



Stay at the University of Kent

If you've never thought of the University of Kent as a great place to spend the night, you could be missing a trick...

The Canterbury-based University offers a wide range of accommodation during the Easter and summer break, making it a superb spot for a short break or as a handy base for visiting family, friends or groups during the holidays.

And here's five reasons why a short break on Kent's Canterbury campus is a great idea...

1. Great value and wide range of accommodation

Forget those distant memories of austere halls of residence where students huddle together for warmth; university accommodation today is positively luxurious, and the Canterbury campus is no exception.

The campus has a range of award-winning en-suite accommodation to choose from – all with free wi-fi, tea and coffee making facilities and complimentary toiletries. Choose from en-suite single and double rooms on B&B basis, or snap up self-catering flats or houses (5-6 single bedrooms) for larger groups. B&B prices are from £49.50 per person/night en-suite, or from £105 per night for 5-bedroom house. Group rates are also available.

2. Great setting

When it comes to views, you can't get much better than the vista from the top of 'university hill'. The campus looks out over Canterbury, with the magnificent cathedral at its heart. Gleaming on a clear day, bathed in golden light on summer evenings, and a twinkling delight at night, Canterbury is a joy to behold. The estate is also

surrounded by beautiful parkland and woods, offering great walks and space for picnics. You can even pick up the Crab and Winkle Way and take a long walk to Whitstable. And did we mention those sunsets over the city? You won't want to miss those.

3. Great location

The university campus is perfect for visiting the historic city of Canterbury – a pleasant 20-minute walk through the parkland and fashionable St Dunstons, and bus services run every 15 minutes, whisking you to the city centre in 10 minutes

Canterbury West train station is close by, with high-speed rail links to London, and there is ample free parking on site so you don't have to worry about battling the traffic during your stay.

4. Great city in a great county

The cathedral city has something for everyone to enjoy – whether you want to soak up atmosphere in the cathedral, step back in time with the family at The Canterbury Tales or The Roman Museum, take a lazy boat ride on the River Stour, or shop 'til you drop at big name stores and independent boutiques. And with stylish cocktail bars open until the early hours and award-winning restaurants catering for every appetite, you can guarantee a great day and night out.

Should you want to head further afield, the University of Kent campus benefits from excellent bus services and close proximity to both the A2/M2 and high speed rail links.

Howletts Wild Animal Park and beautiful Goodnestone Park are outside of the city, and it's a 10-minute drive to Whitstable's famous beaches and oysters. Dover Castle, trendy Margate and the Channel Tunnel are all only 30 minutes away.

5. Great facilities and great staff

The campus has a wide range of restaurants, bars and leisure activities to sample on site, with prices to suit every budget. Sports facilities include football pitches (artificial and grass), tennis and netball courts, dance and fitness classes, and a hi-tech gym. For culture vultures, the Gulbenkian theatre and cinema offers outstanding entertainment, with famous acts, award-winning productions and excellent films to enjoy all year round.

What's more, you can be assured of great service during your stay, as the campus has been 'Best University accommodation for groups' for the eighth year running by Group Travel Organiser.

Accommodation is available during Easter and summer holidays: 9th April to 6th May, and 18th June to 16th September 2016.