## **KENT** - The Garden of England and Gateway to Europe.

Living here will broaden your horizons!!

## Why choose to live in Kent?

Kent is the Gateway to Europe - you can easily access Calais in France, either by using the Folkestone tunnel, or taking a ferry across the English Channel and go on to explore all the different cities and villages from there. Hopping on the Eurostar train from Ashford to Paris/Lille with connections to Belgium is a popular option as well, getting you there in just over an hour!

London is less than an hour away, so you never miss out on all the action! How? 50 min from Canterbury, or under 40 minutes from Tonbridge or Ashford via High Speed Train.

Kent is called 'the Garden of England' for its plentiful parklands and picturesque rural countryside linked to stunning heritage listed buildings and castles.

Canterbury (where our office is based) is a lively student city, boasting bucket-loads of history in its architecture and cobblestone streets. It's also where you can find the iconic Canterbury Cathedral.

Home to scenic beaches and bays along the coast-line: Whitstable, Margate, Westgate-on-sea, Broadstairs and Herne Bay with sea-side restaurants, bars and pubs - who knew Summer in England could be this fun?

Love going on long walks and bike rides? Kent is the place - whether it's along the White Cliffs of Dover, The Viking Coast Trail or The Crab and Winkle (Whitstable to Canterbury) you will be spoilt for choice.

Very safe villages and towns that provide you with all the amenities on your doorstep at highly affordable rates making it a good relocation choice without being too far from the hustle and bustle.

The schools in Kent are a mixture of Grammar (selective schools for students passing the 12+ exam), Independent, Comprehensive and Special Needs schools, giving teachers and support staff greater choice in which environment they would like to work in

### Our branch covers:

- SECONDARY SCHOOLS
- PRIMARY SCHOOLS
- SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOLS

The areas in Kent are divided into District Councils (not dissimilar from Local Education Authorities or Boroughs) that local government supervise:

#### **EAST KENT**

#### Ashford

Exciting and Contemporary, here the Modern meets ancient, chic meets quaint, towns meet Downs and London and Europe are enticingly close!

#### Swale

Blueflag award winning beaches, busy historic market towns, pretty villages, marshes and reserves for walking, birdwatching and even a spot of fishing

### Canterbury

UNESCO World Heritage Site Cathedral City catering for modern-day pilgrims - with character as well as fabulous shops, restaurants and energetic student scene

#### Thanet

Home the Turner Gallery and funky vintage stores, Victorian throw-back Broadstairs (and its golden sandy beach) and the lively Marina of Ramsgate.

#### Dover

Quick trip to France via the Ferry? No problems! Don't miss walking along the majestic white chalky cliffs for a quintessential 'Kent Experience' and see the medieval Dover Castle.

### Shepway

Here you can find the vibrant Folkestone and its artsy "old town", Hythe and Romney Marsh to create a feast of rural and city vibes.

#### **WEST KENT**

### **Tunbridge Wells**

For a regal feel - come and live in this large, affluent town - the equivalent to London's Chelsea with beautiful grand architecture, boutiques and green leafy spaces.

## Tonbridge, Tonbridge and Malling

Right in the beating heart of Kent with a rich cultural heritage and spectacular castles, stately homes, vineyards and country walks

## Sevenoaks

Close to London but in the midst of undulating countryside with picture-book villages and towns - a beauty to behold!

### Maidstone

Relax by the river after a shopping spree and visit the Norman stronghold of Leeds Castle which was once private property of six of England's medieval queens.

## **NORTH KENT**

## Medway

Conveniently located with Rochester, Chatham and Gillingham being the main hubs - celebrated for its heritage and emerging cultural scene. Immerse yourself into Dickens World and Rochester Castle.

### Gravesham and Dartford

Only 18 miles south-east of Central London, this vibrant area has everything one could ask for. FUN FACT: home to 11 churches that were founded in the Domesday Book.

# Making the most of your experience:

To help you make the most of your Kent experience, here are some links to some exciting and relaxing activities!

Places to Visit

Days out in Kent

What's on in Kent

Eurostar

Cycling in Kent

**Animal Lovers** 

Music Lovers

**Kent Travel** 

Visit Kent