

# visit CANTERBURY

## Top attractions



### World Heritage Site

The centre point of any visit to Canterbury is the **Cathedral (1)**. It dates back to 597AD when St Augustine became the first Archbishop establishing his seat in Canterbury. This stunning cathedral has been part of England's great history, most notably the martyrdom of Archbishop Thomas Becket. The ruins of **St Augustine's Abbey (2)** include the remains of the monastery where St Augustine's monks lived and worshipped. St Augustine first worshipped with his followers in **St Martins Church (3)**, England's oldest working Parish Church. These three sites are recognised as an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### Historic Buildings

Canterbury is home to **Greyfriars Chapel, (4)** Britain's oldest Franciscan building which spans the River Stour. See and explore the ruins of the **Norman Castle (5)** and view the **Westgate Towers (6)** which have stood over the road to London for six centuries. **Eastbridge Hospital (20)** was founded following the murder of St Thomas Becket to provide accommodation for poor pilgrims visiting his tomb. The building includes the early 13th century painting of Christ in Glory.

### Medieval Adventure

Let **The Canterbury Tales (7)** whisk you back to 14th century England as you join Geoffrey Chaucer and his colourful characters on their pilgrimage from London to Canterbury Cathedral. This audio guide gives you an accurate recreation of medieval life.

### River Tours

Discover interesting facts and hidden gems of the City while you sit back and relax with a river boat tour. Ideal for all ages, trips along the Stour can be taken with **Canterbury Historic River Tours (8)**, **Canterbury Punting (9)** or **Westgate Punts (10)**. (These tours do not operate in winter.)

### Walking Tours

The city is also perfect to discover on foot. A 90-minute tour with one of our experienced **Canterbury Tourist Guides** is available most days. Tours commence from the Buttermarket. **(11)** As the night draws in, meet the ghost hunter for a 75-minute **Ghost Tour** of the spooky side of Canterbury. (Friday and Saturday evenings only.) **(12)**

### Museums

**Canterbury Roman Museum (14)** provides a fascinating and family-friendly insight into Roman Canterbury. Built around the remains of an original Roman town house with mosaics and under-floor heating, the museum includes significant Roman finds and a timeline tracking the journey back in time from present day Canterbury to the original Roman street level. See how the Roman town was built, stroll through the marketplace, handle replica dishes in the Roman dining room and discover amazing objects including a rare Iron Age Soldier's Helmet and a hoard of hidden treasure. **The Beaneys House of Art & Knowledge (15)** is an Art Gallery, Museum and Library situated in the heart of historic Canterbury. This stunning Victorian building includes state-of-the-art exhibition spaces, permanent collections and a varied programme of events for all ages. The Beaneys is also home to Canterbury's

Visitor Information Centre and a café.

Themed galleries offer a stunning visual experience with displays ranging from Old Master Paintings to local portraits. Temporary exhibitions are a highlight.

**The Kent Museum of Freemasonry (16)** has one of the UK's finest collections of Masonic artefacts that take you on an interactive journey through the history of Freemasonry in Kent and beyond.

### Shopping

The bustling **Whitefriars (17)** shopping centre in the heart of Canterbury has many high street names selling the latest fashions and big-brand designs. But there is also a large range of other shops and independent retailers along the old cobbled streets of the city.

### Gardens

Relax and enjoy the beauty of one of the city's gardens. Just metres from the shopping centre is **Dane John Gardens (18)** providing views of the city from the top of the historic mound. Alternatively you can absorb the tranquil beauty and stroll around the delightful **Westgate Gardens (19)** or the smaller **Franciscan Garden** in which stands **Greyfriars Chapel. (4)**

### A Short Journey

A few miles outside of the city centre are **Howletts Wild Animal Park, Wildwood** and **Druidstone Park** which provide a great day out for all the family. See map for directions.

Attractions mentioned above have differing opening times dependent on time of year.

For further details and event listings go to **www.canterbury.co.uk** or visit Canterbury Visitor Information (located in The Beaneys on the ground floor) or call them on **01227 862 162**.



