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Fancy some vitamin sea? Head to Seaton and Beer in South Devon for coastal adventures and uncover first class beaches, walks, festivals and places to stay.



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For visitors to South Devon who are looking for impressive coastal walks and seaside adventures, the town of Seaton and the nearby village of Beer offer the perfect opportunity to experience both stunning, natural landscapes and exciting year round activities.

Walkers and cyclists have plenty of trails and terrain to explore near Seaton and picturesque Beer as the striking locations sit at the heart of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site and the South West Coast Path with Seaton Wetlands Nature Reserve and parts of the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) within walking distance.

Seaton is set in a landscape of exceptional natural beauty and its beaches are a natural playground for enthusiastic water sports fans. The town's main beach is <u>Seaton Beach</u> which overlooks Lyme Bay and is a large pebble beach surrounded by beautiful countryside. The beach is an ideal spot for swimming or water sports and equipment for kayaking and stand up paddleboarding can be hired on site. The South West Coast Path runs alongside this stunning beach and you can walk to the nearby village of Beer.

<u>Beer Beach</u> is a shingle beach, great for family days out as well as relaxing in a deckchair admiring the view. Beer Quarry Caves are worth exploring with daily tours through this ancient quarry that dates back to Roman times. Set in the scenic and historical fishing village of Beer, Beer Beach is a beautiful family friendly beach surrounded by limestone cliffs. On this sheltered beach you can enjoy freshly caught crab while watching the fishing boats come and go. Once a smuggler's haven, specially designed boats are launched from the beach by skilled fishermen.

<u>Branscombe Beach</u> is also a long shingle beach and is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the charming coastal scenery. The beach, which is part of the Jurassic Coast is set below the beautiful village of Branscombe, and continues east about a mile to Beer Head. Branscombe village has some fascinating National Trust Properties and is part of the East Devon. Branscombe is a great family beach, with rockpools for exploring and plenty of stones to skim!



For ardent walkers who wish to explore the beautiful Devon coastline there are a number of walking trails which follow the <u>South West Coast Path</u> between Lyme Regis in Dorset and Branscombe in Devon, which let you explore the mesmerising Jurassic Coastline – a World Heritage Site. You can do either the circular trails or walk the whole length depending on your own timetable. The coast path walk offers precipitous cliffs, beaches packed with fossils, incredible eateries and coastal villages as you walk through time in this action packed area.

You could start your explorations at the <u>Seaton Jurassic Visitor Centre</u>, the Devon Wildlife Trust's first flagship visitor centre. Visit and you'll go on a journey through time, over land and underwater, to worlds familiar and alien as you explore the history of the coastline.

Seaton town also offers several other outstanding attractions including the Jurassic themed play park at the Underfleet, which is a must for children and <u>Seaton Tramway</u> whose narrow gauge heritage trams run through miles of unspoilt countryside.



Not to be missed: Beer Rhythm and Blues Festival – 'Blues in a beautiful place' 11-13 October 2019

The popular 3 day Beer Rhythm and Blues Festival will be taking place again this October

A hugely popular event, the annual Beer Rhythm & Blues Festival will take place across 3 days, from 11-13 October, in this charming East Devon fishing village. Started in 1998 by Jim Riley, the festival is now an established part of the calendar with people returning year after year to what has been described as "surely the best little festival in the UK". The 2019 lineup includes: Tommy Harkenrider, headlining on the Saturday night and the Jam session on the Sunday afternoon. Headliners for the Friday night will be The Paul Cox Band, who will be celebrating 40 years in the business. The Big Azza with his Jukesters will start off the festival on Friday 11 October. For a full line up details and ticket information please visit the website <u>www.beerblues.co.uk</u>

Where to stay:

Seaton and Beer have a wide range of accommodation on offer, whether you're looking for a cosy cottage, holiday lodge or something else. Both destinations have unique options when it comes to choosing where to stay, for more accommodation options in the area, please visit our website <u>www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk/wheretostay</u>

5 Star Higher Wiscombe, Colyton

Higher Wiscombe is situated at the heart of the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and just a short distance from the Jurassic Coast and The South West Coast Path. The cottages nestle in the peaceful Southleigh valley, with Beer, Sidmouth and Branscombe, with their beaches, pubs and restaurants all nearby.



The cottages all have stunning rural views. Thatched and Flint both sleep six in three ensuite bedrooms with The Winery sleeping twenty in ten ensuite bedrooms. All three cottages are graded at Five Star Gold by Visit England and all the bedrooms in all cottages are ensuite. The majority can be either twins or superking doubles. All three cottages are dog-friendly. Hampers are provided for both human and canine guests. On the website you can find videos of the cottages and independent guest reviews.

For more details please visit: <u>https://www.higherwiscombe.com/prices-booking/</u>

Oakdown Holiday Park - Sidmouth, Devon

Oakdown Holiday Park is the perfect place for a relaxing holiday in East Devon. This award winning holiday park has a wide range of luxury Leisure Lodges available, as well as a choice of quality touring and camping pitches and cosy glamping units, meaning there's something for everyone. The park is also dog friendly, and even has an onsite dog wash!

Oakdown Holiday Park currently has the following offers available:

- 25% off Leisure Lodges through September and October
- Book before 4 November 2019 for a holiday in 2020 and pay 2019 prices. (The balance has to be paid in full)

For more details please visit: <u>https://www.oakdown.co.uk/</u>

Andrewshayes Holiday Park, Axminster, Devon

The Orchard Retreat is Andrewshayes Holiday Park's newly opened collection of luxury lodges and exclusive holiday homes set among rolling East Devon hills. This exclusive development set away from the main park offers a selection of modern 2 or 3 bedroom self-catering units to rent. These specious lodge style homes have their own decking with gorgeous countryside views, some even have their own private hot tub and two are pet friendly.

People staying at Andrewshayes can enjoy the onsite facilities including an indoor heated pool, games room, bar and café, outdoor play areas and onsite shop. Andrewshayes is a great dog friendly park set within the East Devon AONB just 6 miles from the coast.

For more details please visit: <u>https://www.andrewshayes.co.uk/new/best-east-devon-luxury-hot-tub-pet-friendly-holiday-lodges-heated-pool-bar-cafe/</u>

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Editors notes: About Visit South Devon

About Visit South Devon: Visit South Devon is a Community Interest Company that exists solely for the benefit of the local tourism community, helping raise the profile of the area as a destination for both national and international visitors. Covering the whole southern half of Devon, including, the South Hams, Teignbridge, East Devon and Mid Devon, our main aim is to increase the number of day visits, short breaks, longer holidays and business trips to South Devon for the benefit of the local tourism economy. For lots of useful information on great places to stay, eat and visit in South Devon please visit <u>www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk</u>

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