

Shop Eat Drink Stay Explore

Tenterden is a great place to visit all year round. From early March you can enjoy the vibrant colours of the spring bulbs, dine alfresco in the summer, have fun in the autumn at the Folk Festival or make a note in the diary for our Christmas market.

Our linear tree-lined High Street is the perfect place for a little retail therapy. The town is known for its quality interiors, homeware, gifts and fashion, as well as the traditional high street offer, such as ironmongers, butchers and bakers.

We can also definitely recommend you join us for breakfast, coffee, lunch or dinner. With 25 coffee/tea rooms, restaurants and 5 pubs you'll be spoilt for choice.



Welcome to Tenterden

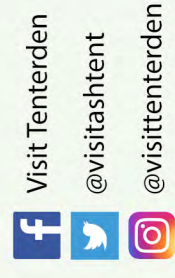
Tenterden

Kent's historic market town, known as
'The Jewel of the Weald'



Home to Chapel Down Winery and The Kent & East Sussex Railway

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2 Tenterden Town Station
Built in 1903, until the 1950s the line transported produce to London. Now a leading visitor attraction, you can travel 10.5 miles from Tenterden to Bodiam.



1 The Greens
The original site of Tenterden's livestock market until the early 20th Century.

Heritage Highlights

Historic Tenterden certainly has an interesting past. Beginning as a clearing in the forest known as a 'Den'. By the 14th Century the town flourished as a major wool market. St Mildred's church tower was built in 1461 as a ships beacon, and hops were introduced in 1558. Also in the 16th Century it was known for ship building at Smallythe, which is reflected on the towns crest.

Tenterden continued to prosper, and by the 18th and 19th Century it became a well known market town in Kent, which continues to welcome visitors to this day.

There are so many buildings of historical importance that the entire high street is designated a conservation area. The following are just 10 areas of interest that we thought you might enjoy:
Please see map on reverse for their location

- 3 St. Mildred's Church**
One of the only surviving pre-conquest churches in England, with medieval wood carvings and 15th century tower.
- 4 The Woolpack**
A grade 2 listed, 15th-century Inn positioned in the centre of the town. Affectionately known as 'The Woolly', it has been welcoming guests for over 500 years.
- 5 The Town Hall**
Built in 1790, the impressive Georgian building is home to the Town Council, where the names of Bailiffs and Town Mayors can be seen dating back to 1449.
- 6 The Old Grammar School**
Established in 1521 it is now home to Mint Velvet, although features of this Tudor building are all still evident today.
- 7 Bells Lane**
A beautiful medieval street that leads to Smallythe.
- 8 The Pebbles**
Built in 1780, this impressive Georgian building was briefly the home of Admiral Nelson's daughter Horatia when she was married to the vicar of Tenterden. *Located next to the White Lion Hotel.*
- 9 Pittlesden Gatehouse**
Dating back to 15th century, this is thought to be the oldest house in Tenterden.
- 10 William Caxton and Heronden Gatehouse**
At the end of the High street, this pub celebrates Tenterden's association with the creator of the first book printed in English in 1482. The impressive Heronden Gatehouse built in 1853 marks the entrance to the estate.



Christmas in Tenterden



Over 80 stalls showcasing local produce, crafts, festive foods, beautiful gifts, with entertainment, children's rides and snow...

Dates for the diary:

22nd - 24th November 2019
27th - 29th November 2020

For further details...

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[@xmasintenterden](https://twitter.com/xmasintenterden)
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Time to Explore....

Tenterden rightly deserves its title of the 'Jewel of the Weald', and makes the perfect base from which to experience the local area.

Raising a glass

Home to the award winning Chapel Down Winery, Tenterden is within easy distance of Kent's most well known vineyards. Biddenden, Hush Heath and Gusbourne are all within 25 minutes, also the town boasts 3 local cider makers, and its own brewery.

A Garden Lovers Paradise

The town is surrounded by garden superstars. Internationally renowned Sissinghurst Castle Garden, famous for the white garden, and Great Dixter, a place of pilgrimage for horticulturalists. Hole Park boasts formal and woodland gardens with a



bluebell spectacular, Godinton House and Garden is known for its exquisite delphiniums and boarders, and finally Smallythe Place, a true gem combining theatrical museum and cottage garden.

Picturesque Villages and Timeless Heritage

Tenterden is surrounded by beautiful villages, bursting with historic buildings, ancient churches, windmills and pubs. Combine this with fascinating local museums and The Kent and East Sussex Railway, and visitors can feel truly immersed in the local history.

We also have great events running throughout the year. For more information go to:
www.visitashfordandtenterden.co.uk

Tenterden, just 13 miles from M20 Junction 9 and 55 miles from London.



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Tenterden Town Map

and surrounding attractions

See & Do

-  High Street Retail Areas
Quality brands and over 80 independents
-  Gardens to visit
-  Family Fun
Heritage railway & animal attractions
-  Vineyards
Tours, tastings and shops
-  Local Museum
-  Brewery
Tours & shop
-  Coffee shop / Tea room
Many serving breakfast & lunch
-  Restaurants
-  Pubs / Restaurant
-  Free coach parking for up to 3 hours - *please see coach park notice for details*
-  Places of historic interest
For more detail please see reverse of map

Sissinghurst Castle Garden 

World famous garden, previous home to Vita Sackville-West & Harold Nicolson.
www.nationaltrust.org.uk
T: 01580 710700
TN17 2AB
14 Minutes by car from High St - 7.4 miles

Kent & East Sussex Railway 

Heritage railway linking Tenterden to Bodiam via beautiful countryside.
www.kesr.org.uk
T: 01580 765155
TN30 6HE
3 - 5 Minutes walk from High St

Old Dairy Brewery 

Award winning beer, tours of the brewery available. (booking required)
www.olddairybrewery.com
T: 01580 763867
TN30 6HE
3 - 5 Minutes walk from High St

Tenterden & District Museum 

2 floors showcasing the town's history, agriculture, industry & people.
www.tenterdenmuseum.co.uk
T: 01580764310
TN30 6HN
2 Minutes walk from High St

Biddenden Vineyard 

Kent's oldest family run commercial vineyard. Tours, tastings and shop.
www.biddendenvineyards.com
T: 01580 291726
TN27 8DF
7 Minutes by car from High St - 3.7 miles

Hole Park 

16 acre garden, park land, renowned bluebell wood and autumn colour.
www.holepark.com
T: 01580 241344
TN17 4JA (Rolvenden)
9 Minutes by car from High St - 4.5 miles

CM Booth Collection 

Historic vehicle museum.
www.morganmuseum.org.uk
T: 01580 241234
TN17 4LP
7 Minutes by car from High St - 3.1 miles

Chapel Down Winery 

World class wines, vineyard tours, shop and restaurant.
www.chapeldown.com
T: 01580 766111
TN30 7NG (Smallhythe)
6 Minutes by car from High St - 2.7 miles

Smallhythe Place 

Ellen Terry's 16th century house and cottage gardens.
www.nationaltrust.org.uk
T: 01580 762334
TN30 7NG
6 Minutes by car from High St - 2.7 miles

Great Dixter 

Mid 15th century house and famous Christopher Lloyd garden.
www.greatdixter.co.uk
T: 01797252878
TN31 6PH
17 Minutes by car from High St - 8 miles

Hush Heath Estate 

Home of Balfour wines. Vineyard tours & tastings, shop & roof terrace.
www.hushheath.com
T: 01622 832794
TN12 0HT
23 Minutes by car from High St - 12.4 miles

Ashford Designer Outlet
130 stores
www.mcarthurglen.com
Curious Brewery 
Tours & Shop
www.curiousbrewery.com
Godinton House & Garden 
12 Acre Garden
www.godintonhouse.co.uk
25 Minutes by car from Tenterden

The Big Cat Sanctuary 

Home to over 50 big cats. Check website for open days & events.
www.thebigcatsanctuary.org
T: 01233 439150
TN27 8PJ (Smerden)
17 Minutes by car from High St - 9.2 miles

Rare Breeds Centre 

Meet the animals, indoor play area, 100 acres to explore.
www.rarebreeds.org.uk
T: 01233 861493
TN26 3RJ (Woodchurch)
13 Minutes by car from High St - 5.5 miles

Gusbourne Vineyard 

Award - winning wines, vineyard tours, tastings and shop.
www.gusbourne.com
T: 01233 758666
TN26 2BE (Appledore)
13 Minutes by car from High St - 6.7 miles



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