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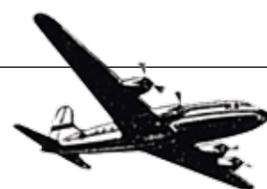
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Pretty Buckland Abbey



Head WEST!

Famed for its beaches, countryside and historic sites, the west has plenty to offer this autumn. By Anna Price

WHAT TO DO

Roman Baths and Pump Room, Bath

While the architecture of Bath is set deep in Regency styles, linked greatly to Jane Austen's world, it is also famously home to the Roman Baths and the Grand Pump Room. The best of its kind, particularly in Britain, these historic baths take you back 2,000 years as you tour the Roman Baths, visit the Pump Room and take in all the astounding artefacts. For tickets and more information: ♦ 01225-477785, www.romanbaths.co.uk

Bodmin & Wenford Railway, Cornwall

There is nothing more nostalgic or exciting than travelling by steam travel. Journey back in time on this railway that is Cornwall's only full-size railway that is still operated by steam locomotives. With 1950s-style platforms, evocative smells and the stunning sights of the Cornish countryside, this 13-mile track allows you to hop on and off as you like. For tickets and

more information: ♦ 01208-73555, www.bodminrailway.co.uk

Tintagel Castle, Cornwall

Tintagel Castle is located on the peninsula of Tintagel Island, and is a medieval fortification that was possibly occupied in the Roman-British period. It is set high on the rugged coast and undeniably linked to the legend of King Arthur. This spot has forever inspired writers and artists and now, for the first time in 500 years, two halves of the castle are linked via a footbridge. For tickets and more information: ♦ 0370-3331181, www.english-heritage.org.uk

Exmoor National Park, Somerset

Located on the northern coast of Somerset, this expansive area features natural moorland, woodland, valleys and farmland, along with coastal walks and views that people have nurtured and appreciated over thousands of years. For more information:

The view from the spa at the Carbis Bay Hotel



♦ 01398-323665, www.exmoornationalpark.gov.uk

Buckland Abbey, Devon

With a rich history spanning centuries, Buckland Abbey monastery in 1278 and was the last of the Cistercian monasteries to be built in Medieval England and Wales, and monks who farmed the estate lived peacefully for over 250 years, before the Dissolution of the Monasteries and the many years of redevelopment, restoration and adaptations. Visit Buckland to learn about its purpose in more modern history, and to walk in the footsteps of servants, sailors and monks. For tickets and more information: ♦ 01822-853607, www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Coleridge Way, Somerset

This 51-mile footpath weaves its way through Somerset and Devon, linking several sites associated with the Romantic poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

It starts from Coleridge Cottage at Nether Stowey, and ends in Lynmouth and crosses the Quantocks and Exmoor as you follow the Quill logo. Features of the walk include Worthy Manor, Oare Church and the Doone Valley and Walford's Gibbet. ♦ Coleridge's Cottage: call 01278-732662, www.visit-exmoor.co.uk

WHERE TO STAY

Longlands Luxury Glamping, Ilfracombe, Devon

These glamping lodges offer the best of both worlds: comfort, and proximity to nature and the opportunity to disconnect. With a wood-burning stove, a kitchenette, bathroom and



Glamping at Longlands

shower, wooden floors and safari-style tented ceiling and walls, Longlands offers the best parts of camping. For more information: ♦ 01271-882004, www.longlandsdevon.co.uk

Glazebrook House Hotel, Devon

This boutique hotel and restaurant offers nine unique rooms that are set in stunning, secluded grounds. The interior design exudes sophistication but equally as fun and quirky as you are able to escape the real world and embark on a trip of relaxation. For more information: ♦ 01364-73322, www.glazebrookhouse.com

The Royal Crescent Hotel and Spa, Somerset

This elegant five-star hotel offers a haven of tranquillity, right in the middle of Bath. The Regency façade is iconic, while the 250-year history is prestigious as this is one of very few landmark buildings in the world in which you can sleep. For more information: ♦ 01225-823333, www.royalcrescent.co.uk

The Green House, Dorset

This luxury boutique hotel in Bournemouth offers ultimate comfort, but is also passionate about sustainability. With 32 rooms, an award-winning restaurant, and beautiful surroundings, this hotel is sure to go above and beyond. For more information: ♦ 01202-498900, www.thegreenhousehotel.co.uk

Carbis Bay Hotel, Cornwall

This coastal retreat offers fine food, exceptional spa facilities and breathtaking views across its privately owned 25-acre Blue Flag beach. They also offer lodges located right on the beach-front, fitted out with kitchenettes and sometimes even a hot tub for a nice, scenic soak. ■ ♦ 01736-795311, www.carbisbayhotel.co.uk

The glorious stretch of sand that is Carbis Bay

