



The key to the Kingdom

Discover Dover at the gateway between Britain and Europe

Dover has been called the 'Lock and Key of England'. Located just 21 miles from France, for centuries it has been the literal and symbolic gateway between Britain and Europe.

Dover was a Roman dock and remains a busy port two thousand years later. As a frontier town, its history is entwined with military stories of defence and attack. Over the centuries the town has welcomed passing visitors from medieval pilgrims to modern tourists. The coastal landscape has inspired writers and artists. And the shortest channel crossing has seen a variety of record attempts. This walk looks outward from Dover to explore the town's various international connections.



A stretch of the White Cliffs
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Location	Dover, Kent	Suitable for	Families - Some busy roads but children will enjoy the beach
Start point	Dover Town Hall		Wheelchairs - An entirely step-free route
Postcode	CT16 1DL		Dogs - must be kept on a lead
Finish point	Prince of Wales Pier	Refreshments	Plenty of cafes along the route
Distance	2 miles	Facilities	Public toilets on the Pier
Level	Gentle - A flat route through the town and on the seafront	Other info	The Pier can get blustery!

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