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Offering miles of glorious beaches and some of the UK's most stunning coastline the destination of Poole, in Dorset, is a must visit this year.

Here on the south coast we offer the perfect daytrip, weekend away or short break.

Discover the beauty of our award winning resort, explore our history and open spaces and treat yourself to fine dining and relaxation... book your autumn getaway to Poole and escape the everyday!



DISCOVER...

Activity on the Water – Poole Harbour and the surrounding area is arguably packed with more **watersports** per square inch than anywhere else in the UK! Feel the breeze out on the shimmering water and experience the thrill of the water as you try a new activity.

Poole Museum and Scaplen's Court - Set in a Victorian quayside warehouse with four floors of galleries and exhibitions, this unique venue tells the remarkable story of the historic maritime town of Poole. From its harbour and prehistory to the 21st century, Scaplen's Court is a Grade I listed medieval building dating back to the 1300s. Also home to a delightful walled garden providing an oasis of colour and tranquillity, it's a real hidden gem in the town! Here you'll also find the **Tourist Information Centre**, for all the latest information when visiting the area.

Quayside Delights – Discover the treasures of Poole's historic quayside. Enjoy a stroll, taking in the fishing boats, sailing boats and superyachts that visit the marina or glide on the water. Pop into one of the historic pubs & inns and explore the independent shops dotted along the waterfront. Grab a crabbing bucket and net, for this must do Poole Quay family activity.

Poole Cockle Trail Self-Guided Walk - Learn all about Poole's rich heritage and the hidden secrets of its many old buildings. Follow the brass plaques in the pavement and retrace the town's history, as well as learning about present-day landmarks. Pick up a leaflet at Poole Tourist Information located in Poole Museum (small charge).

FREEDOM TO EXPLORE...

National Trust Brownsea Island – A short boat trip will transport you to an island rich in history, wildlife, including the famous red squirrel, and adventure! Enjoy the peace and tranquillity along with breath-taking coastal views. *Season ends 15 November and a combined ferry and admission ticket must be booked in advance.*

Upton Country Park - Immerse yourself in beautiful autumn colours as you explore 160 acres of parkland, shoreline and formal estate gardens. Enjoy the walled garden, borders and 'Path of Life' as well as some wildlife spotting round the park.

Harbour Cruises – Take a trip around Europe's largest natural harbour with **City Cruises Poole**. Explore the hidden areas around Poole Harbour, passing many of the beautiful islands in the bay. Bring your binoculars as there are many bird species and wildlife to spot - an absolute delight this time of year.

Hear wonderful sounds and sightings of migrating birds visiting our harbour, shorelines, coast and countryside. Visit the **Birds of Poole Harbour** website to find out more or visit their headquarters on Poole Quay.

Beautiful Parks and Gardens - With nearly a fifth of Poole made up of open green space, and more than 500 hectares of heathland, there are fabulous opportunities to get out and get active. Poole Park is just a short walk from Poole Quay, along the Harbourside footpath, taking in stunning views as you go. The park is centred around a large lake and surrounded by activities and facilities that the whole family can enjoy. A short drive from the main town is **Compton Acres**, reputed to be one the finest privately owned gardens in the UK with 10 acres of gardens including five themes.

Stunning Coastal Walks - Connecting huge swathes of the coastline, allowing you to stroll between the destinations whilst surrounded by gorgeous sea views.

Lighthouse – Poole's Centre for the Arts – The largest regional centre in the UK, hosting a year-round programme of national and International events. Now re-opened offering cinema screenings, live broadcasts and a "Lighthouse Outside" programme of events.



TREAT YOURSELF...

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The perfect way to experience a unique combination of exhilaration and fun in luxurious comfort! See the South Coast from a different angle with stunning scenery around Poole Harbour and the Jurassic Coastline.

FOOD & DRINK EXPERIENCES

The Brewhouse and Kitchen have venues in both Bournemouth and Poole. Their hands-on experiences include Beer and Gin Masterclasses and Brewery Experience Days. With its own local fishing fleet and Dorset produce, Poole is home to a thriving dining scene with the finest catch from that day sure to be on the menu at many of the **restaurants**. Seafood highlights include celebrity owned restaurants, **Rick Stein Sandbanks** and **Rockfish Seafood Restaurant** owned by Mitch Tonks.

TREAT THE FAMILY

For the under 8's there is no better place to visit than **Farmer Palmers Farm Park**, approx. 10 minutes from the main town, with lots of indoor and outdoor activities. There's fun for all the family at **Tower Park** where you can enjoy "flumin good fun" on the waterslides at **Splashdown** and soft play heaven at **Lemur Landings**. There is also a cinema and a variety of restaurants to complete your day out.

A POOLE GETAWAY

Indulge in a mid-week or weekend break away with an autumn/winter package in a beautiful Poole hotel, self catering option or explore a caravan park. Our local accommodation providers can cater for all tastes and requirements, visit our **accommodation page** for further information.



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BEFORE YOU VISIT

Please check out the latest [visitor information](#) for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. It is important that visitors *Respect* the local area, in order to *Protect* themselves and everyone can then *Enjoy* this wonderful location. Please contact businesses directly before visiting to check on their individual policies and how they are running. It's best to **Know Before You Go**.

We're Good to Go - A UK-wide industry standard mark helping businesses to reassure customers that they have adhered to Government and public health guidance has been launched by Visit Britain and Visit England, helping you feel safe and secure when you visit any of our partners that are part of this scheme.

Planning Your Journey: Poole has excellent transport connections and a comprehensive road system making it one of the most accessible holiday destinations in the South West. Poole is only a two-hour train journey from London Waterloo, so you can leave your car at home, beat the traffic with **South Western Railway**. When in resort we offer excellent transport links through [local bus](#) and train operators.

Please note changes can and do occur and are subject to change we strongly advise you check all details and procedures directly with the business/providers.

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