

Torquay Harbour

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With competitive rates and anchorage in a protected natural harbour, easy pilotage and a short transfer time with safe access for passengers onto a dedicated pontoon, Torquay , the birthplace of Agatha Christie, is becoming an increasingly popular tender port for cruise calls.

In addition, this UNESCO Global Geopark has an abundance of quality excursions available ranging from ‘Picturesque Cockington’, ‘Highlights of the English Riviera’ which includes Meadfoot, Babbacombe and

Brixham, to wine tasting at Sandridge Barton, the Paignton to Dartmouth Steam Railway and heritage tours plus much, much more.

Situated on the sheltered South Devon coast, Torquay is the gateway to the popular English Riviera. The area is rich in maritime history and with two piers, three harbours, 22 beaches and two marinas , life in the English Riviera revolves around the sea.

Home to quintessential English picturesque villages and quaint fishing harbours, you will find cafes and restaurants offering traditional fish and chips and the world-renowned delicious Devon cream tea. The area has more visitor attractions than any other UK seaside resort. These include museums, historic houses, beautiful gardens and one of the finest heritage steam railways in Europe.

Pilotage in Tor Bay is straightforward and uncomplicated. It is an open bay, with the anchorage half a mile off the harbour. Passengers are in the heart of the town as soon as they disembark and only have to walk a few metres to reach the harbourside and town centre shops.

Local buses and taxis are outside the security fence for quick and easy access for passengers. The Stagecoach 12 public transport bus is also in easy reach and tours the whole of the English Riviera. There is a large area available for excursion coaches to line up on the quayside.

Visitors are greeted by a cruise welcome team made up of professionals, all aimed at providing a personal touch. Comprehensive visitor attraction and travel information is provided for the independent day tripper. Cruise call welcomes are deemed to be extremely important and are organised to ensure a seamless service for passengers and staff.

Top Five Facts About Torquay

1. Torquay is part of the English Riveria UNESCO Global Geopark
2. Torquay is the birthplace of Agatha Christie
3. More attractions than any other resort in the UK
4. One of the UK’s top coastal destinations
5. Home of the famous TV series Fawlty Towers!

Experience Torquay

Cockington Village & Craft Centre

Experience a charm that is quintessentially English. Pretty thatched cottages, beautiful English church, water mill, forge and a working traditonal craft centre. Set in an award-winning country park with a historic manor house and working craft studios, tea rooms, gardens and a contemporary art gallery. Land train is available from port. Half day.
Link: http://www.cockingtoncourt.org

Brixham Fishing Port & Maritime Heritage

Charming Brixham is famous for its freshly caught seafood, pirates and colourful local festivals. Vibrant and colourful fishermen’s cottages gaze out across the harbour with working trawlers and historic heritage boats. Visit the quaint Brixham Heritage Museum, the replica of Sir Francis Drake’s Golden Hind and the Smugglers and Pirates experience; take a walking history tour, browse in the boutique shops or visit quality local restaurants or tearooms. Half or full day.
Link: http://www.visitbrixham.com

Kents Cavern
Kents Cavern is the most important prehistoric cave dwelling in Britain and was home to the oldest remains of Man in Europe. The incredible 400 million-year-old geology and rich archaeological heritage of the cave in the English Riviera UNESCO Global Geopark has been astounding scientists and visitors alike for centuries. Private guided tour and cream tea. Half day.
Link: http://www.kents-cavern.co.uk

Torre Abbey Historic House
Torre Abbey has witnessed, survived and played a role in epic moments, including nationally important historic events, for over 800 years. This stunning attraction has a portfolio of heritage and conservation awards including Best Visitor Attraction and Tourism Experience and Trip Advisor's Certificate of Excellence. A recent £11 million restoration has brought the Abbey to life using a mix of traditional and modern technology including talking statues and interactive displays. Fine art collection, palm house and Agatha Christie poison plant garden.
Link: http://www.torre-abbey.org.uk

Agatha Christie's Greenway home
An extraordinary glimpse into the beloved holiday home of the famous and much-loved author Agatha Christie and her family who spent summers and Christmasses here in the 1950s. Family collections in the house, walled gardens and woodland drifting towards the Dart estuary. Plus, the Boathouse, scene of the crime in Dead Man's Folly, and the battery complete with cannon.
Link: http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenway

Dartmouth Steam Railway & Discover Devon
On the famous and award winning Round Robin, visit the glorious South Devon coastline and quaint towns of Paignton, Dartmouth and Totnes travelling on a steam train (c.30 minutes), a river boat (c.90 minutes) and a bus (c.30 minutes). Sit back and enjoy the scenery. This award-winning ticket is a favourite with both young and old. Full day.
Link: http://www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk

Sharpham Vineyard, Trek and Taste
Internationally award-winning Sharpham Wine is one of England's foremost quality wine producers. Visit their Sandridge Barton vineyard for Trek and Taste excursions, showcasing local wine and cheese hand-made by traditional methods. Range of tours offered from self-guided to guided Vine to Wine, Vineyard Ramble and Sharpham Experience (includes lunch). Half day.
Link: https://sandridgebarton.com/select-a-tour/

Golf
Whether you are looking for a professional golf course or a short course or a driving range, The English Riviera has them all. Churston Golf Club is a testing cliff top course; Torquay Golf Club is a challenging parkland course. Cayman Golf Club in Brixham is the place to begin or improve your game. Full or half day.
Link: http://www.englishriviera.co.uk

Port Info

Time Zone : GMT
Operational Hours : May-Sept 07:00-21:00 Oct-April 08:00-17:00
Latitude & Longitude : 50˚27.48N 003˚31.55W
Prevailing Weather : SW

Berth Information : Tender transfer to pontoon
Air Draft Restrictions : None
Vessel Draft : 9.0m
Depth at anchor : 10m BCD
Largest ship to call : Zuiderdam (Holland America), 2000 passengers, 285m LOA, draft 8m
VTS - Channel : 14
Pilotage : Compulsory
Tugboat : Available on request
Security Facilities : ISPS compliant
Fresh Water : On request via shipping agents
Power Supply : No
Fuel Supply : No
Hot works / painting/ lifeboats : On application
Waste Handling : On application

Facilities

Cruise Terminal Building : No
Currency Exchange : Within ½ mile: WH Smith Post Office, 7-13 Fleet Street, Torquay
Internet Access : Yes
Telephones : 2 min walk: Victoria Parade, Torquay
Mailbox : Within ½ mile: WH Smith Post Office, 7-13 Fleet Street, Torquay
Taxi Rank : Vaughan Road, Torquay
Distance to Railway Station : 1.2 miles / 1.9km
Distance to Airport : Exeter 26 miles / 41.8 km
Banks / ATM Machines : Cashpoint 2 min walk (charges apply): Victoria Parade or Fleet Street, Torquay
Restaurant/Café : Several cafes and restaurants within 5 min walk

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