



Four heatwaves this summer? What a scorcher! But September's the month the sea's at its warmest, beaches are quieter and eating al fresco can still be a joy, so make the most of the last longer days and snap up a bargain.

Squeeze in the last rays of summer with a short break to Kent's White Cliffs Country, this three-for-one Dover, Deal and Sandwich combo boasts forts and castles, a cool food and music scene and stunning coastal walks - on a clear day you can see France from Deal or Dover Castle. Sandwich's history may go back to Richard the Lionheart but its dining is avant-garde! Watch seals, explore a Roman fort or snaffle a bargain at the antiques market on September 14 outside the Guildhall.

Plus, there's the chance to win a two-night stay in Bournemouth with a cruise from Poole Harbour, afternoon tea at Highcliffe Castle, exclusive tour of the newly transformed Poole Museum, free entry to the Russell Cotes Art Gallery as well as a thrilling pier-to-beach zipwire ride!

Enter this month's competition for 48 hours of non-stop fun!



Find your vibe in Brighton

If you're already feeling summer's sliding away too quickly, a break to Brighton is just the tonic. Packed with theatres big and small across Brighton and Hove, there's comedy, live music and open-mic nights every night of the week.

Take a themed walking tour - try ghosts, foodie or street art - and when it comes to beach, there's eight miles from Shoreham to Rottingdean, enjoy a beach sauna or yoga, hire a bike, rock-climb or explore one of the seven Green Flag parks.

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Escape to North Yorkshire

With the kids back in school, what could be better than a quick getaway to the North Yorkshire coast? Stroll the sands in Scarborough's twin bays, its 12th century castle, Japanese Gardens in Peasholm Park or head north to Whitby for its famous Gothic Abbey, shop-lined cobbled streets and Captain Cook connections.

Lining the coastline are a string of fishing villages, stop off at Robin Hood's Bay, Sandsend or Staithes. Book a room in one of the friendly pubs, hear stories from local fishermen and smuggling tales while enjoying spectacular views.

[Discover North Yorkshire](#)



Gateway to the world – Southampton!

Departure port of The Mayflower and Titanic, home to the Spitfire and amazing medieval old town, if you haven't visited Southampton, you've missed out! Walk around some of the most impressive medieval walls in the country, stop off at Tudor House and Gardens, a mere 800 years old, explore the cultural quarter and dine waterside at Ocean Village – day out or weekend getaway, this city buzzes.

A series of events celebrating former resident Jane Austen's 250th anniversary is being staged city-wide, walk in her footsteps on a guided tour, take part in free arts workshops or frock-up for a Regency Ball in December!

Experience Southampton



Win a two-night break with cruise, castle and cakes!

What could be better than a last-minute break to the south coast with a full line-up of attractions and activities thrown in? Now's your chance to win a two-night stay including breakfast at the four-star Marsham Court Hotel with entry to attractions and meals across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole included!

[The Marsham Court](#) boasts stunning coastal views, outdoor summer-heated pool and is just five minutes' walk from Bournemouth's beaches and gardens. Spend a day in nearby Poole with an exclusive one-hour tour of [Poole Museum](#), scheduled to open this autumn after a £10m transformation, enjoy drinks and sweet treats for four people at The Old Town Salt Pig café in the newly re-opened Scaplen's Court.

Relax in the medieval building or the beautiful herb and physic walled garden, then stroll around the corner to Poole Quay and hop aboard [Coastal Cruises Poole](#) for a wonderful harbour cruise or a two-hour trip enjoying the scenic wonders of the Jurassic Coast with full-bar on-board.

You'll also have free family admission to the [Russell Cotes Art Gallery and Museum](#), an opulent home crammed with lavish furnishings and exotic objects, which hosts a rolling programme of art exhibitions. Then, for action-packed adventure, head to Bournemouth Pier for the Dual [PierZip](#) experience and whizz across the waves on the pier-to-beach zipwire followed by two Clip 'n' Climb sessions at [RockReef](#) featuring 25 different walls and a 'stairway to heaven'.

If that's too full-on, relax instead and enjoy a meal on the tip of Bournemouth Pier at [Key West Bar & Restaurant](#) with superb panoramic coastal views and head to [Highcliffe Castle](#) and indulge in an afternoon tea for two at [The Castle Pantry](#) with sandwiches, scones and clotted cream. Plus, you'll receive a Membership Pass to the Castle which entitles you and a guest free entry for a year as well as discounts in the Castle gift shop and on a selection of event tickets!

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