



GOURMET
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KENT

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PALACES



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DAILY ITINERARY

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DAY ONE

- Arrival
- Belmont House
- Shepherd Neame Brewery Tour
- Overnight stay in a 4 star beachfront hotel including breakfast*

DAY TWO

- Penshurst Place
- Hever Castle
- Overnight stay in a 4 star beachfront hotel including breakfast*

DAY THREE

- Leeds Castle
- Copper Rivet Distillery Tour
- Overnight stay in a 4 star beachfront hotel including breakfast*

DAY FOUR

- Chapel Down Winery Vineyard Tour
- Walmer Castle
- Botany Bay
- Margate Seafront
- Overnight stay in a 4 star beachfront hotel including breakfast*

DAY FIVE

- Fudge Making Experience
- Canterbury Cathedral
- The Foundry Micro Brewery Tour
- Departure

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DAY ONE

Welcome to Kent - The Garden of England!

This morning you'll explore Belmont House, an elegant 18th Century Georgian Mansion steeped in history and discover unique momentos from 200 years of Harris family history and travels. Marvel at the spectacular staircase, and take in examples of Indian and English furniture as well as a time-stopping collection of clocks. After being enthralled by the delightful mansion you will enjoy a private tour of its 3,000-acre grounds, with its beautiful Victorian gardens and greenhouses where figs, hops, and soft fruits are grown, and apple and pear orchards and woodland can be explored.

The afternoon, you will discover Britain's oldest brewer, which has been operating since 1698 and runs 300 public houses! Enjoy a tour of the Shepherd Neame Brewery where you will discover behind-the-scenes techniques and discover secrets about the brewing process. Take a look at the brewery's small collection of classic cars before finishing your tour with a tasting of some of Shepherd Neame's Kentish Ales and innovative Lagers.

DAY TWO

Today you will visit two historic Royal palaces linked to Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn and several other English monarchs. Penshurst Place was a filming location for Wolf Hall and Mary Queen of Scots and Hever Castle has been a backdrop and scene for many famous films notably Anne of the Thousand Days starring Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor.

Penshurst Place once a hunting lodge for Henry VIII was originally completed in 1381 as a retreat for the Lord Mayor of London. but the house and gardens have been owned and taken care of by the Sidney family since 1582. Marvel at state rooms with a 60 foot high ceilings in Barons Hall or walk in the garden in footsteps of Henry VII and Anne Boleyn.

Hever Castle is well known for being the childhood home of Anne Boyelyn and you can experience over 700 years of history at the double moated 17th century castle. Taking in the gardens is a feat for the eyes with award winning garden set in 125 acres of grounds including the Italians Gardens, sculptures and an opportunity to go boating on the lake.



DAY THREE

Day three of your adventure opens your eyes to Leeds Castle, with 900 years of history including being a Norman stronghold, a palace for 6 Medieval Queens, a palace for Henry VIII and his first Wife Catherine of Aragon, a 20th century retreat for the rich and famous and now one of the most visited historic buildings in Britain. Enjoy exploring state rooms and magical gardens and enjoy an experience of punting around the moat at Leeds Castle.

The afternoon delights will quench your thirst with a visit to Copper Rivet Gin Distillery. Take in the scenery of Chatham Dockside with it's rich maritime history dating back to the first UK flag being sewn in 1606 before discovering the creation and manufacturing process of hand crafted Gin, Whisky and Vodka as you hear behind the scenes stories of how the distillery flourished in spirit making and learn how it's bespoke machines were made to order and affectionately named after members of the family who passed away. After your distillery tour it's time to reflect upon the good experiences you have had with like-minded people as you enjoy a Gin and Tonic in the bar of Copper Rivet Gin Distillery.

DAY FOUR

The Penultimate day arrives with a chance to explore the stunning vineyards and wines of Chapel Down Winery. You will enjoy walking around vine rows seeing grapes hanging from the vines whilst learning about the wine industry and distilling process with an expert tour guide before sampling the fruits of the harvest with a wine tasting session.

Walk in the footsteps of the Duke of Wellington as you visit Walmer Castle a former Tudor stronghold of Henry VIII turned residence for Lords Warden of the Cinque Ports, which have included Queen Elizabeth I and the Queen Mother. Explore the state rooms, see the original Wellington Boots and discover 8 acres of award winning beach facing gardens.

We depart from tranquil surroundings to enjoy a pleasant walk along the sandy beaches and Chalk Cliffs of Botany Bay, one of the most photographed bays in Kent, but also a hidden gem. Enjoy a walk along the beach or take the beach walk path to take in the sea breeze before enjoying a sunset stop in the vibrant and original seaside town of Margate.



DAY FIVE

The final day is a great chance to explore the bustling historic medieval market town of Canterbury, starting with a chance to create your own sweets in a unique Fudge Making Experience with Fudge Kitchen. Experience the baking process from bowl to bite as you sample different flavours of fudge whilst creating your own bespoke sweet masterpiece.

Enjoy the World Heritage Site of Canterbury Cathedral as you discover one of the most important destinations for religious pilgrimage in Medieval England and the site where Thomas Becket was murdered in 1170. The day ends with a tour of The Foundry Micro Brewery where you can experience a story of authentic beer and spirit brewing with a specialised 5% Kolsch German beer made with hops imported specially from Cologne.

PRICE FROM*

GBP (POA) PER PERSON

(sharing standard Double/Twin room)

Price does not include:

- Lunches and beverages.
- Service charges unless specified.
- Room upgrades and room service.
- Transport or any items not listed.
- Personal travel insurance.

Price Includes:

- 4 nights accommodation at the View Hotel, Folkestone, or similar.
- *DBB basis unless otherwise stated.
- Entrances and Tours: Belmont House, Penshurst Place, Hever Castle, Leeds Castle, Walmer Castle, Canterbury Cathedral.
- Tours: Shepherd Neame Brewery, Copper Rivet Distillery, Chapel Down Winery, The Foundry Micro Brewery.
- Bespoke Fudge Making Experience.

*Terms and Conditions:

This is a package based on a group size of 15-30 people. Rates are based on 2 adults sharing 1 standard room; Rates are subject to availability, should suggested hotel not be available one of a similar category will be offered; Rates are not valid on bank holidays and during special events; All bespoke services on request; Transport is not included; Alternative hotels or transport available on request.