

PLACES TO VISIT
near The Bull Hotel

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ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WROTHAM

Magnificent mediaeval building in the heart of Wrotham Village.

COLDRUM STONES (TROTSCLIFFE)

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coldrum-long-barrow

Coldrum Long Barrow is the least-damaged megalithic long barrow in Kent and takes its name from the now demolished Coldrum Lodge Farm. This 3,000 year-old burial chamber is the only one of those originally present in the Medway Valley to remain virtually intact. ME19 5EG

WROTHAM WATERS

www.information-britain.co.uk/naturaldetail.php?id=275

Lovely scene of tranquility now owned by the National Trust.

TROSLEY PARK

http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure_and_culture/countryside_and_coast/parks_and_open_spaces/country_parks/trosley_country_park.aspx

Beautiful woodland and chalk downland on the North Downs. ME14 1XX

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL & CASTLE AND HIGH STREET

<http://www.rochestercathedral.org>

Rochester Cathedral is England's second oldest. The Cathedral is blessed with some fine examples of later Gothic styles as well as the magnificent 14th century Chapter Library door. The postcode for the Cathedral Office is ME1 1SX - there is no postcode for the Cathedral itself.

KNOLE HOUSE AND PARK

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/knole>

Once at the centre of court life, Knole contains extraordinary furniture from the royal palaces, alongside superb portraits, textiles and silver. Hundreds of dears live in its gardens. TN15 0RP

CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE

<http://chiddingstonecastle.org.uk/>

A unique and unspoilt castle in Kent where you can find exciting treasure, stunning Egyptian and Buddhist artefacts, magnificent Japanese armour, and beautiful Jacobean paintings. Set in 35 acres of grounds including a lake open to fishermen, a rose garden, and magnificent woodland. TN8 7AD

PENSHURST PLACE

<http://www.penshurstplace.com>

Described as "the grandest and most perfectly preserved example of a fortified manor house in all England". TN11 8DG

DARWIN'S HOUSE (DOWNE HOUSE)

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/home-of-charles-darwin-down-house>

With its unique place in the history of science, Down House, the home of Charles Darwin, is one of the major visitor attractions in the South East. See the study where Darwin wrote 'On the Origin of Species' and stroll through the extensive gardens that so inspired the great scientist. BR6 7JT

RIVERHILL HIMALAYAN GARDENS

<http://www.riverhillgardens.co.uk/index.html>

Have a great family day out in the most imaginative garden to visit in Kent. Learn about the plants brought back from the Himalayas, build dens together, discover secret pathways and incredible views and perhaps even spot the elusive Yeti! TN15 0RR

LEEDS CASTLE

<http://www.leeds-castle.com/land.php>

Leeds Castle has been a Norman stronghold; the private property of six of England's medieval queens; a palace used by Henry VIII and his first wife Catherine of Aragon; a Jacobean country house; a Georgian mansion; an elegant early 20th century retreat for the influential and famous; and in the 21st century, it has become one of the most visited historic buildings in Britain. ME17 1PB

HOWLETS ZOO

<http://www.aspinallfoundation.org/howletts>

Howletts Wild Animal Park is a 90-acre adventure in beautiful ancient parkland that is ideal for great days out in Kent with the entire family. CT4 5EL

HEVER CASTLE & GARDENS

<http://www.hevercastle.co.uk/>

The childhood home of its most famous inhabitant, Anne Boleyn. TN8 7NG

BRANDS HATCH

www.brandshatch.co.uk

Race events and trackdays (your car, your bike, Brands Hatch's circuit). DA3 8NG

BUCKMORE PARK KARTING

www.buckmore.co.uk

The circuit caters for all, from 4 year olds who can drive electric go carts to 6 year old Bambino's, through cadet and junior to senior racing in both hire kart and owner/driver racing. ME5 9QG

BLUEWATER SHOPPING CENTRE

www.bluewater.co.uk

Bluewater is Europe's largest and most innovative retail and leisure destination. DA9 9ST

IGHTHAM MOTE

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ightham-mote

Romantic moated manor house surrounded by peaceful gardens with an orchard, water features, lakes and woodland walks. TN15 0NT

THE HOP SHOP AT CASTLE FARM

www.hopshop.co.uk

Castle Farm is a busy farm producing over 50 varieties of flowers for drying including lavender. The Lavender Festival is their major annual event (July) but there are also seasonal food tastings in the shop and occasional events such as Art Days and Christmas Wreath-making. TN14 7UB

OTTFORD PALACE

www.pastscape.org.uk/hob.aspx?hob_id=409637&sort=4&search=all&criteria=otfordpalace&ra_tional=q&recordsperpage=10

A Tudor archbishop's palace and later Tudor royal residence, built on the site of a 12th century manor house.

LULLINGSTONE ROMAN VILLA

<http://www.letsvisit.co.uk/see-do/children-and-family/Lullingstone-Roman-Villa>

Among the most outstanding Roman villa survivals in Britain, Lullingstone provides a unique all weather day out. DA4 0JA

EAGLE HEIGHTS

<http://www.eagleheights.co.uk>

Eagle Heights is one of the UK's largest bird of prey centres. DA4 0JB

DIGGERLAND

<http://www.diggerland.com>

Diggerland is the UK's most unique attraction where children and adults have the chance to ride and drive REAL full size construction machinery, under the guidance of trained staff. No driving licence required! ME2 2NU

CHISLEHURST CAVES

<http://www.chislehurst-caves.co.uk>

Miles of dark mysterious passageways hewn by hand from the chalk, deep beneath Chislehurst. You'll see the tunnels that were famous as a shelter during the Second World War, the Caves Church, Druid Altar, Haunted Pool and much more. BR7 5NL

CHARTWELL, FAMILY HOME AND GARDEN OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chartwell>

Chartwell was the much-loved Churchill family home and the place from which Sir Winston drew inspiration from 1924 until the end of his life. TN16 1PS

DICKENS WORLD

<http://www.dickensworld.co.uk/index.php>

Dickens World is a tourist attraction in Kent celebrating the life and works of the legendary author Charles Dickens. ME4 4LL

HISTORIC DOCKYARD CHATHAM

<http://www.thedockyard.co.uk>

The Historic Dockyard, Chatham is a stunning 80 acre site with historic buildings, museum galleries, historic warships and a vibrant programme of events and activities. Chatham Dockyard played a vital role supporting the Royal Navy for over 400 years. ME4 4TZ