

# visit CANTERBURY

## Top attractions



### World Heritage Sites

**Canterbury Cathedral (1)** dates back to 597AD when St Augustine became the first Archbishop establishing his seat in Canterbury. This stunning cathedral has been part of England's great history, most notably the martyrdom of Archbishop Thomas Becket. The ruins of **St Augustine's Abbey (2)** includes the remains of the monastery where St Augustine's monks lived and worshipped. **St Martin's Church (3)** was where St Augustine first worshipped with his followers in England's oldest working Parish Church. These three sites are recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### Historic Buildings

**Greyfriars Chapel, (4)** Britain's oldest Franciscan building spans the River Stour. **Eastbridge Hospital (20)** was founded following the murder of St Thomas Becket to provide accommodation for poor pilgrims visiting his tomb. The building includes the early 13th century painting of Christ in Glory. View the **Westgate Towers Viewpoint and Museum (6)** which have stood over the road to London for six centuries.

### Museums

Discover **Canterbury Roman Museum (14)** hidden beneath the city's streets, and travel back in time to Roman Britain. Built around the remains of a luxurious Roman town house, the museum features one of the UK's only remaining in situ Roman pavement mosaics. **The Beaney House of Art and Knowledge (15)** is Canterbury's Museum, Art Gallery, Library and Visitor Information Centre. Enjoy artefacts and artworks from Kent and around the world as well as exhibitions and activities for the whole family. **The Kent Museum of**

**Freemasonry (16)** has one of the UK's finest collections of Masonic artefacts that take you on an interactive journey through the history of Freemasonry in Kent and beyond.

### River Tours

Discover interesting facts and hidden gems of the city while you sit back and relax on a river boat tour on the River Stour with **Canterbury Historic River Tours (8)** or **Canterbury Punting (9)** or **Westgate Punts (10)**. These tours do not operate in winter.

### Walking Tours

The city is also perfect to discover on foot. A 90-minute tour with one of our experienced **Canterbury Guided Tours (11)** is available most days, starting from the Buttermarket. Ask at the Information Centre about the **UNESCO Queen Bertha's Walk** to explore the sites. If you're interested in culture, Canterbury provides a **Sculpture Trail** linking a number of unusual and historical sculptures in places you wouldn't normally visit. Test your knowledge and have some family fun with the outdoor **Canterbury Quiz Trail** (available to buy at The Beaney). As the night draws in, meet the **Canterbury Ghost Hunter** and learn about Canterbury's dark side. There are a number of other tours available on [thecanterburytours.com](http://thecanterburytours.com). **CT Tours** also offers a wide range of fascinating historical, wellbeing and family friendly tours.

### Gardens

Relax and enjoy the beauty of one of the city's many gardens. Just metres from the shopping centre is **Dane John Gardens (18)** providing views of the city from the top of the historic mound. Or you can absorb the tranquil beauty with a stroll

around the delightful **Westgate Gardens (19)** or the smaller **Franciscan Gardens (4)** in which stands Greyfriars Chapel.

### Out of town

Venture just a few miles for beautiful countryside, quintessentially English villages, and the natural ancient woodland of the **Blean Wood**. For a fun day out with all the family, encounter amazing British wildlife at **Wildwood Trust**, or meet endangered animals from across the world at **Howletts Wild Animal Park**. For a little adventure, take to the river in all seasons on a kayak or paddleboard, for a guided tour or just a trip out, at **Canoe Wild**.

### Extend your stay

Have you visited the coast yet? Travel only 20 minutes to the photogenic coastal town of **Whitstable**: rich in maritime history, offering fresh seafood from the working harbour or decide to take a boat trip to the Second World War Maunsell Forts, alternatively explore the many independent shops, art galleries and museums. **Herne Bay** is well worth a visit for its miles of coastal paths and outstanding natural beauty, award-winning beaches, traditional seaside fun and vibrant town with many independent traders.

Attractions mentioned above have differing opening times dependent on time of year.

For further details and event listings go to [canterbury.co.uk](http://canterbury.co.uk) or visit **Canterbury Visitor Information** (located in The Beaney on the ground floor) or call them on **01227 862 162**.



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Canterbury Roman Museum



Dane John Gardens

