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Attracting International Visitors to England's Coast

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National Coastal Tourism Academy

About us

Leading organisation on Coastal Tourism – understand coastal issues, opportunities for growth and how to overcome challenges that are exaggerated on the coast

- ✓ Supporting industry
- ✓ Bridging gaps in coastal tourism research
- \checkmark Sharing lessons learnt and best practice
- ✓ Development projects to make change happen
- \checkmark Vision, leadership and advocacy for coast

Leading on England's Coast project inspiring International Visitors to explore our stunning coastline see <u>www.englandscoast.com</u>





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Job creation

Economic Growth

Best practice

Resource Hub

What is England's Coast?

England's Coast brings to life the wealth of experiences that can be enjoyed on the English coastline and enables visitors to create and book bespoke holidays.

An international marketing and PR campaign is focused on raising awareness of the English Coast and generating bookings. This cutting edge booking tool, is also a resource for the domestic market.

England's Coast includes every element of a holiday accommodation, attractions, places to eat and transportation on one easy to use platform.











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Large scale Discover England Fund project

Initially six areas of the coast and each area given thematic identity for trade e.g. Northumberland 'wild coast' or East 'nature coast' Now expanded to cover whole coastline.

Focussed on Germany, the Netherlands, France, Spain and Italy

- Couples 40+ travelling without children
- Off-peak and shoulder periods Also a resource for domestic visitor

Consumer and Trade focus

Consumer site and itinerary builder



Fully responsive site www.englandscoast.com Showcasing regions and holiday ideas, over 1,800 businesses listed

Content translated into:

- German
- Dutch
- French
- Spanish
- Italian

New Highlights of the Coast video, regional videos and six holiday type videos









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Highlights video & South West

<u>https://englandscoast.com/en</u> <u>https://englandscoast.com/en/explore-regions/south-west</u>

Market Opportunity



International Visitors

Region of visit and key source markets

13% visit the English coast at some point during their stay in UK 88% are on break of 4+nights (non coastal visitors = 55% on 4+ night break)





PROPORTION OF ALL VISITORS TO THE COAST, RANKED BY MARKET 2016

SOURCE: IPS 2016

Source: IPS 2016 Total coastal visits divided by total overall visits to England coast



England's Coast – 'Appeal"

% 'appealing'



Knowledge of coastal areas is poor

% any knowledge



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Emerging markets – Spain & Italy

IPS 2016 showed significant growth in coastal visits from these markets

Overall 4.19 million visits to UK per year

- Going to the pub
- Cultural attractions
- Looking for something new

Easy and low cost transport links





Emerging markets – Spain & Italy

Full consumer site translated into Spanish & Italian

Hero brochure available in all languages

Less negative media coverage with regards to Brexit

Strong uptake on social media and faster growth of followers – launch in January 4.5k Italy, 3k Spain





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Overall summary of all International Visitors to UK

Available to download from

www.coastaltourismacademy.co.uk/resource-hub

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Research

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In-market research complete for Germany, France and Holland

Detailed reports with clear routes to market • available for each market

Summary report for all three markets produced





Social media used

Top 3

Consumer activity



2019-20 Consumer activity

- PR monthly thematic releases to Germany, Netherlands , France, Spain and Italy
- Press visits
- Social Media in all six languages
- Monthly e-newsletters to subscribers
- Consumer Shows Vakantiebeurs
- Trade shows Explore GB, WTM, ITB Berlin plus targeted trade activity in France, Spain and Italy
- Digital campaigns













PR activity

TOTAL Advertising Equivalent Value to date €22 million +

PR activity in Netherlands and Germany

- 9 media visits from Netherlands including 3 Op Reis TV
- 9 media visits from Germany including NDR TV (twice)
- Attended TravMedia IMM Germany Send monthly thematic releases
- 3 German visits in progress / planning







Social Media

Social media in Germany, Netherlands, France,

Italy, Spain and UK

- 26k+ followers across Facebook channels EN, • DE, NL, FR, ES and IT
- 3.7k followers on Instagram and 1.2k on • Twitter

Click through to website:

Average 2.84 pages per session, session duration 3 min 29 seconds









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An attractive town & a safe haven for visiting yachtsmen & those looking for a little bit of luxury. https://buff.ly/2Zeji8K



England's Coast CI Sales 23 October at 16:27 · 🚱

Plan your next adventure on England's Coast - http://bit.ly/2YVxKkg 🙌 Be ready for:

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Requaint villages

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Historic castles

Rolling countryside

📇 Stunning seaside

Discover Yorkshire Coast Robin Hoods Bay // Bamburgh Castle Visit Northumberland // South Downs National Park Visit Sussex // Woolacombe North Devon





Travel Trade



England's Coast – Trade activity



Dedicated Trade Sales Executive, Elaine Snow

Hero itineraries for each region, published in itinerary brochure available both in hard copy and online

Attendance at key trade shows - Explore GB, WTM, Vakantiebeurs, ITB Berlin and targeted activity in France, Spain and Italy

Dedicated trade portal on website

- Itinerary builder see all businesses willing to work with the trade and sample itineraries
- Product knowledge course for travel trade <u>www.englandscoastspecialist.com</u>







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MY ACCOUNT

Welcome to our dedicated trade portal. England's Coast is a new marketing and booking tool designed to attract international visitors to holiday on the beautiful English coastline.

Here you will find all the information you need to create new itineraries on the coast. Use the itinerary builder to search and find businesses all across the coast who are willing to work with the trade for group and FIT itineraries, add them to your itinerary basket to start to build your coastal itineraries. On each business listing, you'll find essential trade information and the contact details for each business so you can contract and book directly.

If you're not familiar with the coast, start by exploring our beautiful <u>coastal regions</u>, watch the interactive videos and then <u>plan your route</u>! On this trade portal you'll also find links to images, video and sample literaries.

You can get back to this page at any time by clicking the "trade portal" bar at the top of the page.



INSPIRATION

Explore Coastal Regions

Discover what makes each region unique, choose a region then watch our interactive videos which showcase the highlights and top attractions.



PRODUCT

Training Course

How well do you know England's Coast? Want to know more, undertake our free short product knowledge course.

Product on sale!

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Through international travel trade

- TUI Wolters Reisen "<u>Magical Coasts</u>" self-drive tour **290** pax bookings for 2019 (best selling tour in England), now on sale for 2020. New "<u>Northern Coast and National Parks</u>" on sale for 2020
- <u>House of Britain</u> 24 coastal itineraries on sale for 2020 125 pax bookings in 2019.
- Behringer Touristik B2B sales received for 2019 and continuation of product confirmed for 2020
- Wikinger Touristik Yorkshire and Northumberland tours on sale 2020
- One World Travel Wholesale South Coast itinerary on sale for 2020
- Intermedes France Selection of Coastal itineraries
- Hotels & More & JAC travel itineraries on sale as a result of FAM trips

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Collaboration





Initial project focused on English Riviera

- Brixham Fish Market
- More local fish in local restaurants
- Seafood FEAST event
- Seafood related activities boat trips, coast path

Expanded in 2019 to mirror England's Coast regions

Businesses can identify their business as <u>Seafood Coast</u> if serve locally caught seafood on menu or visible connection to fishing heritage







Other Discover England Fund projects

Large scale projects with coastal element

- National Parks
- Walking Trails
- <u>Cycle England</u>

Small scale projects with coastal focus

<u>Creative Coast</u>







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How can you get involved?



Business Listing

Over 1,800 business engaged in the project to date...

Free to add your listing via:

www.englandscoast.com/create-listing

What do you need:

- Landscape photo and description
- option to add special offer
- identify if you take groups or trade bookings
- South West region
- Seafood Coast





Business Support

Online training programme for front line staff - England's Coast Ambassador – takes less than an hour to complete

Course content

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- Introduction to England's Coast
- International visitor welcome
- Product knowledge module for each destination South Devon under South West Region

Available FREE on <u>www.englandscoastambassador.co.uk</u>

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How to engage...

1. Add a listing

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www.englandscoast.com/create-listing

- 2. Complete the trade questions and trade contact details if you want your listing to be shown on the trade portal
- 3. Tick Seafood Coast box if meet criteria 🐋
- 3. Encourage your staff to complete Ambassador training

www.englandscoastambassador.co.uk

4. Engage with us on social media @england_coast

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Year of Coast 2021



YEAR OF THE ENGLISH COAST 2021

#EnglishCoast2021

Background

The entire English coast is about to be accessible for the first time through the designation of permanent public right of way - the new **England Coast Path** National Trail.

This will help physically connect coastal communities along its length.

To celebrate this achievement, a group of key coastal stakeholders have come together to mark 2021 as the **Year of the English Coast.**

We wish to invite communities, stakeholders and government to join with us to:

- Celebrate our coast
- Raise awareness
- Deliver real change for the benefit of coastal communities and the environment

















YEAR OF THE ENGLISH COAST 2021

#EnglishCoast2021

How to get involved?



NCTA have begun mapping / collating list of events that happen every year to identify base product and gaps Still gathering information on key events or anniversaries e.g.:

- 150th Anniversary of Bank Holiday Act
- Ramsgate Royal Harbour 200th Anniversary

Examples of organisations creating or adapting events:

- National Piers Society Year of Pier events
- Blackpool Year of Coast events

How can you get involved?

- Anniversaries or key events happening in 2021? What is your annual programme of visitor events?
- What activities or events could you adapt or develop to help build the programme for 2021?

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