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Welcome to Brixham

Your definitive guide to everything in and around the area

Welcome to our Brixham Guide!

The whole team here at Brixham Holiday Homes live and work in our beautiful town. We know it 'like the backs of our hands' so have compiled what we consider to be the most definitive guide ever written about Brixham and its surrounds.

We love it here in Brixham and are very proud to share with you all of the things that make visiting our town so special. We hope you enjoy reading our guide and that it inspires you to visit us soon!

If you wish to stay for a few days or more, we invite you to check out our handpicked selection of the very best sea view holiday homes available in the town.

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Feel free to call us on 01803 855102 with any questions. We'd love to help you pick the perfect holiday home for you.

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The BHH team



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Attractions



There are some really unexpected hidden treasures to discover in Torbay. From waddling with penguins to seeing prehistoric caves, the whole family will be entertained.

Babbacombe Model Village

Feel like a giant as you discover thousands of miniature buildings, people and vehicles, along with animated scenes and touches of English humour. All the scenes capture the essence of England's past, present and future all in intricate, miniature detail.

The model village portrays English life and culture over the last 6 decades and is sure to bring to life those childhood memories!

[Find out more here](#)

Brixham Fish Market Tours

Take a look behind the scenes at the bustling Brixham Fish Market. You can book a fantastic tour throughout the holiday period by visiting the [English Riviera](#) website. The tours are very popular so it is recommend that you book early. It costs £15 and includes breakfast at Rockfish and a donation to the Fishermen's Mission.

Coleton Fishacre

Step back in time to the 1920's in this elegant Art Deco country retreat. Situated just outside Brixham, Coleton Fishacre was built for the D'Oyly Carte family and is now owned by the National Trust.

The surrounding gardens with its borders, woodland, grassland and streams are a haven for wildlife. This is one of the few National Trust gardens to be RHS accredited and once visited you'll see why.

[Find out more here](#)

Dartmouth Steam Railway

The Dartmouth Steam Railway runs from Paignton along the spectacular Torbay coast to Churston and through the wooded slopes bordering the Dart estuary to Kingswear.

Their most famous and popular tour is the Round Robin and is one of the best ways to explore this beautiful coastline. The tour includes a steam train, river boat and bus visiting the pretty towns of Paignton, Dartmouth and Totnes.

They have a mixture of short and full-day excursions so you can pick the perfect day out to suit you.

[Find out more here](#)

Goodrington & Youngs park

Adjacent to Goodrington Beach the park provides a peaceful place where the children can play and you can watch the world go by.

This is the perfect place to enjoy a picnic with the family. There are Bumper Boats, Swan Pedalos, a Spanish Cafe, Ice Cream, Drop Slides, Crazy Golf, Junior Quads, Large Boating Lake and beautiful walks. Plus, the Quay West water park is just next door along with Goodrington beach.

Greenway House

This house is one for all lovers of Agatha Christie. Greenway House is operated by the National Trust. It was Agatha's holiday home and she and her family would retreat here once her latest book was complete.

The house has been preserved just as Agatha left it; with each room filled with treasured items collected on her travels.

The informal gardens that lead down to the River Dart are magnificent and are home to magnolias, camellias, rhododendrons, spring bulbs, bamboo and bluebells. Greenway has recently been accredited the International Camellia Society's 'Camellia Garden of Excellence' - just one of seven in the UK.

[Find out more here](#)

Kents Cavern

Kents Cavern is one of the most important Stone Age sites in Europe and one of Britain's best show-caves.

You'll be transported back to a time when the cave was home to ancient humans, sheltering from extreme weather, making fires, shaping tools and hunting Ice Age animals.

As you walk through the extensive labyrinth of caverns, you'll be surrounded by 400 million year old rocks and spectacular stalagmites and stalactites. This really is an exciting day out and one not to be missed!

[Find out more here](#)

Living Coasts

Who wants to waddle with penguins? We all do surely! What better way to spend the day than learning more about these fabulous creatures and their friends. Torquay's coastal zoo and aquarium is home to a variety of marine species from around the world including seals, penguins, otters, and fish. Their animal experiences also let you get up close and personal with the animals and take you behind the scenes to meet the animals and keepers.

[Find out more here](#)

Paignton Zoo

Paignton Zoo Environmental Park has over 2,500 animals across 80 acres of grounds for you to explore.

Get up close to some of the animal wonders of the world across their specially designed habitats - from the savannah to the wetlands and the tropical forest. Run wild in their play areas or hop aboard their unique Jungle Express train to get even closer to the action.



A great day out for the whole family!

[Find out more here](#)

Pennywell Farm

Visit the home of the world famous Pennywell Miniature Pigs at Pennywell Farm. There are hundreds of friendly animals set in acres of space just waiting to greet you. You can bottle feed lambs and goat kids, meet their friendly hedgehogs or cheer on your favourite in Pennywell's ferret racing.

Cuddle a world famous Pennywell Miniature piglet and enjoy meeting them in their cosy barn where you can also find out about their amazing story.

One of the highlights is the Pennywell pig racing, taking place at 2.30 everyday, this is a phenomenon not to be missed!

[Find out more here](#)

Quay West – Splashdown Waterpark

Quaywest is the UK's BIGGEST outdoor waterpark and is situated on the seafront at Goodrington Sands in Paignton.

There are eight adrenalin-pumping slides for you to take on with varying degrees of difficulty; are you BRAVE enough to face the Devil's Drop or the Screamer!?

For the less adventurous, the Swimming Area and Sun Terraces are perfect to relax in the sunshine and for little landlubbers, our Submarine Splash and Tiddler's Fun Pool are perfect for under 7's to splash about.

[Find out more here](#)

Woodlands Theme Park

Woodlands Theme Park is the largest family theme park in Devon and located just outside Dartmouth.

It is broken down into several different zones including; sea monster zone, zoo-farm, cyclone canyon zone, Action Zone, Ninja zone, fantasi forest zone, arctic zone, falconry zone, circus zone and toddler zone.

From a sedate walk around the enchanted forest to racing around the 125,000 square foot of indoor fun you can take your day out at your own pace.

[Find out more here](#)

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Bars & Pubs



For such a small coastal town, Brixham really is blessed with plenty of bars to choose from (27 to be exact!) of all styles; from the traditional fisherman's snug to stylish cocktail bars, the pubs in Brixham really do provide something for everyone. Many of the bars have live music from local bands so if you're a music lover, it's worth looking out for.

Town Centre & Harbour

The Blue Anchor, 83 Fore Street

One of Brixham's popular live music venues. The Blue Anchor is a traditional pub situated right in the centre of Brixham. The pub is split into two sides; a lively bar area where local music takes place, and a quieter side where there are tables and chairs and home-made food is served. Dogs welcome.

The Birdcage, New Road

Located in a prominent position on the way into Brixham, The birdcage (formally The Bolton) has been given an expensive re-fit. The interior is a stylish and relaxing; they jazz playing Saturday nights and Sunday lunchtimes. Dogs welcome.

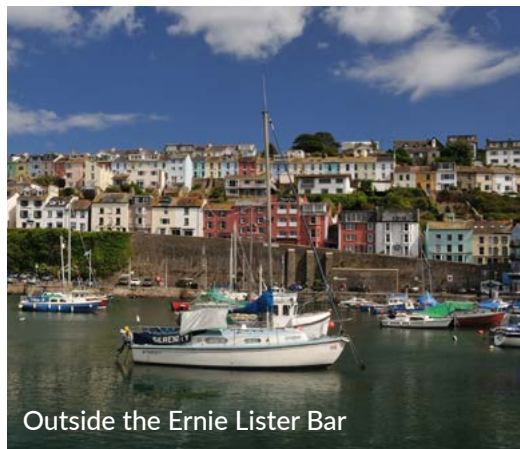
The Bullers Arms, 4 The Strand

Situated on the Strand overlooking Brixham Harbour, The Bullers is a comfortable pub that serves food all day. NB. They do not take cards. Dogs welcome.

Crown & Anchor, The Quay

Overlooking the inner harbour, The Crown & Anchor is a firm favourite of the local fishing community. It is a traditional pub serving real ales, wines, spirits as well as a selection of light lunches such as sandwiches and jacket potatoes.

Ernie Lister Bar, 49 King Street



The Ernie Lister Pub in Brixham, part of the Quayside Hotel, is named after the legendary Ernie Lister, a fisherman of famous World War exploits. It is classic and traditional inside with a warm atmosphere. They serve excellent food, have a quiz on Wednesdays and there is regular live music from local musicians at the weekends. Dogs welcome.

The Golden Lion, 65 New Road

A warm, cosy pub full of character and known as being the first and last pub in Brixham. It has a homely atmosphere and you can get a pie and a pint for £10.95. One of the only pubs in Brixham with a beer garden.

Hennessey's Cocktail Bar, The Strand

An urban-styled cocktail and wine bar on the front of the inner harbour boasting spectacular views and cocktails. They also hosting regular live music and DJ nights.

Jackz, New Road

The only place in Brixham where you can get a late drink and sing karaoke.

Liberty's Tea Parlour & Cocktail Bar, The Quay

A quirky and welcoming tea parlour and cocktail bar serving light snacks and delicious cakes. A good selection of reasonably priced cocktails. Dogs welcome.

The Manor, 28 Higher Street

As one of the oldest pubs in Devon, The Manor is a hidden gem. The pub is set back from the hustle and bustle of the harbour, on Higher Street and provides a warm welcome. Inside it is stylish traditional contemporary, there is outside seating, occasional live music and an extensive drinks list. Dogs welcome.

The New Quay Inn, 8 King Street

A comfortable, cosy bar with traditional surroundings that accompany the great local beers, fine wines and really good homemade food. The New Quay Inn serves a variety of real ales, as well as traditional ciders and a choice of fine wines. They also distill the lovely 'Deckchair Gin' on site. Dogs welcome.

The Old Coaching Inn, 61 Fore Street

Situated in the main street of Brixham, The Old Coaching House provides a superb range of spaces to unwind and enjoy a drink, conversation or soak up the entertainment. The Inn has its own unique vibe and a choice of fine wines, cocktails, beers and savouries to match. Dogs welcome.

Old Market House, The Quay

Overlooking Brixham's inner harbour and spread over two floors, the restaurant offers fresh, locally sourced food from the South West accompanied by great award-winning beer and fine wines. The bar has a spacious balcony plus space outside on the ground floor to watch the world go by. They have live music on a Thursday. Dogs welcome.



Outside the Old Market Place

The Queens Arms, 31 Station Hill

South Devon CAMRA Pub of the Year. The Queens Arms is a traditional back street corner pub with excellent beers, pleasant staff, nice meals, weekly live music and weekday activities.

The Rising Sun, The Quay

A classic Grade II listed building situated on the inner harbour. A firm favourite with the locals, you can play pub games and at the weekend there is often live music.

The Sprat & Mackerel, 24 The Quay



A traditional fisherman's pub serving good pub grub. Located on Brixham's inner harbour close to the fish market, you can take in the beautiful vista on any day of the year come rain or shine and share a beer with some of the larger than life characters who frequent the pub.

The Vigilance (JD Wetherspoon), 5 Bolton Street

The Vigilance is named after the last sailing trawler to be built by Uphams boatyard in 1926. Serving real ales, craft beers, wines and Lavazza coffee you know what you are getting when you go to a Wetherspoons bar. Food is served from 9am–9pm.

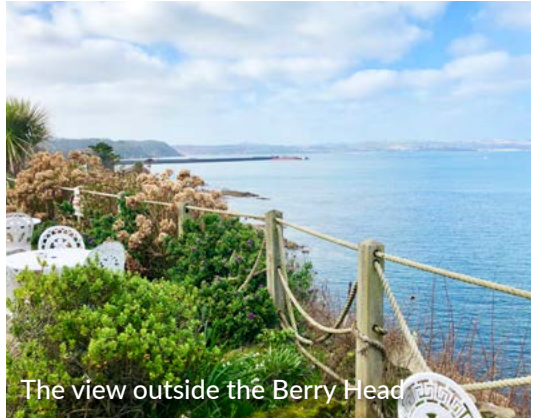
The Yacht Club, Overgang Road

One or two-week membership is available whether you are an avid sailor, or just want to take advantage of the clubs many events. The clubhouse enjoys stunning panoramic sea views over the bay.

Brixham Marina and Berry Head

The Berry Head Hotel, Berry Head Road

Situated in a commanding position on Berry Head, this hotel enjoys some of the best views in Torbay. You can enjoy anything from a sandwich to full a la carte whilst soaking up the amazing sea views across Tor Bay. Prices are a little more than in town, however the view really does make up for it. Dogs welcome.



The view outside the Berry Head

The Prince William, Berry Head Road

Situated on Brixham Marina, The Prince William is a popular choice in the summer months as it is one of Brixhams best spots to enjoy a cool drink in the sun and watch the boats sailing in and out. It is renowned for its Sunday carveries. Dogs welcome.

Out of town

The Trawler, North Boundary Road

This is situated on the outskirts of Brixham on the Furzeham side of town this is a bar mainly frequented by locals.

The Churston Manor, Church Road

This country house hotel, restaurant and bar provides contemporary standards of service whilst retaining the unique atmosphere of an ancient manor house. Whether dining in the restaurant or enjoying a drink with friends in front of one of the log fires Churston Manor offers a unique experience.

During the summer you will find a selection of outdoor events including music, food and beer festivals. Dogs welcome.

Cow Town / Higher Brixham

The Bell Inn, 108 Drew Street

A traditional snug pub split into two sides; one with a flagstone floor (originally the market place for Cow Town) and pool table, the other a snug style area with darts. They serve a wide selection of larger, ale, cider and spirits and Sky sports is played.

The Burton, Burton Street

Although a little out of the main town, The Burton is a family-friendly pub with one of the largest beer gardens in Brixham. The bar area is split into two sides with a 'quiet' side for eating, relaxing and chatting, and a livelier side with a pool table, darts and jukebox.

During the winter they serve a traditional carvery and come the summer months, the beer garden is the focal point with barbecues most weekends. Dogs welcome.

The Skipper Inn, Drew Street

A traditional pub with a focus on sports and real ale. This is a Cask Marque Accredited pub and regularly serve guest beers. There is a pool table and dart board in the rear function room and Sky sports plays the latest matches.

The function room also plays host to local bands and events throughout the year. Dogs welcome.

The Three Elms Inn, Drew Street

A lively and popular pub with the locals offering regular live music along with a great selection of wines, beers and spirits. Pub games include pool and darts.



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Beaches



Brixham and the surrounding area has a fabulous selection of beaches that are great fun any time of the year. Whether walking the dog, grabbing an ice cream or setting up camp for the day with the family beaches are great places for making memories.

Breakwater Beach

Breakwater Beach is the central beach in Brixham and is a small pebble beach that is sheltered and shallow. It is popular with divers, families and anyone who wants to soak up the bustling atmosphere. Head towards the breakwater from town and it is on the other side of it.

There is a cafe, restaurant and toilets on the beach. There is also a car park. Dogs are only allowed October to April.

Blackpool Sands

Blackpool Sands is a privately managed beach that oozes Mediterranean charm. The beach is made up of small pebbly stones that slope down to the crystal clear waters. The back of the beach is sheltered by tall evergreens and pine trees whose scent fill the air.

There is a cafe on the beach (Venus Cafe) and toilets. Paid parking is available during the summer. Not dog friendly.

Broadsands

A long, flat, sandy beach easily accessible from the car park. It is great for children as the gently sloping gradient means the sea stays shallow for a long time. When the tide goes out there are often rock pools where you can find a variety of sea creatures.

There is a long promenade above the beach which houses a cafe, deck chair and water sport hire.

You can be treated to the toot and chug of the steam train going about its daily journeys. Dogs only allowed October to April.

Churston Cove

The beach is peaceful and incredibly beautiful and consists of shingle and sand whilst being surrounded by cliffs and wooded hillsides.

There is a steep path leading down to the beach which passes through mature woodland and opens out to reveal a small cove with spectacular scenery. Dogs allowed all year.

Elberry Cove

Elberry Cove is a small shingle beach that has beautiful clear water. The beach can only be reached by foot via the South West Coast Path (from Brixham or Broadsands) or by boat. In the summer this is a popular spot for water sports and yachts to moor up and take five. Dogs allowed all year.

Fishcombe Cove



Fishcombe Cove is a small shingle beach that can be accessed either by walking from Battery Gardens or by parking at the top of a steep path and walking down. It is a quiet and peaceful cove where you can happily sit and watch the boats bob past for many an hour. There is a small cafe serving drinks and snacks. Dogs are allowed all year.

Goodrington Sands

Goodrington Sands provides the quintessentially British family seaside holiday experience. It is great for children as the gently sloping gradient means the sea stays shallow for a long time. When the tide

goes out there are often rock pools where you can find a variety of sea creatures.

Pedalos, paddle boats, windsurfing hire, Quaywest Water Park, Youngs Park, amusements, food outlets and much more can all be found within the Goodrington Beach area.

Dogs are allowed on the North beach all year round but only during October to April on the South Beach.

Paignton Beach

The town next to Brixham is Paignton and is short a short car, bus or boat ride away.

Paignton Beach provides a long stretch of red-gold sand that is perfect for building sandcastles and relaxing on. The swimming is safe and there are a lot of other activities to enjoy such as renting pedalos, walking along the pier and taking fishing trips.

When you've had enough of building sandcastles why not take a stroll along the Victorian Pier? It's packed with amusements, food stalls and a children's play park.

Torre Abbey Sands

Take a short boat trip or bus ride to Torquay and you will see Torre Abbey Sands. This is Torquay's main beach and is a lovely sandy beach perfect for building sandcastles.

There are plenty of other attractions nearby including the Princess Pier, Royal Terrace Gardens (Rock Walk), Princess Gardens, Torre Abbey and Abbey Park and Meadows are all in close proximity to the beach.

Shoalstone Pool and Beach

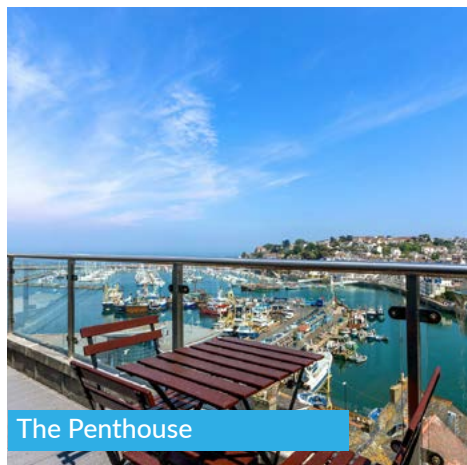
Brixham's outdoor seawater swimming pool is one of only a few left in the country. The pool is a popular place in the summer months and provides a great place to relax and take a refreshing dip.

Shoalstone Pool is open from May to September. There is no entry charge, but they do ask for a voluntary donation to help cover their running costs.

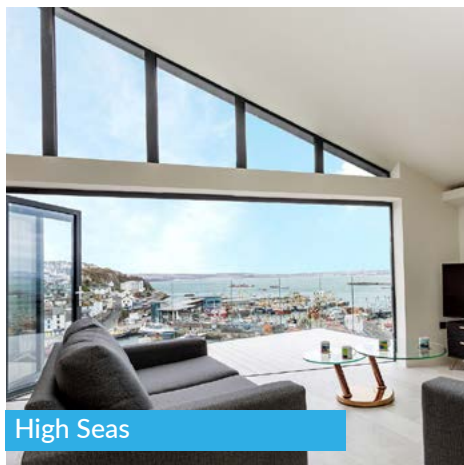
Adjacent to the pool is a small shingle beach and large rocks that make great picnic or sunbathing spots.

There is parking, a cafe, restaurant and toilets. Dogs are allowed all year round on the beach but not allowed onto the pool surround at all. Dogs on the path and green above the pool must be kept on their leads.

Properties you might like...



The Penthouse



High Seas

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Shoalstone Outdoor Seawater Pool



Breakfasts



Brixham has a great choice of where to go for breakfast if you don't feel like cooking. And, as a sea view isn't far away, is there a better way to start the day?

The Breakwater Cafe

Situated directly on Breakwater Beach you can enjoy your bacon and eggs whilst taking in the beautiful view of the beach and out to sea.

The breakfast menu is simple but tasty and include English breakfasts, breakfast baps, eggs (your way) on toast as well as vegetarian options.

The Curious Kitchen

The Curious Kitchen is situated on Middle Street, opposite the bus station in Brixham. They are well-known for their unique menu including 'baked eggs', pancakes, harissa spiced beans and doughnuts.

The Guardhouse

Perched on the top of Berry Head and part of the Nature Reserve, The Guardhouse is known for their unique breakfasts. Alongside the traditional English breakfast expect to see fish, pancakes and eggs Benedict.

Port Espresso

Situated on Middle Street, Port Espresso is just a short stroll from the bus station. Their Portside Breakfast is a hit with the locals as well as favourites such as scrambled eggs with bacon and avocado on sour dough toast.

Tides

Tides is located on the harbourside near the fish quay. They offer a hearty breakfast which is served until 11am.

The Vigilance (JD Wetherspoons)

Well-known for its value for money, you can enjoy a variety of breakfast choices at The Vigilance. Located on Bolton street, just off the main shopping street, you will find a selection of pancakes, cereal, a 'Benedict' selection and of course a full English.

Properties you might like...



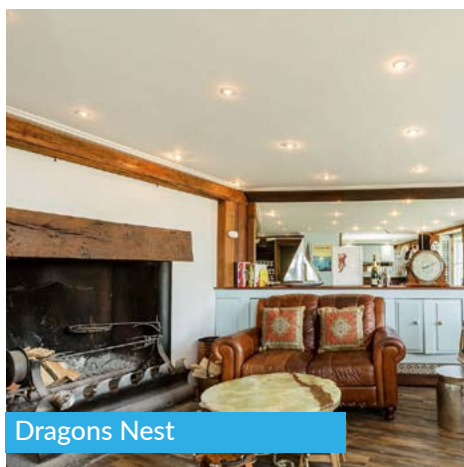
King Quay Apt 2



12 The Quay



8 Dolphin Court



Dragons Nest

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Coffee Shops



Brixham has several coffee shops and tea rooms so whilst walking around Brixham you'll be sure you'll never be stuck for a drink and slice of cake.

Bay Coffee

Situated on the Quay, Bay Coffee is in a central location. There are a couple of tables out on the pavement where you can enjoy the morning sun and watch the hustle and bustle of the town. There is a good selection of coffee and home-made cakes, pasties and sausage rolls.

The Coffee House

Located in the main shopping street, The Coffee House supports other local businesses - their fresh meat comes from the local butcher, their vegetables from the greengrocers a few doors up, scones from the local bakery & even their coffee is roasted in Torquay.

The Chart Room Coffee Lounge

A unique ocean liner themed coffee lounge packed with antiques, memorabilia and nostalgia. Enjoy homemade cakes and savouries or indulge in an afternoon or Devon Cream Tea with a choice of fabulous teas and coffees whilst soaking up the lovely relaxed atmosphere. Dogs welcome.

Costa Coffee

A familiar sight on many high streets, Costa Coffee is a well-recognised brand that sources its coffee from Rainforest Alliance Certified farms.

The Curious Kitchen

Famous for their home-made doughnuts and baked eggs the Curious Kitchen has an informal, cool, relaxed atmosphere where they serve

a daily brunch menu, weekend taster menu, locally bespoke roasted coffee and house tray bakes. It is situated in Middle Street just behind the bus station. Dogs are welcome.

The Guardhouse

Perched on top of the Berry Head Nature Reserve, The Guardhouse Cafe occupies a prime position in Brixham with views that span 270 degrees. They serve a range of local, home-made hot and cold food, tea, coffee, alcoholic and soft drinks – and the famous Guardhouse Cream Teas! Dogs welcome.



Miss Jones

Miss Jones is a vintage tea and coffee shop that provides gluten-free food including cakes, paninis and toasted sandwiches. They also specialise in cream teas and afternoon teas. Dogs welcome.

Port Espresso & 5 Doors up

A quirky and cool little coffee shop on Middle Street by the bus station. Fresh bread is baked daily in their sister shop (5 Doors Up) and used in the cafe. Expect to see sour dough, avocado, home-made cakes and enjoy some great coffee. Dogs welcome.

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The West Country Deli

The West Country Deli is a cafe, deli and shop all brought together under one roof. They source from local suppliers so you can enjoy some of the artisan food that is available in Torbay. Cheese, olives, chutneys, jams, condiments, fresh sourdough are all available as well as your cuppa and slice of cake.



Fish and Chips



Not surprisingly there is a wide selection of take away fish and chip shops located around Brixham harbour. And, with the fish market just a hop, skip and a jump away, they all have access to daily fresh fish.

Breakwater Café

Situated on Breakwater Beach the Breakwater Cafe is in the perfect position to enjoy fish and chips on the beach. The small take away located outside of the Bistro offers this British favourite along with burgers, pasties and ice creams .

David's

Situated half way along Bolton Street, David's have been a firm favourite with the locals for many years. They are cooked to order so expect to wait for a few minutes. They have been listed in the Best 50 takeaways in the county.

The Brixham Fish Restaurant

As a traditional fish and chip shop on the Quay, they peel and cut their own potatoes and make their own fresh mushy peas every day. There is also a 90 seat restaurant that looks out over the harbour.

Nicks

Serving traditional fish and chips with 100% cod and their chips are prepared on site every day with real potatoes.

The Rio

Did you watch the Sky Atlantic series 'Fish Town'? This is the fish restaurant that was featured in that series. It is a themed restaurant with fish dangling from the ceiling and Captain Jack stood outside.

Rockfish

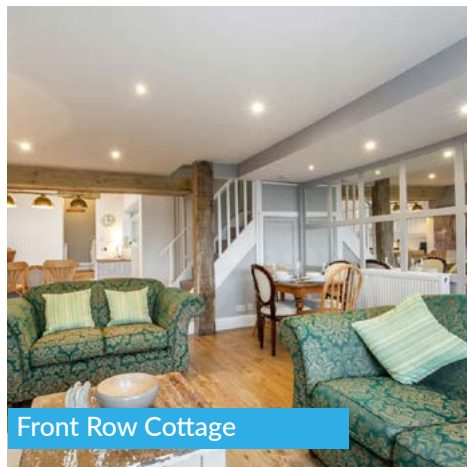
Rockfish in Brixham sits on the edge of the world-famous fish market overlooking the boats as they land their catch. The take-away has a few benches inside where you can sit and watch the world go by through the bi-folding windows.

Whether you decide to have traditional cod and chips or indulge in a more unusual catch, there really isn't a better place to enjoy your fish and chips. Dogs welcome.

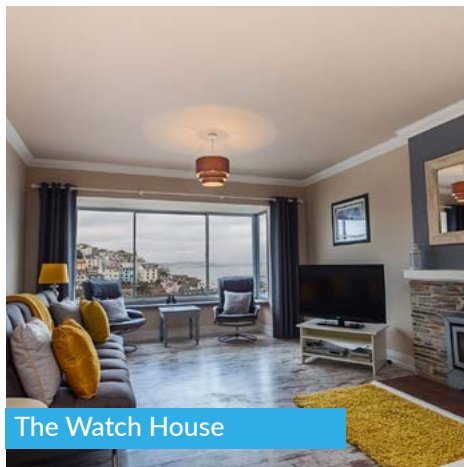
Simply Fish

The take away is sat inside the restaurant and offers the same high-quality fish and chips as the restaurant. Situated on the harbour you can pick up your dinner, walk around to towards the Marina and find one of the many benches to sit, relax and enjoy your fish and chips.

Properties you might like...



Front Row Cottage



The Watch House

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The Fish Market

History & Heritage



Brixham is steeped in a vast and fascinating maritime history that stretches back thousand of years. Any visit to Brixham will include seeing some of this first hand simply from walking around the harbour but to find out more take a look at these:

Brixham Museum

The museum, located on the way into Brixham, is packed with stories, photos and historic events dating back to the 1800s. Whether you want to learn more about the Heroes of World Wars, enjoy the story of the Mayflower or our rich Maritime heritage Brixham Museum has something to captivate everyone.

Why not download the app and learn about the history and heritage as you are walking around the area? They also have monthly talks on a Monday afternoon and a quiz night on Saturday evenings.

[Find out more here](#)

Brixham Battery & Battery Gardens

Brixham Battery museum is situated just above Fishcombe Cove and is run by a group of volunteers that help to maintain and restore the grounds of Brixham Battery and maintain the museum.

The museum itself is full of interesting memorabilia from WWII and you can discover a lot more about how the site was used during the wars before going out to explore the buildings for yourself.

The museum is only open Sunday, Monday and Friday, 2 pm till 4 pm however you can stroll through Battery Gardens at any time.

[Find out more here](#)

Brixham Fishing Boat Heritage Fleet

If you walk along the marina you are likely to see a few magnificent heritage trawlers in Brixham harbour including:

Vigilance BM76

A 78ft fishing trawler built in 1926. This heritage trawler is regularly maintained and upgraded and is available to the public for 3 hour visitor sailing during the summer.

Pilgrim BM45

A 74ft sailing trawler built in 1895. The Pilgrim has been recently restored, with new 60ft masts and is often about in Torbay.

Provident BM28

The Provident is a 95ft fishing trawler, built in 1924. This boat belongs to Trinity Sailing Foundation. The Provident recently had major work completed to restore her keel.

Leader BM156

This is one of the largest and oldest of the Brixham heritage fleet. She is 105ft long and was built in 1892. The Leader has recently undergone massive restoration and refit and also belongs to Trinity Sailing Foundation.

Golden Vanity

This is the smallest of the fishing fleet at 53ft long and built in 1908. She is quite noticeable as she has one mast and red and white sails so is easy to spot from shore. In 1981 she was a derelict boat in Brixham, but was saved and restored.

Pilgrim Heritage sailing boat

Pilgrim of Brixham (BM45) is one of only four remaining Victorian Brixham Sailing Trawlers. She was built in 1895 by Uphams Boatyard, one of Brixham's famous boatyards, and is one of only a handful of surviving red sailed wood built Brixham Sailing Trawlers.

After being extensively and lovingly restored, she is now available for day trips, short breaks, bed and breakfast and sailing holidays.

The traditional day sailing trip is a great way to see Torbay, the surrounding coastline and our marine wildlife.

[Find out more here](#)

Vigilance Tall Ship

This beautifully restored sailing trawler, Vigilance BM76, was built in Brixham in 1926. She worked with the local fishing fleet before seeing war service as a barrage balloon mooring vessel. You will see her moored in front of the Prince William bar (on the marina) and vouchers can be purchased for a 3-hour morning or afternoon sail.



[Find out more here](#)

William of Orange statue

Famously, William of Orange (afterwards King William III) landed in Brixham with his Dutch army in 1688 during the Glorious revolution.

Restaurants



You will be spoilt for choice when eating out in Brixham with a good selection of fish, steak and other independent restaurants.

Town Centre

The Balti Night

The Balti Night is an authentic Indian restaurant and takeaway, where they offer some of the finest Indian dishes for you to enjoy. The interior is contemporary and they serve dishes such as traditional Curries, Specials, Masala's, Biryani's and more.

[Find out more and book here](#)

Casa Nostra Italian

Casa Nostra is a contemporary styled Italian restaurant in the main shopping street in Brixham. It is a family run business with quality food and great atmosphere. Dishes include favourites such as pasta, pizza and fish and meat.

[Find out more and book here](#)

The Cow Shed

Located in a pretty side street just a few steps from Brixham's beautiful harbour the Cow Shed is a bar and grill specialising in exotic steaks, burgers and venison. The menu includes fresh, locally-sourced ingredients wherever possible. Other dishes include fajitas, BBQ ribs, sharing platters and loaded fries.

Inside you'll find a fresh interior of whitewashed stone walls and quirky cow-themed furnishings!

[Find out more and book here](#)

Indian-Thai

Some of your party fancy Indian and some fancy Thai? Problem solved at this out of the way restaurant. You'll find a great selection on Indian and Thai dishes that are tasty and great value for money. This is a bring your own drinks restaurant so you'll need to pop to the supermarket around the corner first.

[Find out more and book here](#)

The Lytehouse

Lytehouse is a modern British restaurant located on the main shopping street in the centre of Brixham. The menu reflects fresh, local and seasonal produce and all their dishes are made in house, every day from fresh, by the head chef, who is adding or changing dishes depending on availability.

[Find out more and book here](#)

More from the Curious Kitchen

MORE is located in Bolton Street. It is slightly off the beaten track but well worth the two-minute detour from the main shopping street. MORE brings you authentic Italian sour dough pizzas, fresh and healthy raw salads and house cocktails all served in a relaxed setting.

[Find out more and book here](#)

Noi's Oriental Kitchen

Noi's is situated on Middle Street behind the car park and offers a selection of popular Thai dishes such as Pad Thai, Panang Chicken, Massaman Curry and Thai green or red curry. The atmosphere and environment are relaxed.

[Find out more and book here](#)

The Salty Sparrow

A small and cosy bistro café located close to Brixham harbour. Their ethos is good quality food and wine with the emphasis on classic and modern food served in an intimate and relaxed atmosphere. They offer a freshly made menu with the best of ingredients sourced locally and seasonally where possible.

They have comfortable relaxed seating inside as well as a small number of tables for al fresco dining in their secret courtyard garden (weather dependant).

[Find out more and book here](#)

Around the Harbour

Beamers

Inside Beamers you will find a relaxed, stylish ambiance with a smart stylish nautical interior, crisp white napkins, and a menu offering a contemporary English food with seafood being a specialty.

All the seafood is hand selected by the owner Simone from Brixham's fish market each morning, ensuring only the finest, freshest goods are served in the restaurant. As well the seafood, Beamers is renowned locally for their sumptuous West country steaks, local meats, home made vegetarian dishes and delicious home made desserts.

[Find out more and book here](#)

Claws & Claws Indoors

This is a lovely place to sit and watch everything going on in the busyharbour. Enjoy a light bite of superb seafood and a glass of something chilled; prawns, crab, oysters, cockles, mussels and clams are just some of the delights you can enjoy.



If the weather is a little threatening, then Claws Indoors, just across the road, offers shelter and the same delicious food. Dogs allowed.

Just watch the seagulls though - they love a crab sandwich!

[Find out more and book here](#)

Crusoes

Crusoes offers breakfasts, lunches, light bites plus an extensive evening menu. Their exclusive 'Hot Rocks' allows you to receive your chosen meat, fish or vegetarian meal on a 440°C Hot Rock sealed and left to cook on the table!

[Find out more and book here](#)

JR's Pirates Cove

A fish and steak restaurant overlooking the harbour. The fish is chosen daily from the fish market and the steaks are sourced from locally reared cattle.

[Find out more and book here](#)

On the Rocks

A casual American-style smoke house and grill situated on the harbour in Brixham. They specialise in dry aged, free range meats and fresh Brixham seafood in their American style wood pellet fired smoker. In the summer they fold back the large windows for a completely uninterrupted view of the harbour.

[Find out more and book here](#)

The Quayside Restaurant

As part of the Quayside Hotel, the Quayside Restaurant is situated on King Street perched just above the harbour. The restaurant is stylish and intimate and perfect to enjoy a meal for two.

The Head Chef and his team create beautifully presented dishes using fresh, world renowned Brixham fish which is caught daily and selected from the fish market on the Quay.

[Find out more and book here](#)

Quay 57

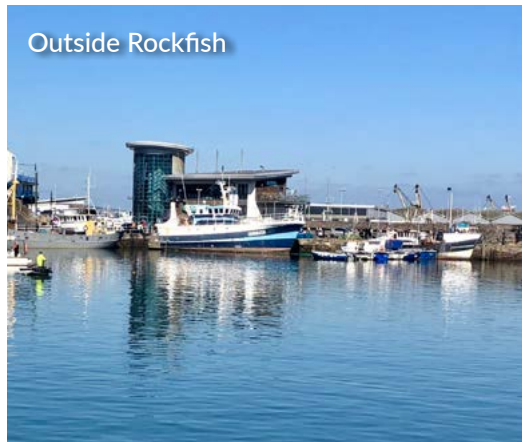
Situated on the Quay, Quay 57 has a focus on meat dishes and homemade pizzas. They offer well hung steaks, that are cooked in such a way as to ensure they are some of the most succulent you will ever taste. Their free range chicken dishes are perfectly cooked, succulent and tasty. They hand make, and stone bake, fresh pizzas with a variety of toppings.

[Find out more and book here](#)

Rockfish

Rockfish in Brixham sits on the edge of the world-famous fish market overlooking the boats as they land their catch. The restaurant and terrace look directly down to the fishing fleet and is an exciting sight to see fish of all shapes and sizes coming ashore. Whether you decide to have fish and chips or indulge in a more unusual catch there really isn't a better place to enjoy your seafood. Dogs welcome.

[Find out more and book here](#)



Simply Fish

With a bistro, take-away and restaurant you'll be able to get your fish fix anyway you like. As a family-run business Simply Fish they are firm believers in sustainability and try to introduce their customers to new fish varieties. The restaurant and bistro have a contemporary look and feel, whilst maintaining a relaxed atmosphere. Perfect for the whole family to enjoy.

[Find out more and book here](#)

Verna's Pepper Shack

You can enjoy the flavours of the Caribbean at Verna's Pepper Shack. Situated on the Strand on the harbour you can take in the stunning views whilst dining in a relaxed environment.

Verna's Carnival favourites include Curry Goat, Jamaica Jerk Chicken and Rice & Peas and are, joined by Spicy Prawns, Ackee & home-made Saltfish plus Jerk Pork Skewers, Masala Mutton, Trinidad Chicken & King Prawn Curry and the local Scallop & Ling Curry.

[Find out more and book here](#)

Brixham Marina and Berry Head

Breakwater Bistro



Situated on Breakwater Beach the Breakwater Bistro is in the perfect position for enjoying beach life. It has a café culture by day, and relaxed but intimate restaurant by night offer a fabulous ambience and views across Tor Bay, together with delicious food and drink.

The menu ranges from steaks and burgers to specials and a selection of fresh fish. Dogs welcome.

[Find out more and book here](#)

The Berry Head Hotel

With probably one of the best views across Tor Bay and out to sea The Berry Head is great for just a drink, snacks or to indulge in a full a la carte meal.

In the warmer months you can enjoy your dinner on the large terrace overlooking the fantastic sea views. Dogs welcome.

[Find out more and book here](#)

Shoals on the Lido

This iconic Lido Café is set in a superb location on the upper floor of the wonderful Shoalstone Sea Water open air pool providing stunning sea views.

From the alfresco terrace you can sit back, relax, catch an amazing sunset and watch the trawlers and day fishing boats en-route to Brixham from all around the South West waters. The seafood served comes straight from the family trawlers that land directly at the local Fish Market so quality is never an issue.



[Find out more and book here](#)

The Guardhouse Café

Perched on top of the Berry Head Nature Reserve, The Guardhouse Cafe occupies a prime position in Brixham with views that span 270°. The guardhouse, completed in 1802, was used by the troops defending the fortress. Inside the café you can still see part of the tunnel system which was built inside the fort all those years ago!

They serve a range of local, home-made hot and cold food, tea, coffee, alcoholic and soft drinks – and the famous Guardhouse Cream Teas!

Their specials board changes seasonally and features slightly unusual but delicious home-made food. Dogs welcome.

[Find out more and book here](#)

The Prince William



Outside the Prince William

With a large terrace that catches the sun until the late evening, The Prince William is a popular choice in the summer.

If it's a Carvery you're after then the Prince William's should be tried. They have a choice of three meats accompanied by large selection

of fresh vegetables. They also serve snacks, an a la carte menu and stone baked pizzas. Dogs welcome.

[Find out more and book here](#)

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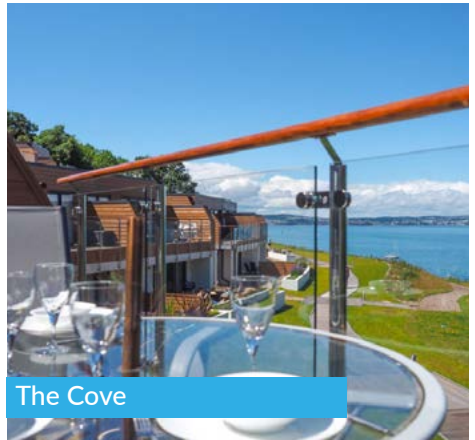
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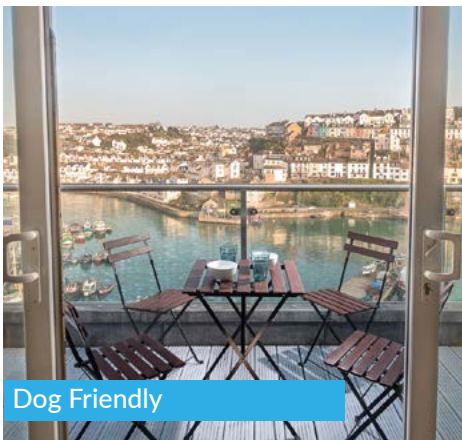
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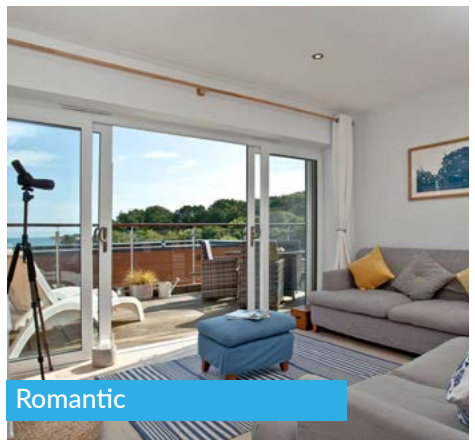
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The Cove



Dog Friendly



Romantic

Sight Seeing



The Golden Hind

There is always so much to see and do in Brixham that you will struggle to fit it all in!

Brixham Breakwater

Originally built between 1843 and 1916 to protect the inner harbour from storms, this has now become a firm favourite with locals and tourists for enjoying a bit a gentle exercise and to admire the changing view of Brixham harbour.

The walk to the end is approximately 1.1 miles (1.8 km) and you will be greeted with a completely different view of Brixham when you look back.

The breakwater is also a popular spot for fishing - it is possible to fish both the seaward side and into the harbour, meaning you might catch wrasse, conger eels, mackerel, garfish, bass, pollack and mullet. There are many competitions throughout the year.

Golden Hind

Captained by Sir Francis Drake, The Golden Hind was the first English ship to sail around the world between 1577 and 1580.

The Golden Hind is a full sized replica ship that sits in Brixham Harbour where it is impossible to miss. The original ship sailed over 36,000 miles around the globe where after many years at sea, Sir Frances Drake then sailed into Plymouth Harbour in 1580 unsure if Queen Elizabeth I was still alive.

After being tasked with intercepting gold and jewels from the Spanish, the total value of the items on board was 160,000 Elizabethan pounds!

[Find out more here](#)

The highest, smallest lighthouse

Build in 1906 by Trinity House, the lighthouse at Berry Head is unique in that it is probably one of the smallest in Great Britain and also one of the highest standing just 5m high but 58m above sea level.

The lighthouse is set in stunning surroundings with 270 degree sea views and a Napoleonic Fort.

Whilst walking around you will also see some of the varied and important wildlife that inhabits the cliff and surrounding area. Wildlife such as porpoise, seals, guillemots and Peregrine Falcons.

[Find out more here](#)

William of Orange statue

The statue on the Quay is of Prince William of Orange, who landed in Brixham in the November of 1688 during the Glorious Revolution.

This revolution was the overthrow of King James II by the union of British Parliamentarians with the Dutch national leader William of Orange. His successful invasion of England led him to his ascension to the throne as William III of England.

The statue was erected in 1889 to celebrate the bicentenary of William of Orange's landing in Brixham.

You will find more information about Prince William at the [Brixham Museum](#).

Keep an eye on our blog pages as we will share any events and updates so you can make the most of your holiday in Brixham.



Berry Head Lighthouse

Travel & Transport



The Western Lady

Getting around the bay couldn't be easier. Once here, there is plenty of opportunity for you to leave your car at your holiday home. Boats, buses, trains and of course your own feet can take you everywhere you'd like to go.

Boats

Western Lady Ferry

The Western Lady runs between Brixham and Torquay and is a fabulous way to travel. They embark & disembark from New Pier (by the fish market). The journey takes approximately 30 minutes and is a stress-free way to view Torbay from the sea, especially when the sun is shining!

Book with the "girls in red" at any of the ticket offices on the quayside.

[Find out more here](#)

Greenway Ferry

Operates Ferry Services, River Cruises and Dartmouth Boat Trips on the beautiful River Dart.

Dittisham and Agatha Christies Greenway House are on the schedule as well as 1-hour cruises along the Dart to take in the Castles, wildlife, historical buildings and scenery that encapsulate the River Dart.

[Find out more here](#)

Kingswear to Dartmouth Ferry

This runs between Kingswear and Dartmouth daily and regularly; you never have to wait more than 5-10 minutes for the car or passenger ferry to each side of the river.

Buses

You can see all live times and plan your journey at [Stagecoach](#)

Brixham to Paignton, Torquay & Newton Abbot - No.12

The main bus station is located at the back of Tesco. From here you will find the main bus route around the Bay. The journey to Torquay is approximately an hour, although this may take a little longer in high season.

Brixham to Kingswear - No.18

The bus to Kingswear (which will allow you to take the ferry across to Dartmouth) leaves from behind Ladbroke's betting shop. The journey to Kingswear is approximately 15–20 minutes.

Brixham to Totnes - No.12 and Stagecoach Gold

The journey to Totnes is approximately 1 hour and requires a bus change at Paignton.

Take the number 12 bus from Brixham bus station as far as Paignton bus station. From there, join the Stagecoach Gold bus towards Plymouth (usually stand 3). The bus will drop you at the bottom of the main shopping street.

Taxis

There are a few different taxi firms in Brixham:

- Ace Taxi's – 01803 882121
- Brixham Taxi's – 01803 853000
- A1 Taxi's – 01803 883883
- Torbay Taxi's – 01803 211611

The taxi rank is behind Tesco and across from the main bus station.

Trains

Paignton towards Plymouth and Penzanze

Paignton towards Torquay, Newton Abbot and Exeter

The South West is well connected by the rail system and trains from Paignton give you the freedom to choose a different adventure every day.

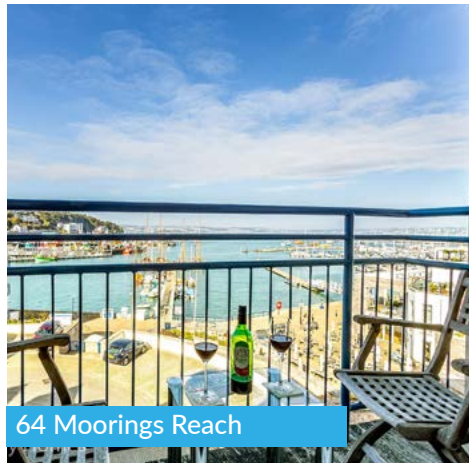
The number 12 bus departs from Brixham bus station (behind Tesco) and drops you adjacent to the train station in Paignton which is only a few moments walk away.

From here you will be able to embark upon a voyage of discovery either towards Plymouth or towards Exeter.

Properties you might like...



Smugglers



64 Moorings Reach

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Walking



Berry Head

Being directly situated on the South West Coastal Path Brixham has easy access to some fabulous walks around the coastline. Needless to say, the views are spectacular and will slow you down as you take a few minutes to enjoy each one.

Berry Head National Nature Reserve and Napoleonic Fort.

Berry Head National Nature Reserve is probably the most iconic landmark in Brixham and houses the highest, deepest and smallest light house in Britain at the Napoleonic Fort.

The walks and wildlife that can be experienced are simply stunning (dolphins and seals are regular visitors) and will provide you with plenty of photo opportunities you will not want to miss. There is a car park at the entrance, but if you like to stretch your legs, you can walk around the Harbour, Breakwater, Shoalstone and up the hill to the top of the peninsula where you will be greeted with the stunning 270 degree sea views across Tor Bay and out to Portland Bill on a good day.

The Napoleonic Fort was built to defend Torbay from the French and there are still a great many ruins on show today. The Berry Head defences are exceptionally well preserved and the fort is one of only a very small number from this period which survived with anything approaching completeness.

The monument provides information relating to the strategic military thinking at a time when the threat to English naval power and the country as a whole was considered great.

The award-winning Guardhouse Café is at the top of Berry Head to welcome you and serves all manner of drinks and delicious seasonal food. Dogs are welcome all year round but must be kept on the lead when the sheep are grazing.

Breakwater Lighthouse



The Breakwater

You can not visit Brixham without taking a stroll along the Breakwater.

Originally built between 1843 and 1916 to protect the inner harbour from storms, this has now become a firm favourite with locals and tourists for enjoying a bit a gentle exercise and to admire the changing view of Brixham harbour.

The breakwater is also a popular spot for fishing – it is possible to fish both the seaward side and into the harbour, meaning you might catch wrasse, conger eels, mackerel, garfish, bass, pollack and mullet. There are many competitions throughout the year that avid anglers can take part in.

It is approximately 1.1 miles (1.8 km) long with level terrain and access for wheelchairs.

Breakwater Beach & Shoalstone

At the start of the breakwater is the central beach in Brixham. It is a small pebble beach that is sheltered and shallow. From here you can walk along the road and along to the Shoalstone open air swimming pool 10-15 minutes away.

If you are feeling energetic you can then continue up the hill to the Berry Head Nature Reserve which will take you around 20-15 minutes.

Sharkham Point

From the car park at Berry Head you can walk along the coastal path towards Sharkham Point.

This is a fairly easy walk but it does have a few gentle gradients along the way. The walk takes in part of the Berry Head Nature Reserve and the views are superb! A really incredible way to spend an afternoon or morning.

The walk from Berry Head to Sharkham is approximately 1.6 miles and should take around 35-40 minutes.



Sharkham Point

St Mary's Bay

On the way round from Berry Head to Sharkham your walk will take you across the top of St Mary's Beach. There are a lot of steep steps down to this beach but it is Brixham largest beach. It is a delightfully secluded sand and shingle beach sheltered by the cliffs.



Mansands

The next beach along the coastline is Mansands; a pebble beach that exposes sand at low tide. From St Mary's Bay this is a two mile walk taking approximately 50 minutes to an hour, depending how many times you stop to take photos!

There is no direct parking at this beach - the nearest car par is a mile away making it a secluded and lesser used.

The sea and wildlife blend into one here and a bird /wildlife watching hut (managed by the National Trust) has been created so that everyone can enjoy watching the beauty of the surroundings.

The access to this beach is undulating and not recommended for those with walking difficulties.

The Day Mark

This 80 foot octagonal landmark was built in 1864 and is situated between Brixham and Kingswear high about the coast line. Historically Dartmouth harbour entrance was notoriously difficult to see from the sea and so the Day Mark was build to be a better navigational guide for ships and boats.

From the Day Mark you can follow the path down to Brownstone Battery where Second World War troops used the battery to protect Dartmouth Harbour and Slapton Sands from German U-boats. The ruins of the buildings can still be seen today.

A coast guard hut keeps look out and you can go in and talk to the team and find out more about their responsibilities.

The Day Mark can be reached via the South West Coast Path or by parking at Brownstone car park (near to the National Trust House, Coleton Fishacre).



The Day Mark

Brixham to Kingswear

This is one of the longer and harder walks coming in at around 10 miles and taking approximately 5 hours. Starting from the centre of town you head toward Berry Head Nature Reserve and join the coast path there.

The South West Coast Path passes through the previous landmarks mentioned and continues through Brownstone Battery towards Kingswear.

From this part of the path onwards the walk becomes more strenuous and challenging. There are many steep step and hills but the views at the top are both exhilarating and rewarding.

This walk is lovely any time of the year but probably more so in spring when the trees are just in blossom and the air is getting warmer.

As you descend into Kingswear, you will find the ferry crossing to Dartmouth, the steam train to Paignton or you can walk up the hill and catch the bus back to Brixham.

Dartmouth Castle

From Kingswear jump on the passenger or car ferry and head for Dartmouth. Not only will you find an interesting selection of shops, cafés and bars but you will also be able to continue your journey on the coast path.

As you come off the ferry head towards the left and you will soon see signs for the coast path.

The path takes you through the historic Bayards Cove Fort that was built between 1522 and 1536 as extra defence to Dartmouth Harbour entrance should any enemy ships have got past the Castle artillery.



Dartmouth Castle

Continue up the hill and you begin to leave Dartmouth town and head towards Dartmouth Castle which has guarded the entrance to Dartmouth harbour for over 600 years.

The walk is fairly gentle; it's just over a mile and takes about 30 minutes to reach the castle from Dartmouth town centre. You will be rewarded at the end with history, cream teas and superb views of the estuary.

Battery Gardens to Elberry Cove

Starting from Brixham town centre and heading around the harbour towards Fishcombe Cove you will pass through Battery Gardens.

From 1586 to 1664 Battery Gardens played an important part in defending Brixham from the threat of attack from the Spanish first then again in 1688 when William III landed and camped on Furzeham Green. The majority of remaining ruins are from WWII with buildings still standing that were used to defend the coast from an invasion from occupied France.

Following the coast path round from Battery Gardens to you will first reach Fishcombe Cove, a small shingle and pebble cove with clear waters and a small beach cafe.

Continue to follow the coast path across the back of Churston Cove, another beautiful secluded cove surrounded by cliffs and wooded hills. From here the coast path takes you up on to the edge of Churston Golf course and across the top of the cliffs meandering down to finish at Elberry Cove.

Elberry is another sheltered pebbly cove with clear waters and is popular with watersports enthusiasts in the summer.

Many of the mussels that are served in Torbay's restaurants come from the Elberry mussel tables that can be seen when looking out to sea.

This is a moderate walk and should take around 45 minutes to an hour.

Fishcombe, Elberry and Churston Coves are all dog friendly.

Elberry Cove to Broadsands Beach

To continue your walk at Broadsands Beach simply rejoin the coast path where you will be able to walk across Elberry Common and drop down onto Broadsands Beach. From Elberry this should take about 10-15 minutes.

The whole route from Brixham to Broadsands should take around an hour without any stops however the views are so stunning we're sure you'll want to stop and take a few photos along the way.

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Broadsands Beach





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