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10 miles of golden sand
Set against the backdrop of 10 miles of stunning award-winning beaches, with beautiful, crystal clear water and golden sand, it’s the ultimate escape at any time of the year!

Harbour life
Poole’s natural harbour is the largest in Europe. It's not only a haven for sailors, wildlife, water sports and boat chartering, but it is also the gateway to the world heritage Jurassic Coast.

Coast
Home to scenic nature reserves and historic award-winning gardens, you will find plants and flowers basking in the temperate microclimate and wildlife in unique, world class natural habitats stretching from Hengistbury Head to Poole’s iconic Sandbanks.

Town centres
Both town centres, suburbs and coastal villages are a shopper’s haven and food lover’s delight – where high street meets boutique and local produce meets award-winning cuisine. And after dark, check out live music and West End stage shows, comedians and touring entertainment.

Events, festivals and attractions
Bournemouth hosts the annual Air Festival and Arts by the Sea Festival as well as the first Christmas Tree Wonderland, taking place later this year. Poole is home to Wave 105 Summertime in the South, Poole Harbour Boat Show, the British Beach Polo Championships, Folk on the Quay and Poole Goes Vintage. Summer time firework displays take place in both resorts during the summer holidays, check bournemouth.co.uk and pooletourism.com for dates and details.
Beach life

Stretching from Bournemouth to Poole are 10 miles of naturally beautiful and uninterrupted beaches, with warm, golden sand and cool, clear water.
The world-class seafront consists of 11 individual beaches – Southbourne, Boscombe, Bournemouth, West Cliff, Alum Chine and Durley Chine through to Sandbanks Beach, Shore Road, Canford Cliffs, Branksome Chine and Branksome Dene Chine*. This impressive stretch of stunning coastline has won Blue Flags awarded for the highest standards of cleanliness. Sandbanks Beach has won more Blue Flags than any other UK beach resort, justifying its world-renowned status and in 2017 Bournemouth won Best UK Seaside Town at the British Travel Awards.

Beach activities include volleyball, mini golf and children’s play areas, water park play areas, designated BBQ spots, beachside dining, beach hut hire, picturesque bay walks, magnificent views and tropical gardens. Or just pack your bucket and spade and enjoy the sand between your toes.

Explore Hengistbury Head Nature Reserve, discover Alum Chine’s tropical gardens or have a go at land and sea based activities at Boscombe, Shore Road and Sandbanks.

Whether you’re looking for family fun or a relaxing stroll, visit one of our historic seaside piers. Come rain or shine, enjoy the indoor climbing and high wire centre, the UK’s first pier-to-shore zip wire and family amusements at Bournemouth Pier or discover the free musical play trail at Boscombe Pier.

*A total of eight Blue Flag beaches (Sandbanks, Shore Road, Canford Cliffs, Branksome, Alum Chine, Durley Chine, Fishermans Walk and Southbourne), plus two Seaside Award beaches (Bournemouth and Boscombe).
Beach life
and facilities

Canford Cliffs, Poole
There is so much to do beside the seaside – here are some top tips

**Hire a beach hut...** The perfect way to spend the day on the beach, choose from traditional beach huts and funky beach pods or stay overnight at a fantastic Beach Lodge. Available year-round, to book go to bournemouth.co.uk/beachhuthire, bournemouthbeachlodges.co.uk or poole.gov.uk/beaches.

**Jump on board...** Hop on the land train, which runs along the promenade towards Boscombe and westwards towards Branksome Chine.

**Lift me up...** Have a ride in one of Bournemouth’s funicular cliff lifts (April - October), on the West Cliff and Fisherman’s Walk at Southbourne.

**Sit back and relax...** Deckchairs are available to hire from various seafront offices, along with sunbeds, windbreaks and parasols. At Sandbanks Beach Office in Poole you can hire equipment for slacklining, volleyball and table tennis. There are also beach and water-accessible wheelchairs for hire (deposit required).

**Beach safety...** RNLI Lifeguards are on duty from May 1 to September 30 every day, from 10am to 6pm in designated swimming areas. In the summer months make sure kids have an LV=KidZone wristband (July and August).

**Beach dining...** Enjoy one of the beachfront cafés, restaurants or kiosks. There are designated BBQ areas along the beach. Go to bournemouth.co.uk or poole.tourism.com for more information.
Bournemouth and Poole offer ten miles of world class beaches and 110 miles of inland coast around Poole's stunning natural harbour - so there's no shortage of sea, sand and land on which to enjoy yourself. Feel the breeze out on the shimmering water, sit back or hit the waves and feel energised. From high energy watersports to rest and relaxation, there is plenty on offer for visitors of all ages along the spectacular coast with the most.

This sparkling coastline is packed with more watersports than any other UK resort. From surfing, kitesurfing and stand-up paddle boarding, to jet-skiing, cruising, sea kayaking and snorkelling, there is action and adventure for everyone. Whether you're trying something for the first time, bringing your own wetsuit or need to hire a surf board, you can get your adrenaline pumping and embrace life on the water.
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Poole Harbour
Poole Harbour is simply stunning. The world’s second largest natural harbour—after Sydney—and Europe’s largest, this beautiful national treasure is the gateway to incredible wildlife, countryside and woodland.

One of the best ways to see the harbour, scenery and Poole’s five unique islands is on a harbour cruise. The largest, Brownsea Island, is owned by the National Trust. Take a short boat trip from Poole Quay or Sandbanks to discover an island rich in history, adventure and wildlife, including the famous red squirrels.

Trips out on the water are accessible to all, thanks to the Dolphin Boat, Knooticat and the National Trust’s Brownsea Seahorse specially designed for people with disabilities. Booking is required, see pooletourism.com for more information.

Grab your binoculars as Poole Harbour is recognised as an internationally important home for wetland wildlife. There is no better place to see various species of birds busy on the water during the winter months. Take a bird boat with local RSPB experts. Go to pooletourism.com/wings for more information.

Poole Quay Boat Haven and the Port of Poole Marina are both perfectly positioned, offering fully-serviced berths for visiting and long term lets. Go to poolequayboathaven.co.uk for more information.
Poole’s bustling quayside offers something for everyone. Here you can enjoy a harbour cruise, a trip to the National Trust’s Brownsea Island, go further afield on a steam train adventure to the Victorian seaside town of Swanage, or cruise down Wareham River. Try crabbing or observe the stunning collection of ships, vessels and luxury Sunseeker yachts in the busy harbour.

Take in the sights of Poole’s beautiful old town, just a couple of minutes’ walk from the quay, which is the historical heart of Poole, and was once part of the medieval town. Stroll through the narrow streets before heading out towards the quay.

Look out for the life-sized bronze sculpture of Lord Baden-Powell, erected to celebrate the scouting movement’s first-ever camp on Brownsea Island in 1907, and the newly-refurbished Sea Music Sculpture, the only site-specific sculpture made by Sir Anthony Caro in Britain. Explore the town’s pirate history and heritage with the cockle trail self-guided walk and interactive interpretation panels on the Poole Trail – pooletrail.com. A visit to Poole Museum tells Poole’s story with four floors of galleries and displays including over 150 pieces of Poole Pottery.

Poole Quay has many events throughout the year – Summertime in the South, with Wave 105 includes Britain’s biggest weekly motorbike meet, and Rockley Summer Spectacular, every Thursday, with a fantastic fireworks finale. Go to pooletourism.com for more information.
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Bournemouth gardens

Bournemouth is home to 1 ½ miles of beautiful Grade II listed Victorian gardens – the Lower Gardens, Central Gardens and Upper Gardens. They host fantastic festivals and events throughout the year and are also home to music at the Pine Walk bandstand (in the summer only), an aviary, mini golf course and ornamental rockery.

Not forgetting Boscombe Chine Gardens and the Tropical Gardens at Alum Chine.

Poole’s parks

A short walk from the town centre is the Victorian Poole Park with its 55-acre lake surrounded by a range of facilities including watersports, mini golf, soft play & ice rink. Neighbouring Hamworthy Park, a short distance from Poole Quay, has a sandy beach and an extensive grassed area, large seasonal paddling pool and superb playground facilities.

Poole’s historic house and gardens

Just three miles from the town centre is the stunning Upton Country Park, home to the Grade II listed Upton House. A visit to Compton Acres, one of the finest privately-owned gardens in southern England, is a must.
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Bournemouth has a host of hidden “did you know” just waiting to be discovered... Hidden lifestyles and interests are in abundance – you just have to know where to look. Online blogs offer plenty of advice and secret insights, you can discover everything from vegan eateries and ballroom and Latin dance classes to spa delights and haunted Bournemouth trails.

For stargazing enthusiasts, Hengistbury Head is a must and the visitor centre hosts regular astronomy events – on a clear, dark night you can see the Milky Way and shooting stars.

If your idea of a hidden experience is indulgence, there are plenty of spa and relaxation experiences ready to sweep you off your tired feet. Individual treatments, packages and weekend breaks are on offer at many hotels or, if you’re up early enough, head to the beach for a brilliant body wake-up yoga session!

Bournemouth’s Victorian history and heritage is captured in its landscape, gardens and buildings – perfect for scenery, architecture and photography. St Peter’s Church is a Grade I listed building and was completed in 1879.

If you have a love of eras gone by, vintage shops are in abundance in Boscombe and “The Original Shake and Stir Vintage Festival” takes place annually and is a great day out. If you love traditional seaside pursuits or outdoor sports, discover Bournemouth’s many brilliant bowling greens and golf courses.
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Poole & Bournemouth's top ten things to do....

Christmas in Bournemouth

Arts by the Sea Festival 2017

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Picturesque parks and gorgeous gardens
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Poole Harbour, historic old town and Quay
Stroll along the quayside and take in the cobbled streets of Poole Old Town. Explore the harbour or head out on a walk.

Evenings out
You’ll find a perfect night out – from international cuisine and award-winning food to theatre shows, concerts, touring West End shows and comedians or the ultimate thrill... Poole Speedway!

Be inspired... try something new
Cookery, mixology classes and beach yoga are available, or take a tour at the RNLI College in Poole.

Bournemouth Air Festival
August 30 - September 2
The resort is set to welcome a host of aircraft. Don’t miss an awesome day, dusk and night flying along with great entertainment from 10am – 10pm (Sunday until 6pm).

Coast with the Most
Take to the water on Poole Harbour and Bournemouth seafront – have a go at something new or bring your gear and experience watersports on the coast with the most!

Shop ‘til you drop
From independents and boutiques to department stores, retail parks, shopping centres and high street favourites... get ready, get set and SHOP!

Christmas
Enjoy the incredible Christmas Tree Wonderland in Bournemouth and Poole’s dazzling programme of Christmas events and festivities.

A date with nature
Internationally recognised, Poole Harbour is a UK hot spot for migrating birds and resident wildfowl and the perfect location to see wildlife.
Bournemouth and Poole are nestled between a host of delightful coastal villages, all of which are well worth a visit.

To the east of Bournemouth is Southbourne. Along its pretty, coastal high street you’ll find bistros, coffee houses and independent retailers, all within easy reach of the stunning Hengistbury Head Nature Reserve.

If you’re looking for antique shops, retro clothing and second hand gems, then make sure you head to Boscombe. Westbourne, to the west of Bournemouth, has an exquisite Victorian Grade II listed arcade where you’ll find art galleries, delicatessens and independent shops and boutiques.

Alternatively, head inland to Charminster with its wide variety of restaurants, cafés, food stores and great nightlife.

Boscombe Market

On to Poole – bustling Ashley Cross offers a superb selection of must-visit bars and eateries. Further along to Canford Cliffs you’ll find several stylish restaurants and cafés perched on the cliffs above the area’s distinctive chines. Over to the west is Hamworthy, near Poole Harbour, and Upton, home to a country house which is great for family days out!
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8 April
Bournemouth Seafront

Bournemouth 7s Festival
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Bournemouth Sports Club

Race for Life
10 June
Bournemouth Seafront

Bournemouth Food & Drink Festival
15-24 June
Bournemouth, various locations

Bournemouth Jazz by the Sea Festival
24 June - 7 July
Bournemouth various locations

The Original Shake & Stir Vintage Festival
28 June - 1 July
Southbourne

Summer Live
13 July - 27 August
Bournemouth Square

Bourne Free – Bournemouth’s Pride Festival
13 - 15 July
Bournemouth Triangle and various locations

Pier to Pier Swim
15 July
Bournemouth Seafront

Bournemouth Friday Night Fireworks
From late July - end of August
Bournemouth Seafront

Bournemouth Air Festival
August 30 - 2 September
Bournemouth Seafront

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

Bournemouth Marathon Festival
6 - 7 October
Bournemouth Seafront

Christmas Tree Wonderland
16 November - 2 January

For a full listing of festivals and events in the area, please visit: bournemouth.co.uk and pooletourism.com.
Please note all events and dates are provisional and subject to change.

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Festival and Event Highlights in Poole 2018

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Mini Steam on the Quay
12 May
Poole Quay

Poole Harbour Boat Show
8 - 10 June
Poole Quay

Harry Paye Pirate Day
16 June
Poole Quay

Folk on the Quay
30 June
Poole Quay

Quay for my Car
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Every Friday from 6 July - 31 August
Poole Quay

Sandbanks Beach Volleyball Festival
7 - 9 July
Sandbanks Beach

British Beach Polo Championship
13 - 14 July
Sandbanks Beach

Poole Goes Vintage
15 July
Poole Quay

Sorted in Dorset
21 - 22 July
Hamworthy Park

Rockley Summer Spectacular with fireworks
Every Thursday from 26 July - 30 August
Poole Quay

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

Poole Blues Festival
7 - 10 September
Poole Quay (various locations)

Inside Out Dorset
14-23 September
Various locations throughout Dorset inc. Poole

5 November Fireworks
Sponsored by Rockley Park
Poole Quay

Christmas Festivities in Poole
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Things to do...

There is a fantastic selection of family friendly places to visit. For those with creative flair, you will also find arts and crafts activities at many of our attractions and activity centres. Being surrounded by world-class beaches, greenery and forests, the opportunities for activities and sports are endless. Zip-Wiring, golf, go-karting, indoor laser tag, high rope activities and segways are only a handful of what’s available, there is so much more!

If art and culture is your passion, ensure you visit Poole Museum. Set in an iconic Victorian quayside warehouse, the galleries tell the story of the town and the harbour’s maritime history from prehistory to the present day. In Bournemouth, make some time to visit the beautiful Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum. Situated on the clifftop, this magnificent building combines spectacular views out across the sea with astounding décor, artwork and artefacts.

If you’re a lover of the outdoors, grab your walking boots or bike and enjoy a day out at one of our historic sites, nature reserves, ancient forests, coastal villages or countryside retreats. Whatever the weather, there is a great range of superb activities and attractions to keep you entertained.

Pick up a street map and some leaflets of local attractions at the centrally located Tourist Information Centres in both towns.
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Pick up a copy of the Cockle Trail leaflet at the Tourist Information Centre in Poole Museum, which tells the story of Poole’s fascinating history or try the interactive Poole Trail, accessed by mobile phone. Go to pooletrail.com for more information. On summer evenings dare to take a Granny Cousins’ Ghost Walks, exploring Poole Old Town!

You can enjoy a bike ride along the promenade* and coastal roads. Visit Hengistbury Head Nature Reserve or go along the coast and cycle to Sandbanks and Old Harry Rocks and the Isle of Purbeck via the chain ferry, stopping at one of the many coastal cafés, bars and restaurants.

From the spectacular scenery and clifftop vistas along the Jurassic Coast to the enchanting New Forest National Park, there are plenty of cycling and walking routes to enjoy. If you haven’t brought your bike with you, don’t worry as the area is home to several bike hire companies.

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Hengistbury Head beach

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From independent boutiques and designer brands to high street favourites, Bournemouth and Poole are home to a fabulous selection of well-loved shops, great retail parks and superb shopping centres.

Bournemouth town centre has a pedestrianised high street where you’ll find a broad range of well-known department stores, brand name outlets, high street fashion chains, quirky independent boutiques and Victorian arcades. Or just outside Bournemouth town centre, pay a visit to Castlepoint Shopping Park.

Poole Quayside and the lower high street has an array of unique, independent gift shops and outlet shopping.

On the lower high street there is an array of architectural gems and cobbled Georgian streets. Then follow the pedestrianised high street, to take you up to Dorset’s largest undercover centre, the Dolphin Shopping Centre.

Throughout the year there are many bustling street markets including Boscombe market (Thursday and Saturday) and Poole market (Thursday and Saturday).

Explore our beautiful coastal villages and suburbs of Southbourne, Boscombe, Pokesdown, Westbourne, Canford Cliffs, Ashley Cross and Broadstone for great food, drink and shopping experiences.
Food & Drink
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There are award-winning restaurants, cool cocktail bars and fast food chains around the resort so you can wine and dine by the sea in luxury, style and comfort. Local farms and fisheries bring a variety of produce into the resort and it’s no surprise that the seafood on offer is among the best in the country. Plump, juicy prawns, sweet lobster and some of the tastiest fish are landed locally and served up beside the sea in our restaurants and hotels.

And you can’t visit the coast without some traditional fish and chips. Whether sampling with a sea view or at an award-winning, independent “chippy” in the coastal villages and local suburbs of Southbourne, Boscombe, Westbourne, Canford Cliffs, Ashley Cross or Broadstone, you’ll find fabulous fish!

Charming tearooms, local hotels and restaurants offer afternoon tea so you can savour a scone with local jam or, inspired by the recent explosion of craft ales, check out a local microbrewery.

Bournemouth and Poole are proud of their cosmopolitan, multicultural flavours and this is reflected in a big selection of restaurants and cafés serving international cuisine. Alongside popular Italian and Indian eateries, you’ll find Lebanese, Mongolian, Mexican, Indonesian and a host of 30 eateries catering for vegetarian and vegan customers.

Visit Bournemouth’s food and drink festivals and at Christmas enjoy mulled wine in the alpine market and sample the delicious festive fare.
As day turns to night, Bournemouth and Poole have a fantastic array of night time entertainment – making them perfect locations for a great night out.

Near the seafront, you can find Bournemouth International Centre (BIC) and the vintage Art Deco Pavilion Theatre which both offer outstanding performances and events throughout the year – a stage for pantomimes and live music, comedians and touring West End shows.

If you have a passion for dance, a visit to Pavilion Dance South West is a must. If you fancy watching a film or enjoying a meal, be sure to visit the new BH2 leisure complex in Bournemouth Town Centre.

Poole is home to the award-winning Lighthouse - Poole's Centre for the Arts, home to the renowned Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO).

On most Wednesday nights from March to October, at Poole Stadium, Poole's elite speedway team and top speedway stars compete in thrilling meets.

Three miles from Poole's Town Centre, Tower Park Leisure Complex hosts a selection of exciting activities including bowling, soft play, cinema, bingo, family friendly restaurants and Splashdown water park.

Branching out further from the town centres you will find our coastal villages, offering plenty of places to socialise with friends and spend quality time with family. Visit Westbourne for hearty pubs and easy going eateries, Charminster, Canford Cliffs, Ashley Cross, Boscombe and Southbourne for a great selection of quirky bars, cafés and live music venues. Awarded Purple Flag status, there is a superb choice of bars and clubs to take you through to the early hours.
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From 16th November - 2nd January Bournemouth Town Centre and gardens will be transformed into an Incredible Christmas Tree Wonderland. Set to be a festive first for the country, as dusk descends the resort will come alive with a twinkling, glowing and dazzling trail of Christmas trees beautifully lit to celebrate Christmas from around the world. Travel from Russia to Paris, on to Norway via a frosty pine walk, then journey to Bethlehem and Poland before heading home to Bournemouth.

Around the town and surrounding coastal villages will be some wonderful illuminations and giant-sized decorations, including angels and festive baubles. The town square will host a traditional alpine market with a selection of unique arts, crafts and the ever-popular alpine bar – the perfect place to soak up the atmosphere with a warming glass of mulled wine or hot chocolate with marshmallows and cream. For more information go to bournemouth.co.uk/christmastreewonderland

For the little ones, don’t miss out on the annual Christmas pantomimes and festive performances at the Pavilion Theatre and Lighthouse, Poole.

Join in with Poole’s Christmas events featuring themed activities taking place across the town to get you in a festive mood ready for the big day. Go to pooletourism.com for more information.
Alpine Market

Celebrate Christmas in Bournemouth

Bournemouth Christmas Tree Wonderland
Bournemouth's Upper and Central Gardens are home to an incredible variety of iconic, historical and stunning trees. In keeping with Bournemouth's Victorian influence, the gardens are a nod to a taste of the exotic which can all be seen on a tree trail created to celebrate the Gardens' beauty.

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