

FAMILY FUN WEEKENDER



Bovey Castle

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North Bovey, Moretonhampstead, Devon, TQ13 8RE

The five red star Bovey Castle is history, excitement, glamour and adventure. Where else can you wear your Hunter Wellies at 8am, Golf Spikes at 3pm and Manolo Blahniks for dinner. But while we offer our guests luxury and indulgence, this is not a stuffy hotel where you can't sit on the furniture or let your kids enjoy themselves. Immerse yourself in the luxuriously appointed décor, and outstanding service, challenge yourself on our championship golf course, relax in the holistic spa, experience the vast array of activities available and indulge your taste buds with the superb food and outstanding wine list. Bovey Castle is a place where you can live out your dreams, then put your feet up.



Miniature Pony Centre

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/minipony

Wormhill Farm, Newton Abbot, TQ13 8RG

Parking and Restaurant.

No trip to Dartmoor National Park is complete without visiting The Miniature Pony Centre! This farm attraction has it all including indoor and outdoor play areas.

Unicorns, miniature Shetlands and their foals, miniature pigs, Harris, our Suffolk Punch horse, miniature and mammoth donkeys are all waiting to meet you and your family when you visit us in the Dartmoor National Park.

As well as lots of super cute ponies and donkeys, the Centre also offers a truly hands-on and unique experience to interact with our animals as well as taking part in our free daily activities.

Our Unicorns are here every day we are open, and they can be found in our sparkly Rainbow Stables. New for 2021, our Unicorn picture time will give you and your family the opportunity to meet our unicorns and have your picture taken with them.

Our daily activities could include Unicorn story, pony grooming, working the tractor, meet the herd, pony herding, meeting the bugs and piggy time.



Becky Falls

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Becky Falls Woodland Park, Manaton TQ13 9UG

Enjoy breath-taking woodland walks, taking time to explore over 50 acres of woodland and streams which are rich in wildlife. There is a choice of trails to suit all ages and abilities. Why not have a go at our notoriously fun boulder scramble and if you enjoy that, carry on to the Purple Trail for views of the beautiful lower falls on more rugged terrain.

Animal Encounter shows are where you can get up close to some of our friendly residents. They could be furry, scaly, feathery, or even have 8 legs, not forgetting the Meet the Keeper Sessions throughout the day with our Meerkats and other wonderful animals. We also have a children's stamp trail, where every child wins a prize, and there are Explorer Backpacks available to borrow to help young explorers really discover the woodland.

After all this, relax and treat yourself in our licensed woodland café and gift shop. There really is something for all ages (including your dog, who will be made very welcome!).

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HISTORY & HERITAGE Tavistock-Yelverton-Princetown



Accommodation - Northgate House

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/northgate

**Northwood Lane, Buckfast,
Buckfastleigh, Devon, TQ11 0EG**

Northgate House Hotel at Buckfast Abbey provides an ideal base for business and leisure travellers. Situated mid-way between Plymouth and Exeter just off the A 38 Devon Expressway, the hotel benefits from a central, yet peaceful, location on the edge of Dartmoor.

Perfect for visitors to the Abbey Church and those enjoying a hiking or canoeing break, it has 33 luxurious, contemporary-styled bedrooms.

The hotel has a bar and a restaurant with a new menu showcasing local produce, plus a terrace, affording stunning views over the gardens and the surrounding countryside.

For those looking for a more flexible stay, Buckfast Abbey also has a range of self-catering accommodation, suitable for families and groups.



Morning Activity & Lunch - Buckfast Abbey

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/buckfast-abbey

Buckfast, Buckfastleigh, Devon, TQ11 0EE

This jewel in Devon's crown boasts a fascinating history: Founded by King Canute in 1018, Buckfast Abbey was at the heart of the community until Catholic monasteries were dissolved by King Henry VIII.

The site gradually fell into ruins, but several hundred years later, it was brought back to life by a group of exiled French monks. Between 1906 and 1937, they lovingly re-built the Abbey Church on the medieval foundations and re-established the monastery.

Don't miss the Sensory, Physic and award-winning Millennium Gardens. A highlight during the summer months is The Lavender Garden, boasting 50 varieties of this soothing and colourful plant.

The Abbey Church, with its dramatic Lantern Ceiling, art treasures and stunning Blessed Sacrament Chapel depicting a modern interpretation of Christ in stained glass, is a haven of peace.



Afternoon Activity - South Devon Railway

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/south-devon-railway

**The Station, Dartbridge Road,
Buckfastleigh, Devon, TQ11 0DZ**

The longest established steam railway in the south west, the line is a former Great Western Railway branch line which in 2019 celebrated the 50th anniversary of its opening as a preserved railway.

The South Devon Railway runs along the stunning valley of the River Dart between Buckfastleigh and Totnes Riverside, stopping halfway at Staverton and passing through glorious scenery, rich in wildlife.

As well as the steam train ride, there is loads to see and do at Buckfastleigh, with beautiful gardens, a riverside picnic area, museum, workshop and refreshment rooms, plus a great gift shop with a superb selection of souvenirs and model railway items. On certain days, the miniature railway and garden railway at Buckfastleigh are also running.

Buckfastleigh station, which is just off the A38, midway between Exeter and Plymouth, has plenty of free car parking. The SDR station at Totnes Riverside is a short walk from Totnes town and the main line station is some 500 yards away on foot.

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Dartmoor for Group Travel!

Situated in the south west of England, right in the very heart of Devon, Dartmoor is an ancient landscape of stunning views, awe inspiring granite tors, deep wooded valleys with fast flowing rivers, and rugged, wide open spaces.

Steeped in history, with a huge number of archaeological places of interest such as ancient stone rows and bronze age settlements, Dartmoor also offers visitors the opportunity to enjoy absolute peace and quiet, time to sit watching our herds of beautiful wild ponies with their enchanting foals where they have roamed free for 4000 years.

We have developed a series of itineraries, something for everyone!

Our hotels are second to none, nothing is too much trouble as on Dartmoor we care deeply about our visitors. Wonderful country hotels with superb, locally produced food prepared by world class chefs.



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ARTS & CRAFTS on DARTMOOR



Ilsington Country House Hotel Hotel & Restaurant

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/the-ilsington

Ilsington, Bovey Tracey TQ13 9RR

The hotel has been owned and run by the Hassell Family since 1998. Devon hoteliers with a keen eye for detail and with staff who know how to make you feel at home.

Impressive Dartmoor National Park is literally on the doorstep and the hotels own ten acres home to a flock of friendly chickens are yours to enjoy. The hydrotherapy pool soon eases away any aches and pains, the massages and facials in the Tibetan spa rejuvenate.

Awarded two AA rosettes for food, numerous awards for the Spa and recognised in publications such as the Good Hotel Guide.

You'll find an irresistible combination of country charm, award-winning food, friendly service and unrivalled access to the untamed moor and beautiful countryside here.



MORNING VISIT & Lunch MAKE Southwest & Restaurant

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/make-southwest

**Riverside Mill, Fore Street,
Bovey Tracey, Devon, TQ13 9AF**

Riverside Mill houses the largest contemporary crafts venue in the South West, with galleries, craft shop and popular café with terrace views. Entry is free. The shop displays a wide variety of hand-made crafts including ceramics, jewellery, textiles, furniture, prints and woodwork by its 240 local Guild Members. The exhibition galleries hold a regularly changing programme featuring exciting work by contemporary designer-makers from all over the UK. As an educational charity, the Guild runs a wide outreach programme teaching crafts in schools, through residencies and workshops. It also offers professional development, mentoring and networking for makers.

Adjacent public parking. Flat entranceway, one dedicated parking space for disabled badge owners, with lift to first floor café and wide aisles throughout.



AFTERNOON VISIT & TEA House of Marbles & Restaurant

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/house-of-marbles

**Pottery Road, Bovey Tracey,
Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 9DS**

With a nod to the past and an eye on the future.

At House of Marbles and Teign Valley Glass we have been manufacturing our unusual range of games, toys, marbles and glassware since 1973. Visitors to our beautiful Devon site can enjoy museums of glass, games, marbles and pottery. Watch exciting glassblowing, see marvelous marble runs and browse our beautiful shops. Have fun in the games garden and indulge in a hot drink and cake, breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea in our fully licensed restaurant. With lots of free parking and free entry, a visit to us is perfect whatever the weather and for all ages.

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ART INDOORS and OUTDOORS!



Mill End Country Hotel

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/mill-end-hotel

Sandy Park, Chagford, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 8JN

A Dartmoor hotel on the banks of Devon's majestic River Teign, Mill End Hotel and Restaurant is your perfect Country House hideaway.

Immerse yourself in the wild glory of Devon's own Dartmoor National Park, whilst soaking up the hospitality, comfort and warmth on which we pride ourselves here at Mill End.

Dartmoor is all around. Walking, cycling, fishing and all manner of outdoor pursuits are yours to enjoy. Or just find a perfect spot to sit and soak up the Dartmoor view. Just five minutes from the A30, and 25 minutes from Exeter, we're easy to get to but a million miles away. Devon's coasts are a short drive away. And we're dog-friendly too.



Stone Lane Gardens

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/stone-lane-gardens

Stone Farm, Chagford, Devon TQ13 8JU

Stone Lane Gardens is an enchanting 5-acre woodland gardens on the edge of the Dartmoor National Park, famous for a National Collection of Birch and Alder trees and Annual Sculpture Exhibition.

By 1992, June felt that the gardens would be an ideal backdrop for open air sculpture and the annual exhibition was 'born' and continues to flourish. The Ashburner prize builds on this legacy.

Three years after founding, in 1995, Plant Heritage awarded the gardens its 'National Collection' status in recognition of the importance of the diversity and rarity of its trees. And in 2015 Plant Heritage further awarded the gardens 'Scientific Status' in acknowledgement of the great work Kenneth Ashburner had done to extend and promote knowledge of the species, work that still continues today.

Or recharge at the café with a traditional Devon cream tea or tuck into a slice of cake.



Green Hill Arts

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/green-hill-arts

**Fore Street, Moretonhampstead,
Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 8LL**

Based in Moretonhampstead and one of Devon's most prominent Art Galleries, Green Hill is attracting the attention of some of the most respected Southwest Artists.

Names such as Peter Randall-Page, Susan Derges, and Peter Stiles have become synonymous with Green Hill over the last four years,

having exhibited in the Gallery's large attractive contemporary space and supported the Gallery's developing programme.

The Art Shop offers space for artists to exhibit and sell their work from paintings, prints and ceramics through to textiles, wood and ironwork.

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ACTIVE DARTMOOR MINI-BREAK



Moorland Hotel

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/moorland-hotel

Wotter, Plymouth, Devon, PL7 5HP

The Moorland Hotel is situated in an unrivalled location on the southern slopes of Dartmoor National Park, commanding uninterrupted views across the moors and to the sea beyond. It is the ideal centre for touring this beautiful and very interesting part of South Devon, including the beaches of the South Hams, the fascinating areas of Dartmoor with its quaint villages and of course the ponies, or the coastal city of Plymouth with all its maritime history.

There is also a wealth of National Trust Properties in close proximity. We are well located for our corporate guests too; far enough away from the hustle and bustle, but only 20 minutes from the centre of Plymouth.



Dartmoor Zoo

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/attraction/dartmoor-zoo

Sparkwell, Plymouth PL7 5DG

Set in 33 acres of beautiful woodland just 20 minutes from Plymouth, Dartmoor Zoo features the largest collection of Big Cats in the region including African Lions, Amur Tigers, Jaguar and Cheetah. Visitors will also find Iberian Wolves, European Brown Bears, South American Tapir, Ostrich, Meerkats, Otters, Monkeys and much more.

Follow the daily timetable of events including public talks at feeding times and animal encounters, with falconry displays and kids activities during the holidays such as quiz-trails and face-painting. And when you need a rest, visit the Jaguar Restaurant for a freshly prepared lunch or a hot drink and delicious cake made right here on site.



Plym's Old Lines - Walk

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/plym

Plym Valley Railway, Plymouth, Devon

Distance: 5 miles easy walk. Start/End point: Plym Valley Railway (Grid Ref: SX522568).

This route is quite easy & suitable for all. Along the route there are woodland and riverside paths, and disused railway track. Short road section. One short ascent and descent. This route should take the average walker roughly 2 - 3 hours.

The lower Plym Valley, with its woodland walks and riverside paths, lies right on Plymouth's doorstep. Yet it is hidden from the city, and offers wonderful views of Dartmoor.

This walk includes the industrial remains of the Tavistock Railway and its viaducts, a tramway that used granite sleepers, and a quarry complete with engine house.

It also offers the chance to study peregrine falcons. Choose spring, when the peregrines nest and the woods burst into colour with anemones and bluebells.

Theme: City, Country, Heritage **Special Interest:** Birdwatching, Nature, Historical, Wildlife **Area:** Plymouth, South Devon - South Hams.

Relevant maps/guides: Explorer OL20, Landranger 201.

Facilities along route: There are many refreshment opportunities in Plympton and Plymouth, and also public toilets at the start.

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