

Vineyards, Distilleries and Breweries in South Devon

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ABOUT

South Devon is best known for its rolling countryside, dramatic coastline, and farm-to-table food scene – but in recent years it has quietly become one of England’s most exciting destinations for craft spirits, cool-climate wines and local ales.

From small-batch rum in Salcombe to sea-influenced wines overlooking the River Dart, the region offers tasting experiences that feel intimate, authentic, and deeply connected to place.

WHY SOUTH DEVON WORKS SO WELL FOR TASTINGS

What unites these experiences isn’t just quality – it’s scale and authenticity. Unlike large commercial operations, South Devon’s producers often host tastings themselves, sharing stories that connect the drink to the land, weather, and community.

A tasting journey through South Devon isn’t just about what’s in the glass – it’s about where you are when you drink it. Whether you’re blending gin near the coast, sipping whisky on the edge of Dartmoor, or enjoying wine above the River Dart, each stop offers a vivid sense of place that lingers long after the last sip.

For more information on our South Devon Food and Drink producers please visit:

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Here’s a journey through some of South Devon’s standout producers and what makes visiting them so memorable.

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COASTAL BOTANICALS & BOLD FLAVOURS AT DEVON RUM COMPANY

Perched in the sailing town of Salcombe, the Devon Rum tasting experience blends maritime heritage with modern craft. Their rums are infused with carefully selected botanicals – think citrus peel, warming spices, and subtle vanilla – creating a profile that feels both coastal and comforting.

What to expect:

- Guided tastings explaining botanical blends. Settle in with a complimentary welcome drink from our list of refreshing Signature Serves. Be guided through the story of Devon Rum Co and learn more about the origins and distillation of rum. Enjoy an exclusive 10% discount in our Rum Store before you leave. £24 per person (20% discount). Approximately 60 minutes long. Over 18s only.
- Stories of rum's seafaring history in Devon
- Harbour views that pair perfectly with a dark & stormy
- Welcome to Rum School! Join us at our waterside Blending House in Salcombe, Devon, where you'll uncover the secrets of rum making before getting hands-on with your own miniature copper still. Experiment with botanicals, fruits and flavours, craft your recipe, and distil a 50cl bottle of rum that's completely your own. Enjoy two complimentary cocktails during your experience. Finish with a chance to pair your rum with a premium mixer in our Rum Bar. 10% discount in our Rum Store. £80 for one person | £100 for two people (20% discount). Approximately 120 minutes long. Over 18s only.



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HANDS-ON CRAFT AT EXETER GIN

More than a tasting room, Exeter Gin offers an immersive experience that lets visitors step into the role of distiller. Their gin school sessions are especially popular with groups, combining education with creativity.

Highlights:

- **Gin Tour and Tasting** – At their distillery in Teignmouth, they will introduce you to ‘Isabelle’, their 450ltr traditional alembic copper still. You will have the opportunity to taste a full range of 7 delicious gins and 4 rums. They will guide you through the notes and tones as well as which tonic, mixers and garnish work best with each. You will then choose your favourite to have a complimentary G&T or Rum and mixer! Tickets £40pp. Over 18s only. 1.5hrs
- **Rum and Tequila Tasting** – You will be guided through the flavour profiles, including notes and tones, as well as recommendations for the best cocktails, mixers, and garnishes to pair with each spirit. At the end of the session, you can select your favourite and enjoy a complimentary spirit and mixer. Tickets £40pp. Over 18s only. 1.5hrs
- **Gin Making Class** – Enjoy a welcome drink and be introduced to your own beautiful mini copper pot still, where you will be able to develop and distil your very own 35cl bottle of gin. There are an extensive range of citrus, herbal, floral and spice botanicals for you to choose from. You will be guided through the whole process by the Master Distiller, and get to enjoy a further G&T while distilling + another G&T of your Gin creation once finished to celebrate your efforts! Tickets £75pp or £90 for two people sharing 1 still and making a 35cl bottle of their own gin. Over 18s only. 2.5 hrs.



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AWARD-WINNING ENGLISH WINES AT LYME BAY WINERY

A pioneer of English still and sparkling wines, Lyme Bay Winery offers a polished yet welcoming tasting experience. Their range extends beyond wine to ciders and fruit wines, making it a versatile stop for mixed groups.

What makes it special:

- Guided tastings of internationally recognised wines. Guests enjoy tasting three delicious white wines, followed by two wonderful sparkling wines, a refreshing rosé, then on to our new Pinot Noir and finally finishing with one of our champion meads, rums or gins, all accompanied by a selection of nibbles! Sessions typically last just over 2 hours, and we take guests through each wine, discuss where the grapes are grown and the process of how the wine is made. We will also give them tips on what to look for when buying wine in a shop or choosing from a restaurant wine list. Each guest also receives the Winemaker's notes on each of the wines sampled and their own Lyme Bay Winery tote bag. After the tasting guests can have a browse of the Cellar Door shop and enjoy a 10% guest discount on any Lyme Bay goodies that they choose on the day! Tastings tend to run on Fridays and Saturdays throughout most of the year.
- Indoor facilities ideal year-round.
- Shop stocked with local cheeses and gourmet treats.

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VINEYARD VIEWS & RIVER DART SERENITY AT SANDRIDGE BARTON WINES

Few tasting rooms rival the setting at Sandridge Barton. Overlooking the River Dart, this modern English vineyard produces elegant still and sparkling wines shaped by Devon's mild maritime climate.

Highlights:

- Self-Guided Wine Flight, which for £15.00, a guest can select four wines which come presented in a basket with a tasting note booklet. We recommend ordering some dishes off the bar menu to accompany.
- Guided Tasting at £24.00 is an hour-long tutored tasting where one of wine experts will guide you through three different wines and explain the whole process from start to finish. This tour includes a tour of the winemaking facilities and comes with a couple of cheeses to taste at the end.
- Vineyard Safari is our biggest tour running from May to September and is a full tour of both the vineyard and winery for 2 hours with four wines and cheese and charcuterie to finish for £48.00. Here you'll get a full insight into the growing cycle of the vine, harvest and through to the full winemaking process, whilst soaking up the incredible views of the vineyard and Dart Valley.



All of the above can be offered for groups, but the vineyard safari requires us taking people up to the vineyard in our truck which seats 10pax. We can of course do two trips, or some groups who arrive in one mode of transport get their transport to drop them to the vineyard and then back to the winery.

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EXPERIENCE THE TASTE OF SALCOMBE BREWERY AT SALCOMBE TAP HOUSE

Beer tasting at the Salcombe Brewery Tap House offers a laid-back yet refined way to explore the brewery's coastal-inspired craft beers.

Highlights:

- Set in a welcoming, sociable space, the experience invites guests to sample a range of freshly poured brews, each with its own distinctive character—from light, refreshing ales with citrus notes to fuller-bodied, malt-driven styles.
- The knowledgeable team guide visitors through the tasting, sharing stories about the brewing process, local ingredients, and the inspiration drawn from the surrounding seaside landscape.
- Whether enjoyed with friends or as part of a casual visit, it's an experience that blends flavour, craftsmanship, and the easy charm of South Devon.
- Sample the Discovery and Heritage ranges, paired with a freshly made Tap House Roll, as one of our expert team guides you through each beer's story and flavour.
- Guided tasting with expert team.
- £35 per person

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