

# An Easter heritage hunt along the South East coast

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Sunset at the white cliffs of Dover Jade Greenbrooke

Are you heading to the South East coast this Easter? Join us on a heritage hunt from Chatham to Portsmouth to find some amazing places to visit!

## Hear the story of a warship in Chatham...

[The story of HMS Victory](#) and its place in wartime history (including its role as the flagship for Nelson's Battle of Trafalgar victory) can be heard at Chatham's historic dockyard.

## Delve into the pearly history of Whitstable...

[Favourite is the last remaining oyster yawl open to the public](#) in Whitstable. The sailboat offers an insight into the seaside town's long legacy of oyster fishing.

## Come face-to-face with a 17th century painter in Margate...

[Sir Anthony van Dyck's last self-portrait](#) (saved for the nation this year) features at the Turner Contemporary.

## **Try to spot France from the white cliffs of Dover...**

As well as inspiring famous lyrics and being a key landmark for journeys across the Channel, [the white cliffs of Dover](#) also have a thriving community and environment and are well worth a visit.

## **Take a walk through Folkestone's Old Town...**

From visiting quaint shops and appreciating modern art, to taking a stroll by the working harbour, [Folkestone's Old Town](#) has something exciting for the whole family.

## **Meet the wildlife that calls the shingle landscape of Dungeness home...**

[Dungeness](#) is one of the world's best examples of a shingle landscape and has a fragile but unique community of wildlife and plants.

## **Soak up art and culture in Bexhill...**

From exhibitions and events to music and family workshops, there's plenty going on at the [Grade I listed De La Warr Pavilion](#) on Bexhill-on-sea's seafront.

## **Commemorate the lives of First World War soldiers in Eastbourne...**

Hear the previously untold stories of soldiers injured in the First World War who came to [Eastbourne's Summerdown Camp](#) to recover.

## **Discover Worthing's hidden heritage...**

[Worthing Heritage Trails](#) can guide you through the town's history, from its oldest buildings and beautiful coastline to famous faces and tales of smuggling.

## **Visit a Tudor ship in Portsmouth which spent more than 400 years at the bottom of the sea...**

As well as HMS Victory (whose story is being told in Chatham) [Portsmouth is also home to historic ships](#) such as the Mary Rose, a 16th century warship which has on board artefacts and formation about the ship and her crew.

All of these places have received funding thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, so let's make the most of the longer, warmer days and celebrate with a spring-time visit!