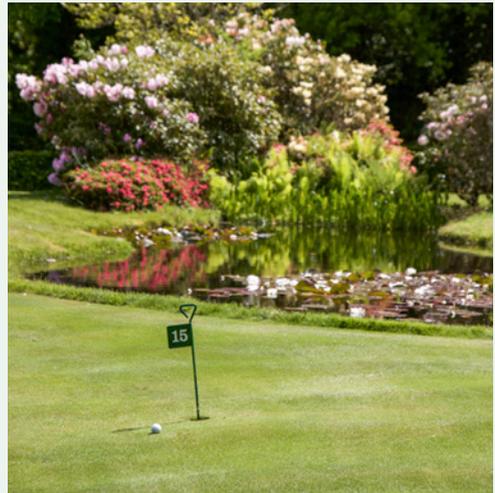


# EXPLORE THE AREA

Devon, Dartmoor and beyond...



GIDLEIGH PARK

## EAT, DRINK, SNACK, WITH THE LOCALS...

### The Chagford Inn

5 minutes

The Chagford Inn prides itself on the quality of its ales, beers and wines. It also provides one of the most imaginative menus to be found in Devon. Their aim is to produce as much in-house as possible ranging from baking their own bread to curing their own bacon and their own version of Serrano ham.

### The Three Crowns

5 minutes

In our local village of Chagford. Set in a beautiful 13th century building which was a manor house for several centuries before becoming an Inn. The cooking is classy yet simple, perfect for a special meal or relaxing country lunch.

### The Horse

15 minutes

The Horse is a special kind of Devon pub, from the moment you step into the rustic bar with its leather sofas and roaring fire you begin to soak up the unique atmosphere. A light-flooded courtyard restaurant and barn dining room offer the perfect acoustic and ambience for your meal. With award winning food that can be best described as a British and Mediterranean fusion, Devonshire Ales and carefully selected wines. The Horse is quite often the venue for live music in the area!

### The White Hart

20 minutes

Also in Moretonhampstead features the freshest local and seasonal produce, cooked in a style that lets the quality of the ingredients speak for themselves. A free house, stocking a range of local real ales and a hand-picked wine list.

### The Drewe Arms

20 minutes

A lovely traditional Inn, located in the picturesque village of Drewsteignton with a strong history that ties in with that of Castle Drogo. This pub offers conventional food and a daily specials board.

### The Ring Of Bells Inn

25 minutes

Set in idyllic North Bovey, approximately 20 minutes away, is a popular watering hole for locals and visitors alike with good West Country real ales, an eclectic wine list and an excellent daily-changing menu. Well-behaved dogs are welcome everywhere except in the dining room.



## EXPLORING DARTMOOR FOR 'MOOR' FOOD...

### The Warren House Inn

25 minutes

Located on the edge of post Postbridge. Famous for its fire that has been burning since 1845. In the summer season the Inn is ideal to get to know the local community and can be known for a lively atmosphere and its panoramic views.

### The Rugglestone

40 minutes

In Widecombe in the Moor. Originally a cottage, the grade II listed building was converted to an Inn back in 1832 and named after a local logan stone. It is surrounded by peaceful moorland, adjacent to a pretty stream and just a few minutes walk from the centre of the village. The food is traditional 'pub' food.

### The Nobody Inn

40 minutes

Located in Doddiscombsleigh it is well known for its imaginative wine and whisky list, comprehensive selection of local cheeses and creative cooking based on fresh and local produce.

### The Rock Inn

40 minutes

At Haytor Vale produces imaginative and varied dishes, utilizing freshly and locally grown produce. The Rock Inn has received an AA Rosette Award for Culinary Excellence every year since 1996.

## A LITTLE FURTHER A-FIELD

### The Horn Of Plenty

55 minutes, Exeter (Open theatre kitchen)

### The Elephant

60 minutes, Torquay (1 Michelin Star restaurant)

### Treby Arms

60 minutes, Sparkwell, Plympton (1 Michelin Star Gastro Pub)

### Mason Arms

75 minutes, South Molton (1 Michelin Star restaurant )

### Restaurant Nathan Outlaw's

75 minutes, Port Isaac Cornwall

### Rick Steins

90 minutes, The Seafood Restaurant, Padstow Cornwall

### Paul Ainsworth Number 16

90 minutes, Padstow, Cornwall

### Jamie Oliver's Fifteen

90 minutes, Watergate Bay, Cornwall



## OFF TO EXPLORE...

Dartmoor National Park has been described as the last remaining wilderness in southern England, and it's easy to see why. With an abundance of things to do from extreme sports such as rock climbing and canoeing to beautiful gardens and houses draped in history, Dartmoor and Devon have so much to offer and be discovered. There are a few examples listed below for you, however there is simply too much information to list, so if there is something in particular you wish to see, Reception can provide further ideas of places to see and visit!

## A TRIP TO TOWN...

### Chagford

45 minutes - walking

The local ancient stannary town is a 45 minute walk or around a two mile drive from the hotel. It enjoys a range of boutique, gift and clothes shops not to mention two of the best hardware stores to be found in the area.

### Exeter

40 minutes

The historical city of Exeter was the most south westerly Roman fortified settlement in Britain. With a stunning cathedral founded in 1050, the city centre is full of character and ancient history yet with all the amenities that would be expected of a modern day city.

### Totnes

60 minutes

A reputation for having an alternative vibe, with organic, ethical and fair trade the norm, not the exception. It's the home of the Transition Town movement and is proud to be a little different

### Clovelly, North Devon

90 minutes

Built into a 400 feet high cliff this is a world famous fishing village with a picturesque cobbled traffic-free high street, whitewashed cottages and a tiny working port. It is famous for its donkeys, which traditionally carried goods up and down the cobbled street.

## STEP BACK IN TIME...

### Castle Drogo

20 minutes

A National Trust property and one of the last great homes to be built in England, this unique 20th century 'mock' castle sits above the Teign Gorge with stunning views over the wild beauty of Dartmoor.

## Powderham Castle

45 minutes

Is located in a unique, picturesque setting just outside Exeter, beside the Exe estuary. Six hundred years of history are contained within the walls of one of England's oldest family homes.

## Tintagel Castle

75 minutes

With its spectacular location on Cornwall's dramatic and windswept Atlantic coastline, Tintagel is a place of magic and myth where the legend of King Arthur was born.



## INTO THE WILD...

### Letterboxing

If you walk on Dartmoor at sometime you are sure to encounter either a Dartmoor letterbox or Dartmoor letterboxers. The former will probably be the discovery of a small plastic pill pot hidden under a boulder and the latter will be a group of people huddled around a rock with an amazing array of cards, ink pads and pens, busily 'stamping in'. Either way you have stumbled across the secret world of letterboxing.

### Postbridge

25 minutes

A small hamlet located in the centre of Dartmoor, well known for its 14th century clapper bridge. With a National Park Tourist Information Centre it is an ideal location from which to start some beautiful walks onto the moorland.

## Lydford Gorge

40 minutes

The deepest gorge in the South West, with a spectacular 30m waterfall and woodland walks. Walking in the gorge is quite strenuous, with rugged, uneven surfaces, slippery paths and vertical drops.

## Canonteign Falls

45 minutes

Home to England's highest manmade waterfall, Canonteign Falls is a magnificent example of a Victorian folly set in a magical natural paradise. The waterfalls themselves descend for over 70m making this one of the most breathtaking attractions in Devon and providing a wonderful day out for all the family.

## HOW DO YOUR GARDENS GROW...

### Mythic Gardens, Chagford

20 minutes

Stone Lane gardens is a 5 acre arboretum holding important National Collections of wild origin Birch and Alder trees in a lovely landscaped water and woodland setting. Sculpture exhibitions feature heavily in and around the gardens.

### Castle Drogo, Drewsteigton

20 minutes

The last castle to be built in England, Castle Drogo is perched above the Teign Gorge with dramatic views over Dartmoor and has the highest National Trust garden at 900 feet. The garden is a series of formal terraces and borders with galleries around the centre, serpentine paths, rose beds and beautiful herbaceous borders. It also features a splendid croquet lawn.

### Bicton Park Botanical Gardens

50 minutes

Bicton Park has a lovely 50 acre garden in close proximity to the sea. The gardens date from 1874 and include an Italian garden, an American and stream garden, and a delightful Mediterranean and Rose garden. Bicton has long been famed for its magnificent trees, over 1000 of them, representing 300 species, many of which are endangered. The delightful beach of Budleigh Salterton is also close at hand.

### Killerton House, Broadclyst

55 minutes

Located in the fine 18th century house known for its large costume collection, this delightful hillside garden and estate offers stunning parkland all year round. The garden sits on a south facing slope with far reaching views towards Dartmoor and the Exe Estuary. It features a vast array of interest throughout the seasons including magnificent rhododendrons and magnolias, stunning herbaceous borders and a collection of rare trees.

## RHS Rosemoor Gardens

60 minutes

An enchanting 65 acre garden, Rosemoor is a garden of intoxicating beauty, meticulously crafted and planted, retaining the essence of rural North Devon within a dramatic backdrop of steep wooded valley sides.

## Dartington Hall, Dartington

60 minutes

A truly wonderful landscape garden most of which has been created in the last 100 years. A woodland garden with rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias have been planted round a series of clever terraces on the steep hill side. There are magnificent trees, a Japanese garden and a series of woodland glades.

## The Garden House, Yelverton

60 minutes

The Garden House is a garden steeped in history set in a tranquil Devon valley. The 8-acre garden is several gardens in one, from the beautiful Walled Garden surrounding the ruins of Buckland's medieval vicarage to the more recently created areas in the Long Walk. Discover hidden treasures along its countless pathways and enjoy the sights, fragrances and abundance of plants on display. Packed with plants and colours all season, it is well worth visiting.

## The Eden Project, St. Austell

90 minutes

Here you will find crops, landscapes and wild plants which reflect the amazing diversity of our planet. There's also internationally famous architecture and art which draw inspiration from nature. A delightful place to incorporate a day trip to Cornwall.

## Lost Gardens of Heligan, St. Austell

90 minutes

An impressive range of wild flora and fauna has been identified within the gardens and estate, and visitors are welcome to explore the Heligan landscape to try and observe both common and rare species for themselves. The Pleasure Gardens conceal an unusual range of romantic structures and unexpected features including New Zealand and Italian gardens, summerhouses and pools, a superb herbaceous border, a rocky ravine, a crystal grotto and a wishing well. These are linked by a network of walks lined by a magnificent collection of Hooker Rhododendrons, Camellias and many other unusual historic flowering trees and shrubs, in bloom for six months of every year.

# BUCKET AND SPADE TIME!

## Ness Cove, Shaldon

60 minutes

A secluded, rugged beach backed by dramatic red cliffs and accessed via an original smugglers tunnel. Children will love it.

## Slapton Sands

75 minutes

More than 600 US servicemen were killed on this three-mile stretch of shingle when German E-boats attacked their D-day rehearsals. A Sherman tank on the sand commemorates them.

## Bantham Beach

90 minutes

This beach is long and sandy with water shallow enough for children to swim safely, and lively enough for water sports enthusiasts further out as wetsuits outnumber bikinis on south Devon's only surf beach. East Portlemouth - Perfect for people wanting to enjoy a day of peace and quiet this sandy beach is situated on the estuary opposite Salcombe

## South Milton Sands

90 minutes

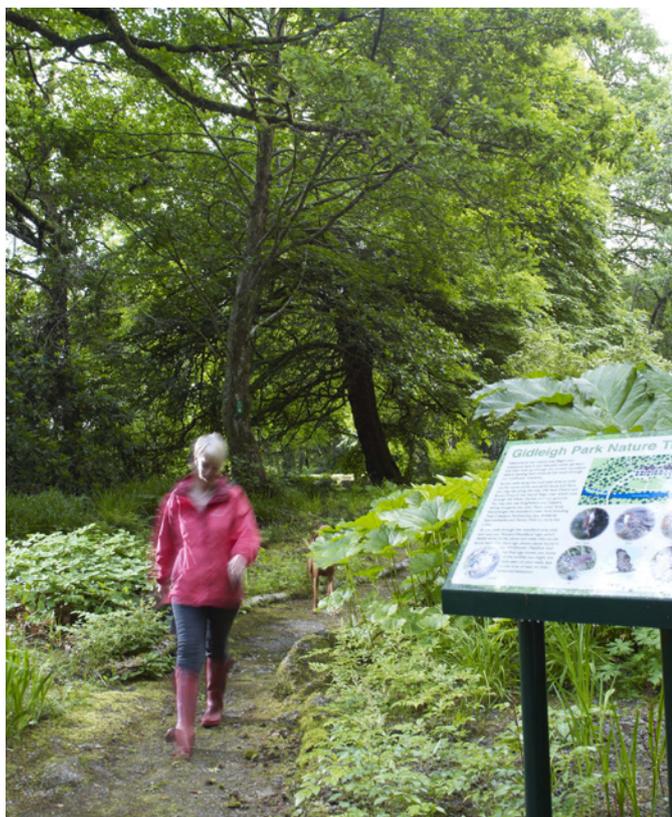
A beautiful beach for a traditional holiday, ideal for rock pooling and beachcombing, it's also the perfect location for snorkelling, scuba diving and windsurfing. Seal and dolphins are regular visitors to the shore.

## Woolacombe

90 minutes

An epic, three-mile swathe of sand, which has oodles of space for surfers, swimmers and sunbathers – as well as a Blue Flag.





## SOMETHING FOR THE LITTLE ONES

With its 107 acres of beautiful parklands, fresh country air and the North Teign River flowing through its grounds, Gidleigh Park epitomises the very best of life in Devon. Within the secluded gardens and woodlands of the hotel there are various outdoor facilities, including a tennis court, a bowling green, championship croquet lawns and an 18-hole putting course designed by the legendary Peter Alliss. Walks from the hotel take you along the river and onto the higher moor where there is the chance to spot the local wildlife, including squirrels, owls, rabbits, and if you are lucky deer. We can also arrange for birds of prey displays in the grounds and fishing on the banks of the river or in the local reservoirs. Should you wish to venture a little further then there are numerous activities, walks and leisure facilities ideal to keep your little ones interested and occupied.

### The Miniature Pony Centre

20 minutes

This attraction proves most popular with our younger guests. See, meet, and touch over 150 animals including tame ponies, ducks, geese, rabbits and guinea pigs.

### Castle Drogo

20 minutes

A National Trust Property and the last castle to be built in England, Castle Drogo is set above the Teign Gorge with dramatic views of Dartmoor. What appears to be an ancient granite fortress overlooking the wilds of the moor was actually the 20th-century home of self-made millionaire Julius Drewe. Employing the foremost architect of his age, Sir Edwin Lutyens, Drewe created an impressive family home that attracts visitors from across England. During the summer, activities for the children are a daily occurrence including arts and crafts, walking trails and reinactments of notable moments in history. There are two tea rooms serving light bites and the traditional Devon Cream Tea. A gift shop selling local produce is also located within the grounds.

### The House Of Marbles

35 minutes

Located near the town of Bovey Tracey, the House of Marbles is a working glass and games factory set in a historic pottery. The factory offers fun and games with a restaurant providing light snacks. Beware, however that the restaurant is also a toy shop!

### Becky Falls

45 minutes

Located on Dartmoor, Bovey Tracey, You will have the opportunity to see cascading waterfalls and explore the 60 acre woodland estate with river walks. There is also a pet garden, nature trail, tea room, ice-cream parlour, gift shop and restaurant.

### Pennywell Farm

50 minutes

A family run children's petting farm, providing a real treat for the children with a good programme of daily interactive events including owl, eagle and birds of prey displays.

### Otters and Butterflies

45 minutes

Buckfast Butterflies and Dartmoor Otter Sanctuary offers a great, enjoyable, otter and butterfly educational experience. You can wander around the otter sanctuary and butterfly farm and see new butterflies emerge in tropical surroundings. You will also have the opportunity to view the otters swimming underwater and to follow the otter keeper at feeding times. The Buckfast Butterflies and Dartmoor Otter Sanctuary is an all weather attraction.

### The River Dart Country Park

50 minutes

A perfect setting for all kinds of outdoor activities. It lies on the outskirts of Ashburton within the Dartmoor National Park. Children can rough-and-tumble over space nets, swing through trees on jungle ropes or even capture a wooden pirate ship, surrounded by water! Toddlers aren't left out either with a Toddlers' Beach and Lilliput, just

perfect for tiny explorers. For the more adventurous, during school holidays only, CRS Adventures offer instructor supervised Dare Devil activities on-site (at an additional charge), including mega zip wire, high ropes course, open boat canoeing and indoor climbing.

The Country Park is open to day visitors during weekends and school holidays from Easter to the end of the Summer holidays.

### Paignton Zoo

60 minutes

A popular attraction, Paignton Zoo is a good example of a well run and well maintained zoo and is home to thousands of amazing animals and plants. Visit the desert, cross the savannah, explore the forest and trek through the tropics. There is also a miniature train ride, a wobbly jungle bridge, indoor and outdoor play areas, keeper talks and feeding times.

### Kents Cavern

60 minutes

These famous caves, situated in Torquay on the South Devon coast, are the site of the earliest evidence of humans in Britain. Guided tours commence from 10.00am daily, they will take you on an incredible journey back 400 million years to when Kents cavern Rock was formed. You will be able to feel, smell and experience the cave as our prehistoric ancestors did as they sheltered in the caves.

### The Dart Valley Railway / Round Robin

75 minutes

A delightful trip on a steam train through the towns of Totnes and Kingswear, followed by a ferry across to Dartmouth, and a boat trip back to Totnes. Dartmouth is a delight to visit, known throughout Devon as the jewel of the South Hams, its ancient, narrow streets house boutique shops, art galleries and delicatessens. A cobbled market place features colorful stalls and farmers markets supplying local produce. In addition, the tour offers stunning views of what is arguably one of the most beautiful coastlines in the South West.

### Woodlands Leisure Park

75 minutes

Woodlands Holiday Park in Dartmouth is set in 90 acres and is home to the UK's biggest indoor play centre. Experience action packed outdoor fun with great family rides, there are playzones for all ages and enchanting attractions for small children. Live show, fantastic festivals, falconry displays and the unique Big Fun Farm are included in the admission price.

### Plymouth Aquarium

75 minutes

The National Marine Aquarium was the first aquarium in the UK to be set up solely for the purpose of education, conservation and research. It remains one of Britain's foremost aquariums with stunning exhibits and a reputation for excellence in education. The Aquarium experience comprises a total of 50 live exhibits including three large tanks, the largest of which – Britain's deepest tank – holds 2.5 million litres of

water. Over 4000 animals from 400 species are displayed in realistic habitats from local shorelines to coral reefs. Located in the city of Plymouth, it provides easy access to a variety of shops and places to eat.

### Devon's Beaches

For sunny days when a trip to the beach calls, then the South Hams provides some of the best coastline in Devon. The choice includes Bantham, Bigbury on Sea and Salcombe with lots of little coves to explore and nearby traditional sea side villages to visit.



Wheal Coates Tin Mine, Cornwall

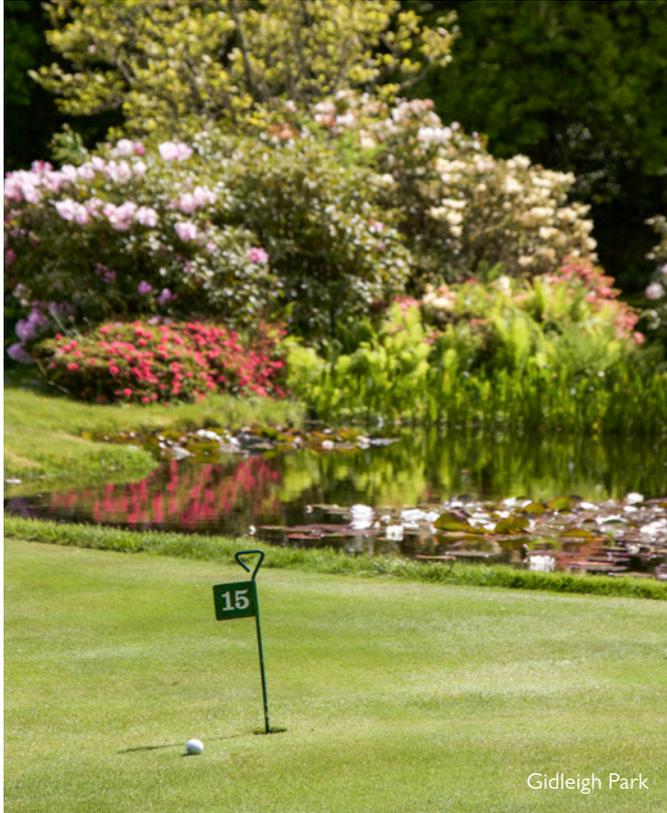
## VISITING CORNWALL

The bordering county of Cornwall is a popular tourist attraction, providing visitors with the chance to explore a host of magnificent sandy beaches, lush green countryside and craggy cliffs within an hour's drive of the hotel. Cornwall is also the perfect place to indulge in one of the many water sports available including kayaking, canoeing and surfing. Should you wish for a more relaxed pace, then we recommend taking a leisurely trip to the many seaside villages scattered along Cornwall coastline. The town of Rock is located across the Camel Estuary from the fishing port of Padstow. Rock's sandy beaches make it an ideal location on sunnier days with sand dunes and rock pools attractive to young families and a trip across to Padstow can be enjoyed on the regular foot ferry. Port Issac is a delightful fishing village approximately 6 miles from Rock, that charms visitors with its winding streets and white washed cottages. Fishing and scenic trips can be taken from the harbour during the summer months.

## Crealy Adventure Park

40 minutes

At Crealy you will discover wild rides and the biggest events, entertainment and characters plus Cornwall's biggest indoor and outdoor adventures. Meet the friendliest animals within 100 acres of countryside and enjoy delicious locally-sourced food.



## GOLF COURSE INFORMATION

Please speak to a member of our reception team and they will be happy to call ahead and pre-book where necessary.

### Gidleigh Park

For those of you with a competitive spirit, enjoy an 18 hole putting course designed by Peter Alliss. Alternatively for those keener golf players, please see below a list of local and further afield golf courses.

### Bovey Castle

20 minutes

18 Hole Championship course following the banks of the river Bovey, a fairly challenging course with water influences.

Pre-booking is essential.

### Teign Valley Golf Club

30 minutes

An 18 hole course is fast draining and provides excellent all year round playability.

### Okehampton

30 minutes

A short but very well maintained course: the greens are outstanding. Very friendly club.

### Stover Golf Course

30 minutes

Providing interesting and enjoyable challenge to golfers of all abilities. Set in parkland with mature woodlands and water features on a number of holes.

### East Devon Golf Club

60 minutes

Budleigh Salterton. This is a very charming course, part parkland and part with sea views.

### Woodbury

60 minutes

Nice parkland course.

### St. Mellion

75 minutes

36 hole resort featuring the championship Nicklaus course designed by Jack Nicklaus, and historic Kernow, both very challenging.

### Saunton

90 minutes

Challenging links courses (36 holes) in very good condition. You must have a handicap certificate to play.

Near Barnstaple and Braunton.

### St. Enodoc

120 minutes

A beautiful and challenging links course alongside Padstow Estuary; very good views of the estuary on the finishing holes. You must have a handicap certificate to play.

Rock, Cornwall.

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