Arundel Castle was built at the end of the 11th century and has been the family home of the Duke of Norfolk for more than 850 years.

**Arundel Castle**

The castles tend to run seasonal events throughout the year which allow visitors to find out more about the history and tales of their heritage sites.

There is usually a charge to visit the castles and please note that some venues are not open all year round so check in advance of your visit.

Camber Castle is the ruin of an artillery fort designed to guard the nearby port of Rye, originally built by King Henry VIII.

Guided tours are on the first Saturday of the month (August — October).

**Camber Castle**

Penshurst Place is described as ‘the grandest and most perfectly preserved example of a fortified manor house in all England’.

**Penshurst Place**

Please note: Arundel Castle, Camber Castle and Penshurst Place are somewhat further away and would require a trip specially organised by Student Services.

East and West Sussex have many famous and beautiful castles rich in history and architecture.

The historic sites range from Norman and medieval ruins to grand and spectacular estates surrounded by moats and stunning gardens.

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How far?
All trips to local castles are around one hour away.

What’s there?
Of the 100 or so castles in England, more than 30 are in the South East due to the fact that historically this region of the UK has always been vulnerable to attack from foreign shores.

It is no surprise therefore, that castles in Kent and castles in Sussex dominate our guide as Kings and Queens throughout the ages turned South East England into the fortress of Britain, by building some of the most impressive, imposing and famous castles in England.

Built to last, the castles make fascinating places to visit and the South East has them in abundance.

When can I go there?
Depending on demand, once or twice a term.

Who do I ask if I want a special trip?
E-mail: minibus@bisc.queensu.ac.uk

Bayham Abbey makes for a fascinating trip. The impressive ruins, built from golden local sandstone, include much of the 13th to 15th century church, the chapter house, and a picturesque 14th century gatehouse.

Bodiam Castle built in the 14th century castle allows visitors to walk the ground once walked upon by knights and explore the spiral staircases, battlements and portcullis in an historic landscape.

Hastings Castle is a huge part of England’s history as it was the first Norman motte and bailey castle to be built here after William of Normandy, known as William the Conqueror, landed in England in 1066.

Hever Castle Once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, this thirteenth century romantic castle is set in magnificent gardens from the majestic formal Italian Garden and topiary, to the informal meanderings of the lakeside and Sunday Walk.

Lewes Castle was built shortly after the Norman invasion to dominate a former Saxon burh and control a critical portion of the Sussex coast.

Rye Castle was built circa 1249, after Henry III gave permission for its construction as part of the defence against the frequent raids, due to the coast being under constant threat from the French.

Scotney Castle is a 14th century moated castle surrounded by beautiful woodland. The site is maintained by the National Trust, so entrance will be free if you are a member. Details are in the minibus handbook.