itinerary

De-stress and Relaxation

Relax and watch your cares drift away from Canterbury's coast. Explore the picturesque town of Whitstable and the surrouding countryside.

Morning

Take a stroll along Tankerton Slopes admiring the views and brightly coloured beach huts. Venture into town and discover Harbour Street with it's myriad of craft shops. Pick a coffee shop and relax.

Tankerton Slopes

Lunch

Enjoy a late gourmet lunch at one of Whitstable's many restaurants.

Afternoon

Explore the working harbour and its fabulous seafood market. Visit the art galleries, the Whitstable Museum and Art Gallery.

Whitstable Harbour

Whitstable Museum and Gallery

Morning: Tankerton Slopes

Address

Marine Parade
Whitstable
Kent
CT5 2BE

Contact Details

Tel: 01227 378100

The cliff-top lawns of Tankerton Slopes, with their colourful beach huts, roll gently towards the sea and provide and excellent vantage point to watch the nautical world go by. Get views of the wartime forts and Southend on the opposite site of the Estuary, and if the water is enticing maybe even have a dip in the sea.

Directions

9 miles from Canterbury via A290.

Afternoon: Whitstable Harbour

Address

Whitstable

CT5 1AB

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Whitstable Harbour lies on the North Kent coast at the mouth of the River Swale. It is a visible link that Whitstable has with its interesting history, which includes diving , ship owning, fishing and world-wide trade. The connection with the Canterbury and Whitstable railway - the Crab & Winkle Line - was the reason for the harbour's construction in 1831: to bring heavy materials, such as coal, from Newcastle to Canterbury. Whitstable Harbour remains a working harbour. On the East Quay, there are Brett's aggregate importation and asphalt production for the construction industry in Kent. On the West Quay, there is fishing as well as wind farm maintenance operations. Fishing and related activities, such as the retailing of the catch, continues on the South Quay. In addition, leisure and sporting activities have flourished with the sea scouts, yacht, angling, kite and wind surf activities all based on harbour land, along with the Royal National Lifeboat Institute. Leisure has also developed, from a marine angle, with Greta barge tours and a gastronomic one with café, restaurant and market. Tourists' attractions include The Oyster Festival, Harbour Open Day and the Harbour barge/boat race. For further information visit: www.whitstableharbour.org

Afternoon: Whitstable Museum and Gallery

Address

5 Oxford Street
Whitstable
CT5 1DB

Contact Details

Tel: 01227 276998

Its unique seafaring history is explored, including oyster fishing, diving and shipbuilding. Discover local stories of seaside, floods, the world's first passenger steam railway, shopping, industries, newspaper cartoon characters Pip, Squeak and Wilfred, and memorabilia of resident Peter Cushing. See the big red fire engine, sit at a Victorian school desk and hunt for fossil sharks teeth! Changing exhibitions on vaired themes plus regular events. Special activities for schools and groups. For further information visit: www.canterbury-museums.co.uk

Directions

8 miles from Canterbury via A28 and A290.

Whitstable Museum & Gallery is in the town centre in Oxford Street, close to the library and the theatre. The Museum is within walking distance of carparks and the railway station.

Prices and opening

Adult £3.00
Discount £1.00 (senior citizens, students, people with disabilities - proof of status may be required)
Children - free to a maximum of 2 per paying adult, £1.00 per child thereafter.

Free entry (except for some special events) for Canterbury Residents Card holders. If you don't have a Residents Card, come in and sign up to receive free entry today!

Opening details

Season Dates	Opening Hours
Wed 2 Jan 2013 - Tue 31 Dec 2013	Mon - Sun 10:00 to 16:00
Notes	Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Circumstances may cause changes in opening times - please ring to check before making a special trip.