



KENT GARDEN *of* ENGLAND

WHY YOU NEED TO VISIT KENT THIS YEAR...

2020 is such a big and busy year for Kent that we've renamed it
#KentTwenty!

With over 10 major anniversaries from the 150th anniversary of Charles Dickens death to the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, to major events such as Becket 2020 and The 149th Open Championship, it is the year to bring your groups to Kent. Expect a warm welcome from the garden of England whilst you enjoy our enchanting castles, stunning gardens, rich heritage and endearing towns.



CALLING ALL HISTORY HEROES

2020 marks one of the most shocking crimes in European history, the 850th anniversary of the murder of Thomas Becket. To commemorate his murder - a moment which changed the course of history, there will be a range of events across the year in Canterbury, where after his death, he was made a saint and [Canterbury Cathedral](#) and became one of the most important sites for pilgrims within Europe.

[Click here to find Becket 2020 events](#)

Take your group back in time with these events...

- [The 500th anniversary of the Field of the Cloth of Gold at Leeds Castle](#)
- [The 80th anniversary of the Dunkirk Rescue talks at Biggin Hill](#)
- [The 75th anniversary of VE Day celebrations at Hever Castle](#)
- [125th anniversary of the National Trust](#)
- [Salute to the 40's at The Historic Dockyard Chatham](#)



CALLING ALL THE TASTE MAKERS

#KentTwenty is not just about celebrating what's old but also what's emerging in the county. Kent's vineyards are developing rapidly, English still and sparkling wine is really beginning to make an impact on the global viticulture landscape. Kent is no longer just the Garden of England, but the [Wine Garden of England](#).

Take your group to a foodie festival they won't forget...

- [The Whitstable Oyster Festival](#)
- [Faversham Hop Festival](#)
- [Canterbury Food and Drink Festival](#)
- [Green Hop Beer Fortnight](#)
- [Kent Wine Festival](#)
- [Rochester Food and Drink Festival](#)



The return of the UK's only major golf tournament to Sandwich, The Open Championship, means the eyes of the golfing world will be on Kent. This is a great opportunity to visit and explore the variety of golf courses we offer in the county. In addition to The 149th Open, the Junior Open will be held at [Littlestone Golf Club](#) and the Senior Amateur Championship at [Royal Cinque Ports](#).

Let your group connect with nature through these events...

- [Heart of Kent Walking Festival](#)
- [White Cliffs Walking Festival](#)
- [Leeds Castle Flower Festival](#)
- [Brogdale Collections Hanami Festival](#)



From iconic rides to firework spectacles, unforgettable events to year-round celebrations, bring your groups to Kent for an unforgettable time. This year marks the 100th anniversary of The Scenic Railway at [Dreamland](#), a one of a kind vintage theme park. The attraction will be celebrating the milestone with plenty of events and much more.

Other Family Fun highlights for 2020 include:

- [20th anniversary of the McArthur Glen Designer Outlet Ashford](#)
- [Rochester Sweeps' festival](#)
- [Dover Regatta](#)
- [The Kent County Show](#)
- [35th Anniversary of Kent Life](#)



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