

Dorset, our home county, boasts some of the most beautiful coast and countryside and the great outdoors is waiting to be explored. From the Jurassic Coast with its spectacular arches, stacks and coves to bronze age burial grounds and castle ruins. Dorset also has some of the best beaches in the UK at Sandbanks, Poole and Bournemouth.

## DAYS OUT

### Corfe Castle

Corfe Castle is an 11<sup>th</sup> Century fortification built by William The Conqueror. The village and ruined castle guards the gap in the Purbeck Hills between Wareham and Swanage. Exploring the castle ruins is great for kids of all ages and there's plenty in the village to see, discover winding streets, unique Purbeck Stone cottages and visit the Swanage to Corfe Castle Heritage Steam Railway.



### The Jurassic Coast

The Jurassic Coast stretches from Exmouth in Devon, 95 miles along the Dorset coast to Old Harry Rocks near Swanage. Whether hunting for fossils on the beach, taking in the stunning scenery on a good walk or just enjoying the views from the cliff tops, there is plenty to see and do. If your feeling a bit more adventurous then how about paddle boarding, coasteering or kayaking to get a different view of the coastline.



### Sandbanks and Bournemouth beaches

With over 11 miles of golden sands from Hengistbury Head through Bournemouth and towards Sandbanks at Poole, you are spoilt for choice. Sandbanks has been awarded the Blue Flag for over 30 years, making it one of the best beaches in the country.



## PLACES TO STAY

### Norden Farm – Corfe Castle

This is a family-run touring caravan and campsite on a working farm within walking distance of Corfe Castle. In a beautiful location, good amenities and friendly staff.

### Rosewall Camping – Osmington Mills,

### Weymouth

Another family-run camping park with fantastic views of Weymouth Bay. Situated right on the Jurassic Coast surrounded by the scenic Dorset countryside. Facilities are well maintained.

### West Fleet Holiday Farm - Weymouth

"One of Dorset's most beautiful licensed camping parks", set in 15 acres on the Jurassic Coast overlooking Chesil Beach, Fleet Lagoon and Lyme Bay. Modern amenities, children's playground and a small heated swimming pool. Great place for family holidays.



## PLACES TO GO

### Poole Harbour

Poole has the second largest natural harbour in the world. From Sandbanks round to Poole, onto Wareham and ending at Studland beach. There is a small chain ferry for cars, bikes and pedestrians that links Sandbanks and Studland at the mouth of the harbour.

Poole Quay host several boat trips to see the islands and the wildlife that live in and around the harbour. Visit Brownsea Island and try and spot the famous Red Squirrel.

Visit Wareham , on the west side of the harbour, one of the few remaining Saxon walled towns in England.

Situated on the River Frome, why not hire a motor boat, kayak or canoe and explore the river and Poole Harbour,



## TOWNS TO VISIT

### Sherbourne

The historic market town of Sherbourne is situated in the north west of Dorset. The town boast two castles, the first dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century and the other one built by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1594.

Sherbourne Abbey is the most prominent building in town dating back to 705 AD. There are 378 listed buildings in Sherbourne.

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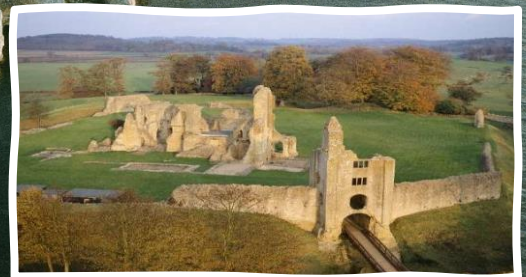
### Weymouth

A traditional seaside town in the middle of the Jurassic Coast, Weymouth has donkey rides on the beach, Punch and Judy shows on the promenade and colourful beach huts. There is also the Sealife Centre, where you can discover an amazing underwater world.



South of Weymouth, crossing along Chesil Beach is the Isle of Portland, a unique island famed for its heritage, rugged landscapes and spectacular views.

Portland Bill lighthouse at the most southerly tip of the island. The red and white striped, fully functional lighthouse is a short drive and a must see when visiting Weymouth,



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