



# A 3-DAY AUTUMNAL ADVENTURE THROUGH NORTH KENT

## Itinerary highlights

**Spark your curiosity as you discover some of Kent's best-kept secrets and hidden gems across the North of the county.** Full of surprises at every turn, it's an exciting time to explore the area in a completely new light. North Kent is home to the towns of Rochester, Chatham, Faversham, Gillingham, Gravesend and the coastal towns of the Isle of Sheppey, which all continue to surprise and delight visitors. Rich in river heritage, steeped in history and abundant with incredible local produce, the area is ripe for the taking!

So, this autumn why not dig out those walking boots, and don't even think about leaving your camera behind. It's time to take a risk on the unknown, and indulge in a memorable autumnal adventure, as this vibrant corner of the Garden of England turns an alluring shade of amber...

### Day 1: Gravesend

**Morning:** Start your day visiting Gravesend's Old Borough Market (open Tues to Sun) and enjoy a wander around its diverse and quirky stalls, before picking up an audio tour from the Visitor Information Point and starting your journey of discovery, uncovering Gravesend's rich and fascinating history.

**Lunch:** Located in the heart of The Old Borough Market, enjoy a leisurely lunch at Pad Thai Live. With an open kitchen you can watch as authentic Thai street food is freshly prepared before your eyes. The perfect place to fuel up before a busy afternoon!

**Afternoon:** Extending across nearly 300 acres, the ancient forests of Shorne Woods Country Park offers a wide range of natural habitats to enjoy, as well as boasting orienteering and electric treasure hunt trails!

**Evening:** Rest those weary feet with pub grub and a refreshing pint at one of Dickens' favourite watering holes, The Leather Bottle in charming Cobham.

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### Day 2: Rochester

**Morning:** Experience a spiritual moment as you walk through the pages of history at Rochester Cathedral, a church that has been celebrating Christian worship since 604AD.

**Afternoon:** Spend some time uncovering the independent shops and eateries along historic Rochester high street - once wandered by former resident Charles Dickens.

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### Day 3: Faversham

**Morning:** Head to Macknade Fine Foods, a leading food hall for everything from craft beers to exotic fruit and fresh bread to local wines. Make sure you stop for brunch or lunch at the excellent on-site café!

**Afternoon:** Take a stroll through a beautiful Kentish orchard at Brogdale - home to the National Fruit Collection.

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## #RespectProtectEnjoy

Simple steps for enjoying North Kent safely and responsibly:

- Respect the attraction you're visiting. Always follow their guidelines, remember to check on their website ahead of visiting, to understand any specific requirements for your visit. Many attractions may now require you to book tickets ahead, may have limited facilities and reduced opening hours - #KnowBeforeYouGo
- Protect yourself and others. Always follow hand washing guidance, and maintain social distancing rules.
- Protect the landscape by ensuring you are following the Countryside Code, which sets out how visitors to rural areas can behave safely and responsibly.
- When you're out and about, enjoy taking photos of your surroundings and sharing them with us @VisitKent. We'd love to see them, and share them with others!

Take a look at our further guidance on how to best Respect, Protect and Enjoy our wonderful Kent attractions and landscapes:

<https://www.visitkent.co.uk/see-and-do/simple-steps-for-enjoying-the-garden-of-england-safely-responsibly/>

## Staying for longer?

### Day 4: Isle of Sheppey

**Morning:** Cross the bridge to the Isle of Sheppey and discover the vast wilderness of Elmley National Nature Reserve.

**Afternoon:** Sensational views are par for the course at marvellous Minster Leas Beach. This long sand and shingle beach is the perfect spot for brisk autumn walks.

### Day 5: Chatham

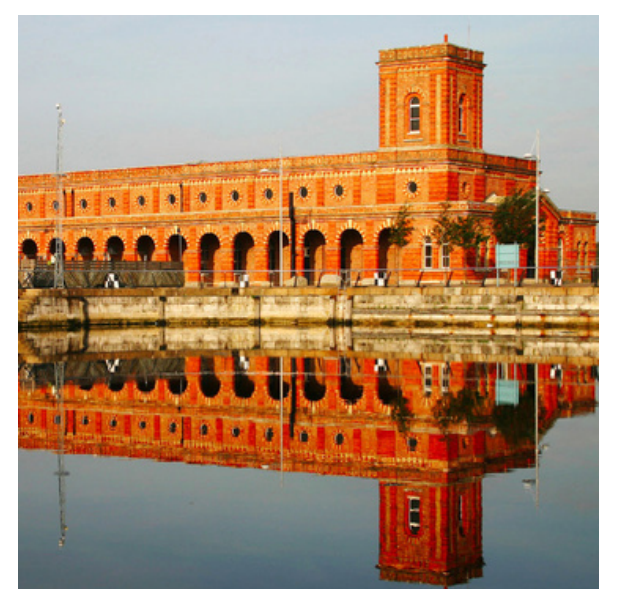
**Morning:** Head to The Historic Dockyard Chatham for dramatic exhibits including a climb-on-board Victorian sloop and a Cold War submarine.

**Afternoon:** Head to contemporary bar and kitchen Pier 5 - the new waterside dining destination for discerning beer and food fans.

## OUR TOP FOUR NORTH KENT FOODIE FAVS



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BOROUGH MARKET



COPPER RIVET  
DISTILLERY



MACKNADES FINE  
FOODS



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