

SWANAGE AND PURBECK

Interactive Visitor Guide

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*Brownsea Island, Corfe Castle, Durdle Door,
Lulworth, Studland, Swanage, Wareham*



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THE JURASSIC COAST

185 million years in the making

SPECTACULAR COASTLINE

Relax on the beach, explore the coast path, hunt for dinosaur fossils or just sit back and enjoy the views of our world famous coastline

SOUTH WEST COAST PATH

Starting at South Haven Point near Shell Bay, this 630-mile national trail follows the whole of our coastline and continues to Minehead in Somerset. Pass by sandy beaches, dramatic cliff tops, incredible rock formations, quirky man-made features and hidden coves along the way.

BEACHES GALORE!

The natural coastline at Studland Beach offers four miles of golden sand with views of [Old Harry Rocks](#). The heathland behind the beach is a haven for native wildlife; explore the designated trails through the sand dunes and woodlands.

Swanage's family-friendly, sandy beach has all the facilities of a seaside town including deckchairs, pedalos and beach huts for hire.

The beaches at Lulworth Cove, Durdle Door, Man O' War and Worbarrow Bay are more rugged, but definitely worth a visit for their crystal clear waters and amazing scenery.

Studland Beach © Mark Simons



Poole Harbour © Poole Tourism



Durdle Door

THE JURASSIC COAST

Discover 185 million years of Earth's history along 95 miles of the Dorset and East Devon coast.

Recognised by UNESCO for its outstanding geology, our coastline is part of England's only natural World Heritage Site. And it proudly sits on a map of other World Heritage Sites including Yellowstone National Park and the Galapagos Islands.

Explore the Jurassic Coast to [hunt for fossils](#), see spectacular geological features and follow in the footsteps of dinosaurs.

POOLE HARBOUR

Poole Harbour is one of the world's largest natural harbours and on its western shores you'll find the RSPB Arne Nature Reserve. Explore the reserves heathlands, woodlands and wetlands in this secluded corner of Purbeck.

[Brownsea Island](#) is the largest island in the Harbour and is managed by the National Trust and Dorset Wildlife Trust. Taking a boat trip to the Island is an ideal day out and it is one of the few places in southern England where you can see a red squirrel!



Man O' War Beach

AMAZING VIEWS

Inhale, breath deep and relax

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Purbeck's landscape is exceptionally beautiful and varied, and it is also part of the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

EXPLORE, DISCOVER, ENJOY

Want to escape the masses? Then head inland to explore forests, heathlands, and downlands. There are many nature reserves and open spaces in the area with their own unique wildlife, ancient trees or colourful wildflowers. Take a relaxing walk to discover scenic views and find peace and tranquillity.

DARK SKIES

If you're a fan of astronomy, there are some great places to watch the night sky away from the bright lights of our towns. [Durlston Country Park](#) has its own Astronomy Centre and Observatory. Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove and Kimmeridge Bay are also favourites for local stargazers.

TOP PICNIC SPOTS

Here are some of our favourite places to have a picnic - perfect for a gathering of friends or family.



Wareham Quay

[Wareham Quay](#)

[Lulworth Castle and Park](#)

[Durlston Country Park](#)

[Swanage Downs](#)

[Brownsea Island](#)



Short-eared owl © Peter Moore

A BIRD WATCHER'S DREAM

With its coast, countryside and Poole Harbour, Purbeck is perfect for birding. Top bird watching spots include the RSPB Arne Nature Reserve, Brownsea Island, Durlston Country Park and Wareham Forest.

WILDLIFE WATCHING WITH A DIFFERENCE

Many of the heathlands in Purbeck are home to all six of Britain's native reptiles, including the colourful sand lizard and illusive smooth snake. They are usually very difficult to find and are protected by law, so the best way to see them is to join an organised [event](#).



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TOWNS AND VILLAGES

Thatched cottages, country pubs, beautiful churches, riverside walks, iconic ruins, Saxon history – need we say more?

CORFE CASTLE

As well as the iconic Castle ruins, the village is known for being one of the prettiest in Dorset. The Castle was one of the country's great strongholds until betrayal from within led to its downfall. Visit the Model Village and Gardens to see what the village would have looked like before Cromwell's army arrived.

You can also take a trip on the Swanage Railway or wander around the unique shops. Nearby is the tranquil Blue Pool – home of the Wareham Bears.

WORTH MATRAVERS

Perfectly located for coastal walks, you could take a breather at the famous village pub with its fossil museum or call in for vintage tea at the tea rooms.

WEST LULWORTH

The traditional fishing village of West Lulworth boasts one of the oldest pubs in Dorset. Picturesque Lulworth Cove was once a smugglers' haunt and close by is the world famous rock formation Durdle Door. Why not explore Lulworth Castle and Park nearby?



WOOL AND MORETON

On the edge of Wool village are two of our most loved attractions – the Tank Museum and Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre. Nearby Moreton is known best for its links with T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) whose final resting place is the village cemetery; the village also boasts the beautiful etched glass windows of St. Nicholas' Church.

HISTORIC WAREHAM

This attractive Saxon walled town lies between the rivers Frome and Piddle and has been a market town for over 500 years. The Walls are now earth ramparts which surround the town on 3 sides and were originally built to defend the town against Viking invaders – the fourth side of the town was defended by the River Frome. You can follow the Walls Walk with highlights including St. Martin on the Walls Saxon church and Bloody Bank! Be sure to stop by Wareham Town Museum to hear the history of the town and its people.

Wareham has lots of individual and interesting shops and the town's cinema, The Rex, has an old-school charm about it - sit back with a glass of wine or head to the back row to sit in the lovers' seats!

Wareham Quay is a lively meeting place with pubs and restaurants and is host to many events. From the Quay you can take a boat trip, follow a riverside walk, or simply sit on the quayside watching the river flow by.



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Corfe Castle



Worth Matravers



Wareham market

SWANAGE

More than just buckets and spades



Swanage Bay



SEASIDE SWANAGE

Why not hire
one of our
beach huts
while you
are here?



This seaside town has kept much of its original Victorian character and offers an award-winning family-friendly beach, together with a variety of leisure activities. Enjoy some of the south coast's best weather while lying on the golden sand or strolling along the promenade

VICTORIAN CHARM

Admire the impressive Victorian architecture, such as the Town Hall and Wellington Clock Tower, stroll along the restored Pier or visit the Swanage Museum and Heritage Centre.



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DAY TO NIGHT

During the day wander around the art galleries and boutique gift shops, or take a boat trip along the coast. In the evening, sample the local fare in the quality bistros and restaurants, or why not sit on the promenade eating traditional fish and chips? End your day with a film or show at the theatre and cinema.

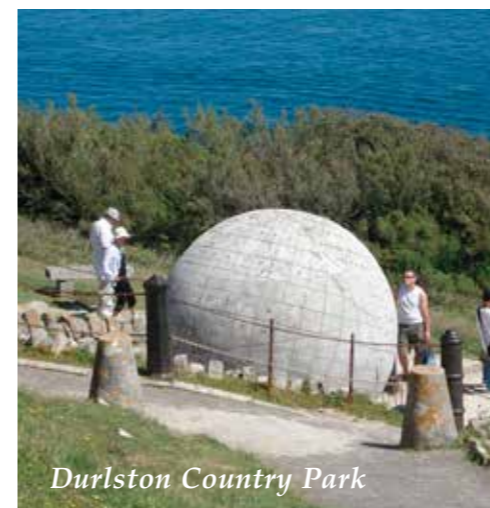
SWANAGE RAILWAY

The Railway, which uses steam engines on many of its journeys, has a year-round timetable and is the best way to travel between Swanage and Corfe Castle.

The various stops along the way are perfect drop-off points for a day's walking. Events are held by the Railway throughout the year, including summer evening services and Santa Specials in December – perfect for kids of all ages!

DURLSTON COUNTRY PARK

Founded by the Victorian entrepreneur and philanthropist George Burt, the Park, which is now also a National Nature Reserve, is a 280 acre paradise. With the historic Great Globe, Durlston Castle, stunning coastal views, an abundance of wildlife and cliff top walks, there is always something different to see and do.



EVENTS ALL YEAR

For music lovers, the town has a fantastic range of festivals which everyone can enjoy, including Blues, Jazz and Folk. The Regatta and Carnival Week offers the lively atmosphere of a Caribbean-style carnival plus spectacular fireworks, music and dancing. The Fish Festival and Walking Festival are also popular with locals and visitors alike.



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BRING THE FAMILY

A DAY AT THE BEACH

Spending family time at the [seaside](#) is something that children will remember for years to come. Paddling in the water, playing Frisbee, collecting sea shells and flying kites are great fun for the whole family.

Swanage and Studland beaches are particularly family-friendly with large stretches of golden sand – perfect for sandcastle building. Children can also have a go at crab fishing from Swanage's Stone Quay and Kimmeridge Bay is one of the best places in Dorset to go rock pooling.

FOR WHATEVER THE WEATHER

Come rain or shine, we have some amazing [family attractions](#) and [activities](#) which will entertain children of all ages – as well as parents and grandparents. Explore castles, climb inside a tank, ride on a steam train, try to spot a red squirrel or pretend you are one of the Famous Five characters in [Enid Blyton's](#) books.

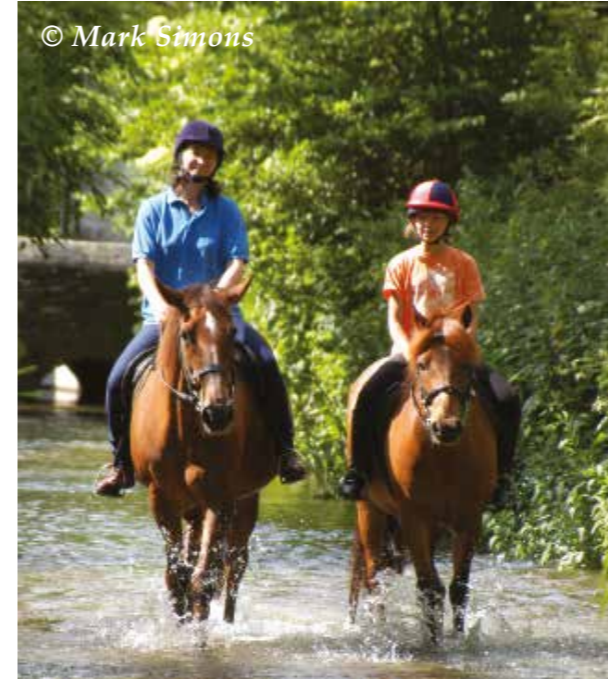
For umbrella days, escape the elements and head into our indoor attractions.



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© The Tank Museum



© Mark Simons



© Monkey World



Swanage Railway © Andrew P M Wright



Picnic at Corfe Castle
© National Trust

ANIMAL MAGIC

From fun on the farm, to meeting rescued animals and the real stars of the TV show '[Monkey Life](#)', you'll find plenty to see and do on a day out in Purbeck.

GET ACTIVE

For older children, there are plenty of options to keep them amused and let off steam.

From horse riding and kayaking to coasteering, Segway, cycling, sailing, climbing, abseiling and canoeing – the list is endless.

DAYS OUT ON A BUDGET

Family fun doesn't have to cost the earth. Enjoy the simpler things in life like having a picnic, going for a walk, finding out about local history, visiting a [nature reserve](#), exploring [towns and villages](#) or following a treasure trail.



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STEP BACK IN TIME



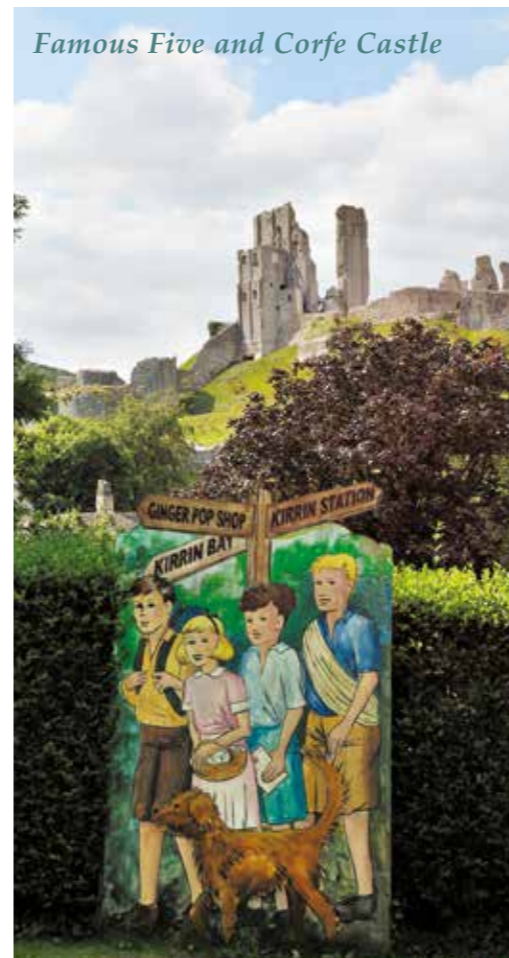
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EXPLORE PURBECK'S PAST

From 17th Century castles, to a deserted village and tales of great adventures, you'll uncover the mysteries as you delve deeper into Purbeck's past



Tyneham



Famous Five and Corfe Castle

LULWORTH CASTLE

The imposing Castle is set in extensive parklands on the Lulworth Estate and was built as a hunting lodge to entertain the King and Court. The exterior of the Castle has changed little over the years and inside are displays of memorabilia and artefacts in the basement rooms.

TYNEHAM

Tyneham village was evacuated for military training during the Second World War and has been deserted ever since. However, many of the buildings survive and the Church and School now house excellent exhibitions about the village and villagers. Tyneham is also a good starting point for walks on the South West Coast Path.

ENID BLYTON

As a frequent visitor to Purbeck, the landmarks and countryside of the area were the inspiration for Enid Blyton's novels. You can visit the author's favourite places by following the [Enid Blyton Trail](#).

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA



T.E. Lawrence was one of the area's most famous residents. Lawrence of Arabia, as he became known, lived at [Clouds Hill](#) just outside Bovington. His cottage has been preserved by the National Trust and a permanent exhibition now details Lawrence's extraordinary life.

From the cottage, you can join a seven mile [walking trail](#) which takes you to where Lawrence worked, died and is laid to rest.

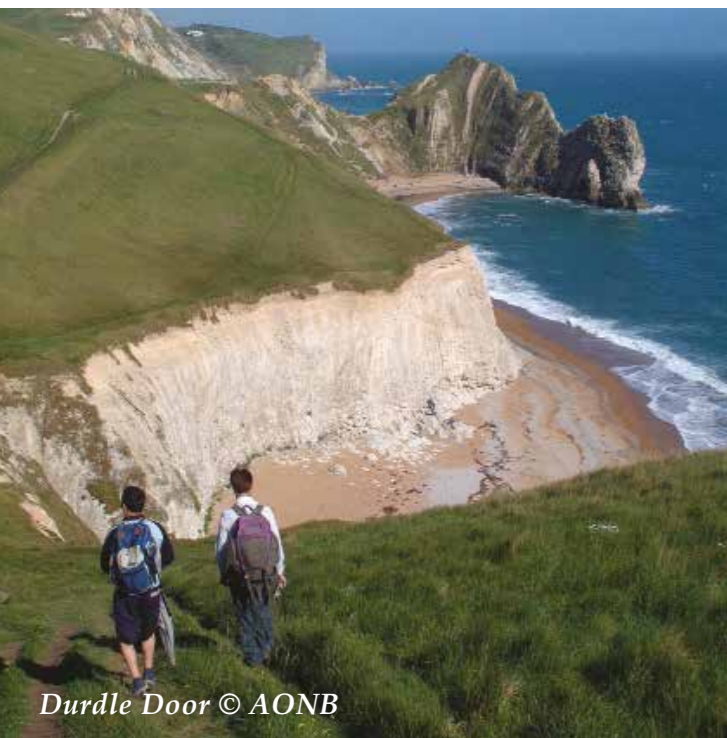
BE INSPIRED

Follow the [Swanage Seen Art Trail](#) and learn about the artists who were inspired by their surroundings. There are nine locations to visit, each showing a painting of Purbeck by a different artist.

Explore the rural Purbeck landscape that inspired famous painters such as Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Paul Nash and J.M.W. Turner, using a range of [walking trails](#) which highlight landscape art from the past. You'll get a real sense of how the landscape has changed from views past and present.

WALKING

Riverside rambles, scenic strolls or hill-top hikes – whatever you want, we've got it



Durdle Door © AONB



Clavell Tower © Landmark Trust

FLEX YOUR FEET

You can spend hours [walking](#) in our countryside and not pass another person – perfect for getting away from it all and being at one with nature. If you want to take in the salty sea air, then the [South West Coast Path](#) is your number one choice.

GUIDED WALKS

The diversity of our walking trails is celebrated during the annual [Swanage and Purbeck Walking Festival](#). But if you can't wait until Festival time, you can join a [guided walk](#) or let one of our experts plan a [walking holiday](#) for you at any time of year.

DON'T FORGET THE DOG

If you just can't imagine going on a walk without your faithful friend, pack up a picnic and head out for a day of adventure on one of our walking routes. Plus there are plenty of [beaches](#) which allow dogs all year round too.



CYCLING

Don't miss the opportunity to discover Purbeck by pedal power!

PEDAL AROUND PURBECK

Our [cycle routes](#) cover a variety of distances and abilities, both on and off-road. Why not try out the family-friendly [Sika Trail](#) at Wareham Forest or the [Rempstone Ride](#) ending at Studland Beach? For the more experienced cyclist, ride over the Purbeck hills for panoramic views of the area.

Bring your own bike or hire one from one of our [cycle hire experts](#).

STOP FOR A BITE TO EAT

You'll be pleased to know there are plenty of [country pubs, tea rooms and cafes](#) in the area where you can refuel and rest tired legs before getting back in the saddle.

PETIT TOUR DE MANCHE

This cross-channel, circular cycle route links Dorset with the beautiful and tranquil North Western France. It's a challenging 275 miles, but makes a fantastic cycling holiday, with suggested itineraries between 2 and 10 days.



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Ballard Down, Swanage

TAKE THE PLUNGE

Don't just dip your toe in the water



JUST ADD WATER

LOOKING FOR SOME ADVENTURE?

Why not join one of our [outdoor adventure specialists](#) and have a go at coasteering, abseiling, climbing, paddle-boarding or kayaking? You could also take a [sailing lesson](#) or hire your own dinghy for the day.

If it's horse power you are looking for, you can join a beach ride on the beautiful golden sandy beaches on the Studland peninsula.

MESSING ABOUT ON THE RIVER

If you'd rather head inland for some more sedate and less salty watery fun, then Wareham is where it's at. You can join a [guided kayak tour](#), or [hire a row boat, canoe or paddle-board](#) to navigate the River Frome at your own pace.

Hop on-board with [Wareham River Cruises](#) or the [Monarch Paddle Steamer](#) for a gentle boat trip up and down the river from Wareham Quay to Poole Harbour – listen to the history of Wareham and look out for wildlife on the way.



© Wareham Boat Hire



© Land and Wave



Sailing near Brownsea Island



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Snorkelling © National Trust

COASTAL CRUISES

Take a day cruise from Swanage Pier to Poole Quay for a scenic tour of the Jurassic Coast along the way. Or go on a real adventure on a classic cutter sail boat.

Cruises also depart from Poole Quay to Brownsea Island and along the River Frome to Wareham.

For a more exhilarating cruise, jump on-board an inflatable rib at Lulworth Cove. A short blast along the coast takes you to the spectacular and world famous arch of Durdle Door.

WILDLIFE WATCHING - ABOVE AND BELOW THE WATER

[Coastal boat trips](#) and [sea kayaking](#) mean you can get up-close to cliffs inhabited by breeding birds. You might also be lucky enough to see dolphins and porpoises – just remember don't get too close to disturb them! Be sure to try out the Kayak Wildlife Trail at Studland Bay.

If you prefer to be in the water, why not try snorkelling at Kimmeridge Bay's rocky limestone reefs – there is a snorkelling trail there in the summer. Swanage Pier is also a hive of marine activity and a popular diving spot.

EATING OUT AND LOCAL PRODUCE

Find tasty treats and Great British food when you visit Purbeck



© The Pig on the Beach

FROM FARM TO FORK

Many of Purbeck's eateries pride themselves on using [local produce](#). From fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat and seafood to wine, beer, cider, ice-cream and chocolate – they are all produced in Purbeck.

SAVOUR THE FLAVOUR

Looking to quench your thirst? Make some time to stop by at one of our local micro-breweries and try a pint of Fossil Fuel! Purbeck is also home to two vineyards that produce red, white and sparkling wines.

Visit one of our [markets](#) or [farm shops](#) to buy some scrumptious Dorset Apple Cake or divine Dorset Blue Vinney cheese. While you're there, pick up a jar of honey, chutney or jam to take home as a little reminder of your holiday to Purbeck.



© The Pig on the Beach



© Purbeck Icecream



The Purbeck Products or Dorset Food and Drink branding means you can rest assured that the produce you buy has been grown or made locally – look out for the logos at markets and farm shops.

FOODIE FESTIVALS

Tickle your taste buds at the many [food and drink festivals](#) and events that take place during the year. Swanage Fish Festival, Dorset Food Week, Church Knowle Food Fayre and Dorset Venison Festival are just a few to whet your appetite.

SIMPLY SCRUMPTIOUS

With over 170 [restaurants, cafés, bistros, pubs and tea rooms](#) in Purbeck, there is something on offer for all tastes and budgets.

Try morning coffee on the shore of Poole Harbour, lunch overlooking Corfe Castle, a vintage afternoon tea and dinner at a beautiful country house, plus a whole café dedicated to chocolate. Foodie heaven if you ask us.

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Swanage Fish Festival © Julian Sawyer



© Chococo

RETAIL THERAPY

With a mix of high street brands and small, independent shops selling everything from sausages to souvenirs, you will be a satisfied shopper in Purbeck



MARKETS

SWANAGE MARKETS:

- Town Market – Every Friday (April to October)
- Purbeck Produce Market – 2nd Saturday of the month

WAREHAM MARKETS:

- Market on The Quay – Every Saturday
- Farmers Market – 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

WOOL MARKETS:

- Country Market – Every Thursday



SHOP TIL YOU DROP

Take your time window shopping and browsing our interesting and eclectic vintage, retro and antique shops. Or why not wander around our art and craft galleries for pottery, paintings, glasswork, sculpture and jewellery. After you've worked up an appetite, take a coffee break or enjoy lunch in one of our street side cafes.

GROCERIES

There is no need to do the food shop before you arrive. Wareham and Swanage have well known supermarkets, as well as independent butchers, bakers, fishmongers and farm shops. And there is always that local convenience store or campsite shop just round the corner.

A YEAR IN PURBECK



© National Trust



SPRING INTO ACTION

Dust off your walking boots and head out for a walk along the [Coast Path](#) - hear the birds sing and see the lush rolling landscapes with new born lambs and calves bounding around the fields. This time of year is perfect for visiting some of our popular visitor attractions and iconic landmarks before the main summer season.

FUN IN THE SUMMER

As summer begins, most people head to our glorious [beaches](#). Relax, build a sandcastle, go swimming or explore rock pools. If the beach isn't your cup of tea, then head inland to our [countryside](#), try a new [activity](#) or visit one of our fantastic [attractions](#) or quaint [villages](#).

AUTUMN COLOUR

As the trees turn a brilliant shade of red and gold, take a [woodland walk](#) or visit one of our beautiful [nature reserves](#). Make the most of warm water temperatures with a swim in the sea or a [coastal activity](#).

WONDERFUL WINTER

As the year draws to a close, crisp clear skies provide a great opportunity for photographing the wild side of our landscape – capture the perfect misty morning or dramatic sunset. Afterwards, warm up in a country [pub](#) with a roaring log fire and lovingly-prepared home cooked food.

WHAT'S ON

We have a year-round calendar of events to keep you entertained in all weathers. Also, many of the local attractions organise events during school holidays to keep the whole family entertained

JANUARY

New Year

FEBRUARY

King John's Castle at Corfe Castle

MARCH

Swanage Blues Festival
Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

APRIL

Swanage Railway Spring Steam Gala

MAY

Swanage Railway Diesel Gala
Purbeck Pirate Festival
Purbeck Art Weeks

JUNE

Jurassic Coast Challenge 100km walk & run
Swanage Fish Festival
Tank Museum's Tankfest
Swanage Rowing Regatta

JULY

Wareham Carnival Week
Swanage Regatta and Carnival Week
Camp Bestival

AUGUST

Purbeck Valley Folk Festival
Wareham Wednesdays

SEPTEMBER

Swanage Folk Festival
PurbeckRunning Festival
Dorset Architectural Heritage Week
Isle of Purbeck Walking Festival

OCTOBER

Swanage Railway Autumn Steam Gala
Purbeck Film Festival
Halloween

NOVEMBER

Bonfire Night and Fireworks

DECEMBER

Winter Solstice
Christmas Lights
Carol Concerts
Swanage Railway Santa Specials





DESTINATION DORSET

*Dorset is the backdrop to many film
and TV productions, including the
hit TV series Broadchurch*

DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN DORSET

WEST DORSET

In the west of the county, the Jurassic Coast's rich bounty of fossils can be easily found at [Lyme Regis](#) and [Charmouth](#). Be sure to pay a visit to the [Cerne Abbas Giant](#) or stroll along [Chesil Beach](#) – stretching for 18 miles from West Bay to the Isle of Portland.

[Portland's](#) rugged coastline with its famous lighthouse and 'bill' is a contrast to the safe, shallow waters of Weymouth Harbour – perfect for all kinds of water sports and a great place to relax and watch the world go by.



EAST DORSET

To the east of the county, you will find [Christchurch](#) with its Priory Church – take on the challenge of climbing the 176 steps of its tower. While in the area, visit [Highcliffe Castle](#) and the picturesque [Christchurch Harbour](#).

Neighbouring [Poole](#) and [Bournemouth](#) are the largest towns in Dorset, boasting a huge selection of high street shops and attractions.

Heading inland, the historic market town of [Wimborne Minster](#) is located on the picturesque River Allen. Visit the beautiful Minster Church of St. Cuthburga and relax at the Minster Green or Town Square. The town is also home to one of the country's few ancient chained libraries where some of the earliest books can be seen.

NORTH DORSET

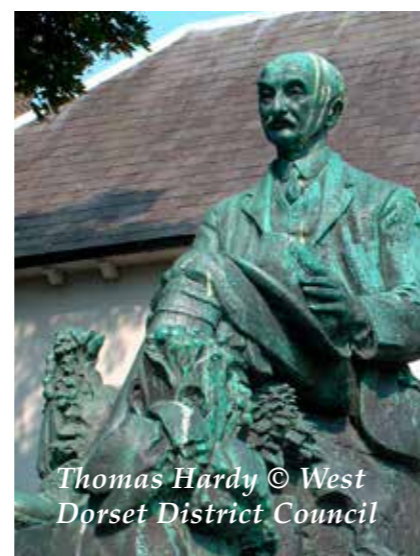
Further north, [Blandford Forum's](#) elegant Georgian character contrasts with the hill-top town of [Shaftesbury](#), best known for Gold Hill which featured in the memorable Hovis advert.



Poole © Visit Britain, Rod Edwards



Highcliffe Castle © Carrie Bugg



Thomas Hardy © West Dorset District Council



Wimborne Minster © Christchurch Borough Council



Gold Hill, Shaftesbury © Mark Simmons

THE HEART OF DORSET

At the heart of Dorset is the county town of [Dorchester](#). Thomas Hardy fans will be captivated by Max Gate (where he lived) and [Higher Bockhampton](#) (where he was born) with adjacent Thorncombe Woods being part of Hardy's Egdon Heath.

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HELPING YOU TO PLAN YOUR VISIT



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Durlston © Allnatt Outdoors



Be car free © Andrew P M Wright

WEDDINGS

Now you've chosen your perfect partner, choose the perfect location by marrying in Purbeck! Whether you are looking for a small and intimate wedding or an extravagant day, Purbeck meets all your wishes.

DOG-FRIENDLY

Can't bear to leave your canine friend at home? Well that's not a problem as we have many places for you stay, eat and visit which welcome your faithful companion.

GROUP TRAVEL

Download our Group Travel Guide or visit the website for ideas of places to stay, what to see and do, and where to eat.

ACCESSIBLE PURBECK

To make planning your holiday, short-break or day out a little easier, we have put together the [Accessible Purbeck Guide](#) – designed specifically for our visitors with additional needs. The Guide contains information about access, transport, parking, public toilets and more.

BE CAR FREE

Purbeck can be easily enjoyed without your car, so why not explore the area by foot, bike, bus, train or boat?



PURBECK

INTERACTIVE MAP

Click on words or symbols for more online information



HOW TO GET HERE

South Western Railway serve the area; 2 trains leave London Waterloo every hour for Wareham. National Express Coaches run daily to Poole from major cities, towns and London Victoria with connections to Wareham and Swanage.

For overseas visitors, ferries operate daily from: Cherbourg and the Channel Islands to Poole. Bournemouth International Airport is only 30 minutes away.

MILEAGES TO PURBECK:

Birmingham	171
Bournemouth	16
Bristol	73
Leeds	292
London	121

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