

## Leave your car at home and enjoy the South Downs National Park by bus or train

Visit the astonishing places right on our doorstep, some are free and others help to support a more environmentally sustainable future by participating in **Discover More of the South Downs for Less 2-for-1**. On arrival, show a valid train or bus ticket for all members of your party and you'll get 2-for-1 entry (T&Cs apply). Check attractions' websites for opening hours, as some have limited/seasonal opening times.



Lewes has long been known for its spirit of independence and the inhabitants are proud of its significant history stretching back to Saxon times. But it's not all about the history. Lewes is a fantastic place to shop and visit, full of independent shops and innovative design, locally produced artisan goods and great places to eat and drink. Small but perfectly formed, Lewes town offers quality above quantity with a few surprises thrown in for good measure.



### DID YOU KNOW?

The Lewes Bonfire Night Celebrations are the biggest celebrated Fifth November Event in the world.  
[www.lewesbonfirecelebrations.com](http://www.lewesbonfirecelebrations.com)

# LEWES

## SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

## THINGS TO DO IN LEWES



### ANNE OF CLEVES HOUSE MUSEUM

**2 FOR 1 ENTRY**

At Anne of Cleves House you can explore how the Tudors and Elizabethans lived, worked and relaxed at home. The House formed part of Anne's divorce settlement from Henry VIII in 1541. The House is a wonderful example of a late Medieval timber framed building. The earliest parts date from the late 1400s, and there were further additions up until the 17th century. Today you can absorb the atmosphere of how people lived during Tudor times in the kitchen, bedroom and parlour, which have authentic domestic furnishings. The house also contains the Museum of Lewes History and the Wealden Iron Gallery which illustrates this local Tudor industry. The pretty garden behind the building is inspired by Tudor planting schemes.

[sussexpast.co.uk/properties-to-discover/anne-of-cleves-house](http://sussexpast.co.uk/properties-to-discover/anne-of-cleves-house)

### LEWES CASTLE AND MUSEUM

**2 FOR 1 ENTRY**

Lewes Castle was begun soon after the Battle of Hastings in 1066, by the Norman William de Warenne, a close friend of William the Conqueror. The impressive Barbican Gate was added in the 14th Century. Climb the steep zig zag steps to the Keep to get stunning panoramic views of the Sussex countryside all the way from the Downs to the coast. Fire a crossbow, build an arrowslit, dress up as a lady, peasant or knight, and watch the story of Lewes in the mini cinema. In Barbican House Museum incredible artefacts tell the story of Sussex from early prehistoric to late Medieval times.

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### BUSES TO LEWES

Brighton & Hove bus route 28  
Brighton, Lewes, Ringmer, Uckfield  
and Tunbridge Wells. [buses.co.uk](http://buses.co.uk)



### TRAINS TO LEWES

You can get to Lewes by train from London Victoria & London Bridge, Southampton, Ashford and Brighton with connecting services to London Gatwick and Newhaven Port. The main train operators are Southern and First Capital Connect.

For more information [southdowns.gov.uk/moreforless](http://southdowns.gov.uk/moreforless)

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## LEWES PRIORY

**FREE**

Founded in the 11th century by William de Warenne with monks from Cluny in France, the Priory of St Pancras survived until the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1537. There is much to see at Priory Park. Walk in the footsteps of medieval monks and imagine how the buildings once looked with the aid of our interpretation panels. A herb garden grows plants that monks would have used for medicinal, culinary and ceremonial purposes.

🕒 Open all year round.

🌐 [lewespriory.org.uk](http://lewespriory.org.uk)



## WALKING IN LEWES

There's plenty to see and do in Lewes Town, but if you are looking for a more adventurous walk, then download our leaflet on walks near Lewes and Southease [southdowns.gov.uk/walking](http://southdowns.gov.uk/walking)

### This will outline two walks...

Walking the 6.5 mile Glynde route (allow 4 ½ hours), you can see Mount Caburn hill fort and National Nature Reserve, Glynde Place (an Elizabethan mansion), plus panoramic views of the South Downs National Park, Ouse Valley and Lewes.

On the 5.5 mile Southease and Lewes Brooks route (allow up to 4 hours), enjoy the path along the River Ouse and see the delightful villages of Rodmell and Southease including their interesting churches. The South Downs way section provides beautiful views.

For information on Charleston – a



Bloomsbury house and garden near Lewes download the Charleston Walking Map, at [southdowns.gov.uk/walking](http://southdowns.gov.uk/walking)



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