

# Bournemouth & Poole

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## Welcome to Bournemouth & Poole The Coast with the Most

Welcome to the new Bournemouth & Poole Group and Coach Travel Guide, designed to help you plan your perfect group break to the 'Coast with the Most'. Explore with your group, our beautiful towns, including our 10 miles of stunning award-winning beaches, Europe's largest natural harbour, gardens and parks, attractions, activities and entertainment venues. This guide also contains a selection of group friendly accommodation, hidden areas to explore, itinerary ideas, coach parking facilities and much more....

We look forward to welcoming you.

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# Beautiful Bournemouth

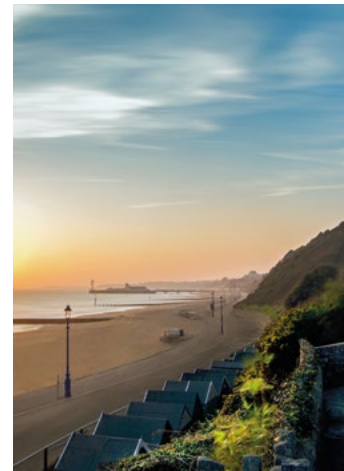
#lovebournemouth

Come and stay with your group in Bournemouth where you can discover and explore award-winning beaches, beautiful gardens, parks and nature reserves, attractions and activities, great dining out and shopping experiences, coastal villages and a host of entertainment.

With fantastic leisure attractions, a beautiful historic museum house and plenty of indoor and outdoor activities, our coastline offers lots of exciting experiences for everyone in your group. With so much to choose from, here are just a few ideas to help you plan and enjoy your visit to the seaside...

Historic piers... Bournemouth Pier offers an indoor climbing and high wire centre, a pier-to-shore zip ride, beautiful views and, not forgetting, a family amusement centre. Over at Boscombe Pier discover the musical play trail and great views.

Hire a beach hut... The perfect way to spend the day on the beach and enjoy the stunning coastline. Choose from traditional beach huts and funky beach pods. Available year-round, for daily, weekly and period hire. For further information visit [bournemouth.co.uk/beachhuthire](http://bournemouth.co.uk/beachhuthire)



Dine with a view... Along the coastline pop into one of the inviting cafés or restaurants offering heart-warming breakfasts, great lunch stops, cream teas and delicious evening dining.

Discover our coastline... Take a trip on the famous land train and check out our stunning coastal views, which run along the promenade east towards Boscombe and west towards Alum Chine and on to Branksome in Poole. You can also enjoy a bird's eye view from our cliff lifts\*, situated alongside the zigzag pathways at West Cliff and Fisherman's Walk at Southbourne. (\*April – October).

For a warm welcome... Head to Pier Approach and visit the Tourist Information Centre where our team of friendly staff are on hand to offer advice and help to make the most of your group stay.

Festivals and events... Enjoy our year-round programme of festivals and events, providing entertainment and activities for all.



# Explore Poole

#lovepoole

Poole's stunning natural harbour is the largest in Europe. With its eight unique islands and striking peninsula, the harbour is a haven for sailors, wildlife and water sports and is a gateway to the world heritage Jurassic Coast. From the world famous Sandbanks beach to the bustling quayside, stunning parks & gardens and top attractions, tailor your trip and create unique experiences for your group in Poole.

Take in the sights of Poole's beautiful old town, just a couple of minutes walk from the quay. The free entry Poole Museum, along with a host of guided walks and trails, bring the town's rich pirate and merchant history to life. The museum contains the world's best public display of Poole Pottery, revealing the remarkable story of this unique British pottery business which bears the town's name.

Poole's vibrant quayside is the gateway to the unique harbour and islands. Take to the water with a harbour cruise, stop off at National Trust's Brownsea Island or the Victorian seaside resort of Swanage for a Sea Train Adventure.

If you prefer to stay on dry land, enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the RNLI's world class Training College, or just simply sit back and relax in one of the many waterfront café bars and restaurants.

With quayside drop off and pick up points, visits to Poole couldn't be easier. Once groups have been dropped off, there is free coach parking a short journey away (see page 28-29).

A warm welcome awaits you at Poole Tourist Information Centre located in Poole Museum with a highly trained, dedicated team of staff on hand to help your group make the most of their visit to Poole.

Visit: [www.pooletourism.com/grouptravel](http://www.pooletourism.com/grouptravel) or sign up to [www.pooletourism.com/newsdirect](http://www.pooletourism.com/newsdirect) for all the latest news.



# Bournemouth & Poole Festivals & Events



## 2018 at a Glance

### Bournemouth

**Health-on-Line Bournemouth Bay Run**  
8 April  
Bournemouth Seafront

**Bournemouth 7s Festival**  
25 – 27 May  
Bournemouth Sports Club

**Jazz by the Sea Festival**  
24 June - 7 July  
Bournemouth & Poole, various locations

**Bournemouth Bus Rally 2018**  
7 July  
Kings Park, Bournemouth

**Bournemouth Food and Drink Festival**  
15 – 24 June  
Bournemouth, various locations

**The Original Shake & Stir Vintage Festival**  
28 June – 1 July  
Southbourne, Bournemouth

### Poole

**Dream Machines**  
Every Tuesday, 3 April – 25 September  
Poole Quay

**Mini Steam on the Quay**  
12 May  
Poole Quay

**Poole Harbour Boat Show**  
8 – 10 June  
Poole Quay

**Harry Paye Pirate Day**  
16 June  
Poole Quay

**Folk on the Quay**  
30 June  
Poole Quay

**Quay for my Car**  
Every Friday, 6 July – 31 August  
Poole Quay

### Bournemouth

**Bourne Free – Bournemouth's Pride Festival**  
13 – 15 July  
Bournemouth Triangle and various locations

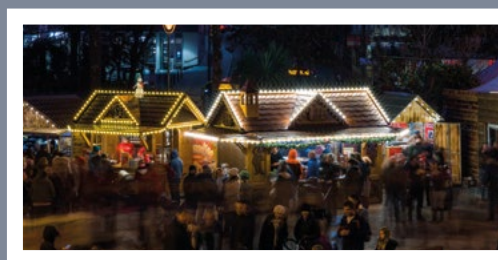
**Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra - Proms in the Park**  
10 – 11 August  
Meyrick Park, Bournemouth

**Bournemouth Air Festival**  
30 August – 2 September  
Bournemouth Seafront

**Bournemouth Arts by the Sea Festival**  
29 September – 6 October  
Bournemouth, various locations

**Bournemouth Marathon Festival**  
6 - 7 October  
Bournemouth Seafront

**Bournemouth Christmas Tree Wonderland**  
Late November - early January 2019  
Lower Gardens, Bournemouth  
See [bournemouth.co.uk/christmastreewonderland](http://bournemouth.co.uk/christmastreewonderland)



### Poole

**Summer Breeze on the Quay with Fireworks**  
Every Thursday, 26 July – 30 August  
Poole Quay

**British Beach Polo Championships**  
13 – 14 July  
Sandbanks Beach

**Poole Goes Vintage**  
15 July  
Poole Quay

**International Beer & Bluegrass Festival**  
27 - 28 July  
Branksome, Poole

**Poole Blues Festival**  
7 – 10 September  
Poole Quay

**Inside Out Dorset**  
14 – 23 September  
Throughout Dorset including Poole

**Fireworks**  
5th November  
Poole Quay

**Christmas Festivities in Poole**  
See [pooletourism.com](http://pooletourism.com)

For a full listing of festivals and events in the area, please visit: [bournemouth.co.uk](http://bournemouth.co.uk) & [pooletourism.com](http://pooletourism.com). Please note all events are subject to change.

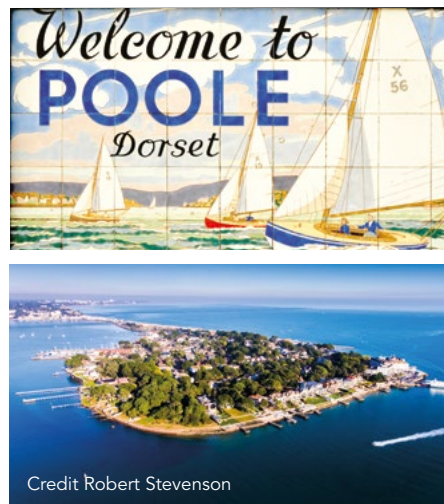
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## Express Visit Itinerary

(Under 3 hours)

- Wander along the quay taking in the harbour views, stopping at **Poole Museum** (free entry) at the end of Poole High Street. Browse the four floors of galleries including the world's best public display of Poole Pottery or visit the **Tourist Information Centre** on the ground floor.
- Book a **meet and greet off the coach**, free of charge. Book in advance with Poole Museum.
- Enjoy exploring some of the quayside/lower high street shops including **outlet shopping** and **Purbeck Pottery** for beautiful gifts and unique homeware.
- **Titan Leathercraft Giftshop & Workshop** on the quay offers a working leathercrafting studio and shop with free public viewing area where visitors can come and watch the team of skilled craftspeople create unique leather goods.
- **Quayside Emporium** on the quay is a unique shopping experience; one shop filled with many local traders of arts, craft, giftware and much more!
- **Coffee and cake stop** at one of the many café bars and coffee shops on Poole Quay.
- Take to the water on a **Poole Harbour or Coastal Cruise** from Poole Quay.
- Enjoy a few hours of retail therapy at **The Dolphin Shopping Centre**, Dorset's largest indoor centre with a range of high street brands.
- Use the **Route One** bus service that links the quay and shopping centre every 15 minutes (excluding Sundays).



Credit Robert Stevenson

# History & Heritage Itinerary

A fascinating history to be discovered

## Morning Activities

- The galleries in **Poole Museum** tell the story of the historic maritime town of Poole and its harbour from pre history to the 21st century. There is a "Welcome to Poole" package available to groups including a talk and refreshments in a private room. Contact direct for more information.
- **RNLI College Discovery Tours** – The RNLI have a fascinating 150 year history in Poole. Take a behind the scenes 90 minute tour to learn more about this history and see how the volunteer crews and lifeguards are trained.

## Lunch

- If you're looking for a quick pit stop or a full 3 course experience, Poole Quay and Lower High Street have a variety of excellent cafes, restaurants and bars.

## Afternoon Activities

- Explore **Poole's old town** – a picturesque, bustling area featuring cobbled streets, historic buildings and a range of independent shops. Pick up a copy of the Cockle Trail leaflet from the Tourist Information Centre - a self guided trail highlighting tales of Poole's past. The interactive Poole Trail can be accessed by mobile phones, bringing Poole's history to life. ([www.pooletrail.com](http://www.pooletrail.com))

## Evening Activity

- **Ghost walk (seasonal - group bookings welcome)** Local Victorian character Granny Cousins will take you on an entertaining evening walk where you will learn about the people that have lived, worked and haunted this ancient fishing port.

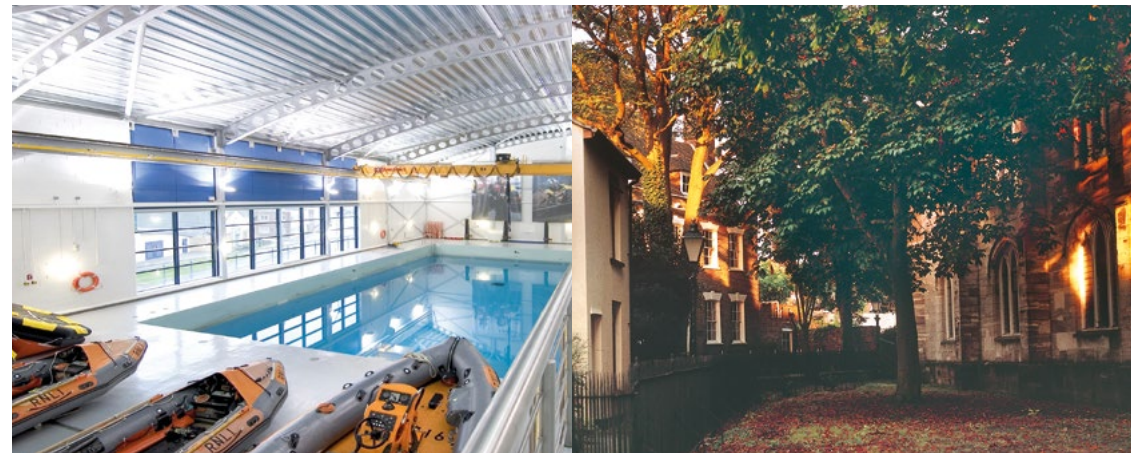




Image: Hengistbury Head



## Hidden Bournemouth Itinerary

Discover our hidden treasures and unique experiences

### Morning Activities:

- **A Secret Garden:** Follow the paths from the Lower Gardens by the sea, through the Central Gardens which will take you to the Upper Gardens, in the Upper Gardens enjoy the natural planting, meadow walks, pretty red bridges and a peaceful place to relax and rest.

### Lunch:

- Bournemouth's seafront, coastal villages and town centre offer a variety of excellent restaurants, cafés and bars to suit every taste.

### Afternoon Activities:

*Pre-booked Activities*

#### ● Wildlife Surprises:

A visit to **Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre and Nature Reserve** is a must for walkers, lovers of wildlife, nature and beauty. A valuable and protected Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Hengistbury Head is fascinating, not only for its wide variety of habitats including heathland, grassland, freshwater wetland and coastland, but also for its internationally important archaeology and geology.

#### ● Cultural Delights:

Our 'hidden treasure' the **Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum**. Full of Victorian charm, it houses some of the most famous Pre-Raphaelite works as well as collections from around the world, gloriously displayed in its spectacular setting with stunning views of the sea. There is always something new with changing exhibitions and workshops. Discounted rates for group bookings.



Russell Cotes Art Gallery & Museum



## Activities Galore Itinerary

Bournemouth offers a wealth of activities in all seasons...

### Morning Activities:

- Take a ride on the first **pier to shore zip wire!** Located at the end of the Bournemouth Pier and the first of its kind in the world.
- Enjoy a fun **active day on the beach** all year around. Book your group for a surfing or paddle boarding session or back on land enjoy beach volleyball courts and slacklining activities near Boscombe Pier.
- Many of our hotels, indoor venues and activity centres offer **creative** activities from painting pots and discovering a new craft to learning a new skill. There are also some wonderful photographic opportunities along our coastline for your group to discover.

### Afternoon Activities:

- **Passion for Dance?** Learn a new dance or have a fantastic dancing holiday in one of our group friendly hotels. There are also great venues to watch inspiring dance shows and performances including the Pavilion Dance South West, Pavilion Theatre and Bournemouth International Centre (BIC).
- Bournemouth is a great place to enjoy **'a round of golf'** with your friends, family or golf party. With 'pay to play' and season ticket options available, your group can enjoy a game of golf, on rural and coastal courses, any time of year.
- Book a **relaxing wellness break** at one of our coastline hotels and beauty centres. With a range of holistic, health and beauty treatments, indoor and outdoor pools, gym's and one to one personal trainers. What a perfect spa day!



Image: Marsham Court Hotel



# The Great Outdoors Itinerary



Explore Bournemouth & Poole's Coast with the Most and enjoy the great outdoors.

## Morning Activities

- **Watersports Galore...** Along our spectacular ten-mile coastline there's a fantastic choice of watersports available for your group. From beginners to the most experienced anyone can enjoy what's on offer. Take part in a paddle boarding, surfing, sailing or kitesurfing lesson. Enjoy a leisurely swim in the sea or hire a sea kayak or a private yacht charter.
- **By boat, train, bus... the choice is endless...** Take a **boat trip** from Poole Quay to discover our coastline including bird watching harbour boat cruises, trips to National Trust Brownsea Island, a Wareham River cruise or a trip to Swanage. Combine a boat cruise and Steam Train trip on a Sea Train Adventure or an Open Top City Sightseeing Tour Bus.

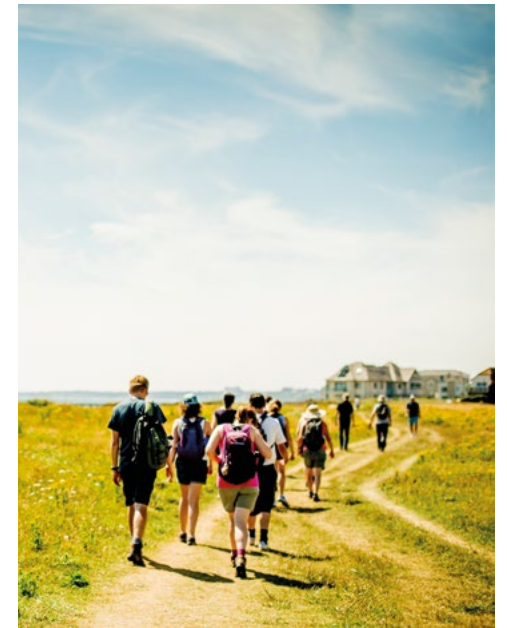


## Afternoon Activities

- **Stunning coastal walks....** The perfect way to get out in the open is on a stunning ten-mile coastal **walk** from Sandbanks in Poole to Hengistbury Head Nature Reserve. On route, enjoy an ice cream or stop off at one of the many beachfront cafés and restaurants. Discover the Coastal Villages of Canford Cliffs, Westbourne, Boscombe and Southbourne. If your legs need a rest hop on the land train which runs from Alum Chine to Boscombe or catch a local bus.

- **Beautiful bike rides...** With miles of stunning coastline and seafront linking Bournemouth & Poole plus heathland and countryside the area is perfect for **cycling holidays** or just **getting out on two wheels**. The Tourist Information Centres can provide information on local cycle trails.

Many of our hotels can also help you with perfect cycling packages offering places to store bikes and ideas for great group adventures. If you don't want to bring your bike the area is home to several local bike hire companies.







# Evening Entertainment

**Bournemouth and Poole offer a great choice of evening entertainment for groups. Whether you're looking for a vibrant arts and cultural night, live music, comedy, theatre or a thriving dining scene with cosmopolitan cocktails and wine bars or more traditional pubs and inns, the resorts have it covered!**

**Discover Bournemouth's** live music venues, late night restaurants, eclectic mix of bars, ale houses and clubs in the town centre and coastal villages.

Within walking distance of the seafront is the **Bournemouth International Centre and art deco Pavilion Theatre** offering excellent performances and events from international pop and rock acts to dance performances, live comedy, West End Musicals and touring shows. BH Live Tickets offers a dedicated

Group Sales Department who will be happy to help you with your group booking.

If you have a passion for dance, a visit to the **Pavilion Dance South West** is a must. Here you can see inspiring dance performances and live ballet screenings in its intimate, state-of-the-art 200 seat theatre.

Fancy a film night? Visit the impressive 10 screen state-of-the-art cinema complex **BH2** in the town centre offering all the latest blockbuster films. The town also boasts a 6D cinema, casinos, bingo halls and comedy nights to enjoy. Bournemouth's hotels also offer lots of fun filled entertainment and events for all to enjoy from themed, dance, festive, cabaret and comedy evenings.

**In Poole**, enjoy a year-round programme of national and international shows at the

recently refurbished **Lighthouse** – the largest arts centre outside London, with group discount available. Home to the world class Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra see programmes packed with top comedy and concert greats, intimate performances and cutting edge theatre.

Experience the excitement of greyhound racing at **Poole Stadium**. Groups can enjoy the action from the best seats in the house, in the 300 seat Gallery Restaurant, overlooking the track. Here you can also watch the world famous Poole Pirates at **Poole Speedway**.

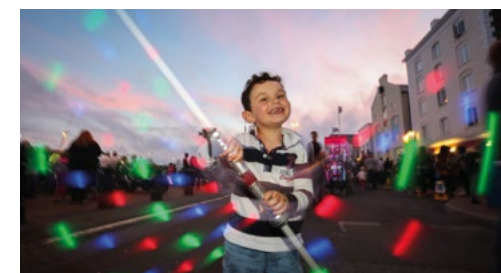
A short journey out of town is **Tower Park Leisure** Complex which hosts a selection of exciting activities including bowling, cinema, soft play and bingo. Splashdown at Tower Park is the South West's favourite all action waterpark. In season evening sessions are available so you can combine this activity with a meal at one of Tower Park's many restaurants.

## **Festivals & Events – be entertained**

Enjoy our year-round programme of festivals and events in Bournemouth and Poole, from vibrant art and cultural festivals, evening entertainment during our famous Bournemouth Air Festival, firework nights, dance, music, vintage & vehicle events, there's always something to enjoy with your group. Visit [bournemouth.co.uk/whats-on](http://bournemouth.co.uk/whats-on) and [poolerism.com](http://poolerism.com) for further details.

Christmas in Bournemouth and Poole is a magical time to visit with your group. Bournemouth is the perfect festive destination for groups, day and night.

**New for 2018 visit Bournemouth's Christmas Tree Wonderland**, Europe's first spectacular festive trail featuring Christmas trees from around the world. There's also more to explore and enjoy, including the Alpine Market, Big Wheel, Ice Rink, festive entertainment and great eating and shopping experiences. For further information please go to [bournemouth.co.uk/christmastreewonderland](http://bournemouth.co.uk/christmastreewonderland)



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# On our Doorstep

Take time to explore and discover the surrounding area enjoy stunning coastline, charming countryside, picture - postcard villages, fantastic attractions, activities and a programme of year round festivals and events.

### Highlights include:

**Dorset's Jurassic Coast** is a stunning World Heritage Site recording 185 million years of history in its rugged cliffs. Explore Durlston Head, Dancing Ledge, Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door's famous rock arch.

There are many historical towns and villages in Dorset to visit during your stay, each with their own unique character, history and charm. Highlights include Dorchester, Wareham, Corfe Castle, Wimborne Minster, Sherborne and Shaftesbury to name just a few.

To the east of Bournemouth is Christchurch with its bustling town centre and its outdoor market on a Monday. Wander along the river bank down to the Quayside and enjoy the beautiful views, on your way don't forget to visit the historic Priory Church and castle ruins.

**The ancient New Forest** offers idyllic glades, ancient woodland, open moors, heathland and cliff top walks. Escape to a world a million miles from your everyday life where ponies, cattle, donkeys and deer roam free.

**Salisbury** is known as 'the city in the countryside', surrounded by a landscape so quintessentially English it's almost too good to be true.



Lulworth Cove  
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New Forest  
Image courtesy of New Forest District Council



## Visit our Tourist Information Centres



Visit our Tourist Information Centres for a warm friendly welcome. Here to help you make the most of your stay.

Providing information on things to see and do, details of festivals and events, eating out, shopping, transport, accommodation and much more. You'll even find beautiful locally sourced gifts.

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# Gardens & Parks

With thousands of acres of stunning open spaces, award-winning parks, gardens and beautiful nature reserves there's plenty of green spaces to explore.

## Pooler Highlights

Follow the level harbour footpath along the quayside passing through Harbourside Park and into the oasis of **Pooler Park**. The central lake is surrounded by facilities such as Pooler Park miniature railway, watersports and boating on the lake, The Ark offering soft play, ice skating and café.

Three miles out of the Town Centre you will find **Upton Country Park** with over 100 acres of parkland, shoreline and formal estate gardens.

Take a short journey from Pooler Quay to **Compton Acres**. With 10 acres of beautiful gardens reputed to be the finest in Europe.

## Bournemouth's Gardens by the Sea.

The **Lower Gardens** are home to stunning flower beds, a Bandstand, aviary, mini

golf course, refreshment kiosks, and an Ornamental Rockery. Follow the Bourne Stream through to the **Central Gardens** where you will walk past the War Memorial, tennis courts & children's play area. The Central Gardens also mark the start to the 'Tree Trail Walk' through to the **Upper Gardens**, finishing at Coy Pond.

## Coastal Villages

Walk along the coastline east or westwards towards our Coastal Villages to discover our hidden **chimes and gardens**. Head westwards to **Alum Chine Gardens** known as our Tropical Gardens, renowned for their striking landscape design and stunning views, and to the east visit **Boscombe Chine Gardens** and **Overcliff Gardens...** look out for the goats grazing on the cliff tops!



# Shopping Delights

Whatever time of year, Bournemouth and Poole offers a fabulous shopping experience.

Bournemouth offers a bustling town centre with a pedestrianised high street, Victorian Arcades and lots of exciting side streets to explore. From independent boutiques and designer brands to high street favourites, Bournemouth is home to an excellent selection of well-loved shops, stores, and home and beauty retailers.

Make sure you visit during the Christmas period to experience our magical **Bournemouth Christmas Tree Wonderland** and our fabulously festive shopping experiences. Follow the Wonderland experience throughout Bournemouth Town Centre to our coastal villages, Boscombe, Southbourne and Westbourne.

**Pooler Quayside and Lower High Street** has an array of unique, independent gift shops and outlet shopping. Follow the pedestrianised high street, taking you up to Dorset's largest undercover centre, **The Dolphin Shopping Centre** with a range of high street brands including Primark, Next and M&S. Use the Route One bus service that links the quay and shopping centre every 15 mins (excluding Sunday).

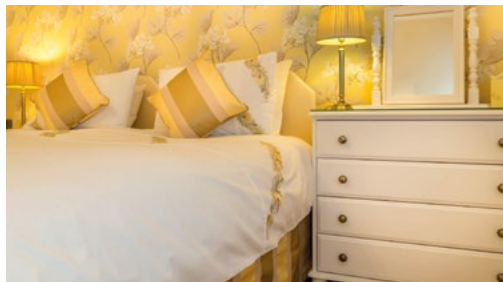
Throughout the year there are also several **Street Markets** including Boscombe's Outdoor Street Market (Thursdays and Saturdays) and Poole's General Market (Thursdays and Saturdays), with a Farmers Market on a Thursday Morning.



# A perfect place to stay by the sea ...

Bournemouth and Poole offer the perfect choice for a fantastic coastal break with a great range of accommodation choices from beautiful beach front hotels, national chains, family run hotels and guest accommodation to independent hotels, B&B's and great group self-catering options including the opportunities to stay in the great outdoors!

Whether it's a midweek break, weekend break or longer stay in any season, you'll find that perfect package for every occasion.



Many of our hotels welcome groups and coaches, offering coach parking on site, specialist breaks and tailored packages. This guide features a selection of group friendly accommodation.

When contacting them please mention the Bournemouth & Poole Group and Coach Travel Guide.

If you require any more help please contact our Tourist Information Teams

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Information Centre**

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bournemouth.co.uk/lovegroups

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## Getting here



### By Bus & Coach

Bournemouth Coach station is next to the train station, where there are plenty of taxis and local buses to take you to your chosen destination. Poole Bus station is located in the Town Centre at the back of The Dolphin Shopping Centre. For visiting coaches please refer to page 28 – 31 for coach parking and drop off points for Bournemouth and Poole.



### By Train

There is an excellent train service to and from various locations around the UK, as well as a fast service from London Waterloo to Bournemouth and Poole.



### By Air

Bournemouth Airport is only seven miles from Bournemouth Town Centre.



### By Ferry

Arrive by ferry to our local ports, Poole, Southampton and Portsmouth.



### By Car

With good motorway and 'A' road links, arriving by car is simple. There are plenty of pay and display car parks along our ten miles of coastline.

For further details: [bournemouth.co.uk/visitor-information/travel-information](http://bournemouth.co.uk/visitor-information/travel-information) & [pooletourism.com](http://pooletourism.com)

## Eating Out Experiences



**Fresh seafood, local produce, traditional cream teas... no matter what you might be craving, you will find it in Bournemouth and Poole.**

Bournemouth and Poole are renowned for offering a fantastic range of eating out experiences and celebrity chef restaurants. Home to independent restaurants, bars, pubs, delis, cafes, hidden gems and well known chains all offering a range of menus by day and night... And not forgetting our local and regional wines, ales and gins.

Enjoy fresh seafood, al fresco dining, local produce, great British fish and chips, cream teas and international cuisine there is something to suit all taste buds!

Our beautiful seafront and quayside offers fantastic eateries for your group to-get-together. Enjoy the stunning views along with first class food and drink.

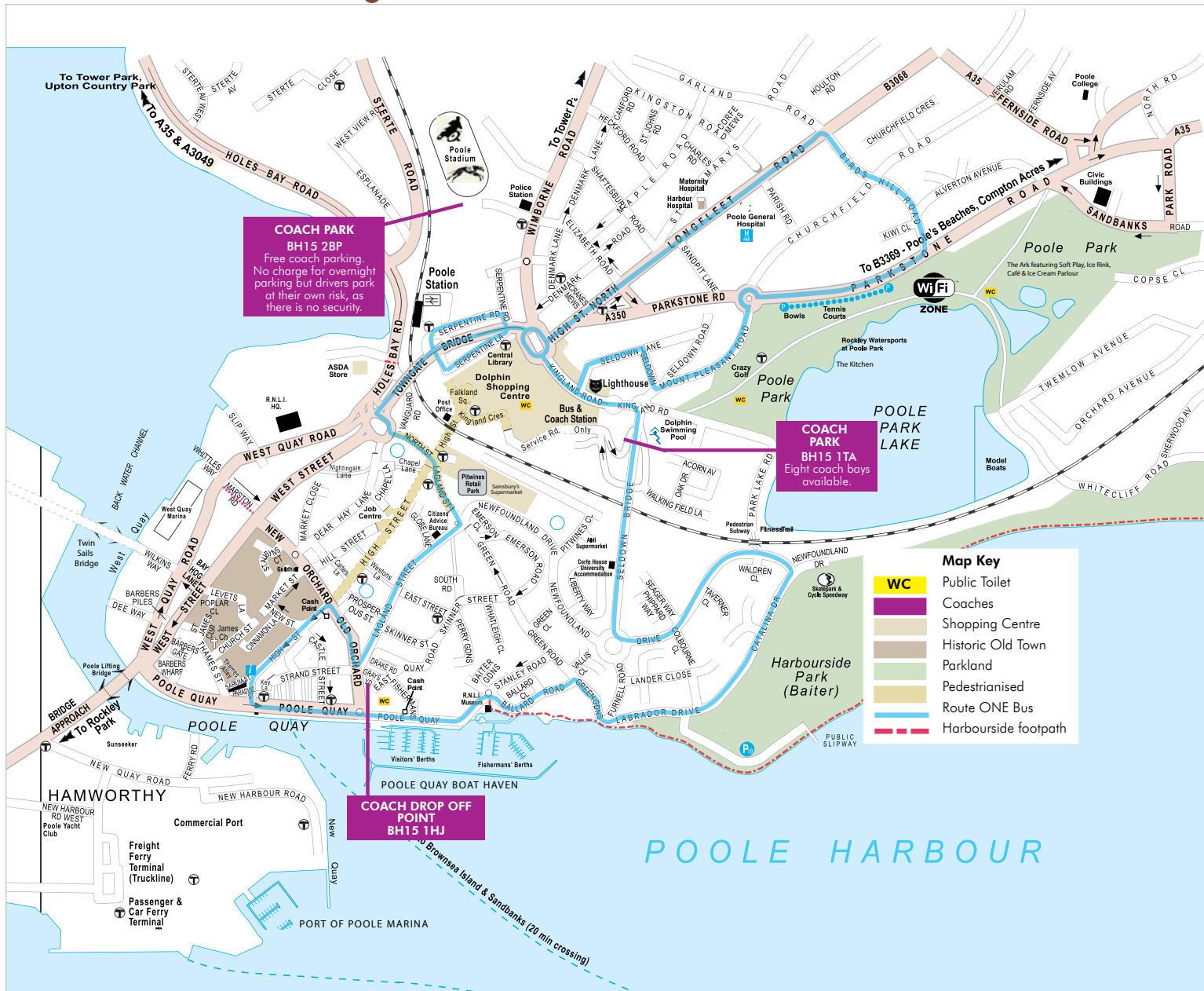


Bournemouth & Poole host a number of food and drink festivals throughout the year, giving you the chance to sample and celebrate specialist cuisine, local produce, wines, gins, and local confectionary... The list is endless.

Don't forget to discover our **Coastal Villages** Canford Cliffs, Westbourne, Boscombe and Southbourne, and local suburbs, Ashley Cross, Broadstone, Winton and Charminster for great food, drink and shopping experiences.



# Poole Map and Coach Driver Information



## ROUTES4COACHES:

Leave M27 at J14, join A31 westbound towards Bournemouth. Join A338, follow signs to Bournemouth (A35). Pick up signs for Poole (A350) and then follow signs for Poole Quay.

## Coach Drop off Point Poole Quay, BH15 1HJ

(no waiting allowed at this point)  
Five drop off spaces located just off Poole Quay, perfect for a selection of activities, attractions, shops and restaurants.

## Coach Parking Main Coach Park – Poole Stadium, BH15 2BP

Free coach parking. No charge for overnight parking but drivers park at their own risk, as there is no security.

## Seldown Car Park – BH15 1TA

Eight coach bays available at this Town Centre car park adjacent to Poole Bus Station. Access back to Poole Quay on Route One circular bus route (no Sunday service).

For all the latest information visit:  
[www.pooletourism.com/grouptravel](http://www.pooletourism.com/grouptravel) or sign up for Coach and Group Travel information at:  
[www.pooletourism.com/newsdirect](http://www.pooletourism.com/newsdirect)

# Bournemouth Map and Coach Driver Information



## Coach Parking in Bournemouth

### Queens Road Car/Coach Park (BH2 6BE)

This is a small car/coach park situated just off the A338 Wessex Way, approximately 3/4 of a mile from the town centre. Nearest toilet 10 minutes' walk away. Close to bus routes to Bournemouth Town Centre.

### Kings Park Car/Coach Park (BH7 7AF)

Adjacent to Bournemouth Football Ground, Dean Park, Boscombe. Approximately 2 miles from the town centre. Please refer to the tariff boards for current charges.

### Bournemouth Rail and Coach Station

Situated just off the A338 Wessex Way. Off-street loading and unloading bays for up to three visiting coaches. Staffed daily, including weekends & public holidays, 8am – 5pm.

## Coach Drop Off Points (max stay 15min)

**Westover Road:** Outside the Pavilion Theatre. Less than five minutes' walk to shops, seafront and Pier. Nearest toilet facilities in Bournemouth Lower Gardens or Bournemouth Pier.

### Bournemouth International Centre (BIC)

The bus lay-by opposite the BIC, Exeter Road, walk to shops, seafront and Pier. Toilet facilities next to the Pier.

## Exeter Road Extension

Bus lay-by and taxi rank near the BIC. Less than five minutes walk to shops, seafront and Pier. Toilet facilities next to the Pier.

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