229 289

Overview

Good steak house conveniently located near the Kino cinema for a quick pre-movie supper.

PUBS

THE STANDARD INN

41 The Mint, Rye, TN31 7EN
01797 225 231

Dog-Friendly

Yes

Overview

This 15th Century pub is located in the centre of Rye. With beautifully carved beams and open fireplaces ideal for cold and frosty days. The Standard Inn is a characterful pub, perfect for traditional pub grub and local ales.



A GOOD PINT AND GOOD VIEWS AT WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR IN RYE HARBOUR

THE SHIP INN

The Strand, Rye, TN31 7DB
01797 229 256

Dog-Friendly

Yes

Overview

Located in the heart of Rye, The Ship Inn is a popular place serving locally sourced seasonal food and offering a wide range of beers, wines and spirits.

RYE WATERWORKS MICROPUB

Tower Street, Rye, TN31 7AT
01797 224 110

Overview

Situated in a building steeped with history. Originally a water pump house for 300 years then a soup kitchen dating from the 1890s that's now been opened up as a feature within the micropub. A family business serving eight local ales, two keg beers and twelve local ciders along with a selection of wines, gins & soft drinks.

YPRES CASTLE INN

Gungarden, Rye, TN31 7HH
01797 223 248

Dog-Friendly

Yes

Overview:

Known locally as 'The Wipers' it sits above the salts overlooking the marshes and the sea beyond. Good local beers and simple local food. Large outdoor garden. Most weekends they have live music. The pub is best reached by walking up to Church Square and then down behind the castle.

THE GLOBE INN MARSH

Military Road, Rye, TN31 7NX
01797 225 220

Dog-Friendly

Yes

Overview

A traditional yet modern inn in Rye serving up a wide range of food such as homemade pizza baked in their own pizza oven.

THE PILOT

Battery Road, Lydd on Sea, TN29 9NJ
01797 320 314

Dog-Friendly

Yes

Overview

A great atmospheric pub right on the shingle, which serves some of the locals' favourite fish and chips.

WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR

Rye Harbour, TN31 7TU
01797 223 315

Dog-Friendly

Yes

Overview

Authentic village pub with no frills but good atmosphere especially in the summer, outside on a hot day, watching the boats coming in and going out of the harbour.

CAFES

THE WHITEHOUSE

24 High Street, Rye, TN31 7JF
01797 224 748

Overview

Contemporary café with an in-house bakery with daily made cakes, pastries and Lazy Bakery bread.

THE FIG

2 High Street, Rye, TN31 7JE
01797 690 643

Overview

A lovely café which offers plenty of vegetarian options. Open for breakfast and lunch, serving simple, wholesome and healthy food from local suppliers.

MERMAID STREET CAFÉ

41 Mermaid Street, Rye, TN31 7EU
01797 222 128

Overview

The Mermaid Street Café serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon cakes. The café has seating inside and out, upstairs and down.

THE SNACK SHACK

Dungeness Road, Dungeness, TN29 9NE
07549 377 527

Overview

The best local fresh fish, served from a shack on the beach - deliciously simple seaside snacks, from lobster rolls to smoked cod chowder.

KNOOPS

Tower Forge, Hilders Cliff, Rye, TN31 7LD
01797 225 838

Overview

Getting a nationwide reputation for pouring some of the best hot chocolate around. If you love chocolate you've come to the right place.

COBBLES TEA ROOM

1 Hylands Yard, off The Mint, Rye, TN31 7EP
07485 437 893

Overview

A traditional tearoom, with everything served on antique crockery. A quaint tea shop which is worth a visit. Opposite the river on the Strand.

PICTURE PERFECT RYE



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WORTH THE TRIP (5 TO 10 MILES):

THE PLOUGH

Udimore Road, Udimore, TN31 6AL
01797 223 381

Overview

Just 2.5 miles outside of Rye, The Plough is a quintessential country pub with good food.

TILLINGHAM

Dew Farm, Dew Lane, Peasmarsch, TN31 6XD
01797 230 734

Overview

Local winery that has converted a dutch barn into an informal restaurant serving local, seasonal foods and pizza's from a woodfired oven on the weekends.

FURTHER BUT INTERESTING (11 TO 20 MILES):

MAGGIES

8 - 9 Rock-A-Nore Road, Hastings, TN34 3DW
01424 430 205

Overview

Fish and chips with the best reputation. The catch of the day comes in fresh at the fish market underneath.

THE CROWN

64-66 All Saints Street, Hastings, TN34 3BN
01424 465 100

Dog-Friendly

Yes

Overview

Pub serving locally sourced food located in the heart of Hastings Old Town.

EAT @ THE STADE

30a Rock-A-Nore Road, Hastings, TN34 3DW
01424 447 116

Overview

A lovely café serving up waffles, burgers, and café classics. On your way back, stop at Sonny Elliott opposite The Stade, he has everything from fresh to smoked fish.

THE ROYAL

1 St Johns Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6HP
01424 547 797

Dog-Friendly

Yes

Overview

The three co-owners share a solid background at well-loved high-end restaurants and gastropubs including St John, Great Queen Street, The Clove Club, Stephen Bull and The Square. They are all hands-on at the pub, overseeing the relaxed yet lively atmosphere, friendly service and sophisticated food and drink.

ST LEONARD PUB

16 - 18 London Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6AN
01424 272 332

Dog-Friendly

Yes

Overview

Local favourite, a short walk from the beach and around the corner from the Kino Theatre. Check opening times, closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.



THE FIVE BELLS INN

The Street, East Brabourne, Ashford, TN25 5LP
01303 813 334

Overview

A lovely countryside pub recently acquired by Michelin starred chef Chef Mark Sargeant and his partner. They have since acquired the following pubs, which are also worth your visit - the Radnor Arms in Folkestone and the Woolpack Inn in Warehorne.

THE WEST HOUSE RESTAURANT

28 High Street, Biddenden, TN27 8AH
01580 291 341

Overview

Serious cooking run by head chef Graham Garrett. Michelin starred offer with set multi course menus which showcase the very best produce available on that day.

Shop

You won't find many gaudy chain stores. Instead all sorts of strange and interesting treasures, eclectic threads and a pot plant or two.

POTTERING AROUND HASTINGS FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL



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HERE (0 MILES):

Beautiful oil paintings by Karl Terry everywhere you look inside the Gallivant. They are all for sale and everything we make goes to Blood Cancer UK. See Art, antiques and interiors.

VERY CLOSE (UP TO 4 MILES):

<http://www.ryesussex.co.uk/pdfs/rye-map.pdf>
This is a great map to use whilst you are exploring the medieval town.

ETHEL LOVES ME

105 High Street, Rye, TN31 7JE
0759 520 7020

Overview

Ethel presents a range of unique inspirations and rarities at her concept store, showcasing and selling original pieces, limited editions and collectables, working with local makers, artists, artisans, craftspeople and creatives.

CORDELIA JAMES

12 High Street, Rye, TN31 7JF
01797 224 369

Overview

Cordelia James is a three-door independent boutique run by mother and daughter, Zoe & Meg. Showcasing an eclectic collection of clothing, accessories and more.

RAE

77a The Mint, Rye, TN31 7EW

Overview

Rustic vintage homewares, modern independent makers' collections with a focus on ethical and sustainable products.

MERCHANT AND MILLS

14a Tower Street, Rye, TN31 7AT
01797 227 789

Overview

Carolyn and Roderick's shop is an Aladins cave of sewing with everything from beautiful fabrics to buttons. They have collaborated with the V&A and Alexander McQueen and are truly inspirational.

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HERALD & HEART HATTERS

102 High Street, Rye, TN31 7JN
01797 225 261

Overview

They operate from their beautiful Tudor shop brimming with gorgeous millinery designed for many films like the famous black bow hat in *Four Weddings and a Funeral*.

ADAMS OF RYE

8 High Street, Rye, TN31 7JH
01797 223 136

Overview

One of the oldest shops in Rye, selling anything and everything. Kids of all ages love to go upstairs. It's also the local printer with a 'museum' of incredible printing presses in the back. If you are mad about fireworks, you've come to the right place too. The owner is the fireworks king of the area, organising the amazing Bonfire show every November.

MY SWEET OLD ETCETERA

6 High Street, Rye, TN31 7JE
01797 223 456

Overview

One of our favourite shops in Rye. Jennifer has a great selection of vintage jewellery for every style and budget, she also has second-hand clothes in her back room, that are worth looking at. A must for any fashionista.

FURTHER BUT INTERESTING (11 TO 20 MILES):

WARP AND WEFT

68a George Street, Hastings, TN34 3EE
01424 437 180

Overview

A boutique and atelier housed in a sumptuously restored Victorian building. Meticulously designed and sourced textiles, objects, accessories, men's and women's clothing, made to order and fully bespoke tailoring.

COURTHOUSE COOPERATIVE

8 Courthouse Street, Hastings, TN34 3AU

Overview

A new cooperative for Old Town Hastings. Creative group of sellers showcasing preloved mid to high-end clothing, antique toys and dolls, furniture, jewellery, art and other design classics, all in a central contemporary setting.

RESTE

58 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3EN

Overview

Reste is a purveyor of artisanal and handcrafted household products and accessories from around the world. They have sourced functional, well-designed homeware that has been made with skill and care using traditional methods and materials.

HAWK & DOVE

39 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3EN
07931 472 060

Overview

A curated vintage boutique in Hastings Old Town. Concentrating on heritage pieces and timeless classic looks. You will find mainly European vintage from Italy and France hanging on the rails alongside some items made in England.

ALWAYS A WARM WELCOME AT RESTE





HAPPINESS AND COLOUR AT SHIRLEY LEAF AND PETAL

SIMPLY GARDEN

51a George Street, Hastings, TN34 3EA
07841 115 408

Overview

Full of the most popular and extraordinary house plants, pots and terrariums. They also offer a selection of gardening essentials and a carefully chosen range of vintage planters and other hand-picked items.

SHIMIZU

22a High Street, Hastings, TN34 3EY
01424 425 971

Overview

Mao's passion and talent for designing with flowers was inherited from her grandfather and mother, who is an Ikebana (traditional Japanese arrangement) teacher.

SHIRLEY LEAF & PETAL

58A High Street, Hastings, TN34 3EN
01424 427 793

Overview

Ever visited somewhere with five floors of wildly creative artificial flowers? Thought so – the owners supply everyone from Glastonbury to the latest blockbusters. They also have a small museum where you can learn more about their craft.

BUTLER'S EMPORIUM

70-71 George Street, Hastings, TN34 3EE
01424 430 678

Overview

Charming lifestyle store that was once a hardware shop, and dates back to 1832. There is a real mix of wares, offering shoppers goods for the home as well as skincare products, jewellery and accessories.

SHOP @ NORMAN ROAD

32-34 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN38 0EJ
01424 438 159

Overview

Home and lifestyle store selling everything from stylish homeware to vintage clothing, Moroccan satchels, stationary, pure wool blankets and sheepskins, jewellery and vintage furniture.

HARBOROUGH NURSERIES

The Thorn, Guestling, Hastings, TN35 4LU
01424 814 220

Overview

Generously stocked nursery with eclectic metal work and an ever changing selection of antique wooden furniture and artifacts. Always beautifully presented and difficult to leave without opening the wallet at least once.

Food and farm shops

You'll find the freshest fish you're ever likely to buy caught hours before you buy it. The local fruit and veg is pretty special too.

BUY SOME FISH DIRECTLY FROM THE FISHERMEN IN HASTINGS



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HERE (0 MILES):

Picnic hampers, traditional fish and chips, Drinks in the Dunes cocktails bags, perfectly chilled wines - all to take to the beach with beach blankets, plates, glasses, ice and cutlery - just ask in reception to organise.

VERY CLOSE (UP TO 4 MILES):

SALTS FARM SHOP

East Guldeford, Rye, TN31 7PA
01797 226 540

Overview

The shop was the result of an idea to stock as much local produce as possible and many of the products are sourced from suppliers within a few miles of here. With meat coming not only from the family farm (when in season) but also from Park Farm Butchers in Hawkhurst – all of it free range.

RYE CHOCOLATES

110a High Street, Rye, TN31 7JE
01797 225 295

Overview

They create fine chocolates using only the best ingredients sourced from around the world. At Rye Chocolates they work constantly to ensure their chocolate is supplied by producers who are passionate for supporting their local community, the environment & paying their workers fairly.

BRITCHER AND RIVERS

109 High Street, Rye, TN31 7JE
01797 227 152

Overview

Old fashion sweet shop with everything in tall glass jars and everything sold by the bag.



BOTTERELLS FRESH FISH

Seafarers, Harbour Road, Rye Harbour, TN31 7TT
01797 222 875

Overview

On Harbour Road, the “Seafarers” house is located on the corner towards the village shop. John and his son George fish from their own boats or directly off the beaches. We have often bought fish from him that’s so fresh it’s still stiff with rigor. You buy whatever he’s landed and that changes with the seasons.

MARKET FISHERIES

Simmons Quay, Rock Channel, Rye, TN31 7HJ
01797 225 175

Overview

This fishmonger is located in the fish market on the end of the salts overlooking the fishing fleet. Most of the fish that’s landed in Rye comes through here, with most of it going straight out to France and Spain. Russell keeps some back and sells it to the locals, but it does tend to sell out quickly on the weekends. He smokes his own fish and it’s excellent.



RYE FARMER'S MARKET

Cinque Port Street, Rye, TN31 7AN
07817 521 312

Overview

Every Wednesday from 10.00am - 1.00pm. Local meat, fish, vegetables and fruit.

RYE THURSDAY MARKET

Station parking grounds, Rye, TN31 7AW

Overview

Located by the rail station, the market offers a selection of stalls selling food, flowers and knickknacks. It gets very crowded in the summer and is probably not worth the hustle in our opinion.

J&F FRUITERERS

Unit 23, Rye Industrial Park, Rye Harbour, TN31 7TE
01797 224 863

Overview

Local fruit and vegetable supplier to the trade and retail. Located just off Rye Harbour Road, it's just the place for any great foodie!

THE RYE SPICE CO LTD

Unit 2, Hollands Business Park, Rye Harbour, TN31 7TE
01797 225 015

Overview

The Rye Spice Company factory is located off Rye Harbour Road and is open to the trade and the public. They sell pretty much every spice under the sun, in all sorts of quantities – another foodie favourite.

RYE DELI

8-10 Market Road, Rye, TN31 7JA
01797 227 271

Overview

Good delicatessen in the centre of Rye, serving everything you would expect, from prepared salads and cooked meats, to packaged dry goods.

JEMPSON'S SUPERMARKET

Crownfields, Station Approach, Rye, TN31 7AX
01797 226 044

Overview

The local supermarket in Rye, located opposite the rail station. Has pretty much everything you would need. Watch out – they are closed on Sundays.

WINCHELSEA FARM KITCHEN

12 High Street, Winchelsea, TN36 4EA
01797 226 287

Overview

This store sells very good quality meat from the local Sussex area. This is just the place to replenish with all the best food that Sussex can offer, whilst visiting the prettiest little village.

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WORTH THE TRIP (5 TO 10 MILES):

TIBBS FARM, PICK YOUR OWN FRUIT

Udimore, Rye, TN31 6AR
07596 741 680

Overview

The most incredible raspberries, tayberries, strawberries, loganberries, gooseberries, redcurrants, blackcurrants, white currants – in season. Grab a punnet at the entrance and get picking. The kind owners will charge you for however many punnets you manage to fill up!

FURTHER BUT INTERESTING (11 TO 20 MILES):

NIGHTINGALES

Gibbet Oak Farm, Appledore Rd, Tenterden, TN30 7DH
01580 763 938

Overview

The Nightingale farm shop has been in the local community for over 20 years. They began by supplying the markets in London, but now supply their customers and many local businesses with home-grown seasonal fruit, including their famed asparagus, cherries, strawberries and raspberries, as well as apples, pears and their award-winning juices.

EGGS TO APPLES

London Road, Hurst Green, Etchingham, TN19 7QP
01580 860 566

Overview

Real food for everyday living. They highlight products that are organic or pesticide free and offer an ordering service for requests for harder to find produce or organic boxes. They are a great place to stop and stock up on the way back to London.

JUDGES BAKERY

51 High Street, Hastings Old Town, TN34 3EN
01424 722 588

Overview

Award-winning old fashioned bakery previously owned by the Green & Black's founders. Located in the old town with many other lovely shops.

PENBUCKLES DELICATESSEN

50 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3HL
01424 465 050

Overview

A small deli in Hastings Old Town. They sell a range of artisan food and wine and Monmouth Coffee all of which can be enjoyed in their tiny tea room.



Art, antiques and interiors

We're spoilt for choice if you're looking for something truly beautiful for your home. Tucked away and off the beaten track you'll often find something really special.



Short Gallivants

HERE (0 MILES):

KARL TERRY

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Overview

His beautiful oil paintings are on our walls, and available to buy. Everything we make goes to Blood Cancer UK. His work is an immediate response to what he sees and feels when immersed in the everchanging local landscape.

STEPHEN DUFFY

steveduffyardist@gmail.com
07513 365 161

Overview

Local artist, ceramicist and printmaker. He has hand painted a lot of the plates we use in the Dining room and provided many of our beautiful dishes.

VERY CLOSE (UP TO 4 MILES):

ASHBEES 100

100 High Street, Rye, TN31 7JN
07971 989 178

Overview

This dynamic duo have been sourcing stylish, good quality artefacts and curiosities since 2012. At first a hobby, their passion for delving through antique fairs, house clearances and anything in between has led them to open a treasure trove in the heart of Rye.

RYE POTTERY

The Old Brewery, Wish Ward, Rye, TN31 7DH
01797 223 038

Overview

Small family owned business making individual hand painted figures, continuing the tradition of pottery-making in Rye since the 12th and 13th centuries.



MCCULLY & CRANE

27 Cinque Port Street, Rye, TN31 7AD
07932 478 383

Overview

One of our favourite shops in Rye. Always filled with very unusual eclectic antiques and very creative decorative items. Marcus is an interior designer with a great eye for style. He has recently added an art gallery next door with work from very talented local artists. Closed Tuesdays and Sundays.

WISHBARN ANTIQUES

Wish Street, Rye, TN31 7DA
07770 788 060

Overview

High quality antiques at honest prices, with quirky objects mixed in. Robert travels throughout England and France to find a lot of special pieces. He also delivers to London weekly. Open Friday-Monday.

HERBERT G. GASSON ANTIQUES

9 Lion Street, Rye TN31 7LB
01797 222 208

Overview

A a third-generation antiques business specialising in early oak, walnut and fruitwood furniture and associated decorative items. Reputedly the oldest antique store in Rye.

QUAY ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES

7 The Strand, Rye, TN31 7DB
01797 227 321

Overview

A collection of small antique shops worth going to, they will all take offers. They each have their own speciality, from kitchen accessories to French antiques. A must for the bargain lover!



AVOCET GALLERY

Avocet, Tram Road, Rye Harbour, TN31 7TY
01797 223 005

Overview:

He is one of a small number of photographers working today who still prints and tones B/W silver gelatin images by hand, in the traditional way, working from his dark room at his studio in Rye Harbour. As well as selling some spectacular prints of the surrounding area, he offers some great practical courses for groups and one-on-ones.

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FURTHER BUT INTERESTING (11 TO 20 MILES):

A.G. HENDY & CO

36 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3ER
01424 447 171

Overview

This store belongs to chef Alastair Hendy. It's a completely unique shop with a kitchen attached. Full of honest, practical, new and old items for the kitchen and garden and everything in between.

MERCHANT 57

57 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3EN

Overview

Selling vintage and new items for the home and gifts in the heart of the Old Town of Hastings.

GOODS DEPOT

86 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3ES
01424 532 662

Overview

Jeff and Rosalyn have been dealing in antiques in East Sussex since the mid 1970s. They bring their unique eye for the unusual, restoration skills, attention to detail and extensive knowledge of antiques and the antique trade to the Goods Depot.

VINTAGE BIRD

48 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3EN
01424 433 300

Overview

Nestled in the heart of the eclectic old town lies a curious slice of design. A treasure trove of inspirational fabrics & wallpapers from classic to contemporary and cutting-edge.

HARBOR DESIGNS

Trinity Hall, Braybrooke Terrace, Hastings, TN34 1HQ
01424 715 566

Overview

They specialise in handmade furniture using reclaimed and salvaged wood, from old scaffold boards to decking from the original Hastings Pier that was destroyed by fire in 2010 (our tables by the banquette are made from this). Craftsmen produce bespoke furniture for contract and for peoples' homes including furniture for kitchens, living rooms, home offices, dining rooms and gardens.

OLD HASTINGS POTTERY

3 Courthouse Street, Hastings, TN34 3AU
01424 438 414

Overview

Beautiful shapes and objects made by hand by a local potter.



ODE INTERIORS

78 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3EL
07950 705 074

Overview

20th century furniture, art and design. The local go-to for innovative and well-curated vintage furniture and interior inspiration. Home to an eclectic mix of carefully selected furniture and objects including mid-century designs mainline source from Europe as well as one off contemporary design pieces.



HASTINGS ANTIQUES WAREHOUSE

54 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3EN
01424 433 142

Overview

A large antiques and collectables store located in the heart of Hastings Old Town. Home to TV's antique expert Clive Attrell.

SIDESHOW INTERIORS

17 Grand Parade, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6DN
07900 947 090

Overview

Established in 2005, the seafront shop in St. Leonards-on-Sea offers an original, eclectic mix of vintage design pieces to transform your home or business – and an amazing view over the English channel.

GRAND DESIGNS

24 Grand Parade, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6DW
01424 436 876

Overview

With over 50 years of experience in the trade, we are dedicated to providing our customers with an enjoyable buying experience.

FLEET GALLERY

53 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN38 0EG
01424 200 220

Overview

High-quality furniture, painting and sculpture, ceramics and hand knotted rugs from Iran and Indian Kilims, and textiles. Furniture ranges from fine antique to hand painted country cupboards, tables, chairs, and modern designer pieces. They deal in 20th century British art as well as more traditional 17th -19th century painting and sculpture. There are a group of first-class British painters, still relatively unknown that they show alongside more established names and contemporary work.



ST LEONARDS IN THE SUN

LUCY BELL GALLERY

46 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN38 0EJ
01424 434 828

Overview

Lucy Bell Gallery's ethos is to promote fine art photography in the region whilst maintaining international and national connections. Working with both industry professionals, amateurs and university students, the gallery will exhibit not only those who have established their careers but new and ground-breaking talent.

STELLA DORE

64 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN38 0EJ
01424 718 460

Overview

Stella Dore is a gallery that works directly with a selection of Graffiti, Street & Urban Contemporary artists. The gallery originally opened in 2007 and was located in The Old Truman Brewery before a move to Rivington St coinciding with the 2008 financial crisis closed the gallery doors. The gallery re-opened in St. Leonards in 2018 and continues to evolve.

THE FRENCH DEPOT

15 Drury Lane, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN38 9BA
07707 057 570

Overview

The French Depot has a large trade warehouse in the South East of England. They are a leading supplier of antique and modern classic French furniture. Whether you are looking for something ready to use or maybe an item to restore, they have something for everyone.

Vineyards

With a climate and soil very similar to the champagne region of France, Kent and East Sussex are very quickly becoming covered in vines and wineries. Here are a few of our favourites to visit, from closest to furthest.

THE MOST EXCITING WINE ESTATES IN THE UK ARE ON OUR DOORSTEP



Long Gallivants

WORTH THE TRIP (5 TO 10 MILES):

OXNEY ORGANIC ESTATE

Hobbs Lane, Beckley, Rye, TN31 6TU
01797 260 137
<https://www.oxneyestate.com/vineyard-tours>

Tours and Tasting

Overview

Oxney is the largest single estate organic vineyard in the UK. Visit their lovely tasting room and shop or join them for a guided tour and tasting. They make organic still and sparkling wine using only their own grapes.

TILLINGHAM

Dew Farm, Dew Lane, Peasmarsh, TN31 6XD
<https://tillingham.com/visit>

Tours and Tasting

Overview

This mixed farm is home to vineyards, fruit trees, ancient woodland and livestock. Their philosophy is best summarised as progressive, incorporating what they know of the best scientific and technological knowledge whilst championing ancient traditions and best practice.

CHARLES PALMER

Wickham Manor, Wickham Rock Lane,
Winchelsea, TN36 4AG
01797 226 216
<https://www.charlespalmer-vineyards.co.uk/tours-and-tastings>

Tours and Tasting

Overview

Production is small and meticulous. Every effort is made to ensure only the best grapes are produced and selected according to the family's exacting standards. The result is a small and exciting collection of vintage wines, each vintage is unique and characterful in its own way.

FURTHER BUT INTERESTING (11 TO 20 MILES):

CHAPEL DOWN WINES

Tenterden Vineyard, Small Hythe Rd, Tenterden,
TN30 7NG
01580 766 111
<https://www.chapeldown.com/pages/tours-experiences>

Tours and Tasting

Overview

From Rye, follow signs for Tenterden and follow the B2082 for approximately 8 miles until you see the brown Vineyard signs. You will find the vineyard in the village of Small Hythe on the left. Guided tours of the Vineyard and Winery run daily (June to Sept) and weekends only in May and October and last for approximately an hour and a quarter.

GUSBOURNE ESTATE

Kenardington Road, Appledore, TN26 2BE
01233 515 925
www.gusbourne.com/tours

Tours and Tasting

Overview

In 2004, the estate was taken over to create English sparkling wines that would stand up alongside the very finest offerings from across the globe. Self-guided tours where no booking is required are currently available, as well as tailor made private tours of the estate.

VINE + COUNTRY TOURS

hello@vineandcountrytours.co.uk
<https://vineandcountrytours.co.uk/wine-tours/>

Overview

All tours are entirely personalised to you and your needs and include all of your transport, all tastings and lunch pairings, an expertly prepared full lunch, visits and tours of at least 3 vineyards/producers and your afternoon aperitif drinks and platters.

Activities

Being right by the sea, there are plenty of seaside activities to get involved in. Most need booking up in advance so don't delay, especially if you need to book a lesson or two. Here you'll find the best around.

ONE OF THE TOP 5 PLACES IN THE UK TO KITESURF



Short Gallivants

HERE (0 MILES):

THE KITESURF CENTRE

Kite Beach, Lydd Road, Camber, TN31 7SB
01797 724 126

Overview

The Kitesurf Centre offer a variety of thrill-seeking activities such as kitesurfing lessons, kite buggying, kite landboarding, stand up paddleboarding, wingsurfing & adventurous group activity days.

With such a range of activities available for groups and individuals, they can help you find a new passion, but most of all enjoy learning something fun and exciting!

CAMBER KITESURFING

123 Lydd Road, Camber, TN31 7RS
07960 587 482

Overview

Kite surfing and buggying are now restricted to the eastern end of the beach, commonly known as Jury's Gap. The beach pretty much faces South, and it's a great spot with a very shallow sloping beach which means the water stays relatively shallow for a long way out. The beach is forever shifting and changing from year to year, but there are usually tidal pools as the tide goes in and out, creating flat sections.

RYE WATERSPORTS

Northpoint Water, New Lydd Road, Camber, TN31 7QS
01797 225 238

Overview

Rye Watersports is a Royal Yachting windsurfing and dinghy sailing school, a BSUPA Stand Up Paddleboard centre and a BKSA kitesurfing school. Classes are held either on Camber Sands or on their nearby lake.



CALM SEAS IN HASTINGS

VERY CLOSE (UP TO 4 MILES):

ACTION WATERSPORT

Lake 1, Dengemarsh Road, Lydd, TN29 9JH
01797 321 885

Overview

Watersports centre based on 22 acres of private land, with a purpose-built lake. Includes a waterski slalom course, a barefoot water ski ramp and a pro watersports shop to cater for all your needs.

RYE NOOK

Before Rye Harbour, along Harbour Road
01424 434 464 or Peter Gould 07961 433 701

Overview

Rye Nook is located just before Rye Harbour on the right-hand side as you enter the village. Even if you don't fish it's worth hunting it out as it's really very pretty. Rye Nook is a mixed fishery that's home to some huge specimen fish including carp up to 30lb+, bream to 4lb, tench to 8lb and more. Buy your ticket (a few pounds) from the Village store or at Sue's Tackle Cabin.



FULL THROTTLE BOAT CHARTERS

The Point, Rye Harbour Marine, Rye Harbour,
TN31 7TU
07876 135 911

Overview

Expect this to be an activity designed for the adrenaline junkies among us! They can offer you just a quick blast on the Thundercat or a full package for groups of four or more. They also offer RIB charters to Eastbourne marina which is only 20 miles away with its restaurants and bars – great for a Saturday lunch.

KENT & SUSSEX POWER BOAT TRAINING

The Point, Rye Harbour, TN31 7TU
01797 227 667

Overview

RYA Powerboat courses. RYA Level 1 - a good introduction to the world of power boating. RYA Level 2 - two day course, also known as the National Powerboat Certificate.

RNLI RYE HARBOUR LIFEBOAT STATION

Harbour Road, Rye Harbour, RN31 7TU
01797 223 693

Overview

In action 24/7. Meet the brave lifeboat men at the station as it opens up to the public most weekends. If you ask nicely, they might even let them sit in the boat. Please don't leave without joining up to the RNLI charity.

GROVE FARM RIDING SCHOOL

Grove Lane, Iden, TN31 7PX
01797 280 362

Overview

Set in the idyllic East Sussex countryside, right on the Kent/Sussex border, they offer hacks, riding lessons and pony rides to people of all ages and levels of experience, with qualified staff on hand to match the most suitable horses to their riders. They can also organise a beach ride in Camber – simply magical, particularly as the sun is setting.

Long Gallivants

WORTH THE TRIP (5 TO 10 MILES):

LYDD KART CIRCUIT

Dengemarsh Road, Lydd, TN29 9JH
01797 321 895

Overview

Lydd Kart Circuit is the fastest outdoor go kart circuit in Kent and one of the fastest in the UK. The 1040m track is perfect for Lewis Hamilton wannabes to test their driving skills. Karts can be hired individually or as part of a group. All bookings need to be made by phone as 'walk in's are not normally possible. Gets busy at weekends, especially in the summer.



Walks, running and cycling

Explore the area by foot or by bike, there's no better way. Taste the salty tang of the seaside air. Pause a second to take it all in. Big skies that go on for ever. Beauty is all around.



EXPLORE CAMBER ON AN E-BIKE

RYE HISTORY WALKS

<http://www.ryehistorywalks.co.uk/upcoming-tours>

Overview

Walks start from the Mermaid Inn on Mermaid St (the oldest street in Rye) from 12pm and take a maximum of 2 hours.

RYE HARBOUR NATURE RESERVE

<https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/visit/rye-harbour>

Overview

An extraordinary habitat built up over the past 500 years, the home to hundreds of unusual plants and animals. Designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), it is now the home to over 70 nesting species of bird easily viewed from the many hides that scatter the reserve. Covered by a network of paths running from the beach inland, the whole area is accessible by either foot or bike and makes a really great day out with a picnic on the beach and its wildlife waiting for you to discover.

1066 WALKS

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/search/search.aspx?q=walks+in+rother+area>

Overview

A selection of walks to choose from, with guides or on your own. These are always circular and doggy friendly.

1066 CYCLE

<http://www.visit1066country.com/things-to-do/activities/cycling>

Overview

A useful resource giving you the information you need to plan your route in a quick and convenient format.



MORNING RUNS IN HASTINGS

CHANNEL BIKE HIRE

Greatstone Beach, The Parade, New Romney, TN28 8RN
07583 401 636 or 07399 446 180
<https://channelbikere.com>

Overview

Free delivery with online booking.

RYE HIRE

1 Cyprus Place, Rye, TN31 7DR
01797 223 033
<https://www.ryehire.co.uk>

Overview

Hire out road and mountain bikes. You can also hire tandems and helmets, also available to buy.

RYE BAY EBIKES

Unit G15, Rye Industrial Park, Harbour Road, Rye Harbour, TN31 7TE
01797 229 351
<https://www.ryebay-ebike.co.uk>

Overview

As easy to ride as a conventional bike, these electric bikes will take you on an effortless journey to see all Rye Bay has to offer, sweat free, relaxed and at your own pace. Choose between a guided or self-guided tour.

EBIKE HIRE

123 Lydd Road, Camber, TN31 7RS
07872 484 870
<https://www.ebike-hire.com>

Overview

Electric fat bikes for hire in Camber Sands.

Culture

Incredible gardens, beautiful nature reserves, extraordinary miniature railways. We're surrounded with inspiring ways to fill a day, the only problem is which one?

NATURE RESERVE CRISS-CROSSED WITH PATHS IN RYE HARBOUR



Short Gallivants

VERY CLOSE (UP TO 4 MILES):

RYE OLD TOWN

Overview

The word 'Rye' means 'island'. Today the town remains almost entirely encircled by rivers – The Rother, Brede and Tillingham. In the wake of the Norman Conquest the town was occupied by the French until 1247 when it was reclaimed by Henry III. It was transformed into one of his heavily fortified Cinque Ports – a series of safe harbours ringing this stretch of coastline that repelled further attacks from across the Channel and consolidated England's maritime powers.

Tips

Head to the top of the hill by the church. Streets are still cobbled and it feels like you are in your very own Dickensian novel.

RYE HERITAGE CENTRE

Strand Quay, Old Sail Loft, Rye, TN31 7AY

Overview

The Rye Heritage Centre is a good place to find information on the local area. There's an 'Old Pier Penny' arcade and one of the largest collections of antique models and novelty games which once lined the piers and amusement arcades of the British seaside.

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Lion Street, Rye, TN31 7HF

01797 222 318

<http://www.ryeparishchurch.org.uk/history>

For more than 900 years, the Parish Church of Rye dedicated to St Mary the Virgin has dominated the hill on which the old town stands.

RYE CASTLE MUSEUM, YPRES TOWER

3 East Street, Rye, TN31 7HE

01797 226 728

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

Overview

The Rye Castle museum is split across two sites in Rye. The East Street site is home to a fascinating selection of artefacts found in and around the area, but the real excitement lies at the Ypres Tower. Believed to have been built in the 13th century, the tower stood for centuries as a medieval prison, before becoming the town morgue. The tower took damage during air raids in World War II but has since been repaired and restored to its former glory and is ready to tell the tale of its past to those who visit.

Tips

When visiting the Tower, make sure to take a stroll around the Gun Gardens with its medieval cannons and views across the marsh and out to sea. Then head next door to The Ypres Castle Inn, a 17th century pub offering a selection of local cask ales and ciders, known by the locals as "The Wipers".



THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE IN DUNGNESS

KINO CINEMA

Lion Street, Rye, TN31 7LB
01797 226 293
<http://www.kinodigital.co.uk>

Overview

Amazing cinema and cafe in the heart of Rye. Built in 2015 it offers the perfect way to enjoy everything from the latest release to NT Live and Royal Opera House live feeds. Super comfortable seating, fantastic picture and sound. Order a drink and a delicious homemade cake and sit down and watch the show.

MARTELLO TOWER

Harbour Road, Rye Harbour, TN31 7TX
David John 0207 9733 638

Overview

Number of locations along the south coast. Originally 103 towers were built between 1805 and 1812 to resist a potential invasion by Napoleon. They were built of brick, 13 foot thick on the seaward side, stood about 30 foot high and were equipped with a cannon on the roof. 45 of the towers still remain, but many are in ruins or have been converted, so only 9 remain in their original condition. Two supporting forts were built on the south coast at Dymchurch and Eastbourne.

Tips

The tower at Dymchurch (No. 24) has been fully restored and is now a museum.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

4 Harbour Road, Rye Harbour, TN31 7TF
01797 222 318
www.ryeparishchurch.org.uk/ryeharbourchurch.htm

Overview

Family Service: 4th Sunday of the month at 10.30am.

A substantial memorial commemorating the Mary Stanford Lifeboat tragedy of 1928 when the crew of 17 lost their lives, is situated in the churchyard.

LAMB HOUSE

West Street, Rye, TN31 7ES
01797 222 909
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lamb-house>

Overview

Part of the National Trust, this is a beautiful red-brick Georgian home of the late US novelist Henry James, with a peaceful walled garden at the back.

CAMBER CASTLE

Off Harbour Road, Rye Harbour, TN36 4JS
01797 227 784
www.wildrye.info/reserve/cambercastle/

Overview

A mystical 'deserted' castle in the middle of the fields a mile or so from the sea. Originally built by Henry VIII in 1539 as a coastal fort to repel the French, it was abandoned some 80 years later as the seas started to retreat. As a consequence it never got updated. A great halfway spot to have a picnic, there is a path directly from the harbour to the castle. Guided walks on various dates, there is a small charge for entry (£2 adults, £1 concessions, accompanied children free). Free to members of English Heritage and FRIENDS of the Nature Reserve. Located in Rye Harbour, but not accessible by car, so you must go by foot or by bike only, passing the church to your left.

DEREK JARMAN'S PROSPECT COTTAGE

Dungeness, next to the Power Station

Overview

Derek Jarman was one of the most influential figures in 20th Century British culture and bought this ramshackle cottage in 1986, transforming the garden and cottage into a sanctuary of art and imagination. It became a place for collaborations with fellow artists and after his death in 1994, a site of pilgrimage for art students, architects and garden designers. It was recently saved following a £3.5m fundraising campaign.



PROSPECT COTTAGE IN DUNGENESS

DUNGENESS AND THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE

Dungeness, Romney Marsh, TN29 9NB
01797 321 300
www.dungenesslighthouse.com

Overview

This whole area is remarkable for its sense of space and light. A simply unique location, loved by artists, film makers and fashion shoots. The collection of shacks and houses, some of them fashioned from old railway carriages, festoon of shingles as if placed there by a giant's hand. We would strongly recommend visiting here during your stay, whatever the weather. In a howling storm, it's almost more interesting as you really see it in its element. Sitting as the centre piece to this wild landscape lies the lighthouse, which you can climb to get a panoramic view of all around.

RSPB DUNGENESS NATURE RESERVE

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/dungeness>

Overview

Another amazing reserve similar to the one in Rye Harbour but possibly even more dramatic, jutting out into the English Channel. Like Rye, this is the perfect place to watch migrating birds arriving and departing our shores. Fantastic visitors centre with a huge picture window looking out on to one of the large gravel pits – a great place to be in the middle of winter! There are nature trails that criss-cross the reserve with a series of hides to view the birds unseen.

Long Gallivants



BEACHCOMBING IN DUNGENESS

LADE PITS & DENGESOUND MIRRORS

Entrances from Taylor Road, Leonard Road or Seaview Road

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/dungeness/lade-pits-and-the-denge-sound-mirrors/>

Overview

Lade Pits is a unique site for history as well as wildlife, as it contains three Scheduled Ancient Monuments, which are of international significance. The Denge Sound Mirrors (also known as the Acoustic Mirrors or Listening Ears) are three concrete structures which range in size from 20 to 200 feet. They were built between 1928 and 1935 as part of Britain's national defence strategy. The low-lying Romney Marsh was well suited for the placement of the Mirrors which were designed as early warning systems to pick up the sounds of approaching enemy aircraft coming over the English Channel. But the innovative technology was soon superseded by the invention of radar before the start of World War II. However, time spent constructing the Sound Mirrors was not wasted, as the technology used to create these led to developments of other aircraft detection systems.

Tips

There is no car parking on site, so please use the public car parks on the seafront (Coast Drive/The Parade). Special events, where you can get closer to the Sound Mirrors are run throughout the year. An open day is run annually in the summer. Guided tours and photography days are run between August and December.

RH&D RAILWAY

New Romney Station, 2 Littlestone Road, New Romney, TN28 8PL

01797 362 353

<http://www.rhdr.org.uk/dungeness.html>

Overview

The Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway is an extraordinary steam railway line but in perfect miniature. First opened to traffic in July 1927 as the 'World's Smallest Public Railway' it covers a distance of 13.5 miles from the picturesque Cinque Port of Hythe, near the channel tunnel, to the fisherman's cottages and lighthouses at Dungeness. We would strongly recommend trying to take the 'Gladys's' car as this has the only bar on the service and it's great fun trundling along while sipping a drink – call them ahead to see what time it is running.

WORTH THE TRIP (5 TO 10 MILES):

WINCHELSEA VILLAGE TN36

<http://www.winchelsea.com/the-town-story/town-trail/>

Overview

Claimed to be the smallest town in Britain, Winchelsea was founded in 1288 by Edward I and lies approximately 2 miles from Rye. Many buildings in the town are Grade I or Grade II listed. Built on the site of a medieval town, it's a hidden delight for visitors to discover, but also home to an active modern community. A 15-minute drive towards Hastings.

CELLAR TOURS

Winchelsea

<http://www.winchelsea.com/cellar-tours/>

Overview

The Winchelsea cellars, or under crofts, are an important part of the town's medieval history. Visitors can easily identify the tops of cellar entrances at ground level, but the size, scale and beauty of what lies below can only be appreciated by a visit underground.



GUN GARDENS IN RYE



SHIPWRECK MUSEUM IN HASTINGS

FURTHER BUT INTERESTING (11 – 20 MILES):

HASTINGS AND ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA

TN34 to TN37

Overview

The main shopping drags are George Street, the High Street in the Old Town, a cluster around Trinity Triangle in the New Town and the Norman Street/London Road crossroads in St Leonards-on-Sea.

HASTINGS CONTEMPORARY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE JERWOOD GALLERY

Rock-a-Nore Road, Hastings, TN34 3DW
01424 728 377

Overview

Situated on the dramatic seafront of Europe's oldest fishing beach, Hastings Contemporary champions modern and contemporary art with a bold and ambitious exhibition programme, showing works by historically important and internationally renowned artists, and emerging practitioners, as well as exploring the rich cultural history of artists from the South East.

HASTINGS SHIPWRECK MUSEUM

Rock-a-Nore Road, Hastings, TN34 3DW
01424 437 452

Overview

This free entry museum is one of Hastings's hidden gems. Located in the Old Town, overshadowed somewhat by its more well-known neighbour the Blue Reef Aquarium, this site is home to a fascinating treasure trove of shipwreck artefacts and local fossils, (including a fossilised dinosaur footprint). Hear the tales of several wrecks lying beneath the waves of the English Channel including that of the Amsterdam, a large Dutch East Indiaman which was run ashore in January 1749 just 3 miles down the road at Bulverhythe. A few times a year, when the tide is low enough, the Shipwreck Museum hosts guided tours to the wreck as it can be seen protruding from the sand.

Tips

Take a stroll around Hastings Old Town and you will find an incredible selection of pubs and restaurants, most notably The Crown for a delicious menu featuring incredible vegetarian and vegan options, Porters Wine Bar for a cosy atmosphere with an open fire and exposed beams or if you like the high chance of stumbling upon a jamming session composed of local folk musicians, the Jenny Lind is the perfect spot for you.

GREAT DIXTER HOUSE AND GARDEN

Northiam, Rye, TN31 6PH
01797 252 878

Overview

Visit Great Dixter, the home of Christopher Lloyd, a famous gardener, designer and prolific writer of gardening books. Built in the middle of the 15th Century and restored and enlarged by Sir Edwin Lutyens, Great Dixter is both a historic house and family home of Christopher Lloyd who devoted his lifetime to creating one of the most experimental, exciting gardens of our time. The gardens are beautiful and they have a terrific garden centre on site with most of the plants being grown on site. Open March to October. Countless series of excellent events, we're big fans.

BATTLE ABBEY

Butter Cross, High Street, Battle, TN33 0AE
0370 333 1181

Overview

On 14 October 1066 an army of invading Normans defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings in East Sussex. Now the whole family can discover the exciting story of that fateful day at the very place it happened. A major recent exhibition uses film, computer technology and interactive exhibits to bring to life this bloodiest of conflicts. Enjoy the new audio tour of the 100-acre battlefield, stand on the very spot where King Harold was slain and explore the ruins of the atmospheric abbey, built by William the Conqueror to commemorate the thousands who died. It is a great day out for the whole family.

BODIAM CASTLE

Bodiam, Robertsbridge, TN32 5UA

Overview

This 14th Century moated castle is just 30 minute's drive from the Gallivant and is the closest you will get in real life to a castle pulled from the pages of a story book. Walk around this magnificent site and gaze upon the perfect reflection in its moat, before heading across the narrow bridge and under the portcullis to the wonders inside.

Tips

Bodiam Castle is a National Trust site however a public footpath runs through the grounds if you wish to view the outside of the Castle as you ramble around the local countryside. When it's time for refreshments, the Castle Inn is a stone's throw from the castle, or half a mile up the road is The Hub; a beautifully thought out café, spa and community-based hub of activity.

LE TOUQUET PLAGE "LUNCH" FRANCE

LYDD AIR

Lyddair, Lydd Airport, Lydd, TN29 9QL
01797 322 207

Overview

Scheduled flights operate from Lydd and Le Touquet Airports as well as many others such as Le Havre, Deauville, Le Mans, Amsterdam and Antwerp on a charter basis.

You can fly out in the morning, have lunch in France, potter around the markets buying some food and wine and then jump back on the plane in time for supper at the hotel!



USEFUL NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

HOTEL RECEPTION

01797 338 903

TAXIS

Kris Duda

07459 456 137

Rye Taxis

07774 633 046

All 7's

07775 377 777

LOCAL BUS

Stagecoach - service 102

Every hour to Camber to Rye.

Normally 7am to 8pm, journey time 20 mins,

Times vary depending on time of year.

TIDES – FOR ALL LOCAL BEACHES

[https://www.tidetimes.org.uk/
rye-harbour-tide-times](https://www.tidetimes.org.uk/rye-harbour-tide-times)

the Gallivant

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