

Dramatic coastlines and stunning countryside of ...

NORTH DEVON

6 days – 5 nights. £629 per person*



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Ilfracombe

With an inspiring coastline backed by Exmoor National Park, atmospheric fishing villages, stunning sandy beaches and plenty to see and do, North Devon is a wonderful place to explore. Our tour takes us between coast and countryside to encompass a selection of the county's highlights, including a day in South Devon, to experience the contrasting scenery.



Lynnton & Lynmouth
Cliff Railway

Our Tour



What's included

- * Executive coach travel throughout
- * 5 nights half board accommodation
- * En-route visits to Worcester & Dunster
- * Admission to Arlington Court (NT)
- * Visits to the North Devon towns of Lynton & Lynmouth, Ilfracombe & Barnstaple
- * Dartington Crystal Factory Experience
- * One day in South Devon, with a boat trip between Topsham & Exmouth

Extras

- * Single supplement (twin/double for sole occupancy) - £125 per person
- * Admission to Dunster Castle (NT) - can be paid on the day (see overleaf)
- * Gratuities

*Price is based on a minimum of 45 travelling, sharing a twin / double room.
Should fewer travel, the price will increase.
Reduction of £15 per person for National Trust members, deducted when paying your balance.

Travel with Success.

Day 1 – Departing Maghull Square, we travel southwards to **Worcester**. This beautiful cathedral and university city, offers interesting architecture, various independent boutiques and high street shops, popular eateries and a fascinating history. After time to stretch our legs and obtain lunch (not included) we continue to Bideford and our hotel. Dinner at the hotel is included each evening.

Day 2 - After breakfast, we travel to



Valley of the Rocks, Exmoor

Arlington Court and the National Trust Carriage Museum. The house, with its dramatically stark exterior, is home to cosy rooms with a family atmosphere and houses a collection recently redisplayed to share the passions of the Chichester family who lived here. Outside in the stable block there's a nationally important display of more than 40 carriages, from grand state coaches to humble governess cars. The garden is restored to its colourful Victorian glory, and the conservatory's exotic plants reveal the Chichesters' world travel. After time here we continue to **Lynton & Lynmouth**, where the afternoon will be at leisure to explore. These picturesque twin villages are located in the middle of the rugged Exmoor coastline. Pretty Lynmouth, where the coach will drop us, provides a romantic escape from modern living with its rows of

charming fishing cottages and shops around the pretty harbour. Lynton, perched high above, is a vibrant Victorian village retaining a mix of times present and times past and can be reached via the Lynton & Lynmouth Cliff Railway, which for a small fee you can experience the wonderful views over the bay.

Day 3 - Today we take a drive through **Exmoor**, ending in **Ilfracombe**, where the day will be at leisure to explore or relax. Here the picturesque historic harbour is lined with quaint pastel coloured houses, with a 14th Century chapel perched on Lantern Hill and Damien Hirst's statue Verity standing guard at the entrance. Attractions here include the Victorian Tunnels Beaches and the award-winning Ilfracombe Aquarium. Now an up-and-coming culture and foodie destination, there are a number of art galleries and as fantastic local dining options to discover, Ilfracombe really is a 'curious coastal charm'.

Day 4 - Our first destination today is **Topsham**, in South East Devon. With a history dating back to Roman times as a bustling port, over the centuries, it evolved into a thriving maritime hub, and this heritage is still evident today in its architecture and waterfront views. After time here we take a short boat trip down the Exe estuary to **Exmouth**. Gateway to the Jurassic Coast, the town boasts two sandy beaches and Regency architecture and shows the contrast between Devon's north and south coasts.

Day 5 - Today we visit the nearby market town of **Barnstaple**. One highlight here is the historical Pannier

Market, dating back over 1,000 years. Today's building has been standing since the 1800s and is home to a variety of traders. Barnstaple has a number of museums where you can find remains of the Barnstaple Elephant. Discovered in the town in the 1800s, it supposedly belonged to a species of elephant that died out in the UK some 115,000 years ago. This afternoon we visit Dartington Crystal, a British



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manufacturer of handmade crystal, mouth blown crystal glassware and homeware. The visitor centre tells the story of Dartington Crystal through a series of exhibitions featuring products and images, while guests can also see the skilled glass makers in action on the factory floor.

Day 6 – Checking out of the hotel, we travel to the West Somerset village of **Dunster**. With a wealth of historic buildings, from the Old Yarn Market, a symbol of the Exmoor wool and cloth trade to Dunster Castle (NT), we can spend time exploring here - the Castle isn't included but anyone wishing to visit can present their NT card or pay on the day. After the visit here, we continue our homeward journey.

The exact order of excursions may be subject to change.

Our Hotel

The **Durrant House Hotel** is located on the edge of Bideford and enjoys superb views toward North Devon's Taw Estuary and the countryside. Bedrooms are en-suite, and equipped with tea & coffee making facilities, television and hairdryer. The hotel offers a bar, restaurant and a small lift to the 1st & 2nd floors.



How to book

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