

# Dover Castle in the 20th Century



**Site:** Dover Castle | **Subjects:** History

- 10.00:** Arrive at Dover Castle. Coach parking is available close to the entrance of the site. You will be greeted at Constable's Gate (a special entrance for groups) by a member of English Heritage staff who will give you information about the site. Step into Dover Castle's secret wartime tunnels where Operation Dynamo, the greatest rescue of all time was masterminded. See, hear and feel the danger as special effects, projections and real film footage bring the events and people from the Dunkirk evacuation of May 1940 to life. (60 minutes)
- 11.00:** Your learning experience continues with a Secret Codes and Ciphers expert-led Discovery Visit workshop (suitable for KS2-3), set within the atmospheric tunnels. The top secret HQ at Dover Castle played an important role in WWII, in the planning of 'Operation Dynamo', the evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940. Find out more about the work carried out inside the Secret Wartime Tunnels by breaking codes and helping to complete a secret mission. (70 minutes)
- 12.10:** Time for a bite to eat in our sheltered lunch rooms, located in the Keep Yard in the medieval area of the site. (30 minutes)
- 12.40:** Delve deeper into the history of the tunnels, from Napoleonic times right up to the Cold War in the Secret Wartime Tunnels exhibition, with artefacts, interactive elements, real life stories, images and original wartime film footage. (20 minutes)
- 13.00:** Visit the recreated WWI Fire Command Post and Port War Signal Station to learn more about Dover during the First World War and see the only working British 3 Inch Gun in the world. (20 minutes)
- 13.20:** Get hands-on with our First World War Handling Box. (45 minutes)
- 14.05:** Using our **Teachers' Kit**, delve deeper into wartime Dover Castle with our Sensory Trail, 20th-Century Top Things to See or Second World War: Creating a Wartime Deception activity. (45 minutes)
- 14.50:** Pop into our shop before you leave and maybe you'll pick up a souvenir of your visit.