Open Top Tour Bus

29 July – 1 September
Running every hour from 11am to 4pm
medway.gov.uk/opentopbus

Keep your eyes peeled for Grunt along the route!
Enjoy the many sites and attractions that Medway has to offer

There’s so much to uncover. So jump aboard and unearth the secrets of Medway for yourself.

Simply hop-on and hop-off at any of our stops.

Tours run every day from 29 July to 1 September. 11am – 4pm

Adults - £4.50
Children/Seniors - £2.50

Can you spot...?

Grunt, who lives at Rochester Castle. He’s hiding around Medway. He’s dressed up, exploring and generally just hanging out!

Keep your eyes peeled during the tour for Miss Havisham, The Chatham Witch, Will Adams, A Royal Engineer Soldier, Chef and Stinky-Whiff!

Explore Rochester Castle with Grunt

Grunt features in his very own book for children - Grunt’s Guide to Rochester Castle. He’ll guide you around the castle and show you all the fun things to look out for. Come and visit the castle and make sure you ask for Grunt’s Guide!

Visit the Royal Engineers Museum

Present this leaflet for a free tea or coffee.

Open Tuesday to Sunday 10am – 5pm (last entry 4pm)

re-museum.co.uk

There is over 300 years of military history to see at the Royal Engineers Museum!
The Chatham Witch

Grunt is super excited that The Chatham Witch is being performed at Fort Amherst – it’s why he’s dressed up!

The Chatham Witch is an open-air show that tells the story of an ancient body, which was uncovered in the foundations of Fort Amherst. But...a glass necklace and amber beads were also found...

19 – 21 September, 7.30pm
Free, but please book at - icontheatre.org.uk

Miss Havisham

Miss Havisham is a character in Great Expectations – a book written by Charles Dickens.

Miss Havisham was very rich and lived in a mansion. She fell in love with a man who wanted to steal all of her money. He did take her money and then left her at the altar on her wedding day, which left her feeling so sad she insisted on wearing her wedding dress for the rest of her life.

Not only did she never take her wedding dress off, she left all the food on the table, as well as the uneaten cake.

Charles Dickens lived here in Rochester
Poo-whiff!

There’s an entire room in Rochester Castle that would have been full of people’s poo - eeughhh - stinky!

Most castles built their toilets so that waste would drop straight outside the castle walls, but Rochester had their cesspit inside!

It could have been a way of heating the castle, or maybe people were sent to this smelly poo room as a form of punishment!

A Royal Engineer

Visit the Royal Engineers Museum and discover how these soldiers have helped the British Army live, move and fight for over 300 years.

View Victoria Crosses, Wellington’s map of Waterloo, weapons from the Zulu War, an amazing collection of armoured vehicles, the world’s first guided torpedo, the global activities of the Corps today, a monumental piece of the Berlin Wall, a Harrier Jump Jet and even an imposing V2 rocket.

Rochester Castle is over 800 years old

Military engineers boast over 900 years of unbroken service to the crown
Will Adams was the first Englishman to travel to Japan. He was a sailor in the Navy and he lived in Gillingham.

After retiring from the Navy, Will Adams set sail from West Africa on a voyage to the Far East. His fleet ran into trouble and his ship ran aground on one of Japan’s islands. He was captured and sent to prison as they thought he was a pirate!

After some questioning the Japanese realised how good he was at building ships, so they released him from prison and he soon became a trusted advisor.

They liked him so much, the Japanese rewarded him with the honoured title of Samurai.

Chef Grunt

When you visit Rochester Castle you’ll notice lots of pigeons – they’re usually up on the roof.

When the castle was built nearly 900 years ago, little holes were made too. This was to encourage pigeons to breed there, so the people who lived in the castle could catch and eat them if needed! This was particularly useful during a siege.

Explore Rochester Castle with Grunt
Visit the castle and let Grunt guide you around. He’ll point out all the fun stuff – even the poo floor!

In Japan, Will Adams was known as “The Pilot”.

Will Adams was born in Gillingham
Words to find:
Castle Engineer Japan Rochester
Cathedral Grunt Pigeon Siege
Eastgate Havisham Poo Witch
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**Rochester Castle was built by the Normans after the Battle of Hastings in 1066**

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