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## JURASSIC COAST | NATURAL BEAUTY | VIBRANT TOWNS | PICTURESQUE

Get ready to fill your days full of fun and adventure!

From the chalk downlands in the north to the rugged beauty of Purbeck in the south, natural harbours in the east to the fossil flecked World Heritage coastline in the west, you will never be short of something to do.

Dorset is a county of contrasts offering the very best of countryside, coastline, events, attractions and outstanding natural beauty.

This is the landscape that novelist Thomas Hardy used as a backdrop for his tales of love and tragedy, it's easy to imagine life as it was portrayed in his fictional Wessex hamlets. Each turning leads to a new adventure, a secret hiding place or an atmospheric, mellow-stoned village. Head to a peaceful nature reserve or climb one of Dorset's prominent Iron Age hill forts for breathtaking views. There are animals to meet and museums, castles, houses, parks and gardens to explore. Vibrant towns offer high street brands, independent shops, unique handcrafted gifts, art and antiques. Feed your appetite at some of the south west's finest restaurants, cosy pubs or tempting tearooms – you might even find one of the nation's top chefs in the kitchen!



Hardy's Birthplace



Bridport



Sherborne



Dorchester,  
Dorset's County  
Town.





Abbotsbury,  
Chesil Beach and  
the Fleet Lagoon.



Portland



Poole Harbour,  
Studland, Sandbanks and  
Brownsea Island.



Weymouth



Bournemouth

## VILLAGES | GOLDEN SANDS | STAR ATTRACTIONS

Miles of magnificent coastline make Dorset a natural attraction. Sandcastle building, crazy golf and buckets of traditional seaside fun spill along premier coastal resorts from Lyme Regis in the west to Christchurch in the east. Secluded coves invite you to explore rock pools and colourful harbours are perfect for young crabbers. Jet-skis, rib rides, sail boats, fishing boats, kayaks and watersports-of-all-sorts launch from all along the coast. And for divers and snorkellers, there are superb reef and drift dives with diverse marine life to discover. To find your perfect beach or water sport activity see [www.visit-dorset.com](http://www.visit-dorset.com)

### a foodies haven ...

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Swanage



Mudeford



Lyme Regis



Sturminster Mill



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Or from the ancient, romantic ruin at **Corfe Castle**, full of intrigue and mystery and the Italian inspired palace and country estate at **Kingston Lacy**, to hidden gems such as **Hardy's Cottage**, **Max Gate** and **Clouds Hill** - there really is something for everyone.

Visit [nationaltrust.org.uk/dorset](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/dorset) for information, ideas and inspiration.

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