

TYHA AUTUMN MARINAS TOUR



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6TH OCTOBER

Medway Bridge Marina

Meeting at 9.30 with onsite parking available, Medway Bridge Marina is situated on the River Medway near Rochester. It is one of the largest marinas on the River Medway and provides the perfect base from which to explore the surrounding areas, from the non-tidal river through the tidal river and ultimately access to the River Thames, East Coast rivers and the French and Dutch inland waterways.

Historic Dockyard Chatham

A tour of 3 historic British warships has been planned, HMS Gannet (1878), HMS Cavalier (1944) and HMS Ocelot (1962), giving you an insight into what like was really like onboard. Walk the decks of a Victorian sloop, command the bridge of a 2nd WW Destroyer and peer through the periscope of Cold War submarine. Each of these warships were built, repaired or refitted at the Dockyard.

Medway Yacht Club

Lunch will be at the yacht club which is situated on the north bank of the historic river Medway at Lower Upnor. The Yacht club was founded in 1880 and early members included Earl of Cavendish, Lord Beresford and the marine artist and children's author, W. L. Wylie.

For more information or to book your place please email Libby Gordon Igordon@britishmarine.co.uk

Chatham Maritime Marina

MDL owned Chatham Maritime Marina offers 412 berths and other marina services. A perfect base for exploring with many secluded anchorages and perfect for lazy lunch stops. For boats drawing no more than two meters, the possibilities are even greater and up past Allington Lock, the river winds through the countryside to Maidstone and Tonbridge. From the Medway itself there's the wider cruising area of the East Coast and its rivers, while Holland is only 130 miles away. Chatham Maritime Marina holds 5 Gold Anchors.

The Faversham Brewery

Home to Shepherd Neame which is Britain's oldest brewer and while 1698 is the Brewery's official founding date, there is clear evidence that its heritage pre-dates even this period. Along with a tutored tasting of Kentish ales and speciality lagers, the tour includes a visit to the Old Brewery Store which features impressive displays of historic delivery vehicles a recreated cooper's workshop, bygone pub signs and a collection of hop picking memorabilia.

Crescent Turner Hotel

A stylish boutique hotel set high up on Wraik Hill overlooking the Kent coast, it boasts panoramic views of the sea and lovely surrounding countryside. Dinner will be served in the Palm Pavillion.

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Royal Ramsgate Marina

Operated by Thanet District Council, the stunning Royal Harbour Marina was developed in 1976 and has been awarded 4 Gold Anchors from TYHA. It offers 700 finger moorings set in a picturesque harbour setting, and just 35 miles from the French Coast, Belgium and Holland. The marina runs its own Navigation School and hosts world and national championships.

Ramsgate Tunnels

UK's largest network of civilian wartime tunnels, the tour starts with a short film set in a 150 year old victorian railway tunnel before heading off to see purpose built air raid precaution tunnels where thousands took shelter. We will hear about how the tunnels were built, where the town below was evolved and listen to stories of life underground.

Royal Harbour Brasserie

With amazing sea views and panoramic views of Ramsgate Marina, the restaurant boasts an unrivalled position on the harbour arm and recreates the relaxed style of the original Parisienne Brasseries.

Swale Marina

Based at the head of Conyer Creek the marina is an idyllic safe haven for yachts. Offering far reaching views over the countryside and neat, pretty timber clad houses of Conyer, a really delightful place to stay.

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