

Dover

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Dover from the air

Ships in the port

Dover is a [town](#) on the [coast](#) in [Kent](#), in the [United Kingdom](#). It was built by the [Romans](#). There is a [castle](#) in Dover, called [Dover Castle](#). It is the largest castle in [England](#). The [population](#) is about 39,078. Throughout [history](#), it has been an important [port](#) of [Britain](#) because it is the closest port to mainland [Europe](#). The [sea](#) between Dover and the [French](#) port of [Calais](#) is called the [Strait of Dover](#). It is the narrowest part of the [English Channel](#) at only 34 kilometres (21 mi) wide.

The [ferry](#) port in Dover has ferries to Calais, France and [Ostende](#), [Belgium](#). Almost 45,000 people and 15,000 [vehicles](#) pass through the port every day. On of the largest [tourist attractions](#) around Dover are the [White Cliffs of Dover](#).

Dover District Council is responsible for checking food for diseases when it comes through the port.^[1]

Dover History

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The Romans first tried to [invade](#) Dover in 55BC, under [Julius Caesar](#). They were forced back by the [Celts](#), who [fiercely](#) defended the [coastline](#). It was not until 43 AD, under the rule of [Emperor Claudius](#), that Roman forces landed on British soil at [Richborough](#) and took control of the land as far as the northern border. Dover, then called **DVBRIS**, became the Romans' most important [naval](#) town.

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Beach and castle

- [Church of "St Mary in Castro" and the Roman Lighthouse](#)

Church of "St Mary in Castro" and the Roman Lighthouse

- [Dover Castle](#)

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White Cliffs of Dover

- [Panorama of the port](#)

Panorama of the port

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- [A History of Dover Archived](#) 2006-10-20 at the [Wayback Machine](#)
- [The History of Dover Castle](#)
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