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Turner Contemporary's **Monique Kent** discloses her tips on navigating Margate's often quirky heritage attractions alongside the growing community of artist-curators ...



Artwork: Edmund de Waal 'Atmosphere', Turner Contemporary. Photo: Stephen White

Kent's spectacular and diverse coastline has many hidden gems which are well worth a visit. There is nothing nicer than walking or cycling along the coast or taking a dip in the sea!

Situated in prime position on Margate's seafront, **Turner Contemporary** showcases the best contemporary and historical art. Pop into the gallery from Tuesday to Sunday and see a free exhibition or take advantage of the events and workshops the gallery has lined up to coincide with the exhibition on display.

Art flourishes in Margate, as the now infamous once-home of Tracey Emin and all the glamour of the soon to be re-opened '**Dreamland amusement Park**' have paved the way for organisations like **LIMBO**, an artist-led space off the High Street, which provides affordable artist studios and a programme of exhibitions, artist residencies, events and off-site projects. Further studio spaces and desk areas are available for artists in Margate at **RESORT**, based in the

old Pettmans Furniture Depository, just off Northdown Road, and **CRATE**, based in an old printworks, next door to **LIMBO**.

Tucked off the seafront Margate's **Shell Grotto** is not to be missed. Discovered in 1835, the underground cave is decorated with millions of shells. The origins of the grotto remains unknown but it is a fascinating place which continues to inspire artists and audiences. Just along the coast, nestled between **Ramsgate** and **Sandwich**, is **Pegwell Bay**. You can walk to Pegwell Bay from Ramsgate via a coastal path. This spectacular sweeping bay is a great location for kite-surfing and its large nature reserve makes it a unique bird watching spot.

I would recommend a visit to Margate as a start for anyone exploring the Kent coast, and time your visit to catch a special 'Turner sunset'.

Z01 [B, 2]
The Community Pharmacy
16 Market Place, CT9 1ES
Tel 01843 223800
Times Mon-Fri 9.30-3.30

Z02 [B, 2]
Crate
The Print Works, 1 Bilton Square, CT9 1EE
Times Check website

Z03 [B, 2]
The Crown Gallery
2-4 Broad St, CT9 1BN
Tel 01843 294489
Times 11-7 daily

Z04 [D, 4]
DBA editions
South Eastern Rd, Ramsgate, CT11 9QE
Tel 07847 046928
Times By appt.

Z05 [D, 1]
Hello Print Studio
Resort Studios, Pettman Building, 50 Athelstan Rd, Cliftonville, CT9 2BH
Times Check website

Z06 [F, 3]
Jonathan Viner Project Space
36 Park Place, CT9 1LE
Times Check website

Z07 [B, 2]
LIMBO
Substation Project Space Studios, 2 Bilton Square, High St, CT9 1EE
Tel 07812 780984
Times Check website

Z08 [B, 2]
Margate Gallery
2 Lombard St, CT9 1EJ
Tel 01843 292779
Times Tue-Sat 11-5, Sun & Bank Hols 12-4

Z09 [A, 2]
Marine Studios
Studio 2, St Lawrence Industrial Estate, Manston Rd, Ramsgate, CT11 0QZ
Tel 01843 580083
Times Check website

Z11 [B, 1]
Pie Factory Margate
5-9 Broad St, CT9 1EW
Tel 01843 294175
Times 11-5, check website

Z12 [D, 1]
RESORT
50 Athelstan Rd, CT9 2BH
Times Check Website

Z13 [B, 1]
Turner Contemporary
Rendezvous, CT9 1HG
Tel 01843 233000
Times Tue-Sunday & Bank Hols 10-6

Z14 [F, 4]
Up Down Gallery
Satis House, 11 Elms Ave, Ramsgate, CT11 9BW
Tel 01843 588181
Times Thu-Sun 11-5

Z15 [F, 2]
The Viking Gallery
Viking House, Cliftonville Avenue, CT9 2NU
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