

The spectacular coast and countryside of ...

DORSET

6 days – 5 nights. £540 per person*

Our Tour



What's included

- * Executive coach travel throughout, with appropriate comfort stops
- * 5 nights half board accommodation
- * Porterage & welcome tea / coffee
- * Use of hotel's leisure facilities
- * Excursions and admissions as per itinerary overleaf
- * 5 true singles at no supplement

Extras

- * Single supplement - £90 per person (twin/double for sole use)
- * Gratuities

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Glorious Dorset makes for the perfect British holiday destination.

Defined by the craggy and ancient Jurassic coastline and its unspoilt rural landscapes, Dorset is also home to pretty seaside towns, dreamy coves and quirky sights. If you're looking for an inspiring variety of ancient sites, literary locations, traditional seaside pleasures, swanky mansions, historic properties and spectacular coastal scenery, then Dorset is the spot for you.



**Price is based on a minimum of 45 travelling. Should fewer travel, the price will increase.*

Travel with Success.

Day 1 – We depart our usual pick up points and head southwards to **Lichfield**, a lovely historic city known for its majestic medieval cathedral. After time here to explore and obtain lunch (not included) we continue to our hotel.



Poole Harbour

Dinner at the hotel is included each evening.

Day 2 – Today we explore two different coastal towns. **Swanage** is traditional seaside town, home to a lovely selection of cafés, a delightful, traditional promenade and stunning sandy beaches. Historic **Poole Quay & Old Town** is a lovely place to explore with quirky gift shops, bars and restaurants. We travel between the two towns via a **scenic cruise** along the Jurassic Coast. Whilst listening to the on bard commentary, we will pass **Old Harry Rocks**, the opulent houses of **Sandbanks**, the beautiful wildlife haven of **Brownsea Island**.

Day 3 – Accompanied by a local guide, time will be spent exploring the stunning countryside and coast and learning more about the **Hardy's Dorset**. We then continue to Dorchester, the county town



Weymouth

and birthplace of Thomas Hardy. There will be free time here to obtain lunch and explore; the town is home to a variety of museums including the Dorset Museum, Keep Military Museum and Shire Hall Historic Courthouse, where visitors can learn more of Dorchester's grizzly history and the trial of the Tolpuddle Martyrs. Finally we head northwards to the village of Cerne Abbas, perhaps best known for the **Cerne Abbas Giant**, a hillside chalk carving of a 180ft tall club-wielding naked man!

Day 4 – Our first destination today is **Kingston Lacy (NT)**, a lavish family home built to resemble an Italian Palace. From grand carvings to intimate family souvenirs and even strange curiosities such as an 'I owe you' note from a king, there's plenty to see here. Kingston including the largest private collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts in the UK. The afternoon will be at leisure in **Bournemouth**. Having been a haven for holidaymakers since Victorian times, Bournemouth offers visitors fine gardens, inspiring art galleries, and is the perfect base from which to explore the stunning Dorset countryside.

Day 5 – Today we head to **Weymouth**, home to a sandy beach backed by a splendid esplanade. There's also a beautiful, historic harbour to explore, with its luxury yachts, fishing trawlers, tall ships and more. At the entrance to the harbour is Nothe Fort (admission not included). As well as amazing views of the Jurassic Coast, there is a maze of underground passage and a museum to explore. We also drive out to the **Isle of Portland**, joined to the mainland by Chesil Beach. Steeped in maritime history and heritage, there are museums, castles and lighthouses to explore,



Sherborne Castle

not to mention the folklore and tales of pirates and smugglers.

Day 6 – Checking out of our hotel, we commence the homeward journey, travelling via **Sherborne Castle**. Built by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1594, this historic house reflects a glorious variety of decorative styles from over 400 years of English History. We also visit the town of **Sherborne** for time to obtain lunch (not included) before continuing homeward.

The exact order of excursions is subject to change.

Our Hotel

Located in the Alum Chine area of Bournemouth, **The Riviera Hotel** offers a great base for our tour. Bedrooms are well-equipped with tea/coffee making facilities, free WiFi and television. The airy conservatory restaurant offers great sea views and there's an Art Deco style bar with great views too! The hotel also offers an indoor swimming pool.



How to book:

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