

Dover, Kent, England

England's gateway port, perched beneath the famous White Cliffs — a walk-off terminal just minutes from a 2,000-year-old fortress and a short train ride from London.

Docked — Western Docks cruise terminals

Typical call: 8–12 hrs (often homeport turnaround)

British Pounds (GBP) · cards accepted widely

English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Western Docks (Cruise Terminal 1 & 2)

To town center: 10–15 min walk

Best For: History · Day trips · London access

Don't Miss: White Cliffs · Dover Castle

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ ~£10 to town/station · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ YMS Travel (Blue Bus)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- White Cliffs of Dover Walk** — The most famous coastline in England — chalk cliffs towering 100 metres above the Channel, managed by the National Trust.
- Dover Castle** — One of the most impressive medieval castles in England, with origins stretching back to the Iron Age and Roman lighthouse.
- Canterbury Cathedral & Old City** — A UNESCO World Heritage Site just 30 minutes by train — the spiritual home of the Church of England, with a medieval cathedral, Roman walls, and a...
- London Day Trip** — The greatest city in the world is 90 minutes by high-speed train from Dover Priory.
- Leeds Castle & Kent Countryside** — Called 'the loveliest castle in the world,' Leeds Castle sits on two islands in a lake amid parkland.

BEST WALKS

- Terminal to White Cliffs Viewpoint** ~4 km · 2 hrs · moderate — Walk along the seafront from the cruise terminal past Dover town center, up to the National Trust White Cliffs path and the clifftop viewpoint toward South Foreland.
- Dover Town & Castle Climb** ~3 km · 2 hrs · moderate (uphill to castle) — Walk from the terminal into Dover town center, browse the High Street, then climb Castle Hill Road up to Dover Castle.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	63°	47°	11d	
Jun	81°	65°	12d	
Aug	84°	70°	13d	
Sep	78°	65°	10d	
Oct	68°	54°	9d	

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:59AM–7:50PM · Jun 4:39AM–9:11PM · Aug 5:41AM–8:15PM · Sep 6:30AM–7:08PM · Oct 7:18AM–6:01PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (Europe/London). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

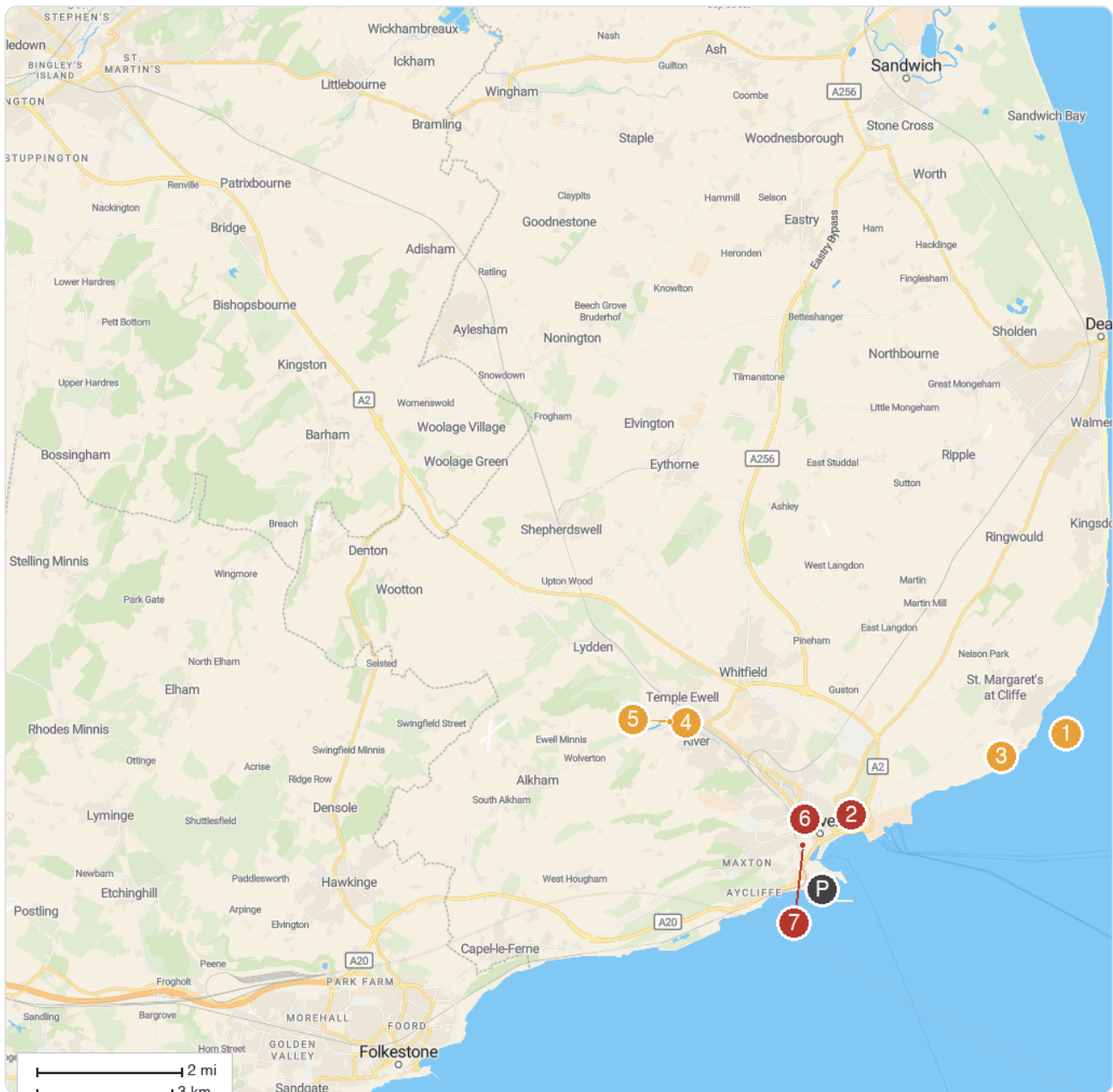
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book London train tickets in advance. High-speed trains from Dover Priory to London St Pancras fill up and advance fares are significantly cheaper — book via National Rail or Trainline before your cruise.
- Watch your return time. London is 1 hr 20 min away — set a hard return alarm. Missing the ship in Dover is more painful than most ports.
- Dover Castle is worth the hike. It's only a 10-minute taxi from the terminal, or a 20-minute uphill walk. Allow 2–3 hours — the Dunkirk tunnels alone take an hour.
- Cards work everywhere in England. Contactless payment is universal — you rarely need cash. ATMs are available at the terminal and in town.
- Pack a waterproof layer. Kent weather is famously changeable — even in summer, a light rain jacket makes the cliff walk much more pleasant.
- Canterbury is faster than you think. Trains run every 30 minutes from Dover Priory station (20-min taxi from terminal). A half-day in Canterbury is very doable and far less frantic than London.

Dover, Kent, England — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 South Foreland Heritage Coast | Dramatic white cliffs and scenic coastal walks await. | 2 Dover Castle | Explore England's iconic medieval castle and wartime tunnels. |
| 3 National Trust - South Foreland Lighthouse | Tour a historic Victorian lighthouse with stunning sea views. | 4 Kearsney Abbey Gardens | Enjoy beautiful parkland, lakes, and the abbey's historic ruins. |
| 5 Russell Gardens | Stroll through elegant formal gardens with picturesque water features. | 6 Maison Dieu | Discover a medieval hospital, now Dover's historic town hall. |
| 7 Western Heights Of Dover | Explore vast Napoleonic fortifications offering panoramic views. | P Cruise port / terminal | |