



# Torquay & South Devon

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## Why Go?

South Devon is holiday heaven. At its core sits Torquay, a breezy, family-friendly resort with bundles of beaches, unique attractions, stylish sleep spots and top-notch eateries. It's the place for boat trips and zoos, saucy postcards and fishing ports, palm trees and proms.

Outside the resort, the character changes. Paved esplanades give way to soaring cliffs, and amusement-backed beaches become untamed stretches of sand. In the neighbouring scenic South Hams, you'll discover chic yachting havens, prime surf breaks, hip eco-hang-outs, and villages and historic homes straight out of an Agatha Christie murder mystery. There are also some absolutely superb places to eat and stay, and plenty of activities: kayak up a tranquil creek; catch crabs on a harbour wall; or go barefoot beachcombing on a huge sweep of sand. No matter if you go resort or rural, you'll experience a cracking bit of coast either way.

## When to Go

- ➔ **Easter, Jul & Aug** Accommodation is in especially high demand, beaches get busier. Book ahead for a restaurant table.
- ➔ **Jun–Aug** Regatta season brings a party atmosphere to Torquay and Dartmouth, and major music and literature festivals to Dartington, near Totnes.
- ➔ **Sep** Summer crowds melt away; accommodation bills edge down. Attractions remain open and the seas are at their warmest.
- ➔ **Oct** Dartmouth's food festival draws top-name chefs to the town.



## Torquay & South Devon Highlights

- 1 Greenway** (p82) Cracking the clues at Agatha Christie's bewitching holiday home.
- 2 Dartmouth** (p82) Gazing at gorgeous architecture in a picture-postcard-pretty port.
- 3 Salcombe** (p92) Hopping on a ferry to a sandy cove from a yachting haven.
- 4 Bantham** (p95) Learning to surf at a chilled-out bay.
- 5 Sharpham Wine & Cheese** (p81) Drinking in lush views and sampling fine wines.
- 6 Torquay** (p70) Revelling in seaside fun at an eco-zoo, model village and cave.
- 7 Coletton Fishacre** (p86) Experiencing jazz-age glamour and luxuriant gardens.
- 8 Brixham Fish Market** (p76) Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour.
- 9 River Dart** (p80) Escaping the crowds as you paddle to your own secret spot.
- 10 Burgh Island** (p96) Riding the world's only sea tractor.