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48 hours in...

...Canterbury

With so much character and prestige, it's no wonder that Canterbury is one of the most popular destinations in the south.

If you're interested in British history, you're spoilt for choice. You can find a Roman city wall (rebuilt in the 14th Century), the oldest school in England (The King's School) and ancient preserved mosaics.

From anywhere in Canterbury you are no more than 20 minutes to the coastline. Steeped in history and heritage, Canterbury is the perfect destination for a weekend away.

Getting to Canterbury by car

Travelling around Canterbury and the surrounding area is easy thanks to the Romans! They developed an excellent route network around East Kent with Canterbury at its heart - the Roman capital of Kent.

Canterbury district has excellent road links with the M20 (M25/M26) and M2 motorways providing easy links to London and its airports. The A2 and A260 connect Canterbury with the port of Dover and the Eurotunnel terminal in Cheriton near Folkestone. Canterbury Park & Ride is the greenest, cheapest and fastest way to get to the heart of the city and helps more than one million shoppers, commuters and visitors a year beat city centre congestion.

Top 5 must see places

Canterbury Tales

Step back in time and discover the sights, sounds, and smells of a bygone era.

www.canterburytales.org.uk

Canterbury Cathedral

Enjoy guided tours and much more at this magnificent world heritage site.

www.canterbury-cathedral.org

Goodnestone Park gardens

A peaceful and romantic garden with connections to Jane Austen. Covering approximately 14 acres.

www.goodnestoneparkgardens.co.uk

Museum of Canterbury

Discover Canterbury's history, from millions of years ago to present, explored through interactive displays in a medieval building.

www.canterbury-museums.co.uk

St Augustine's Abbey

Originally created as a burial place for the Anglo-Saxon kings of Kent, it is part of the Canterbury World Heritage Site, along with the Cathedral and St Martin's Church.

www.english-heritage.org.uk/staugustinesabbey

the Beautiful South

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Day one

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to step back in time? Start your visit with a trip to Canterbury Tales and discover the sights, sounds and smells of 14th century England. Discover the stories of love, romance, jealousy and trickery as they are vividly re-created with all the fun and excitement of Chaucer's famous tales. Steeped in the rich history of this medieval city, at The Canterbury Tales you really can visit another world.

After an exciting morning unfolding Canterbury's past, why not step into the present and enjoy a spot of retail therapy at the delightful range of independent and high street retailers on offer.

Now you've shopped til you dropped what better a way to spend a romantic evening capturing the magic of the river on a candlelit evening river tour. Incorporating the history of the river with fun and enjoyment and a range of tailor made packages including visits to pubs and dining, this is a fantastic way to spend your night in Canterbury.

Day two

Day two in Canterbury could be spent discovering the city's world heritage sites. Canterbury Cathedral, together with St Augustine's Abbey and St Martin's Church make up Canterbury's World Heritage Site.

Start the day with a visit to Canterbury cathedral, home to a Romanesque Crypt, dating back to the 11th century, a 12th century early Gothic Quire and a 14th Century Perpendicular Nave. Beautiful medieval stained glass windows illustrate miracles and stories associated with St Thomas. With a range of guided tours and audio tours available, a visit to Canterbury cathedral is a must.

Finish your day in Canterbury with a trip to St Augustine's Abbey originally created as a burial place for the Anglo-Saxon kings of Kent The impressive Abbey is situated outside the city walls and is sometimes missed by visitors. At the Abbey, you can also enjoy the museum and interactive audio tour.



Where to stay

The Fallstaff Hotel
Perfect base to explore Canterbury Cathedral and its local coast and countryside.
www.thefalstaffincanterbury.com

Best Western Abbots Barton Hotel
Offer all the comforts and amenities of a first class modern hotel.
www.abbotsbartonhotel.com

Abode Canterbury
Stunning features alongside contemporary design.
www.abodehotels.co.uk

Howfield Manor Hotel
Charming, comfortable and cosy, with warm inviting bedrooms.
www.howfieldcanterbury.co.uk

The Burlington hotel
Conveniently located near the M20.
www.theburlingtonhotel.com

Where to eat

Michael Caines Restaurant
The ultimate dining experience, with delicious modern European cuisine.
www.michaelcaines.com

The Goods Shed
Sits on a raised platform overlooking Kent's only daily farmer's market.
www.thegoodshed.net

The Chestfield Barn
Delightful converted thatched 14th century village barn.
www.chestfieldbarn.com

The Parrott
A beautiful Grade II listed building dating back to the 14th century.
www.theparrotcanterbury.co.uk

Duke William
A country pub with a friendly atmosphere.
www.dukewilliam.biz