

# Group Visits to Margate

Margate, the birthplace of the British seaside, is undergoing a renaissance. From April 2011, visitors to the town will be able to enjoy world-class art in the new Turner Contemporary gallery overlooking the town's famous golden sands. The gallery has teamed up with the recently developed Hornby Visitor Centre and the Powell-Cotton Museum, both located just outside Margate, to present you with a group itinerary which blends the historic and the contemporary.

## Turner Contemporary



On 16 April 2011, Turner Contemporary will open its new international art gallery on the Margate seafront. Designed by Stirling Prize winning architect David Chipperfield, the new building is a stunning contemporary addition to the town. Margate was often visited by the artist JMW Turner and the gallery will always have some of his work on show for visitors to enjoy. There will be a rolling programme of exhibitions featuring work by leading international contemporary artists alongside historic works from 1750 onwards.

### Cost of Entry

Entry to the gallery is free.

### Parking

There is a drop off point outside the gallery and a coach park nearby.

### Food and Drink

The Turner Contemporary café will serve hot and cold meals and drinks. Please call for details.

### Opening Times

The gallery is open from Tuesday to Sunday, opening times vary according to season.

### Contact

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The Hornby Visitor Centre, based at the global headquarters of Hornby in Margate, features treasures from the Company's archives dating back as far as the 1920s. The Visitor Centre features fascinating displays about some of the nation's best loved toys, with sections dedicated to the iconic brands of Hornby, Scalextric, Airfix and Corgi. Visitors are able to see some stunning model rail layouts and also try their skills on a Scalextric circuit.

### Cost of Entry

Adults - £4 (Groups £2)  
 Children (Ages 5-15) - £2 (Groups £1)  
 Senior Citizens - £2 (Groups £1)

### Parking

Plenty of free onsite coach and car parking

### Coach Drivers

Free entry to Visitor Centre

### Group Tours

Free guided tours of the Visitor Centre are available subject to advance booking.

### Food and Drink

The Hornby Visitor Centre cafe will open in 2011. Details will follow.

### Opening Times

10am to 5pm. Opening days vary.

### Contact

Tel: 01843 233525  
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Naturalist and explorer Major PHG Powell-Cotton established a museum in the garden of Quex House of his extensive, world-class collection of natural history from Africa and Asia. Other galleries contain ethnographical material collected from his world travels, including rare paintings, weaponry and textiles. Quex House is a Regency Mansion House with extensive gardens of mature trees, a woodland walk, picnic area, a walled garden and resident Peacocks. Also at Quex Park: the Quex Falconry, Quex Craft Village, Jungle Jims family entertainment centre, The Secret Garden Centre and Quex Barn farm shop and restaurant.

**Cost of Entry**

April to October  
 Adults £7 (Groups £6)  
 Concession £5 (Groups £4.50)  
 Students £4 (Groups £4)

**Parking**

Free coach parking on site

**Group Tours**

General introductory talk £25. Full guided tour £60. (Groups of 40 or more will be split and charged accordingly). Note also that groups can book visits outside normal opening hours – separate charges apply.

**Food and Drink**

The Hannah Dining Suite caters as a fine dining restaurant, serving homemade dishes, using fresh local produce grown on Quex and surrounding areas. Visitors can enjoy lunch from a range of menus and can also take afternoon tea. (Booking Essential)

**Opening Times**

April to October, Tuesday to Sunday, 11am to 5pm  
 November to March, Sundays only.  
 Please note that groups can book tours of the museum throughout the year and outside opening hours. These must be booked in advance and separate charges apply – call for details.

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