



Squeeze out the last rays of summer with a September escape! Accommodation prices are lower, the sea's at its warmest and parking's a breeze, this is a great month to unwind on the coast.

Youngsters might be back at their desks, but there's still a huge line-up of events and festivals to explore. A weekend of live music, superb seafood and an artisan market feature at Poole's [Seafood & Sounds Festival](#), 12-13 September. Join the colourful parade winding its way through the Old Town to The Quay, with 24 live musical acts filling the streets.

Head to Bridlington's South Beach for a rumble of mighty engines at [Race the Waves](#), 11-13 September, witness vintage cars and motorbike racing across the sands. Or take a seat back in time on the Scarborough 400 Giant Deckchair Trail, each chair marks a moment in its 400-year history as a spa resort. And if swing, blues and Dixieland float your boat, head to the [Scarborough Jazz Festival](#), 25-27 September.

This is the perfect month for walks along the coast path, join like-minded travellers at the Isle of Wight [Walking Festival](#), 3-11 October, or White Cliffs Country [Walking Festival](#), 3-10 October. And if you'd like a luxury trip to Kent's White Cliffs Country, enter our competition to win a stay at the four-star Dover Marina Hotel & Spa.

Good luck!



Seaham Spa Style

A quick escape to the Durham Heritage Coast has just got much easier with the launch of a London Grand Central route stopping at the pretty harbour town of [Seaham](#). Taking around three hours, it makes a weekend escape a great option.

For a touch of luxury, stay at the [Seaham Hall Hotel & Spa](#), its Coastal Lodges offer unbeatable coastal views, stylish indoor and outdoor living areas, hot tub, bbq and firepit and best of all, the hotel's excellent dining and spa facilities are just steps away. Make use of the new million-pound Zen Garden, a superb outdoor wellness space.

Top tips for the Durham Heritage Coast

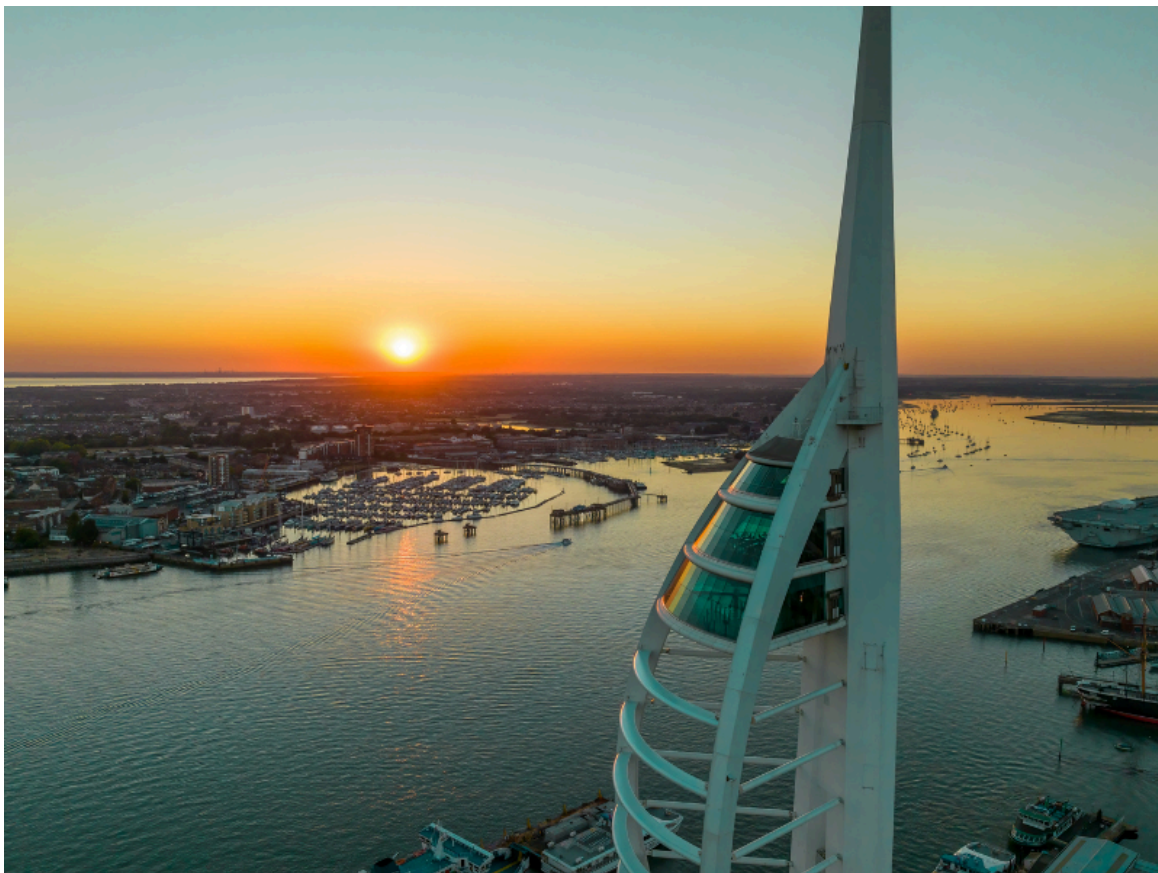


Heritage days and hiking trails in Kent

A line-up of talks and tours at spots rarely open to the public takes place across Dover, Sandwich and Deal, in White Cliffs [Heritage Open Days](#), 11-20 September. These free to explore days are perfect for history buffs, visit Wanstone Battery on the White Cliffs, Admiralty Pier and the Captain's Garden, Deal Castle.

Or come for a week of guided walks in beautiful east Kent at [White Cliffs Walking Festival](#), 3-10 October. Book for Waves, Caves, Graves and Sushi in Dover, the Samphire Hoe Explorer or a Ripple walk at Solley's Ice Cream Parlour, most walks are guided and include a welcome stop at a hostelry.

[Plan your trip to White Cliffs Country](#)



Slip in a late summer City break!

Why not take a cheeky late summer city break? Whether arriving by coach, train or ferry, Portsmouth is effortless to walk around, conveniently flat, its attractions are all neatly within easy reach of each other. Explore [Historic Dockyard](#), bag bargains at Gunwharf Quays and scale the heights of Spinnaker Tower.

Arrive 12-13 September and you'll be in time for the [Portsmouth International Kite Festival](#), this year titled 100 Kites to celebrate 100 Years in honour of its city status. Come for kite tricks and ballet acts as the skies above Southsea Common burst into colourful life.

Visit Portsmouth this Autumn



Win a luxury stay at the Dover Marina Hotel & Spa

Here's your chance to win an overnight stay for two with breakfast at the superb [Dover Marina Hotel & Spa](#), part of the Tapestry Collection by Hilton.

Offering panoramic views of the beach and harbour and close to the iconic White Cliffs of Dover, this hotel is ideally placed for exploring all the local attractions including Dover Castle, the Roman Painted House, Western Heights and magnificent 800-year-old Maison Dieu.

Relax into coastal calm using the hotel's spa facilities and gym, book a table at its Waterfront Café and savour freshly prepared local seafood and signature cocktails while overlooking stunning seafront views.

Stroll along the White Cliffs, part of the King Charles III England Coast Path, where you can see France on a clear day. Explore the local cafés and shops and stop off at the Dover Museum to see the 3,500-year-old Bronze Age Boat, the world's oldest known sea-going vessel.

Enter Now!

Terms and Conditions: Prize comprises one night's accommodation for two guests sharing a standard double room with breakfast for two. Advanced booking required directly with the hotel. Prize is subject to availability and blackout dates. Prize must be redeemed by 31 August 2027.

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Gone are the crowded beaches, teeming clifftops and jammed car parks, welcome to September! Check out our new blog for cosy cottages and quirky boltholes and a raft of fun experiences.



Explore rum smuggling tales on the north west coast, Royal connections on the Kent coast and Martello Towers in Essex, read our round-up of history and heritage on England's coast.

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