

Paignton – The English Riviera

The Queens Hotel

Widely known for its high standards, relaxed and friendly atmosphere, and excellent menus, The Queens Hotel sits at the heart of the English Riviera, just a short walk from both the town centre and the seafront. The hotel has a lift, fine restaurant, cosy lounge, and indoor heated swimming pool. En-suite bedrooms feature TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, and tea/coffee making facilities.



Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival

Following a morning pick-up from home and transfer to our coach, we travel to Paignton, making suitable stops along the way. We continue to The Queens Hotel with time to check in and settle before dinner this evening.

Day 2 – South Devon Railway & Buckfast Abbey

After breakfast this morning, we make our way to Totnes to join the South Devon Railway for our journey to Buckfastleigh. Jump into a world of nostalgia as our heritage steam train gently meanders alongside the River Dart through glorious Devon scenery. There will be a little free time in the historic market town of Buckfastleigh to get a bite to eat and a look around before we continue to Buckfast Abbey, home to a Community of Roman Catholic Benedictine Monks. Whilst here, enjoy the Abbey Church, Exhibition Centre, Shops and Gardens.



Day 3 –Jurassic Coastal Cruise and Exeter



This morning, we travel to Exmouth where we join Stuart Line for a breath-taking voyage along England's only natural World Heritage Site. Our Jurassic Coast Cruise offers a front-row seat to 185 million years of Earth's history, showcasing the dramatic red cliffs and ancient rock formations that make this coastline world-famous. This afternoon, we have time at leisure to explore the vibrant city of Exeter, with its magnificent Roman Cathedral, award-winning Royal Albert Memorial Museum, great mix of independent shops and boutiques, cafes and bars.

Day 4 –Powderham Castle and Dawlish

Today, we visit Powderham Castle, the 'home of Devon'. Powderham, on the banks of the River Exe, boasts over seven centuries of stories. Our Guide will tell stories that embellish the history of the house, the country and the county through the lives of the Earls of Devon, and their families. Whilst here, we enjoy a delicious Cream Tea. Later, we visit the charming seaside town of Dawlish, with its sweeping sandy beaches, famous black swans and lots of opportunity to sample locally made ice cream.



Day 5 – Paignton

Today, we have the day at leisure to explore the seaside resort of Paignton independently. With its wide sandy beaches, colourful beach huts, and iconic Victorian pier stretching out into the bay, Paignton delivers classic coastal vibes with a laid-back twist. Paignton has retained the cheerful, nostalgic feel of a traditional British seaside town, but it offers much more than just sun loungers and arcade games. Its rich railway heritage, vibrant promenade, and community of independent shops and cafes give it a distinctive personality.



Day 6 – Dartmouth & Brixham

A slower pace today as we make our way to the beautiful town of Dartmouth, situated on the banks of the picturesque Dart. There may be chance here to take a cruise or simply find a spot to sit and watch the world go by. Later, we continue to the bustling fishing town of Brixham, where life is centred around the harbour, where heritage trawlers jostle for space with dayboats heading out to sea for the day's catch. Here, in the heart of England's Seafood Coast, the freshest fish and most delicious seafood is on the menu everywhere.



This evening, there will be an opportunity to book an optional; trip to the Babbacombe Theatre for an exciting evening of extraordinary entertainment!

Day 5 – Homeward

This morning, we bid a fond farewell to Paignton and begin our journey homeward, again making suitable stops along the way.

Travel Dates & Pricing

Friday, 10th September 2027 x 6 nights (7 days)

£729.00 per person sharing a twin/double room, NIL supplement on true single rooms, £150.00 per person supplement for twin or double rooms for sole occupancy.

Includes

- 6 nights' accommodation
- Coaching Throughout
- Door-to-Door Service
- Full English Breakfasts & 3-course, choice menu dinners with tea/coffee
- Jurassic Coast Cruise
- Guided Tour of Powderham Castle with Cream Tea
- Visit to Exeter, Dartmouth, Dawlish & Brixham
- Free Day in Paignton

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