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BOURNEMOUTH ESCAPE

THE EVERYDAY



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Offering 7 miles of glorious beaches and some of the UK's most stunning coastline the destination of Bournemouth, in Dorset, is a must visit for 2020.

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

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



DISCOVER

Historic Bournemouth Pier - Take a stroll along the Pier for stunning views, leisure attractions and food outlets. At Pier Approach you can embark on a journey back in time to live the life of a smuggler at **Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf** or enjoy some family fun at **Pier Amusements**.

Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum - This stunning historic house is a treasure trove with over 1,000 objects and works of art on display. Must-see highlights include Venus - the iconic Pre-Raphaelite painting by Dante Gabriel Rossetti and The Japanese Collection, recognised by the V&A as one of the world's most important Japanese art collections... the house is also home to the elaborately decorated Lillie Langtry Loo!

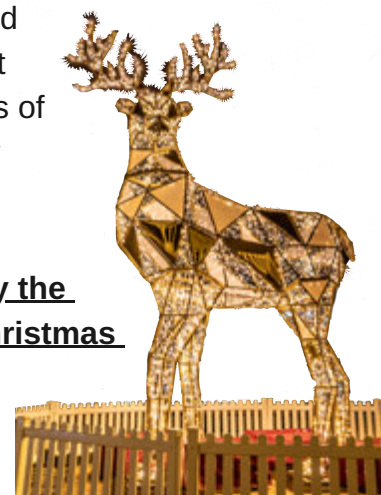
CULTURE WITHOUT QUEUES

Bournemouth Street Art - Bournemouth has some great street art to explore. Head to the Central Gardens and just past the tennis courts you'll find huge pillars of '**Upside Gallery**' street art. The project has transformed the dominant grey concrete pillars that support the Wessex Way into amazing, colourful works of art, creating a dedicated outdoor mural gallery by eleven of the UK's finest mural artists.

Events & Festivals – A Covid friendly **Arts by the Sea Festival** (Fri 25 Sept – Sat 4 Oct) and **Christmas in Bournemouth** event (13 Nov – 3 Jan) will take place over the off peak season.



Credit @paintshopstudio



FREEDOM TO EXPLORE...

Hire a Bike - Cycle along our cliff tops, coastal roads and cycle paths and discover the coastline on two wheels.

Coastal Villages - Southbourne, Boscombe and Westbourne are all bustling and vibrant destinations close to Bournemouth's town centre and well worth a visit.

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

Bournemouth Gardens Tree Trail - In Upper and Central Gardens. Enjoy the freedom to explore the beautiful gardens and stunning autumn colours whilst learning to identify various species.

...BUCKET LIST EXPERIENCES



Credit @josharvey

Victorian History and Literary Connections

Bournemouth boasts 34 blue plaques around the town commemorating the likes of J.R.R. Tolkien, Robert Louis Stevenson, Lewis Tregonwell and Sir Percy Florence Shelley. Mary Shelley, author of Frankenstein is buried in St. Peter's Church graveyard.

Beautiful Nature Reserves – To the North of Bournemouth explore **Stour Valley Nature Reserve** offering riverside trails and the Stour's wildlife. You might get to see kingfishers, otters, great spotted woodpecker and many more. To the east of Bournemouth is **Hengistbury Head**, a SSSI site full of wildlife, rare plants and thousands of years of archaeological history which celebrates 14,000 years of Bournemouth from the Stone Age through to the present day. Step in to the **Visitor Centre** on your way back: sit in the tranquil, sheltered wildlife garden with a hot drink and a snack, and perhaps buy a gift or two in the shop.

TREAT YOURSELF...

...HIRE A BEACH HUT

Situated along Bournemouth's seven miles of award winning beaches you can hire a **beach hut** in the Autumn/Winter months and experience the stunning seafront in a quieter period, but still just as beautiful.

ENJOY A SPA BREAK

Bournemouth West Cliff Hotel offer a pool and various treatments, make use of the refurbished spa facilities at **The Mercure Bournemouth Queens Hotel** or restore balance and calm with a luxurious Asian inspired Day Spa treatments at the **Ocean Beach Hotel & Spa**.

AFTERNOON TEA AND GOURMET DINING

Indulge with a sumptuous Dorset cream tea or a full afternoon tea at one of our local **restaurants**, **cafes** and **hotels**. Book an afternoon on **Frieda's Teabus** and enjoy the views of the coastline as you indulge in the luxury tea experience. If you are still hungry then why not enjoy a gourmet dining experience or sample some fresh locally sourced seafood for dinner.

...AND TREAT THE FAMILY

For a fun filled, adrenaline day out Visit **RockReef Activity Centre and PierZip** – the first Pier to Shore zip wire in the world. (*Restricted operating days and times, please contact the venue direct.*) Next door, a magical underwater journey awaits you at Bournemouth **Oceanarium** - both attractions are right on the seafront, so if the weather is kind, why not have a paddle in the sea whilst you are there.

Our local accommodation providers can cater for all tastes and requirements, visit our **accommodation page** for further information.



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BEFORE YOU VISIT

Please check out the latest [visitor information](#) for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. It is important that visitors *Respect* the local area, in order to *Protect* themselves and everyone can then *Enjoy* this wonderful location.

Please contact businesses directly before visiting to check on their individual policies and how they are running.

It's best to **Know Before You Go**.

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

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

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

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