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# Guide to Dartmouth

places to walk..eat..play..enjoy..relax..explore

A short guide from Harbour Heights

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## Hello from us at Harbour Heights

It is great to hear that you are planning to visit Dartmouth and the beautiful South Hams area in Devon. We have enjoyed many different things over the years and would like to pass on our experience through this short guide to the area. It is just our view, nothing official and even after many years we are still finding new places, new eateries and new things to do.



Dartmouth is in the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Everywhere you turn you will find beauty. In this guide we will hope to highlight a few choice spots to enjoy it.

Dartmouth is home to over 30 places to eat. There is something for everyone and for every occasion from a special anniversary, a relaxing evening for a couple, a family meal or a gathering of friends and family. In this guide we will make some suggestions based on places we have enjoyed. We will also highlight some places outside of the town too.

Dartmouth and the South Devon area have some of the most spectacularly beautiful walks anywhere. In this guide we will help you find the best ones to suit you and share our favourites.

Dartmouth is a fabulous base to explore South Devon. We will introduce you to some places to visit, our top recommendations for local beaches and some great things to do.

Dartmouth is a centre for art and crafts with many galleries to enjoy. We love art and craft in Devon and will highlight our top tips for seeing some of the finest on offer.

Enjoying South Devon to its full can take your holiday from great to amazing and we hope our guide, which is our personal take on the area, is a step to helping you do this. All these things are our views. You may find many more we have not done. We'd love to hear from you too

Happy Holiday

Colin & Margaret

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## Enjoy a meal

Dartmouth has a very wide selection of restaurants from the high end Seahorse to local fish and chips. There is more than enough choice to eat out at a different place every day for a month ! Here are a few of the places we have enjoyed. We hope you do too. It's not exhaustive - there are more.



### In Dartmouth, all within a 10-15 minute walk from your stay at Harbour Heights

- ❖ The Seahorse - high end, small and cosy seafood by Mitch Tonks. Stunning. Book it.
- ❖ Bayards Cove Inn - daytime coffee/lunch and great range of evening meals for all
- ❖ The Floating Bridge - a favourite of ours - great value, great portions, something for all the family, sit outside and look down the river Dart
- ❖ The Cherub - oldest pub with small upstairs restaurant. A great winter pub for sure.
- ❖ Kendricks - an American diner style, popular with families
- ❖ The Royal Castle Hotel - full of historic character, the high end Grill Room, or bar menu are both excellent
- ❖ Dart Marina Hotel - A great formal hotel environment with high end menu
- ❖ Rockfish - "tomorrows fish are still in the sea" - fish and chips par excellence
- ❖ The Dartmouth Arms - Pub on Bayard's Cove with good pub food. Take a drink outside
- ❖ Spice Bazaar - lovely quality curry menu, located in Anzac Square
- ❖ Cafe Alf Fresco - a Guardian UK top 50 breakfasts venue - character, informal, special
- ❖ The Castle Tea Rooms - stunning location for a breakfast, coffee, cake or sandwich
- ❖ The Cornish Bakery - for tasty Cornish Pasty's - we love the Thai Chicken pasty
- ❖ Taylor's Restaurant - upstairs: a small restaurant of real quality overlooking the boatfloat
- ❖ Anzac Street Bistro - a character restaurant with a mid-high price menu
- ❖ The Picnic Boat - get out on the water and celebrate on the Picnic Boat. Unique.

### Around and about, a short drive or boat trip away from Dartmouth town centre

- ❖ South Sands Hotel, Salcombe - on the beach, a gorgeous, quality restaurant. Book it.
- ❖ The Beach House, South Milton - informal, lots of fish, character and on the beach
- ❖ Anchorstone Cafe, Dittisham - one of our favourites. Walk or river taxi there. 12-4pm
- ❖ The Laughing Monk, Strete - not yet been, but has outstanding reputation. Close by
- ❖ Winking Prawn - on North Sands in Salcombe. BBQ or restaurant. Breakfasts too
- ❖ The Maltsters Arms, Tuckenhay - Previously Keith Floyd's. Quayside BBQ. good pub
- ❖ The Ferry Boat Inn, Dittisham - Pink. full of character. good pub food.
- ❖ The Cricket Inn, Beesands - really strong local reputation. Pub and restaurant
- ❖ Soar Mill Cove Hotel - eco designed hotel. Only had cream tea here, but awesome.

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## Beautiful walks

Dartmouth is right on the coast and therefore you can walk straight onto the gorgeous South West Coastal Path from our front door.



### Our favourite walks from the front door of your stay at Harbour Heights

- ❖ **Dartmouth Castle** - turn right, enjoy the views from Above Town and at Warfleet turn left and follow road to Dartmouth Castle. Catch the Castle Ferry back to the embankment for a lovely little trip
- ❖ **Little Dartmouth** - from the Castle, continue along the coastal path, continue to the National Trust Car park, turn right and follow higher path back to the Castle
- ❖ **The Mew Stone and Daymark** - cross the lower ferry and head right. Follow the road, which becomes a footpath through woods, emerge at Froward Point Coastguard hut, walk up to the Daymark and bear left back through Kingswear.
- ❖ **Dartmouth to Greenway** - cross lower ferry and follow the railway track. Cross track and follow woodland walk along the river until you reach Greenway House. Enjoy a National Trust cream tea and catch the Dittisham Ferry back to Dartmouth.
- ❖ **Dartmouth to Blackpool Sands** - a mix of road and coastal path to the Blue Flag Blackpool Sands. Enjoy the beach then catch a bus back to Dartmouth
- ❖ **Jawbones Hill** - take the steps on the right closest to Harbour Heights and walk up onto Jawbones Hill for full on panoramic views

### Walks nearby

- ❖ **Bolt Head** - drive to Overbecks House in Salcombe. The 3 mile round trip walk is stunning and can be extended further along the coast if you wish.
- ❖ **Soar Mill Cove** - park up at the Hotel and wander down to Soar Mill Cove. Enjoy the coastal path in either direction, followed by cream tea at Soar Mill Cove Hotel
- ❖ **Start Point to Salcombe** - the 10 mile stretch is totally awesome. Walk the whole lot in one or enjoy it in bite sized chunks. Start Point Lighthouse area is the place to start
- ❖ **Bantham to Thurlestone** - a gorgeous stretch of the coastal path with beaches and coves in several places. Gastrobus at Bantham beach for fabulous gourmet burgers.
- ❖ **Sharpham Vineyard** - The vineyard is set right next to a beautiful stretch of the river Dart. Visit the Vineyard and take a walk through the vines and along the river.
- ❖ **Dartmoor National Park** is also quite close by so if you have seen enough coast then head inland and check out the phenomenal National Park landscapes.

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## The best beaches

Dartmouth has some wonderful small coves at the mouth of the river Dart, and with a short drive there are some spectacular beaches to enjoy. Some are dog friendly all year, others are famous for great surfing and some are simply beautiful. Many host cafes and places to hire water sports



### Beaches a short walk from the front door of your stay at Harbour Heights

- ❖ Three lovely coves - Castle Cove, Sugary Cove and Compass Cove - all great places to let the dog run around, to sit and relax to the sound of the sea, and to enjoy watching the boats come and go. Castle Cove is a popular place for a swim too. On the way to the Castle you will also pass Warfleet, where there is a lovely small inlet too.
- ❖ Newfoundland Cove - you'll need a boat or kayak to get to this one (left hand picture) as it is only accessible by sea. Head left and find it a short distance round the coast before the Mew Stone

### Nearby beaches

- ❖ Bantham Beach - the best by far. Large expanse of sand, wonderful gourmet burgers at the Gastrobus, a superb surf school, plentiful supply of well priced wet suits, surfboards and SUPs to hire. Stunningly beautiful views across to Burgh Island. We hardly ever go to a different beach to be honest. RNLI support is outstanding here.
- ❖ Bigbury Beach - opposite to Bantham, it's also superb, just takes a little longer to drive there. The sea tractor is fun for when the tide comes in and you want to get to Burgh Island
- ❖ South Sands - small sandy beach in Salcombe
- ❖ South Milton sands - large National Trust beach with picturesque rock arch just out to sea. Great beach house cafe and restaurant, hire Kayaks and SUPs in summer, a shingle beach and awesome sunsets
- ❖ Blackpool Sands - just 5-10mins drive it's a beautiful shingle beach with great amenities on site. It has a blue flag status and is a very popular spot.
- ❖ Soar Mill Cove - a small cove located along a very lovely stretch of the coastal path.
- ❖ Hope Cove - a wonderful village with a small sandy beach at its heart. Picturesque,
- ❖ Slapton Sands - a 2 mile shingle bar just 10 min drive. Awesome.

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## Arts and Crafts - creativity at it's best

Devon is famous for its arts and crafts. We love them. There are superb places to see them and buy them in Dartmouth and locally, so we wanted to make reference to them here. Browse and be stunned at the creativity and quality of their work and maybe find something beautiful to take home.



### Art Galleries in Dartmouth

A lovely eclectic mix of galleries are scattered across the town. We haven't space to list many of them, so we have picked out some of our favourites. Take some time and explore these and more. There are over a dozen to enjoy.

- ❖ **The Simon Drew gallery** brings humour to pen and ink drawing with an emphasis on wildlife - utterly original. You'll have to leave with a card or two at least !
- ❖ **Dart Gallery** we love for the regularly updating hand-picked collection of fine art and prints, often depicting the local area. Inspirational. Beautiful.
- ❖ **Coombe Gallery** along Foss Street brings a wonderful mix of art and studio crafts
- ❖ **Paul Barclay Designs** is a unique style which brings pen drawings of yachts in particular to both paper and also branded clothing and housewares. Local at its best.
- ❖ **Triton Galleries** bring fine art to Dartmouth with great impact. Located on Foss Street now, you will find dramatic and fine art here.
- ❖ **Rowbury Gallery** is lovely. We especially like the Becky Bettsworth prints here

### Crafts that will show creativity and form at its very best

- ❖ **The Devon Guild of Craftsmen**, Bovey Tracy, is we think the finest craft gallery you will find more or less anywhere. Visit here on your way up onto Dartmoor. A huge number of outstanding craftsmen and women are represented in the shop and there is always an interesting exhibition. Fine cafe too.
- ❖ **The Shops at Dartington**, where you will find a mini shopping village comprising a range of crafts, clothing, outdoor clothing, craft beers and a superb leather studio where you can arrange for your own lesson and make yourself a take-home item
- ❖ **The Drang Gallery**, Salcombe is a pretty top end fine art gallery with an impressive arrange of often internationally acclaimed artists. Deep pockets required!
- ❖ **Will Bees Bespoke** shop in Salcombe - perhaps craft, perhaps high quality original hand made fabric, tanned leather and tarp. We love these so much we had to put them in !

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## Shopping - we all need some retail therapy

Dartmouth is a good sized town with a strong retail offer. Locally there are some wonderful towns and the City of Exeter is not far away. We all love some retail therapy, so here is a short bit of enticement for you



### Dartmouth

Within a 10-15 min walk from Harbour Heights you can enjoy an array of wonderful shops

The clothing offer is fabulous with the addition of a wonderful Jack Wills store during summer 2017 to complement the great selection in Joules, Fat Face, Seasalt, Saltrock, Mistral, Crew Clothing and a range of Superdry, Converse and other cool stuff at Habit. Browse away to your hearts content.

Foss Street is full of beauty and the historic Butterwalk full of character. Shopping round the boat float area is surely one of the most picturesque locations to browse and buy. Local shops offer an eclectic mix of interest and intrigue for your enjoyment - including the spectacular Dartmouth Canvas Factory, your luxury lingerie and swim wear at Just Moi, the various independents selling soaps, candles, housewares, footwear and jewellery

Foodwise you can walk from Harbour Heights to the excellent M&S foodhall, late opening Coop, Moby Nicks our favourite fishmonger, local butchers, the Dart to Mouth Delicatessen and buy yourself some freshly ground coffee to have back at the cottage from our favourite Woodroast shop and cafe - their daily blend is always fabulous.

Enjoy the awesome new Salcombe Dairy Ice Cream shop, Rolys Fudge and Edwards Fudge, the Dartmouth Ice Cream Company shop or the long established Good Intent for all your local goodies.

### Towns and Cities nearby

- ❖ **Totnes** lots of independents and established ethical & fair trading shopping experience
- ❖ **Salcombe** has a very small collection of lovely retail shops and a few super galleries
- ❖ **Exeter** is an hour away, but a wonderfully attractive Cathedral City with John Lewis and high quality shopping centres and a beautiful historic Quay area on the river Exe.
- ❖ **Bovey Tracy** is a small town on the edge of Dartmoor. stop if you're nearby.
- ❖ **Plymouth** is an hour away and offers a range of big city benefits
- ❖ **Torquay** has developed its harbour area, the town has a good retail offer and a beach.

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## Dartmoor National Park - spectacular

**We have to make special mention of Dartmoor - not least as we used to live there, but mostly as it is a spectacularly beautiful part of the UK. Drive from Dartmouth inland, cross the A38 and you are there. Stunning. Dramatic. Wild. Picturesque. We love Dartmoor, we're sure you will too.**



Most popular is the Haytor area to the south east of the moor, accessed from the Bovey Tracey direction. We also love Hound Tor. There are Dartmoor National Park information centres in various places, including at the bottom car park at Haytor. There you will find more information about activities including rock climbing and guided walks.

There are lovely walks in the area from Haytor, down the valley and up to Hound Tor and also over to Hayne Down. Hayne Down is the location of the legend of the Bowerman - with the Bowerman's Nose rock formation being visible one end, the story goes that a huntsman was turned to stone after unwittingly disturbing a group of witches. You will find Hayne Down quiet and secluded and a wonderful place to take in the views all round. Just up the road from Hound Tor is Jay's Grave, another local legend surrounds this grave on the side of the road, which regularly has fresh flowers on that no-one admits to putting there.

Princetown is to south west side, much more wild and remote. A wonderful drive across the moor from these two sides of the moor is worth the trip. Booklets and maps of Dartmoor are available in the cottage for your use. Postbridge is a famous location and very picturesque classic Dartmoor and accessed from the Buckfastleigh direction, Dartmeet is often a place for paddling and messing about in the river. Of course we must mention Widdecombe-in-the-Moor and it's famous Uncle Tom Cobley annual fair.

Becky Falls is a lovely waterfall just outside Manaton - a drive up from Bovey Tracy, which also has a small animal park and is great for clambering about and rock hopping over the river as well as short woodland walks. A fabulous family attraction.

Adventure Clydesdale, near Dartmeet is a special activity - book well in advance (sometimes many weeks) and enjoy a horse ride onto Dartmoor on a Clydesdale horse. You will be hard pressed to find a more enjoyable way to access the moor.

Dartmoor is yours to discover and explore.



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## Family fun and activities

**Dartmouth is a superb base from which to access a great array of family based activities and things to do - you'll want to keep coming back there is some much fun to be had. Zoos, watersports, boat trips, family theme parks, vineyard tours, National Trust, spas, golf and more - something for everyone.**



**Some world class zoos:** Paignton Zoo (Paignton) where we love the Orangutang's, Elephants and Red Panda's amongst many others, and Living Coasts (Torquay) with many sea birds, penguins and sharks, are both very high quality. They are quite close by, if you cross over the car ferry. Dartmoor Zoological Park (DZP) on the edge of Dartmoor is the Zoo that the Hollywood film "We Bought a Zoo" with Matt Damon was based on and is a great rural zoo famed for it's Tigers. There is also a smaller zoo, Shaldon Wildlife Trust.

There is a superb Aquarium in Plymouth for a rainy day visit. Although not a zoo as such, there is also the Buckfastleigh Butterflies and Dartmoor Otter Sanctuary at the A38 junction which is a lovely smaller attraction to visit. Pennywell Farm is also located near Buckfastleigh, and also there is the Miniature Pony Centre on the edge of Dartmoor which is a lovely day out.

**Watersports for all:** the watersport available in South Devon is growing all the time.

- ❖ Bantham Surf School - hire wetsuits for a few £, a surfboard for £12 for 2 hours or a Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP). Enrol on surf lessons for more tuition at Bantham Beach.
- ❖ Dartmouth Sea Kayak - guided sea kayak tours round the coastline or up the beautiful river dart through <http://www.seakayakdevon.co.uk>
- ❖ Royal Dart Yacht Club <http://www.royaldart.co.uk> was Yacht Club of the Year in 2016, and we have the Dartmouth Yacht Club <http://www.dyc.org.uk> - take a temporary membership and participate. The DYC has a number of kayaks for your use as a member.
- ❖ Waterborne - SUP school and SUP Yoga classes - awesome ! <http://www.waterborn.uk.com/>

**Dartmouth based things to do: Steam railway trips** are available from Kingswear. For example, the "round robin" is an all day trip that takes you on a circuit from here to Paignton all on one ticket that takes you on the steam train, then a bus, then a boat trip from Totnes to here. Equally a shorted trip from Kingswear to Greenway Halt is a nice trip along the river.

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**Boat trips** - a large variety of boat trips, now including the paddle steamer Kingswear Castle, and the Greenway Ferry are available from the kiosks all along the embankment. There is also the Castle Ferry - a small light blue boat that picks up on the embankment and drops off just at the Castle is a short but lovely little boat trip - we are a fan of this lovely short ferry ride and often catch the ferry back from a visit to the Castle Cafe at the mouth of the Dart. Dittisham Taxi also runs frequently up and back to Dittisham

**Boat hire** - you can hire small boats (the yellow and white ones on the river) from opposite the boat float area in town and with a one hour boat hire you have enough time to go all the way up to Dittisham and back.

**The Dartmouth Spa and Golf and Country Club** is 4 miles outside of Dartmouth on the main road offering a championship 18 hole course and a 9 hole course. The Spa has been recently redeveloped and extended. see [www.gcc.co.uk](http://www.gcc.co.uk) for more information. There is also a Spa in walking distance of the town at the Dart Marina Hotel - walk over to the Higher Ferry and into the Hotel car park for information.

**The Britannia Royal Naval College** does open for tours, with information available from the Tourist Information Centre. The Naval heritage of the town is very significant and well represented in this tour, and the connections between the college and the Royal Family are very strong - this was the first meeting place of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip.

**Crabbing on the embankment**, and also from Bayard's Cove is a great young family activity - always a debate about the best bait - our opinion is buy some fish-heads from Moby Nick's the fishmonger for £1 ! You may find a couple of crabbing buckets you can borrow in the small shed out the front of Harbour Heights.

There is a small museum in town and also the Newcomen engine replica in the Tourist Information Centre - the Newcomen Engine is a hugely significant piece of history, being invented by Thomas Newcomen, without which it has been said the industrial revolution would not have been possible.

**The Flavel Arts Centre** is in town and offers a small cinema and other shows - see [www.theflavel.org.uk](http://www.theflavel.org.uk) for programme of Theatre, Music, Dance, Art and Cinema

**Woodlands is the largest family theme park** in the South West, just outside Dartmouth with indoor and outdoor family fun including bumper boats, toboggan runs and zip slides to ball pools, commando courses and bouncy castles

**National Trust in South Devon: Greenaway House** and garden - Agatha Christies house is a National Trust property and is best visited by a short boat trip from the main pontoon to Dittisham. There are other National Trust properties and places in the area too, such as **Overbecks** (Salcombe) and **Coleton Fishacre** (Kingswear). A bit further towards Plymouth are **Saltram House**, **Buckland Abbey** and **Lydford Gorge**. **Powderham Castle** near Exeter is also great. Look out for special events. Much of the Coastline is National Trust with several NT car parks at magnificent stretches of the coastal path.

One more great trip is to visit Sharpham Cheese and Vineyard at Asprington near Totnes for a lovely walk through vineyards and along the river, some wine and cheese tasting and a wonderful meal at the Anchorstone Cafe.

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## All year round festivals and events

Dartmouth is a town for fun and for gatherings and throughout the year there are many festivals and events to enjoy. Pick your holiday to coincide with one of these and it will enrich your stay. Every one of the Dartmouth events can be accessed within a short walk from Harbour Heights



All year round there is something different on offer. From the busy summer holidays to the glorious fine weather we often have in May, June and September or an opportunity to have a calm and relaxing winter break in the glorious South Devon area, there is something going all all year. Dartmouth has established a comprehensive and entertaining array of festivals many of which are now very well established and going from strength to strength. The highlight is the Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta with a packed programme of entertainment, sailing races, rowing regatta, street markets, big tent music event, open air cinema, funfair, road races, superb firework displays and air displays. The Food Festival is superb with a wide array of stalls, demonstrations, advice and participation. Enjoy Dartmouth, take part. South Devon is full of fun.

### A full year of festivals

- ❖ Dartmouth Beer Festival - February
- ❖ Delicious Dart Trail - March
- ❖ Salcombe Crab Festival - April
- ❖ Dartmouth Music Festival - May
- ❖ Dartmouth Food Festival - October. over 120 exhibitors, workshops, seminars. Best of the SW [www.dartmouthfoodfestival.com](http://www.dartmouthfoodfestival.com)
- ❖ Dartmouth Art and Craft weekend - June
- ❖ Dartmouth Galleries Week - twice a year the galleries synchronise their launches of new exhibitions and create a walk around the town to see them all
- ❖ Dartmouth Shakespeare Week - July. open air events over a week in July
- ❖ WoofstockUK - August. Fabulous family fun and supports charities.
- ❖ Dartmouth Crabfest - August, set up on embankment outside the Seahorse
- ❖ The Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta - August - biggest and best Regatta in South West
- ❖ Salcombe yacht club regatta - August
- ❖ Agatha Christie Festival - September - celebrating the worlds biggest selling author
- ❖ Candlelit Dartmouth - November - wonderful local event to kick of Christmas. Santa by boat.

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## A warm welcome to your dog

Dartmouth and Harbour Heights are very dog friendly. We at Harbour Heights are able to welcome up to 2 small/medium sized dogs (this is what we consider appropriate for the size of the house and garden). Whether it is direct access to the coastal path, enjoyment of local beaches, walking round town or eating out, here we pass on our comments for our furry friends enjoyment. See Doggy Devon website for more definitive guide.



### Dogfriendly beaches

Almost all beaches allow dogs in the winter months. Some allow dogs all year (all the coves on Dartmouth do as does South Milton Sands and Slapton Sands) and many however do not allow dogs at all in the main season from April to September. We think this very balanced and means that everyone, dog owner or not can be happy.

### Dogfriendly place to eat

There are many places that allow dogs in the evening. Dart Marina for example will allow you and your dog in their lounge area, The Floating Bridge Inn in their bar area, Bayard's Cove Inn allows dogs as does The Cherub and Dartmouth Arms. As it is a dog friendly place in South Devon, we recommend your dog ring and ask in advance as many places are very happy to welcome you and your dog. Locally Cafe Al Fresco is a great place to have breakfast and your dog is likely to receive a biscuit or sausage too if they are good !

### Dogfriendly shopping

Unlike most towns, almost all the shops in Dartmouth will welcome you and your well behaved dog. This is part of the charm of the town as it demonstrates the relaxed and welcoming attitude of the people running the shops. Some Deli's or food shops may not be able to allow dogs, but most of the other shops will.

### Trips and outings

Boat trips are for dogs too ! The Castle Ferry, Dartmouth Ferry, Paddlesteamer, Dittisham Ferry, Greenway Ferry and the historic lower ferry will all be just as enjoyable for your dog as they will you.

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## Some great pointers

Dartmouth and South Devon are so beautiful they are often photographed by some quite outstandingly skilled photographers. We thoroughly enjoy seeing their work online and on social media, so we thought we would share some links to people we follow and enjoy. Masterful. Talented. Inspirational.



### Photographers who capture the beauty of Devon

- ❖ Gary Holpin Photo t:@garyholpin [www.garyholpin.co.uk](http://www.garyholpin.co.uk)
- ❖ Dartmouth Photos t:@dartmouthphotos [www.dartmouth.photos](http://www.dartmouth.photos)
- ❖ Anna Curnow t:@annacurnowphoto [www.asc-photography.com](http://www.asc-photography.com)
- ❖ Christian Schoter t:@chrisschoter [www.christianschoter.co.uk](http://www.christianschoter.co.uk)
- ❖ Blackstone Photo t:@devonblackstone
- ❖ Dartmoor Photos t:@dartmoor\_photos [facebook.com/simonhodgkissphotography](https://facebook.com/simonhodgkissphotography)
- ❖ Mark Lakeman t:@dartmoorimages and t:mark\_lakeman
- ❖ Chris Slack t:@chrisslack2 [www.chrisslack.com](http://www.chrisslack.com)
- ❖ Brian Lilly t:@brglilly

Further information about Dartmouth and South Devon

Tourist information is located in the corner of the main town car park and runs the Discover Dartmouth website. ByTheDart is outstandingly comprehensive.

[www.devonbeachguide.co.uk](http://www.devonbeachguide.co.uk)

[www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk](http://www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk)

[www.discoverdartmouth.com](http://www.discoverdartmouth.com)

[www.bythedart.co.uk](http://www.bythedart.co.uk)

[www.banthamsurfingacademy.co.uk](http://www.banthamsurfingacademy.co.uk)

[www.visitdartmoor.co.uk](http://www.visitdartmoor.co.uk)

[www.dartmoor.gov.uk](http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk)

[www.visitdevon.co.uk](http://www.visitdevon.co.uk)

[www.lotstodo.co.uk](http://www.lotstodo.co.uk)

[www.heartofdevon.com](http://www.heartofdevon.com)

[www.doggydevon.co.uk](http://www.doggydevon.co.uk)

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## Feedback from our lovely guests

Over the years we have been thrilled to know that our guests have both enjoyed the high standard of accommodation at Harbour Heights, our stunning views and as a base for a wonderful holiday in Dartmouth. We hope our short guide has inspired you to join us.



"We have enjoyed a most delightful and relaxing week at Harbour Heights. So well appointed, and equipped! The views are amongst the most stunning in Britain, surely and the sun continues to shine daily. We came to celebrate Catherine's 60th Birthday and have not been disappointed. Thank you for everything!"

"We've had a really relaxing all too few days in this lovely and well equipped, comfortable house. Eating smoked salmon and scrambled eggs for breakfast on the top garden gate, whilst taking in the stunning panoramic view of the glittering Dart cannot be beaten. Thank you."

"What a wonderful way to spend a birthday weekend. The location of this property is stunning, overlooking the Dart estuary. Whenever you are looking at it, day or night, it's a view that you could never get tired of. The owners have equipped the house really well and it is beautifully decorated, super dog friendly too! Highly recommend"

"We have just returned from a perfect weekend away. Your cottage is wonderful and in a truly magical location, it was everything I hoped it would be and more. Congratulations you have a beautiful property."

"This is probably the best property and well equipped cottage we have ever stayed in. The views from the decking area are amazing. Will most definitely be returning."

"Well! Ashamed to say we don't travel much in England but spotted this on twitter of all places and decided to give it a go! What a fabulous place, but the deal breaker for us was how well equipped it is. We have rented in Beverley Hills, Hollywood, an apartment on the strip, Paris and Cannes too and never have we been so pleased. You've thought of everything, candles, matches and even spices and condiments. Good coffee machine, cafetieres and nice china, bottle opener, I could go on and on!"

"Every time we stay here it gets harder and harder to leave. We really feel like this is our second home and our dogs know exactly where they are going as soon as we open the car. Next visit already booked, thank you for letting us share it."

"Another fabulous stay in our favourite cottage in Dartmouth. A perfect week and lots of sunbathing on the deck. We are so looking forward to our third stay in September 2017 for our birthdays. We love Harbour Heights and feel it is our second home. We love Dartmouth too and always wish we could stay longer. See you next year."

"Gorgeous house tastefully decorated and we loved the red kitchen. Beds very comfortable - best sleep we have had in ages. Dog friendly. Amazing views from the garden at the back of the house."

"The perfect place to unwind. Comfortable, stylish and the views... we're already looking forward to next time."

"Have been coming to Dartmouth all my life & stayed in many houses around town! This is our favourite, will definitely be back. Thank you"

"The perfect place for a holiday... and to get engaged! Thank you"

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## In the cottage

We have pulled together a variety of information sources and local maps for our guests which are located on the pine bookshelf in the cottage.



### Information about Dartmouth

On the pine bookshelf in the cottage there are a variety of Devon guides for you to borrow - please return after use. OS maps, books on the best local short walks, local information guides such as Discover Dartmouth and ByTheDart are all available for your enjoyment. There are several books about Devon, Dartmouth and its history. For an excellent history of Dartmouth we would point you to the Dartmouth Castle guide which should be on the shelf, and also an excellent book Exmouth to Plymouth by Gary Holpin. The Mayflower visited Dartmouth proceeding the crossing to America, and the 400th anniversary of this trip is in 2020 and there are already plans for significant events in Plymouth and Dartmouth at this time. Dartmouth is also twinning with it's namesake Dartmouth, MA in the USA formally in May 2016

There are a huge amount of things to do in and around Dartmouth and the Tourist Information and ByTheDart website are the best sources of that information

Tourist Information is in the corner of Mayors Avenue Car Park. This is the only car park in town, opposite Marks and Spencer and behind the Avenue Gardens. (Tourist information is also home of the world famous Newcomen engine from 1712 - the only working original engine in the world)

Dartmouth is within the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty covering about 130 square miles of the South Devon area.

[www.devonbeachguide.co.uk](http://www.devonbeachguide.co.uk)

[www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk](http://www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk)

[www.discoverdartmouth.com](http://www.discoverdartmouth.com) (the Tourist Information Centre web page)

[www.bythedart.co.uk](http://www.bythedart.co.uk) (a truly outstanding source of information)

In addition you will find a collection of recent DVDs and a bookshelf with some excellent holiday reads

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## How to Book

Harbour Heights is available all year round and in winter we are delighted to offer short breaks too. The photo here is taken from the garden.



**Book either direct with ourselves the owners, by contacting us at:**

email: [harbour.heights@monckton.org.uk](mailto:harbour.heights@monckton.org.uk)

facebook: [www.facebook.com/hh100d](http://www.facebook.com/hh100d)

Twitter: @Harbourheights1

Instagram: harbour\_heights

**or alternatively through our agent Coast and Country Cottages**

[www.coastandcountry.co.uk/cottage-details/100abv/](http://www.coastandcountry.co.uk/cottage-details/100abv/)

Prices and special offers: We offer discounts for couples and are able to offer short breaks in the out of season months too. Fully inclusive of linen, towels and free wifi.

Availability - our calendar is at [www.coastandcountry.co.uk/cottage-details/100abv/](http://www.coastandcountry.co.uk/cottage-details/100abv/)

Dog friendly - we are pleased to accept up to 2 small/medium dogs

Parking and accessibility - we include an all year parking pass which allows free parking in the town car park at all times, all year and in many car parks across South Devon.

Key local amenities: in the cottage you will find contact points for all the necessary local amenities such as doctors, hospitals, advice and vets etc.

Walking to town takes 5-10 minutes, down a set of steps

With thanks to Scott Matthews (@definethelight [www.definethelight.com](http://www.definethelight.com)), and to Julian Turner for sending us some of their holiday photos.



*Panoramic view from just above Harbour Heights*



*Night time Dartmouth: Reflection of the Royal Castle Hotel in the Boatfloat*



*Up river at Dittisham - Greenway Ferry*



*Panoramic view across mouth of the River Dart*





*Dartmouth Castle and out to sea  
View from Harbour Heights garden  
Dartmouth*



*Sugary Cove, Dartmouth  
Photo by Scott Matthews*