

# Stay a little longer...

## Suggested Itineraries



### East Sussex

Discover some of the south east's most iconic landmarks clustered along a stunning 40 mile stretch of rugged coastline.

Start your journey at Hastings, the cradle of English civilisation where the 1066 Battle changed our language and heritage forever. Travel on past the hauntingly beautiful chalk cliffs of the Seven Sisters to arrive at Britain's most cosmopolitan and lively seaside city, Brighton, whose Regency splendour blends with a quirky, vibrant modernity.

#### Day 1: Hastings

**AM** - Take the A27/A23 to Hastings (90 minutes) Two things dominate the character of **Hastings 1066 Country**, the Norman Conquest and the sea. Relive the famous 1066 Battle of Hastings at **Battle Abbey**, where hands-on exhibits and spectacular film bring the drama of that historic battle to life.

**PM** - - Discover the area's links to 18th century smuggling at the **Smugglers Adventure** at **St Clements Caves**, or visit the **Shipwreck and Coastal Heritage Centre** where, if the tide is right, you can explore the 1749 wreck of the Amsterdam.

For spectacular views along the coast, take the East Hill Cliff Railway, a funicular railway joining the Old Town of Hastings with Hastings Country Park.



Re-enactment of the 1066 battle of Hastings

#### Day 2: Eastbourne

**AM** - Follow the A259 along the coast to Eastbourne (30 minutes). **Eastbourne** is famed as a gateway to the South Downs. Nestling at the foot of the iconic **Beachy Head**, Britain's tallest chalk cliff, it is a quintessential English seaside town. Stroll through the traditional seafront gardens or along **Eastbourne's** historic pier in true Victorian style. For lovers of modern art, visit the **Towner Gallery**, the South Coast's award winning contemporary art museum. Alternatively, take a boat trip out to the iconic lighthouse.

**PM** - Walk, cycle or take an open topped bus tour up **Beachy Head** for one of England's finest panoramic views. Strike out for the chalk grasslands and river valleys of the **Seven Sisters Country Park**. A coastal path takes you along the Sussex Heritage Coast. Stop on the way at East Dean to sample beers from the Beachy Head Brewery at old smugglers pub The Tiger Inn on the village green.



Beachy Head



Fishing boats on the shore at Hastings

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## Day 1: Brighton

**AM** - From iconic tourist magnets to vibrant beachfront attractions, **Brighton** is a treasure trove of things to do and places to visit. **The Royal Pavilion**, the spectacular seaside palace of the Prince Regent, George IV, is one of the most dazzling and exotic buildings in the British Isles. The Pavilion houses furniture and works of art including original pieces lent by HM The Queen and a magnificent display of Regency silver-gilt.

**PM** - Enjoy shopping in the bijou antiques shops and clothing and jewellery emporiums for which **The Lanes** is renowned. Take a walk along the beach, enjoy the attractions of the famous **Brighton Pier**, or ride on the spectacular **Brighton Wheel** for breath-taking, panoramic views of the coastline, surrounding architecture and landmarks.



Brighton Lanes



Brighton Pier

## Extend your stay

- Perched on a hill, overlooking the River Rother and Romney Marsh, **Rye's** enchanting cobbled streets, medieval church and beautifully preserved Tudor and Georgian houses are suspended in time. Enjoy a cream tea or browse in the picturesque town's art galleries and antique shops.
- 2012 saw the opening of the **Jerwood Gallery**, in Hastings, a major collection of 20th and 21st century modern British art
- To the west of 1066 Country stands **Pevensey** on the coast, with **Herstmonceux** sitting inland, just behind it. Both picturesque villages have a castle steeped in history. Pevensey is famously known as William of Normandy's landing place in 1066 and Herstmonceux Castle as a former site of the Royal Greenwich Observatory.
- Take a ride on the **Bluebell Railway**, a heritage Steam Railway running through the glorious Sussex countryside. There are lots of events year round for everyone to enjoy.
- Visit the **Carr Taylor Vineyard**, a family business making fine English wines since 1971. The vineyard lies in an area of outstanding natural beauty, in the heart of 1066 country.
- **Pashley Manor**, a quintessential English garden located on the Sussex and Kent border boasts romantic landscaping, imaginative plantings and fine old trees, fountains, springs and ponds.
- Also for lovers of English gardens, explore the Arts and Crafts gardens of **Great Dixter**, regarded as the epitome of English plantsmanship.

## Further Information

### Where to stay:

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### Useful websites:

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