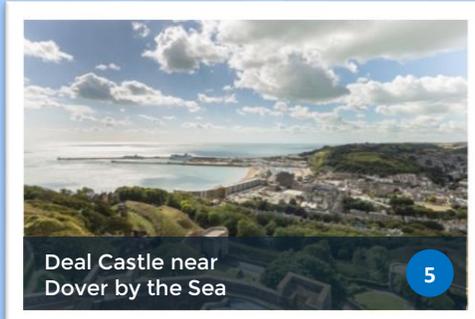




DRIVE TO DISCOVER THE UK

MUST-SEE STOPS EAST OF LONDON





Road Trip Drive	Distance	Driving Time
London to Cambridge	61 miles	1 hour 19 minutes
Cambridge to Colchester	62 miles	1 hour 12 minutes
Colchester to Whitstable	93 miles	1 hour 41minutes
Whitstable to Canterbury	8 miles	21 minutes
Canterbury to Dover	19 miles	29 minutes
Dover to Heathrow Airport	105 miles	1 hour 47 minutes
Total Distance Covered:	348 miles	

Everyone should travel to the historic city of London at least once. From history to culture, to its iconic architecture, there's so much to see and do in England's capitol city, that you could stay for a week and still have more to see.

We've rounded up our 5 favorite cities and villages within easy driving distance of London, and think that once you visit these landmarks you'll fall in love with south-eastern England. From historic abbeys and castles, to literary walking tours, pubs and botanical gardens, the historic seaside cities and English countryside is an easy choice for an epic road trip from London. Drive to Discover everything that the south-eastern UK has to offer!

TO/FROM: Heathrow Airport

In this road trip guide, you'll begin and end your journey at London Heathrow Airport.

1. Historic Cambridge University

After picking up your car rental in London head northeast on either the M11 or the A1(M). The M11 is a beautiful drive and it's a bit faster, so that's what we recommend. You may want to visit the famed Cambridge University Campus to take in a reading or stop by the library, and the Cambridge University Botanical Gardens are a fantastic place to enjoy a romantic walk or to share a picnic with those you're traveling with. If you don't picnic and work up an appetite walking around, you can stop for afternoon tea at The Orchard, or grab a bite at the Urban Shed or a pint at the Free Press.

2. Colchester's Charming Architecture

You may not have heard of Colchester if you're from the states, but Colchester is actually the oldest recorded town in all of England, which means that a stop here is a must for history-buffs or those who love quaint, historic architecture. There are numerous walking tours available which you can book in advance, and this is by far the best way to explore this curious little village and discover pubs, tea rooms, bookstores and much more.

3. Whitstable by the Sea

To the ocean! In Whitstable you'll catch your first glimpse of England's southeastern shoreline, and the sea front offers a fantastic place to get out of the car, stretch your legs and enjoy the fresh salt air and beautiful coast of Whitstable proper. If you're looking to get a bit of culture, the Whitstable Biennale festival is a great event in this seaside haven, and if you just want a snack and a pint, then stop into the Duke after your walk, it's conveniently located just off the gorgeous beach.

4. St. Augustine's Abbey & a Walking Tour in Canterbury

If you're a literature buff and a fan of Canterbury Tales, then you simply must stop in Canterbury for a themed walking tour ... the ultimate fan experience in this city which is pedestrian friendly. And while you're exploring this historic old city, be sure to stop at St. Augustine's Abbey - a stunning landmark located just outside of city limits. Founded shortly after 597 AD by Saint Augustine and part of the Canterbury World Heritage Site, and we couldn't think of creating a must-see landmarks list without it.

5. Explore Deal Castle near Dover by the Sea

One of the most beautiful sites on the coast of England, Dover is a must-visit destination east of London, and we recommend Deal Castle as your first stop. If you're traveling with children, they'll love this iconic little castle which you're free to explore from top to bottom, and if you're ready for some exercise, you can walk to the seaside for some photos on the convenient bike path, which runs from the castle grounds to the sea and along the coast. Deal Castle, built by Henry VIII, is an impressive structure and is considered to be the finest artillery castle in England.

6. Historic City of London

After stops in these 5 historic cities and villages east of London, you'll return to the airport to drop off your car rental at London Heathrow. While there's a lot to do and see in the historic city of London, we think that the perfect way to make your trip unique and memorable is to take a day or two outside of the city to explore southeastern London by car.