Beyond London Explore the diverse counties of

Kent, Hertfordshire & Essex





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An Introduction to London border counties

From the International Port of London City, your visitors can explore the wonders of the counties bordering the capital city.

Known as 'The Garden of England' Kent is located in the South East of England only a stone's throw from London. The county shares a long and rich heritage with the United States of America. It is home to the white cliffs of Dover and shares connections to US wartime heritage through aviation and military bases. In the city of Canterbury, Canterbury Cathedral has a 1400 year history with connections to the development of the US Constitution and the Magna Carta.

Hertfordshire is within easy reach of the Port of London. Visitors can enjoy the Warner Bros. Studio tour and St. Albans cathedral.

Essex has a stunning coastline and is steeped in history. The town of Colchester has Roman ruins and the Norman-era Colchester Castle, with a museum. Colchester Zoo is home to orang-utans and white rhinos. Southwest, 18th-century Hylands House in Chelmsford is set amid vast parklands.



Half Day Suggested Itinerary

Warner Bros Studios

(1 hour approx.)

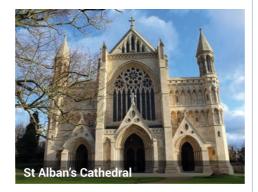
Wands at the ready! Journey behind the scenes of the Harry Potter film series and experience the magic that has gone into creating the most successful film series of all time. Visitors are invited to step on to authentic sets, costumes, props and spellbinding special effects, including the original Great Hall, miniature scale model of Hogwarts castle, Diagon Alley, Gryffindor common room and the iconic Platform 9 3/4 that houses the original Hogwarts Express locomotive. Located at the Studios where all 8 films were produced, the Studio Tour showcases the incredible British talent, imagination and artistry that went into making the impossible a reality on screen.



St Alban's Cathedral

(1 hour approx.)

St Albans Cathedral stands over the place where Alban, Britain's first saint, was buried over 1700 years ago. Surrounded by parkland, and just a stone's throw from the city centre, the Cathedral is home to the Shrine of St Alban, the longest nave in England, stunning medieval wall paintings and



architecture that spans a millennia. Entry is free (donations gratefully received) and there are free guided tours every day of the week. The Abbot's Kitchen cafe serves delicious lunches and afternoon teas, and gifts are available from the cathedral shop.

Audley End House & Gardens (1 hour approx.)

Explore this decadent Jacobean mansion house and meet the staff in the Victorian Service Wing. Enjoy stunning views across the unspoilt Essex countryside and wander the tranquil gardens created by 'Capability' Brown, gold winner of Anglia in Bloom Awards 2017. Then

Victorian stable yard, and run, jump



Things to do

Leeds Castle, Kent

Leeds Castle can claim a continuous connection with America since the very beginning of the 17th century.



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Canterbury Cathedral, Kent

It is the cathedral of the Archbishop of Canterbury, leader of the Church of England and symbolic leader of the worldwide Anglican Communion.



www.canterbury-cathedral.org

Wartime Dover, Kent

Dover's location on the southern tip of Britain means that it has always played a part in the defence of the nation.



www.battleofbritainmemorial.org www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/ dover-castle/

Warner Bros Studios, Herts

Journey behind the scenes of the Harry Potter film series and experience the magic that has gone into creating the most successful film series of all time.



+44 (0)345 084 0900 www.wbstudiotour.co.uk

St Alban's Cathedral, Herts

St Albans Cathedral stands over the place where Alban, Britain's first saint, was buried over 1700 years ago.



44 (0)1727 890210 mail@stalbanscathedral.org www.stalbanscathedral.org

Things to do

Natural History Museum, Herts

The Museum was built in 1889 to house the incredible collections of Walter Rothschild. A keen zoologist and an eccentric character. upon his death the building and collection were gifted to the nation and became part of the Natural History Museum.



+44 (0)20 7942 5000 www.nhm.ac.uk/tring

Colchester Castle

Colchester Castle in Colchester, Essex, England, is an example of a largely complete Norman castle. It is a Grade I listed building. It's Keep is the biggest ever built in the United Kingdom and is the largest that remains in existence throughout Europe



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Audley End House & Gardens, Essex

Explore this decadent Jacobean mansion house and meet the staff in the Victorian Service Wing.



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Lunch and Evening Meals

The Barrow House, Kent

Previously known as The George, the inn dates back to 1576.



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The Corner House, Kent

The building dates back to the 16th Century as a former coach house just outside of the city walls. A finalist in the Taste of Kent Awards 2018 for Kent restaurant of the year.



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The Tilbury, Herts

Owned & run by brothers James and Tom Bainbridge, The Tilbury offers an exciting British a la carte menu, tasting menu, set menu, an extensive wine list & great service.



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Smiths Restaurant, Essex

Smiths Restaurants is a name that has become synonymous with fine dining and quality, attentive service.



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Blue Strawberry Bistro, Essex

This highly successful restaurant, one of the finest in Essex, has built its enviable reputation over the last 20 years, concentrating on quality food & service whilst still representing exceptional value for money.



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The Chapel Down Winery, Kent

A world-class range of sparkling and still

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wines from England's leading wine producer.

Full Day Suggested Itinerary

Leeds Castle (3 hour approx.)

Leeds Castle can claim a continuous connection with America since the very beginning of the 17th century.

- The castle is the ancestral home of Sir Thomas Culpeper, Governor of Virginia 1677-83.
- Another interesting connection between Virginia and Leeds Castle came in the form of a sundial commissioned by Robert Fairfax in 1749. Visitors can view the sundial on the main island which tells the time in Virginia. A similar one was built in Belvoir, the principal Fairfax seat in Virginia, and that sundial told the time at Leeds Castle.
- American film stars visited and often partied at the castle including Errol Flynn, Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks and politicians such as Joe Kennedy and his 18 year old son John F. Kennedy, and members of royalty such as Edward and Mrs. Simpson.



Wartime Dover (2 hour approx.) Dover's location on the southern tip of Britain means that it has always played a part in the defence of the nation. Along its iconic white cliffs are many reminders of its role and a tour of some of its most important sites will reveal how this coastal district came in to its own during the Second World War.



Canterbury Cathedral

(2 hour approx.)

Canterbury Cathedral in Canterbury, Kent, is one of the oldest and most famous Christian structures in England. It forms part of a World Heritage Site. It is the cathedral of the Archbishop of Canterbury, leader of the Church of England and symbolic leader of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Thirteenth century Archbishop of Canterbury, Stephen Langton influenced the early American colonists in the original thirteen colonies and the formation of the American Constitution in 1787 which became supreme law in the new republic of the United States.



Food and Drink Experiences

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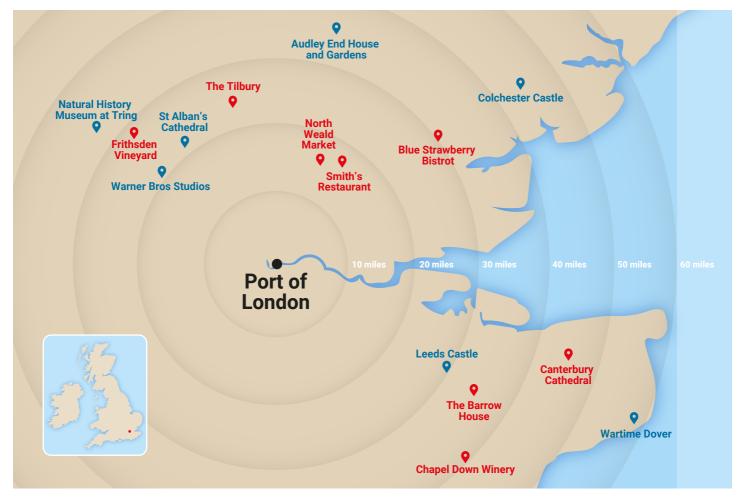
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