

Dartmoor is a magical landscape where sweeping panoramas rise up to the sky and breathtaking views stretch all around. The colours change as the light and the seasons change, and when the gorse and heather burst into bloom it is streaked with gaudy mauves and yellows.

And those dramatic skies - where clear cerulean blue can be dotted with towering white clouds, or a sudden change can bring scudding greys drifting over the jagged tors.

Our Dartmoor Explorer is the best way to enjoy the majesty and grandeur of this amazing place, with grandstand views all around from the top deck.

Use this leaflet to plan your adventure. Hop off wherever takes your fancy and explore...

## Dartmoor Ponies



Ponies have lived on Dartmoor since prehistoric times and although herds roam freely, they all belong to different keepers. They are hardy and thrive on Dartmoor despite the harsh winters, and their grazing helps support wildlife.

When Dartmoor was designated a National Park, in 1951, the pony was chosen to be its logo.

It's against the law to feed them and can be dangerous for both them and you!

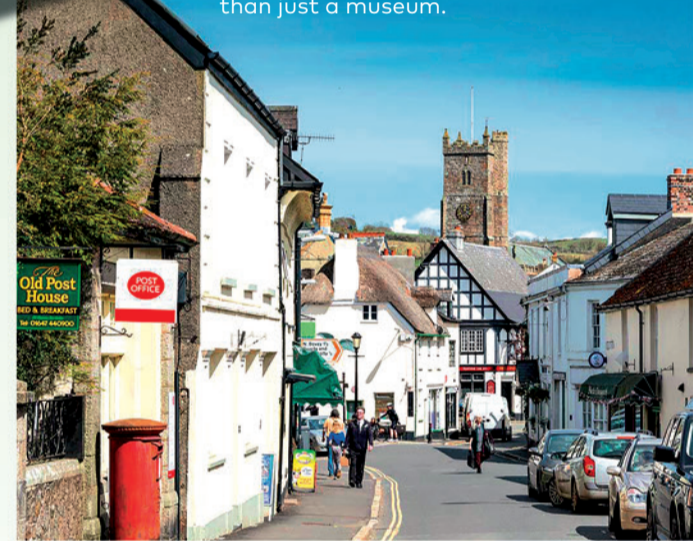


## MORETONHAMPSTEAD

The gateway to the High Moor - you can see the moor from the town - Moretonhampstead has a history stretching back to Saxon times, and in the 18th century became a major coaching stop for travellers between Exeter and Plymouth.

Take the town trail to discover fine buildings such as the Alms Houses and the Parish Church of St Andrew. And pop into the several studios and galleries to see works by local artists and craftsmen.

You'll find the arts and heritage centre in the former primary school and what used to be the bus depot in the town is now a motor vehicle museum with over 150 vintage and classic vehicles. The viewable restoration workshop makes it more than just a museum.



## best foot forward

Dartmoor is wonderful if you fancy striding out and getting some of that sparkling fresh air in your lungs.

Walk up to the tors and be rewarded with views far and wide that will simply take your breath away... marvellous!



## POSTBRIDGE

Just a short walk from the National Park Visitor Centre is one of the best examples of a clapper bridge; indeed, one of the finest in the country. It's believed to date back to medieval times and would probably have replaced stepping stones to help packhorses cross the river. The bridge has two central piers spanned by three large granite slabs, or clappers. The word clapper is thought to derive from the Anglo-Saxon word 'cleaca', meaning stepping stones, or 'bridging the stepping stones'.



## tales of the unexpected

When thick mists suddenly roll across the moor, when mires appear dark and bottomless and brooding granite tors look menacing on the horizon, it's no wonder the sweeping lonely landscapes of Dartmoor stir the imagination. Then legends have substance and the blood can run cold.

Stories of pixies, ghosts, witchcraft and weird happenings have been passed down over the centuries. Some are explained away quite easily while others still remain a mystery to this day.



## TWO BRIDGES

North east of Princetown is where the two roads that cross Dartmoor meet. One is the old turnpike road which was built across the moor in the late 18th century and which our tour follows.

The name doesn't refer to the two bridges that you see today. In 1765 the road crossed both the West Dart and the River Cowsic, just upstream from where they meet, and therefore required two separate bridges.

By 1891, there was just a single bridge further downstream over the West Dart. A more modern structure has been added alongside its earlier predecessor, hence the confusion!

A mile or so north of The Two Bridges Hotel is an amazing strange group of stunted oak trees growing among moss and lichen covered granite boulders, and it's a nice walk there.

The hotel was built in 1794 as a lonely Dartmoor coaching inn, but then it was called the Saracen's Head.



## PRINCETOWN

High on the moor 1,400 feet above sea level, is the forbidding Dartmoor Prison looming large over the village. Find out, if you dare, more about some of the notorious past residents in the Prison Museum.

The village is also home to Dartmoor Brewery, where beers such as Jail Ale and Dartmoor IPA are brewed and can be bought.

It's thought that Arthur Conan Doyle penned his most famous work, The Hound of the Baskervilles, during a stay at the Old Duchy Hotel here, now the Dartmoor National Park Visitor Centre.

The 6-mile circular Princetown audio walk takes you across moorland to a waterfall and aqueduct, past Bronze Age settlements and back along the disused railway line and remains of the granite quarries.





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Royal Parade	0925	1225	1525
Plymouth opp Barcode Centre	0928	1228	1528
Plymouth opp rail station	0934	1234	1534
Milehouse St Bartholomew	0937	1237	1537
George Hotel	0947	1247	1547
Yelverton roundabout	0957	1257	1557
Fox Tor Cafe	1012	1312	1612
Two Bridges opp Two Bridges Hotel	1016	1316	1616
Powder Mills pottery	1019	1319	1619
Postbridge National Park Visitor Centre <i>arr</i>	1024	1324	1624
<i>stay on bus - no need to change</i>			
Postbridge National Park Visitor Centre <i>dep</i>	1025	1325	1625
Postbridge Warren House Inn	1029	1329	1629
The Miniature Pony Centre opp	1039	1339	1639
Moretonhampstead Court St bus stop <i>arr</i>	1045	1345	1645
<i>dep</i>	1050	1350	1650
Doccombe phone box	1102	1402	1702
Dunsford Meadhay	1112	1412	1712
Longdown The Lamb	1124	1424	1724
Exeter St Thomas rail station	1134	1434	1734
Exeter bus station stop B	1145	1445	1745

## Exeter Moretonhampstead Dartmoor Plymouth

daily

Exeter bus station	1000	1300	1600
Exeter St Thomas rail station	1005	1305	1605
Longdown The Lamb Inn	1015	1315	1615
Dunsford Meadhay	1027	1327	1627
Doccombe	1034	1334	1634
Moretonhampstead Court St bus stop <i>arrive</i>	1045	1345	1645
<i>depart</i>	1052	1352	1652
The Miniature Pony Centre	1059	1359	1659
Postbridge opp Warren House Inn	1109	1409	1709
Postbridge opp National Park Visitor Centre <i>arr</i>	1114	1414	1714
<i>stay on bus - no need to change</i>			
Postbridge opp National Park Visitor Centre <i>dep</i>	1115	1415	1715
Powder Mills opp pottery	1118	1418	1718
Two Bridges Two Bridges Hotel	1122	1422	1722
Fox Tor Cafe	1130	1430	1730
Yelverton roundabout	1145	1445	1745
George Junction	1155	1455	1755
Milehouse Top	1204	1504	1804
Exeter rail station	1210	1510	1810
Plymouth Barcode Centre	1215	1515	1815
Royal Parade	1220	1520	1820



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## EXETER

The story of the city goes back to pre-Roman times and, despite being bombed heavily during the Second World War, much of that history is still there to be experienced.

There are fascinating attractions, like its unique underground passages, free Red Coat guided tours to go on, the remains of an imposing Roman wall and an historic Quayside. You can learn more about the history of Exeter in the award-winning Royal Albert Memorial Museum.

Perhaps Exeter's crowning glory is its magnificent cathedral with a breathtaking vaulted nave that is poetry in stone. The Cathedral Green surrounding it is a peaceful oasis in this busy city.

Exeter has excellent shopping with many favourite High Street names, but head to the West Quarter or the cobbled Gandy Street to discover some great independent cafés.



## PLYMOUTH

Known as Britain's Ocean City, Plymouth has a seafaring heritage going back centuries. Wander along to Plymouth Hoe to see the iconic Smeaton's Tower lighthouse and where Sir Francis Drake played bowls before setting off to quash the Spanish Armada.

Head down to the Barbican, where a bustling array of specialist shops, restaurants, cafés and great attractions are set against the backdrop of Plymouth's picturesque harbour.

Or go to Sutton Harbour to visit the famous Plymouth Gin Distillery or the National Marine Aquarium.

The modern city centre is spacious and pedestrian friendly, and lined with shops of all descriptions.



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