



# Welcome to Battle

### BATTLE. THE LITTLE TOWN WITH A BIG HEART AND EVEN BIGGER HISTORY.

Most people think the Battle of Hastings 1066 took place in...Hastings. Well, it didn't. It happened here, on a field in the middle of the Sussex countryside. Then they built an abbey, and before long a whole town appeared before your very eyes.

Battle is now a vibrant community, very much alive in the 21st century and eager to share its impressive past. The 1066 Story, Battle Abbey and Battlefield draw visitors from all over the world, keen to learn about the events that changed the course of English history. The annual re-enactment fires the imagination of all, inspiring our future historians.

The busy high street links one commemorative site to another. A contemporary statue of a Norman and Saxon in combat by sculptor Guy Portelli RBA FRBS pays homage to all lives lost in combat, both human and animal.

The nearby Battle Museum of Local History plunges you further back in time to bring alive 125 million years of history. It's here you'll find dinosaurs, a Roman bathhouse and a print of the Bayeux Tapestry, and that's just for starters.

WELCOME TO BATTLE!



# Unbelievable Battle

#### THE BIRTHPLACE OF MODERN ENGLAND

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- The only battle axe to be recovered from the battlefield can be seen in Battle Museum of Local History.
- Benedictine monks wanted to build the abbey by a stream for water, but William ordered its construction on the hill where King Harold died.
- You can climb to the roof of Battle Abbey gatehouse for a bird's eye view of the town and battlefield. With mist settling on an October morning, allow your imagination to run riot.
- There is said to be a secret passage that runs from the well in the Almonry gardens all the way to Battle Abbey.
- You'll find the Battle Community Tapestry in the church of St Mary the Virgin. Depicting life in Battle from 1066 - 1115, it was created in 2016 by 741 stitchers from Battle and beyond.
- You can find the niche where crusaders would sharpen their swords in St Mary the Virgin church.
- Europe's finest gunpowder was once produced in Battle.
- The oldest Guy Fawkes effigy in the world is in Battle Museum of Local History. Free entry.
- Game of Thrones actor Anton Lesser is the narrator for a downloadable GeoTourist audio tour of Battle.













## Meet Modern Battle

#### PREPARE TO BE SURPRISED

That Battle is a little town with a BIG history is undeniable. After steeping yourself in the past, step out into 21st century Battle to discover why our town is counted among one of Lonely Planet's 'top ten hidden gems of Europe'.

Stroll along the High Street or explore the 'twittens' to discover independent, family run shops selling hand crafted gifts by local artisans. As the nights draw in, cosy firesides and tables laden with dishes of local produce invite you into our restaurants and pubs.

In spring and summer the gardens of the medieval Almonry (1090) burst into life, a rainbow of colour and a tranquil refuge. Trails lead you through hidden 'twittens' around the town and across stunning Sussex countryside so pull on your boots to stray off the beaten track into the depths of Battle Great Wood. Even your dog can follow in the footsteps of William the Conqueror around the 1066 battlefield.

We're easy to reach – 1h18 mins from central London by direct train, so... what are you waiting for?

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# Small Town Big Events

SO VERY BATTLE!

Quirky annual events where torchlight processions, chain mail, fireworks and fancy dress are de riqueur! Good Friday Marbles Match, May's Medieval Fayre, the Scarecrow Festival throughout July and the re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings in October are just some of the events demanding audience participation!

In the spring, Streets of Battle thrills and entertains with its fun, free street theatre. Throughout October, internationally acclaimed artists and musicians attract crowds from all over the world to the annual Battle Festival.

#### Find out more:

visit 1066country.com/battle





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## Battle Events

These are just some of the events taking place in 2020. For full listings, see visit 1066country.com

#### Regular events

Books of Battle (1 April - 31 October)

Annual exhibition at Battle Museum of Local History

ELF (Every Last Friday)

Live music and entertainment in venues around town

April & May - first Saturday of the month, 11am - 3pm Streets of Battle, street theatre

#### February

Saturday 15 - Sunday 23 Get Hands On With History, Battle Abbey

Sunday 23

Battel Bonfire Boyes Gunpowder Run, Battle Abbey

#### April

Saturday 4 Streets of Battle

Friday 10

Annual Battle Marbles Match & Easter Bonnet Parade

Saturday 4 - Sunday 19 Easter Adventure Quest. Battle Abbey 🏻

#### May

Saturday 2 Streets of Battle

Sat 23 - Sun 31 Summer Fun, Battle Abbey



Saturday 23 - Monday 25 Battle Photographic Society Annual Exhibition

Sunday 24 - Monday 25 Battle Medieval Fayre, Abbey Green



#### June

Friday 26 – Saturday 27 Battle's Big Weekend Saturday 27 – Sunday 28

Knights Tournament, Battle Abbey #

#### July

Mon 20 Jul - Sun 2 Aug Battle Scarecrow Festival Sat 25 Jul - Sun 30 Aug Hands on History, Battle Abbey 🖽

#### August

Throughout August Hands on History, Battle Abbey ##



Until Sunday 2 Battle Scarecrow Festival

#### September

Sunday 6 Battel Bonfire Boyes 10K

#### October

Throughout October Battle Festival

Thursday 8 - Sunday 11 Pure Autumn Art & Well-being Fair. Powdermills Hotel, Battle

Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 Battle of Hastings Re-enactment, Battle

Sat 24 Oct - Sun 1 Nov Spooky Abbey, Battle Abbey 🖽

Abbey and Battlefield 🖽

### November Saturday 7

Battle Bonfire and Torchlight Procession

Saturday 21 Robertsbridge Bonfire and Torchlight Procession

Sat 21 - Sun 22 Illuminated Abbev. Battle Abbey 🛄

Saturday 28 Battle Christmas Lights Switch On



#### December

Thursday 10 Late night opening. Battle Museum

Thursday 10 Battle Gala Night, late night shopping



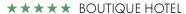


There's so much to see in Battle and nearby that you'll want to make more than a day of it. Choose from friendly hotels and cosy B&BS to quirky camping and self-catering cottages, right here in town or in nearby rural and coastal settings. Whichever you choose, you'll be guaranteed the warmest of welcomes

#### HOTELS AND BED & BREAKFAST ACCOMMODATION

Min - Max prices (incl. VAT which is subject to change) are PER ROOM based on two people sharing a twin/double room, with breakfast. (prices usually relate to low/high season).

#### **CLAVERTON HOTEL**





Bluemans Lane, Battle, TN33 OSE

- T 01424 751128
- E reservations@clavertonhotel.co.uk
- W www.clavertonhotel.co.uk
- @ ClavertonCountryHouse

Rooms: 11 Single: £69 - £130 B&B Double £99 - £249 B&B Prices per room per night. This elegant countryside Edwardian property is surrounded by landscaped gardens and located in the heart of the 1066 historic area. Each room is individually furnished with luxury en-suite facilities. The restaurant and bar are open daily from 5.00pm and for larger functions and weddings we can cater for up to 200 in our newly opened ballroom. During your stay each member of staff will strive to provide the very best in exceptional service.

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#### **BANNATYNES HOTEL & SPA**





Battle Road, St Leonards, TN38 8EZ

- T 01424 851222
- E enquiries.hastinashotel@bannatvne.co.uk
- W www.bannatyne.co.uk/hotel/hastings



Rooms: 38 Bed and Breakfast rates starting at £95 per night. Please visit our website or call direct for the best rate quaranteed.

Set in 38 acres of formal gardens and woodland, Bannatyne Spa Hotel Hastings will make your stay in this beautiful South Coast resort town even more memorable. Blending magnificent accommodation in a historic venue with fantastic service in a relaxed and friendly environment, we offer the perfect venue for a relaxing getaway. Overlooking our stunning formal gardens, the unique Maxine's Restaurant is the perfect venue to enjoy freshly prepared dishes, using the best local and seasonal produce.

Only a short walk from the hotel, vou'll find our Bannatyne Health Club and Spa. This state-of-the-art facility offers spa treatments and indulgent private outdoor hot tubs, plus a newly refurbished avm which all hotel auests gain complimentary access to when booking direct.

#### THE COODEN BEACH HOTEL

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Cooden Sea Road, Bexhill, TN39 4TT

- T 01424 842281
- E sales@thecoodenbeachhotel.co.uk
- W the cooden beach hotel couk

Rooms: 41 Prices from: £80 B&B pppn

Set directly on the beach in a quiet corner of Bexhill, this picturesque hotel has 41 fully refurbished ensuite bedrooms, some with sea views, and a selection of conference rooms. The staff are wedding specialists and the premises is licensed for all weddings. For food, there's the The Brasserie on the Beach with direct access to the water's edge, Cooden Tayern with great quality traditional pub food and the Terrace. Cream teas and afternoon tea are available in The Brasserie

#### THE BRICKWALL HOTEL





The Green, Sedlescombe Battle TN33 0QA

- T 01424 870253
- E info@brickwallhotel.com
- W www.brickwallhotel.com

Rooms: 24 Double/Twin - From £100 B&B Single Occupancy - From £65 B&B Prices per room per night

A warm welcome awaits you at The Brickwall Hotel (built 1597), overlooking Sedlescombe village green in the heart of 1066 Country. Privately owned and run by a friendly and experienced team, relax in the spacious residents' lounge, oak panelled bar, stunning begmed dining room, and the beautiful Garden Room

Doubles, twins and ground floor rooms are all en suite, with many overlooking the hotel gardens or across the village.

#### **POWDERMILLS HOTEL**





Powdermill Lane, Battle TN33 OSP

- E reservations@powdermillshotel.com
- W powdermillshotel.com

Rooms: 48 Sinale: £110 - £130 B&B Double: £130 - £350 B&B Prices per room per night.

The PowderMills is an 18th Century listed privately owned Country House Hotel in 150 acres adjoining the battlefield of 1066. All 48 rooms are individually furnished, each with a luxury ensuite bathroom. The Orangery Restaurant has received many accolades and has a 2 AA rosette for fine dining. It is open every day for residents and non-residents for luncheon, light snacks, afternoon tea, coffee and dinner.

#### **ABBEY HOTEL**

**BAR & RESTAURANT** 



84 High Street, Battle, TN33 0AQ

- 01424 772755
- E Info@abbevhotelbattle.co.uk **W** www.abbeyhotelbattle.co.uk

Grade 2 listed 8 bedroom hotel in Battle. The Abbey is smart, sophisticated and sees contemporary touches minale with eclectic vintage features.

Prices from: £100

### THE BAY HOTEL PEVENSEY

OPPOSITE THE BEACH



2 Eastbourne Rd, Pevensey Bay, BN24 6EJ

- T 01323 768645
- **E** bookings@thebayhotelpevensey.co.uk W www.thebayhotelpevensey.co.uk

Ideally located for exploring 1066 Country. Rooms, bar and restaurant refurbished to the highest standard and feature iconic photography by the late Terry O'Neill.

Prices from: £60 single, £80 double

Please check with establishment to assess suitability. Assist doas always accepted. Establishments that allow doas 4. Disabled access



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#### **HOTELS AND BED & BREAKFAST ACCOMMODATION**

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#### **BOREHAM HOUSE**

#### \*\*\* \* LUXURY BED & BREAKFAST



Boreham Street, Nr Battle, BN27 4SF

- T 01323 833719 / 07809 383482
- E enquiries@borehamhouse.com
- W www.borehamhouse.com

Award winning 5 star B&B sitting in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with three beautiful bedrooms. Self-catering cottage also available.

Prices from: £95

#### **COAST B&B**

#### EDWARDIAN TOWN HOUSE



58 Sea Road, Bexhill, TN40 1JP

- 01424 225260
- E info@coastbexhill.co.uk
- W www.coasthexhill.co.uk

Located in Bexhill. Our rooms are stylish and individual, whilst retaining many period features, including breakfast from our award-winning menu.

Prices from: £99 - King & Super King

### **SELF CATERING ACCOMMODATION, CARAVANS & CAMPING**

Prices (incl. VAT which is subject to change) per unit, one week. (Min/Max prices usually relate to low/high season).

#### **CROWHURST PARK**





Telham Lane, Battle TN33 OSL

- 01424 773344
- E info@crowhurstpark.co.uk
- W www.crowhurstpark.co.uk

Award-winning holiday park featuring self-catering lodges. Superb indoor pool, Jacuzzi, steam room, sauna, gym, beauty therapies, tennis court.

Prices from: £359

#### **SENLAC WOOD, CARAVAN** & CAMPING \*\*\*



Catsfield Road, Catsfield TN33 9LN

- T 01424 773969
- E senlacwood@xlninternet.co.uk
- W www.senlacwood.co.uk

Woodland site with reception, games room, electric hook-up, refurbished shower block, play area, tourist info. Also available 'back to basics' campina

Contact for prices

#### THE ORIGINAL HUT COMPANY

BEAUTIFUL, COMFORTABLE, SUSTAINABLE



Bodiam, East Sussex

- T 01580 830 932
- E info@original-huts.co.uk
- W www.oriainal-huts.co.uk

Unique glamping and camping, small secluded sites set in woodland glades on our family run farm. On site café and a host of fun activities

Contact for prices



# Brilliant Battle

#### THESE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE THINGS...

#### TOP TIPS FROM LOCALS AND VISITORS



#### History

Look up! See historic England reflected in High Street buildings. Scenes from Aesop's fables are woven into the Battle Community Tapestry. See if you can find them.

#### Off the beaten track

I have loads of memories of riding my bike as a kid through Battle Great Wood, We forage for wild mushrooms there now.



Discover hidden lakes in the grounds of Battle Abbey. In late spring, breathe in the refreshing scent of wild garlic below

the walled garden.



Join us on the 'Health Walk' from Abbey Green each Friday morning, covering many of the local footpaths.

#### **Exploring Battle**

Our kids love the children's heritage trail and the sculpture trail is beautiful. (See page 20-21)

The play castle at the recreation ground is a great addition to the town. Discover the Battle of the lyrics of international super-group Keane, who grew up right here. KeaneTrail.org.uk

#### Enjoy local life. After all, the Normans never left, did they?

There's a slower pace here. Take time to chat with friendly locals in shops and businesses. On a sunny afternoon,



my idea of heaven is to watch a match on the world's oldest cricket pitch (allegedly), in the shadow of the abbey, a pint of Battle beer in my hand. Battle Bonfire and torchlight procession! If there was something that didn't happen anymore, this is the one event I'd miss the most.

Driving into town at Christmas, and seeing the tree lights on Abbey Green, in front of the illuminated abbey. What a welcome home!

Discover here the essence of today's Battle, its people and events in our 3 minute film. vimeo.com/keanetrail/visit-battle

Please check with establishment to assess suitability. Assist dogs always accepted.

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### Eat better in & around Battle

Battle High Street is bursting at the seams with tea shops, pubs, delicatessens and restaurants. In the surrounding area find cosy country inns, vineyards and well stocked farm shops selling delicious local produce.

### THE HUB

CFIFBRATING EVERYTHING LOCAL

Quarry Farm, Bodiam, TN32 5RA

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01580 830932

W www.thehubquarryfarm.co.uk

@HubQuarryFarm

Located near the River Rother and Bodiam Castle, we are the perfect spot for breakfast, lunch or even a G&T. We also have a selection of scrumptious cakes and scones.



CAFF TFAROOM



87 High Street, Battle TN33 0AQ

T 01424 777490

W www.bluebellstearoom.co.uk

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Opening times:

Tuesday - Saturday, 9am - 4.30pm 1 Nov - 1 Apr: Tues - Sat, 10am - 4pm Located opposite Battle Abbey, fully licensed, the perfect spot for breakfast, light lunch, cream teas and our speciality, RASPBERRY SCONES, all made daily on the premises.

A warm welcome awaits you!

"...From the time we walked through the door we were areeted by such friendly staff, who showed us to our table. We all left very happy and all think this is the best one in Battle and we look forward to returning." Facebook customer review

#### **ASH TREE INN**

FRFF HOUSE



Brownbread St. Ashburnham, TN33 9NX

- T 01424 892104
- E info@ashtreeinn.com
- W www.ashtreeinn.com

17th century free house, in High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. THREE open fireplaces, real ales, home cooked food, beer garden for sunny days. Dietary requirements catered for. We'd love to see you!

#### **EGGS TO APPLES**

FARM SHOP



London Road, Hurst Green TN 19 7QP

- T 01580 860566
- E hello@eggstoapples.co.uk
- W www.eggstoapples.co.uk

An award winning farm shop showcasing the best of local produce. With a delicatessen, cheese counter, cellar, and cafe serving areat coffee. cake, and delicious seasonal food all day. Open 7 days a week.

#### **ORANGERY TEA ROOM**

ASHBURNHAM PLACE



Establishments that allow doas 4. Disabled access

Ashburnham Place, Battle, TN33 9NF

- T 01424 894203
- W www.ashburnham.org.uk
- OrangeryTeaRoom
- AshburnhamPlace

Opening times:

Tuesday - Sunday: 10.30am - 5.00pm Closed on Mondays

Please check with establishment to assess suitability. Assist doas always accepted.

In the summer of 2013 The Orangery Tea Room was established servina the highest quality teas and coffees alongside fresh, locally sourced food. The spectacular Orangery, designed in 1777 by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, houses delicate plants of many kinds including the oldest camellia in the country. If you're looking to book an afternoon tea or a large group during the week please contact us to book. Assistance dogs on site only.

#### **PLANTERS**

FARM SHOP, GARDEN CAFÉ... & MUCH MORE!



Orchard Farm, London Road, Hurst Green, Etchinaham TN 19 7QS

- T 01580 860959
- E hello@plantersa21.com

W www.plantersa21.com

- · Food hall packed with local produce
- · Butchery with Sussex and Kent meats
- · Licensed café restaurant
- · Garden & play area
- · Plants and largest pot collection in county
- · Antiques centre with 10 dealers
- · Beautiful aiftware & cards

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday - Saturday, 8am - 5.30pm Sunday, 10am - 4pm











# Battle & beyond

Browse Battle High Street for its wealth of independent shops, one of the features which make our town unique. Then head out into the surrounding countryside of 1066 Country to discover a whole variety of experiences from wine tastings to zoo keeping!

#### **BATTLE ANTIQUES**

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**ANTIQUES & RETRO** 



19 High St, Tills Yard, Battle, TN33 0AE

- T 07802 243882 / 01424 774719
- E battleantiques@amail.com
- W battleantiques.co.uk

My focus is on originality and good design, an eclectic mixture of antiques, retro and what appeals to me. 17th - 21st century items, 35+ years experience in the trade.

#### **BRITISH DESIGN BRITISH MADE**

EVERYTHING MADE IN BRITAIN



64 High Street, Battle TN33 0AG

- T 01424 777711
- E hello@britishdesignbritishmade.com
- W www.britishdesianbritishmade.com





■ G @loveBritishmade

Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm Sunday (see social media for seasonal variations)



We are passionate about British design, made in the British Isles. We advocate buying well to buy less. Everything is curated from a portfolio of talented BRITISH designers who manufacture beautiful, useful, affordable, quality work - they all have their story.

> Buying BRITISH made reduces our carbon footprint. We seek out products created with sustainable or recycled materials, reuse or recycle at least 90% of our supplier packaging and use 100% renewable electricity. Support our UK economy and environment!

#### **HOUSE OF CARDS**



INDEPENDENT CARD & GIFT SHOP

### THINGS THAT MAKE LIFE BETTER

**DICKIEBIRD HOMESTORE** 

THE CRAFTY NORMAN

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP



Mount Street, Battle, TN33 0EG

T 07734 922235

T 01424 773453

f @thecraftynorman

- E tam@dickiebirdhomestore.co.uk
- @dickiebirdhomestore

We have filled the shop with a bright, colourful and eclectic collection of things for your home and life. We also serve delicious, locally-roasted coffee.

House of Cards



61 High Street, Battle, TN33 0AG

- T 01424 775004
- W www.battlehouseofcards.co.uk
- **f** @houseofcardsbattle
- Greetinas Cards
- · Luxury Belgian Chocolates
- Gifts and more

#### WHITE SAILS



#### **BOUTIQUE AND NICE THINGS**



51 High Street, Battle, TN33 0EN

- T 01424 777333
- E vanessaboon@hotmail.co.uk
- @whitesailsboutique

A wide range of unique women's clothing, accessories, gifts, rugs, soft furnishings and more. Working with family businesses who support environmental and ethical communities.

#### THE BLACKSHED GALLERY



### **PEVENSEY CASTLE**

#### ROMAN FORTRESS, NORMAN CASTLE



Pevensey, TN33 0AG

T 01323 762604

W enalish-heritage.org.uk/pevensev

Explore this dramatic fortress where William the Conqueror landed his army in 1066. Delve deep into the dark dungeon of the moated medieval castle and explore a brand new museum and exhibition. See website for opening times and prices.

#### **BATEMAN'S**

HOME AND GARDEN OF RUDYARD KIPLING

Russet Farm, Redlands Lane,

Robertsbridge TN32 5NG

W theblackshedgallery.org.uk

A stone's throw from the A21 in a delightful

rural setting on a farm just outside the historic village of Robertsbridge.

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm

E info@blackshed.net

T 01580 881247



Burwash TN 19 7DS

- T 01435 882302
- E batemans@nationaltrust.org.uk www.nationaltrust.org.uk/batemans
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For property opening times and prices please refer to the website.

Nestled amongst the beautiful countryside of the Sussex Weald, Batemans is a 17th-century house surrounded by gardens, farmland and trees. You'll find a Grade I listed watermill, a natural play area for den building and the Mulberry tea-room for homemade meals and cakes, or bring a picnic.

Open all year around, except 24 & 25 December.

#### **BODIAM CASTLE**

PICTURESQUE MEDIEVAL CASTLE



Bodiam, Nr Robertsbridge TN32 5UA

- 01580 830196
- bodiamcastle@nationaltrust.org.uk W nationaltrust.org.uk/bodiam-castle



For property opening times and prices please refer to the website.

One of Britain's most perfectly picturesque castles, built in 1385 to impress friends and frighten enemies.

The castle rises majestically from the moat, with spiral staircases, towers, battlements, a portcullis and ruins where knights once roamed. Bodiam is a place to let your imagination run free.

Visit the café or tea-room for homemade meals and cakes, or bring a picnic.

Open all year around, except 24 & 25 December.

#### **KENT AND EAST SUSSEX RAILWAY**

STEAM RAILWAY



Northiam Station, Station Road, Northiam TN31 6QT

- T 01580 765155
- **E** enquiries@kesr.org.uk
- W www.kesr.org.uk

Travelcard for all day travel: Adult £18, Child £12, Family 2 + 2 £42

Pensioners' rates apply on selected dates. See our website for full details.

A picturesque line, stretching 10 1/2 miles between Bodiam and Tenterden. Take a nostalgic trip behind a full-size steam engine on Britain's first light railway.

Journey through miles of attractive countryside and experience the characteristic sights, sounds and smells of steam engines working hard on the steep gradients of this charming railway. Experience travel and service from a bygone age aboard beautifully restored coaches and locomotives datina from Victorian times

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foreign exchange service.

offers an array of painting materials,

cards and stationery. We also offer a

crafting ideas and kits along with

an amazing selection of greetings



#### **BEXHILL MUSEUM**

#### **FNCOURAGING DISCOVERY**



Egerton Road, Bexhill on Sea TN39 3HL

01424 222058

info@bexhillmuseum.org.uk

www.bexhillmuseum.org.uk



Opening times: Daily 20 Jan to mid-Dec Tues - Fri 10am to 5pm Sat, Sun, Mon 11am to 5pm

Bexhill Museum offers something for everyone – from local history and archaeology, to fashion and motoring heritage. These unique collections are housed in a distinctive building that combines the traditional Edwardian with a modern extension

Brand new this year, a refurbished gallery dedicated to Bexhill's experience during World War II, including audio histories, wartime artefacts, and a unique model of the town and its railways as they were during the winter of 1940, designed by Eddie Izzard.

#### **DRUSILLAS PARK**

ZOO, ADVENTURE PLAY AND RIDES



Alfriston, East Sussex, BN26 5QS

T 01323 874100

info@drusillas.co.uk

www.drusillas.co.uk



Open daily from 10am (closed 24/25/26 Dec).

Located just off the A27 in Alfriston.

Widely known as the best small zoo in Europe, Drusillas Park offers a fun-tastic dav out!

Come face to face with hundreds of exotic animals, from monkeys and meerkats, plus walk through enclosures, Lemurland and Lory Landing. However, animals are only half the fun! Your little monkeys will adore the themed adventure play areas and seven thrilling kids rides! New for 2020 Jurassic Jungle; take a walk back in time and discover some Jurassic giants!

#### CARR TAYLOR VINEYARDS

KING JOHN'S NURSERY

NURSERY, GARDEN, CAFE & SHOP

FREE ENTRANCE & WINE TASTING



Wheel Lane, Westfield, Hastings TN35 4SG (follow signs from A21/A28)

- 01424 752501
- E sales@carr-taylor.co.uk
- **W** www.carr-taylor.co.uk

Multi award-winning vineyards open every day from 10am until 5pm (excluding Christmas). Stunning sparkling, still and fruit wines. Vineyard tour vouchers available from only £10pp.

#### GREAT DIXTER

**HOUSE & GARDENS** 



Northiam, Rye TN31 6PH

01797 252878

E office@greatdixter.co.uk

W www.greatdixter.co.uk

Great Dixter is an historic house and garden and a place of pilgrimage for horticulturists from across the world. It was the home of gardener and gardening writer Christopher Lloyd.

### **MERRIMENTS GARDENS**



GARDEN, PLANTS, SHOP & RESTAURANT

Sheepstreet Lane, Etchingham, TN 19 7AZ 01580 819220 E harry@kingjohnsnursery.co.uk **W** www.kingjohnsnursery.co.uk

A rural setting, beautiful views, we offer a lovely retreat from everyday life.

Indulge in shopping, a garden meander or get greedy in the café.

King John's Nursery is a place to be.



Hawkhurst Road, Hurst Green, TN 19 7RA

- T 01580 860666
- E info@merriments.co.uk
- W www.merriments.co.uk

Our stunning RHS partner garden inspires a thriving shop, plant centre and restaurant. Seasonal colour, home-cooked food and unique gifts are available all year round. Dog friendly.

The gardens open March - October.

#### Pevensey & Herstmonceux

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- 1 Michelham Priory
- 2 Knockhatch Adventure Park
- 3 Herstmonceux Castle Gardens & Grounds
- 4 The Observatory Science Centre
- 5 Drusillas Park (follow A27)
- 6 Stone Cross Windmill
- 7 Pevensev Castle
- 8 Pevensey Court House & Gaol

#### Briahtlina & Burwash

- 1 Bateman's
- 2 Fuller's Follies

#### Ticehurst & Hurst Green

- Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest
- 2 Bewl Water
- 3 King John's Nursery & Garden
- 4 Merriments Gardens
- 5 Pashley Manor Gardens

#### **Battle & Sedlescombe**

- 1 Sedlescome Organic Vineyard
- 2 Battle Museum of Local History
- 3 1066 Battle of Hastings, Abbey & Battlefield
- 4 Carr Taylor Vineyards
- 5 Giants of Brede (stationary steam powered engines)
- 6 blackShed gallery
- Geotourist Battle Audio Tour

#### **Bodiam & Northiam**

- 1 Bodiam Castle
- 2 Bodiam Boating Station
- 3 Kent & East Sussex Steam Railway
- 4 Great Dixter House & Gardens
- Oxney Organic Vineyards

#### Bexhill

- 1 Bexhill Museum
- 2 Eaerton Park
- 3 De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill
- Geotourist Bexhill Audio Tours

### **Hastings & St Leonards**

- 1 Alexandra Park
- 2 Hastings History House
- 3 Source BMX
- 4 Hastings Museum & Art Gallery
- 5 Hastings Castle and 1066 Story
- 6 Smugglers Adventure
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- 20 St Mary in the Castle
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To discover more about Battle's history make sure you visit Battle Museum of Local History. www.battlelocalhistory.com Financed by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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## Visitor Information

Tourist information on Battle and surrounding area is available from the Almonry, Battle Museum of Local History and various businesses in town.

#### The Almonry

High Street, Battle, TN33 0EA

**Nov** - **Mar**: 09:00 - 17:00

Mon - Fri

Apr - Oct: As above & 10:00 - 16:30 Sats

#### **Battle Museum** of Local History

High Street, Battle, TN33 0EA

1 Apr - 31 Oct 2020: 10:00 - 16:30 Mon - Sat

### **EASY TO REACH**

#### By Train

The main London to Hastings line stops in Battle with half hourly services from London Charing Cross, London Bridge and Waterloo East. Battle is just 78 minutes away from Charing Cross. southeasternrailway.co.uk

#### **By Road**

Battle is easily accessible from London, Gatwick Airport and Dover/Channel Tunnel. To get to Battle use postcode **TN33 0AR** 

The exceptional floral displays throughout the town have been regularly acknowledged by the judges in the National In Bloom competition and the town has received a Silver award on numerous occasions

In the small parks category the Almonry garden has won the Gold award five times.







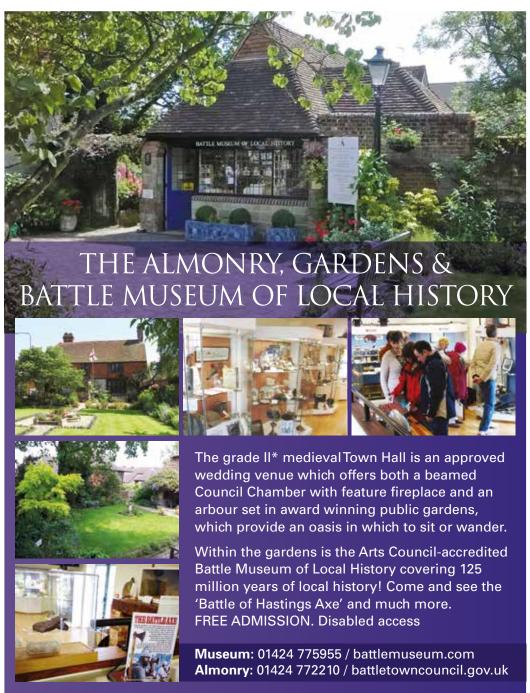
A number of the town's events are organised by Battle Chamber of Commerce.

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**MUSEUM OPENING TIMES:** Monday - Saturday 10am - 4.30 pm 1 April - 31 October 2020









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