The best coastal restaurants within easy reach of London



Many of our members are enjoying a staycation in one of the UK's beautiful seaside towns or are planning a sun-soaked day trip close to London. To make sure you make the best of your time at the beach, we've compiled an overview of the best restaurants in the UK's top coastal hotspots where you can sample some of the finest seafood on offer.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch to make a reservation or for further suggestions in your preferred area – our team is here to help.

Stark, Broadstairs

1 Oscar Road, CT10 1QJ

One of three Michelin-starred restaurants in the whole of Kent, this intimate and very relaxed outpost serves some of the finest seasonal grub in the area.

Please note that Stark currently only allows parties of two.

The Lobster Shack, Whitstable

East Quay, Whitstable Harbour, CT5 1AB

This beach bar dishes up excellent seafood, stunning beach views and plenty of outdoor seating to enjoy both.

Wheelers Oyster Bar, Whitstable

8 High Street, CT5 1BQ

This oyster parlour is one of Whitstable's oldest and best kept secrets. Tiny and charming, the interior is decked out with rickety chairs and tables while the menu showcases the best that the local waters have to offer.

The Sportsman, Whitstable

Faversham Road, Seasalter, CT5 4BP

The menu of this Michelin-starred pub is completely dictated by the surrounding lands: oysters and fish are plucked from the adjoining Thames Estuary while nearby marshland and fertile soils supply all the meat, game and vegetables needed.

Due to limited space and high demand, this restaurant is often fully booked. Should this be the case for your preferred date, our Dining team will be more than happy to monitor cancellations for you.

Harbour Street Tapas, Whitstable

48 Harbour Street, CT5 1AQ

Sat on the corner of Harbour Street, this quaint spot takes inspiration from Spain's rich culinary traditions to whip up delicious tapas, all prepared with fresh and local ingredients.

Rocksalt, Folkestone

4-5 Fish Market, CT19 6AA

Sitting directly on Folkestone Harbour, this waterfront spot is all about Kent's local larder. The adjacent waters are the main supplier of fresh ingredients for the delicious dishes expertly whipped up by well-known TV chef Mark Sargeant.

Angela's, Margate

21 The Parade, CT8 8NZ

This popular Margate spot puts heavy emphasis on ethically sourced seafood, accompanied by seasonal vegetable-based dishes that make the fresh flavours pop even more.

Frog and Scot, Deal

86 High Street, CT14 6EG

In the coastal heart of Deal, you'll find this lively French bistro kitted out with mismatched furniture and serving impeccable seafood caught in the adjoining waters.

The Gallivant, Rye

New Lydd Road, Camber, TN31 7RB

Just an hour removed from London, you'll be able to enjoy striking ocean views while tucking into both classic and contemporary dishes. Make sure to bag a table on the beach if the weather permits it.

The Globe Inn Marsh, Rye

10 Military Road, TN31 7NX

Situated in the historic Cinque Ports, you'll find superb local fare on the menu, sourced from the nearby shore, marshland and farms.

The Ivy in the Lanes, Brighton

51A Ship Street, BN1 1AF

Serving the authentic The Ivy experience, you can enjoy several of the popular chain's beloved staples, including chicken Milanese and the iconic shepherd's pie.

Our members enjoy complimentary Champagne for parties up to four, Sunday to Thursday, when booking through us.

Wild Flor, Brighton

42 Church Road, Hove, BN3 2FN

Four friends' enthusiasm for good food has resulted in this quaint eatery that serves impeccably prepared yet unpretentious dishes bursting with flavour.

The Salt Room, Brighton

106 Kings Road, BN1 2FU

Specialising in grilled fish and meat, this modern British outpost comes with striking views across the Brighton seafront and iconic West Pier.

Riddle and Finns, Brighton

12B Meeting House Lane, BN1 1HB

A household name in Brighton, this spot has taken inspiration from Paris and New York's vintage oyster bars and liquor shops, serving excellent seafood and the perfect bottle of wine or Champagne to accompany it.

St Clement's Restaurant, St Leonards-on-Sea

3 Mercatoria, TN38 0EB

With a menu centring on Hastings-caught seafood, this cosy bistro offers Michelin-starred fare and neighbourhood vibes, making it a popular spot among locals.

The Royal, St Leonards-on-Sea

1 St John's Road, TN37 6HP

Run by a trio with plenty of gastropub experience, you'll find proper ales, quality wines and unfussy seafood on the menu of this friendly pub.

Food by John Lawson, Southend-on-Sea

92 Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1BU

Focusing on health, well-being and creativity, head chef John Lawson only serves the finest and freshest ingredients, all sustainably sourced in Leigh-on-Sea and its surrounding areas.

The Coast Inn, Mersea Island

108 Coast Road, West Mersea, CO5 8NA

Renowned for its excellent mussels, look out for the "Today's Specials" board to find out what fresh seafood the local fishermen have dropped off that day.

The Company Shed, Mersea Island

129 Coast Road, West Mersea, CO5 8PA

This tiny shed has grown into a local phenomenon, featuring owner Richard's famed oysters grilled with mushrooms and crème fraîche and topped with gruyère, as well as everything from cockles to green-lipped mussels.