

# Coastal Kent & The Battle of Britain

Friday 7th - Monday 10th May 2010



**Friday** Depart Bradford 08.00am for the journey south with stops en route as required, heading for an afternoon visit to [Canterbury](#), the historic religious heart of England, dominated by the inspiring cathedral, surrounded by quaint, but lively streets.

**Saturday** The day will be spent in the former Cinque Port of [Hythe](#) with not only time to explore this popular resort, but to have a return ride on the 14 mile miniature [Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway](#), which runs down the coast on the edge of the fertile marsh area first drained by the Romans.

**Sunday** We visit the most important collection of Battle of Britain artefacts in the country with a visit to the [Kent Battle Of Britain Museum](#) based at the former RAF Station Hawkinge, the closest airfield to occupied France in World War II - just ten minutes flying time away! Now run by enthusiasts and

volunteers you can still savour the atmosphere of the place known as "**Hellfire Corner**". The afternoon will be spent in the more genteel atmosphere of [Broadstairs](#).

**Monday** Magnificently standing on the famous White Cliffs the port of Dover is dominated by the massive medieval stronghold that is [Dover Castle](#). Find out what life was like in times gone by here, then we explore with a guide the **Secret Wartime Tunnels** beneath the castle from where the evacuation of Dunkirk was overseen by Lord Ramsey, and how the underground hospital functioned. *NB Steep slopes and plenty of walking required.* Arrive back late evening.



## The Hotel

Located next to Leeds Castle, [this hotel](#) is set within its own 26 acres of grounds and is the perfect base to discover the tranquility and beauty of Kent, the 'Garden of England'. Recently refurbished, it has a restaurant, bar and coffee shop as well as a Health and Leisure club with swimming pool, sauna, steam room, spa pool and work out facilities. All rooms include en-suite bathrooms, hairdryer, tea and coffee making facilities, TV with satellite channels, trouser press and in many cases iron and ironing board.



Hotel: Ramada Hotel & Resort Maidstone, Hollingbourne, Nr Maidstone, Kent, ME17 1RE Tel: 08448 159045

## This 4 day Tour Includes

- ☞ Free time to explore Canterbury, Hythe and Broadstairs
- ☞ Visits to Dover Castle Tunnels, Battle of Britain Museum & Romney Hythe rail journey
- ☞ 3 nights dinner, bed & English breakfast

## Prices

Per person in twin/double	<b>£239.00</b>
Per person in single (limited)	<b>£239.00</b>
Insurance	<b>£18.75</b>
English Heritage Discount	<b>- £11.50</b>

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