

Totnes

GROUP TRAVEL ITINERARY

ABOUT

Named by The Telegraph as one of Britain's 15 Best High Streets, Totnes has a thriving market and independent shop scene.

The town has a rich history with lots to discover, including the imposing Totnes Castle, The Guildhall, and Totnes Museum. A visit to Totnes is also a chance to savour South Devon's best food. From cream teas and gelato to steak and fries with a view of the river, the town's many cafes and restaurants make full use of the bountiful harvest of fresh, local, seasonally available produce.

DAY TRIPS FROM TOTNES:

For just a couple of gallons of fuel, you can visit a wide array of local hotspots! Located on the banks of the River Dart, Totnes is just **9 miles** from Torquay.

Exeter: 30 miles away

Plymouth: 23 miles away

Dartmouth: 13 miles away



For more information on group travel in Totnes, including a town map, please visit www.visittotnes.co.uk

SHOPPING

If you're looking for something a bit different, you will find it when browsing in Totnes' wide choice of independent boutiques and gift stores.

Totnes also has a free to enter, vibrant **weekly market** from 9am until 4pm on Fridays and Saturdays all year round in the Market Square, which brings a continental buzz to the town. From fresh local produce and jewellery to handmade crafts and antiques, there are lots of treasures waiting to be found in 50+ stalls.

On the second Tuesday of every month from April to October, the Civic Hall by the Market Square plays host to the **Totnes Indoor Artisan Craft Market**, where you'll find over 20 local makers, including jewellery, knitted toys, chocolate, clothes and textiles, mosaic art and dried flowers. And every Tuesday from May to September, the Market Square is home to the **Totnes Charity Elizabethan Market**, where stallholders dress up in Tudor costume to sell their wares. Both Tuesday markets are also free to enter.

For winter visits, the famous **Totnes Christmas Markets** and Late-Night Shopping events take place on the first three Tuesdays of December. Free to attend, the festive spirit takes over the whole town with a magical mix of live music and entertainment, the best local food and drink, and craft stalls.

HISTORY

Drop your passengers at the South Devon Railway (SDR) in Buckfastleigh (located next to the A38 Devon Expressway) so they can step back in time with a trip on this popular heritage line. The beautiful 7-mile journey to Totnes runs alongside the River Dart and takes half an hour. The station is a 15-minute walk into the centre of Totnes or it is possible to catch a Bob the Bus (low floor accessible bus) from the mainline station (a 450m walk away from the SDR station).

Once in Totnes, you'll discover a wealth of history as you wander through the streets. The classic Norman motte and bailey **Totnes Castle** is managed by English Heritage and offers fine views across the town and towards the River Dart and Dartmoor. **Totnes Museum** in Upper Fore Street is housed in an Elizabethan merchant's house and is free to visit (donations welcome). Inside is a room dedicated to Charles Babbage, the 'father of the computer' who was once a resident of the town. **The Guildhall** offers another fascinating insight into the history of the town and is also free to visit (donations welcomed).

WILDLIFE & WATER

Want to follow in the legendary steps of Brutus of Troy, the mythical founder of Britain? The story goes this 'first King of England' first set foot on English soil at Totnes after taking his boat up the River Dart. Today, boat trips from Dartmouth to Totnes take 90-minutes and give you spectacular from-the-water view of the **Royal Britannia Naval College**, **Agatha Christie's Greenway House**, and **Sharpham House**. There's also lots of wildlife to spot along the way - look out for herons, seals, and cormorants to name just a few. The gentle boat trip includes an informative commentary, so you know what to look out for and when, and moors at **Steamer Quay** in Totnes.

Once off the boat it's a 5-minute walk to the bottom end of Totnes where you can then spend the day visiting the historical sites, savour some of the best local food and drink in the cafes and restaurants, wander around the shops, or take a stroll alongside the river.

Don't forget to look out for the **Brutus Stone**, which is set in the pavement in Upper Fore Street (next to Number 51) and claims to mark the actual spot where Brutus of Troy landed and stood to declare "Here I stand and here I rest, and this good town shall be called Totnes."



THINGS TO DO FOR GROUPS:

Totnes has plenty of great attractions and things to see and do for groups visiting the area!

- [Totnes Castle](#)
- [Totnes Museum](#)
- [Totnes Guildhall](#)
- [Kathy Alexander Historic Walking Tours](#)
- [South Devon Railway](#)
- [Dartington Hall Estate](#)
- [Dartmouth Steam Railway & River Co.](#)

ACCOMMODATION FOR GROUPS:

- [Dartington Hall Estate](#)
- [Royal Seven Stars Hotel](#)

FREE COACH PARKING

The main drop off points for coaches in Totnes are the two bus stops on Coronation Road. There is an additional drop off point at The Lamb at the top of town, which allows your passengers to walk downhill through the town. FREE coach parking bays can be found at the South Hams District Council-run car park at Steamer Quay Car Park.