



It might not feel quite like the lazy days of summer just yet but chill out - we're heading for the summer solstice, Thursday 20 June! So, let's look forward to longer days strolling the sands, taking your first dip or exploring more of the coast path.

It's English Wine Week 15 to 21 June and some of the best vineyards are right by the coast, you'll find plenty of award-winning whites, red and bubbles so check out [our new blog](#) to see what all the fuss is about. Spend a few hours among the vines sampling their produce, head to [Crouch Ridge](#) or Clayhill Vineyards in Essex or the Tinwood Estate in West Sussex for a mix of yoga, chocolate and wine tasting.

You'll also find a host of chic new places to eat on the Lancashire coast and in Kent in our [latest blog](#), explore foodie trails, foraging feasts and new festivals, there's never been a better time to eat and drink local on the coast in summer!

And don't miss this month's [competition](#) to stay in the uber-cool [Bournemouth Beach Lodges](#) set right on the sands, enjoy afternoon tea with fizz at the [Russell-Cotes Art Gallery](#), a [City Cruises boat trip](#) and family fun at Smuggler's Cove Adventure Golf. Non-stop family fun!

Good luck!



Explore the UK's only island city - Portsmouth

All eyes were rightly on Portsmouth this month for the D Day 80 Commemoration when thousands of visitors joined veterans and VIPs to mark this world-changing event. So, if you've never been, why not explore this great ocean-front city for yourself?

Visit HMS Victory at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, scale the 170-metre Spinnaker Tower for the outstanding panoramic views or hop across the harbour to Gosport for 24 miles of waterfront and water sports. Discover where to explore here

Be Inspired by Portsmouth!



The best of coast and country on Durham's Heritage Coast

Durham's Heritage Coast charmed the likes of Lord Byron and Lewis Carroll and today there are plenty of reasons to visit. Walk the coast path, hire an e-bike or head to Dalton Park for bargains galore, it's the county's biggest retail outlet.

Explore Castle Dene Nature Reserve after spending time at Blackhall Rocks beach for the best of coast and country. And there'll be family fun galore 13 to 14 July at the Seaham Carnival with big screen films and a host of live bands. From five-star spa luxury to friendly B&Bs, there's also broad accommodation choice.

Discover the Durham Coast



50 miles of family fun and tranquil nature on the Lincolnshire coast

You'll find genuine seaside fun by the bucketful on the Lincolnshire coast, after all, this is the home of Skegness, Cleethorpes and Mablethorpe so bring the family, you're guaranteed all the fun of the fair!

Yet this is also the Lincolnshire Natural Coast, stretching 50 miles it offers vast sandy beaches perfect for spotting seals, migrating birds and wild flowers. Visit Chapel Point's North Sea Observatory for multi-directional sea views or take the dog to the golden stretches of Sandlilands Beach, its surfaced path is ideal for bikes, buggies and wheelchairs.

[**Explore Lincolnshire Here**](#)

WIN A STAY IN BOURNEMOUTH



Win a chic stay on Bournemouth Beach plus entry to a host of amazing attractions!

This month we are offering one lucky reader a superb stay at [Bournemouth Beach Lodges](#) plus family fun adventure at [Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf](#), entry to the [Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum](#) with [afternoon tea](#) and fizz as well as a sightseeing cruise courtesy of [City Cruises Poole!](#)

Choose either a four-night mid-week stay or three-night weekend break between October and March 2025 and doze off to the sound of the lapping waves. Each [Beach Lodge](#) accommodates up to four adults and two children and is superbly equipped with a stylish kitchenette, bathroom, flat-screen TV and cosy heating. Enjoy a relaxing getaway with all the comforts you need, no matter what the weather!

When you can drag everyone away from the seascape deck, head to the 18-hole family fun golf course at [Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf](#), right by Bournemouth Pier. Drive your ball past treacherous rocks, ancient ruins and waterfalls and ramp up the family-friendly rivalry smuggler-style.

For a bit of romance, take your other half for afternoon tea at the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum. Perched on a clifftop overlooking the sea, the [Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum](#) is an exotic villa crammed with beautiful objets d'art, stunning paintings and lavish furnishings. Explore its new exhibition, Artists on Purbeck: The Spirit of Place which features some of the stunning landscapes and coastline of this beautiful Dorset region.

Then enjoy a mouth-watering afternoon tea of sandwiches, freshly-baked scones and cakes, tea and glass of bubbly.

To complete your south coast trip, climb aboard a [City Cruises' Harbour & Islands Circular cruise](#) from Poole Quay, sail along the Jurassic Coast past Brownsea Island, Sandbanks peninsula and Studland Bay, relax with a drink in the lounge or on-deck and enjoy live commentary from the Captain.

To be in with a chance of winning this outstanding prize worth around £800, [simply enter here.](#)

T&Cs: Stays at Bournemouth Beach Lodges must be taken between Friday 4 October 2024 and Monday 31 March 2025 and are subject to availability. Stays are four-night mid-week and three-night weekends. Exclusion dates apply.

City Cruises' ticket for 2 adults and 2 children. Sailings are subject to availability and can be taken anytime to 31 March 2025.

Family ticket to Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf must be taken by 31 March 2025.

Entry tickets and afternoon tea at the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum must be booked in advance by 31 March 2025. Artists in Purbeck: The Spirit of Place runs from 12 October to 16 March 2025

[Enter now!](#)

Check out our latest blogs



From wine tours in Essex to foraging feasts in Lancashire, there's never been a better time to explore amazing food and drink on the coast. Discover what's in the larder near you in our latest foodie blog!

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Top athletes are pitched to go head-to-head as the pulse-pounding British Road Cycling Championship hits the Tees Valley 21 to 23 June. Head to Darlington's Market Square as the races kick off for a weekend of non-stop cycling action.

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