

Where is the museum, the White Cliffs Experience? Gift shops? Antique shops? A quaint pub? A good tea room? A cool beer? and many more.

We distribute leaflets for the Museum, WCE and Castle. The Town Gaol is closed on Mondays and so is the Roman Painted House, but we learn that the latter opens later in the day in response to demand.

By 10.30 am a few elderly passengers who have difficulty in walking are returning to the ship with souvenirs, postcards and drinks. One lady staggers under the weight of a case of Pepsi-Cola from KwikSave. They are in the minority.

At lunchtime the shuttles are busy again with passengers returning to the ship for lunch. Some have booked afternoon trips from the quayside at 1 pm. One trip is on the railway to Tenterden. *

The afternoon brings more inward passengers who have been on a morning trip and are now setting out to explore Dover. More leaflets, directions and suggestions and more questions to answer. A few ask about the town and its history. Most are content to wander through the shopping precinct.

From 3.30 to 5.30 the traffic is mainly from town to port and we take the opportunity to chat to some of the returning passengers.

"Dover is a great little town; the people are friendly". There is universal approval. All have enjoyed themselves. One lady expresses the opinion that America is all shopping malls. She could see those at home. The Americans liked quaint streets with small shops!!!

It is impossible to find out everyone's reactions. The diversity of experiences is so vast. One couple took a taxi to London, saw the changing of the guard and Buckingham Palace. Another couple took a taxi to Canterbury, saw the cathedral and then took a trip round the Kent coast, through Margate and Sandwich, then back to Dover Castle for the afternoon.

The majority of people visited the Castle, getting there by bus, by taxi and some by walking. They were all enthusiastic, loved the Keep, the view, the tunnels, the history!! They thanked us for our directions and advice.

The lady who wanted the optician got her spectacles mended. The couple who rented a Hertz car got a parking ticket in Canterbury!

People who stayed in the town enjoyed walking around or sitting in the sunshine at various pubs or eating places which provided outside tables.

Almost everyone seemed to have bought something to take back with them. Apart from the inevitable postcards, films and souvenirs, I noticed pictures, shoes, make-up, shirts, drinks and embroidery materials.

All were unanimous in acclaiming the free shuttle buses which were great! They didn't get that provided at many of their stops. Many praised the organisation and some said it was the best they had experienced on the cruise.



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