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Northgate House

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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.



Buckfast Abbey

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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.



South Devon Railway

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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.