

Savour fresh sea air on the Essex Coast in 2022



L-R: Talliston Watch Tower; Shanty singing in Harwich; Fishing boats in Harwich

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“Essex has one of the longest and most varied coastlines in England,” says Samantha Richardson MBE, director of the National Coastal Tourism Academy which delivers England's Coast.

“Its miles of nature reserves, migrating birds and seal colonies as well as walks and cycle tracks, make it an outdoor-lovers dream. For this Platinum Jubilee year, the coast of Essex will be at its best, packed with events and festivals and with some of the friendliest locals in the country, this will be the place to celebrate!”

Whether the wonderful Essex Coast is on your doorstep, or you're planning a trip later in 2022, here are some highlights coming to the region this year, and ways to plan your trip with [Englandscoast.com](https://englandscoast.com).

Songs and shanties and for sea lovers in Harwich

Harwich's Haven Harbour will be a venue for the new Festival of the Sea 2022 (17 - 19 June) event celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and highlighting the importance of treasuring and conserving the ocean's natural and precious resources. Events take place along the coastline both on and off the water, from swimming, kayaking and rock-pooling to fishing competitions, sailing and, the pièce de resistance, a mesmerising parade of boats festooned with flags and bunting.

Later this year, the historic town of Old Harwich resounds with the sound of shanties and sea songs during the Harwich International Sea Shanty Festival (7 - 9 October). The songs of the sea will be celebrated with pub sessions, concerts, barge trips, street theatre, maritime crafts, pirates and a Sea Shanty Train adventure. Sea shanties are folk songs traditionally sung by sailors to accompany physical tasks while working on ships, from hauling ropes and raising sails. The humble and little-known sea shanty became hip last year when Nathan Evans posted a video on TikTok which went viral. People - and much-loved characters from around the world - began singing along to Nathan's rendition of a [catchy sailor song](#), from Kermit the frog to legendary composer Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Book with England's Coast: Stay at [The Pier at Harwich](#), a hotel with a Gin Library situated on the quay in the heart of Harwich old town, where sea food can be enjoyed fresh from the boats bobbing in the harbour, with rooms from £140 per night (two sharing).

Mystery on Sea

Ghoulish adventures aren't just for Halloween. Mystery on Sea is a walking tour of the historic Clifftown and Royal Terrace areas of Britain's newest city, Southend-on-Sea. Run by local performers and storytellers,

expect tales of ghosts, legends and unexplained mysteries, plus a little of magic. The 90-minute walks include fascinating information about the history of the town, its buildings and landmarks. Alternatively, Ghosts of the Garrison is a walking tour of stories and surprises exploring the rich, centuries-old history of the Shoeburyness Garrison site. Various dates throughout 2022, including 20 March and 17 April. Private ghost tours also available. Tickets for both tours cost £8pp.

Plan your trip to Southend-on-Sea with England's Coast: <https://englandscoast.com/en/listing/leigh-on-sea>

Free fireworks at Clacton Pier

A trip to the great British seaside wouldn't be complete without a visit to an iconic pier where fun for the whole family can be had. In Clacton-on-Sea, [Clacton Pier](#) has unveiled its biggest ever free fireworks schedule for 2022 after the success of an expanded programme last year. Ten evening events will be staged throughout the year, from Easter Sunday 17 April, including Saturday displays during the summer holidays and a very special event on 3 June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In January, the pier's much-loved big wheel returned to the site after wintering in Wales.

Host a tea party like the Queen

It wouldn't be the Queen's Platinum Jubilee without an abundance of tea parties up and down the country. The British monarch is well-known for hosting garden parties each summer at Buckingham Palace where around 27,000 cups of tea, 20,000 sandwiches and 20,000 slices of cake are served! Make like the Queen and host your own exclusive Secret Tea Party (2 - 5 June) at Talliston House & Gardens in Great Dunmow. Talliston is celebrating Her Majesty's historic reign with a series of vintage tea parties in its Victorian dining room. Secret tea parties for eight guests include canapés, fizz and a sumptuous high tea, plus exclusive use of the house and gardens for four hours. Tickets cost £32.99 pp.

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