

EXPLORING SEATON'S BEST ATTRACTIONS

After discovering the fascinating past of Seaton and its stunning outdoor spaces, I take a closer look at some of the best attractions available and highlight some accommodation options sure to suit visiting coach groups...



SEATON WETLANDS

For any wildlife enthusiasts, or those in your group looking for that quiet spot to sit, relax and reflect, be sure to plan a visit to the impressive Seaton Wetlands. The Wetlands offer the chance to enjoy wildlife, marshland and reedbeds, alongside the River Axe.

The site comprises three local nature reserves — Seaton Marshes, Black Hole Marsh and Colyton Common. The Wetlands offers over 4km of level trails and boardwalks, providing good accessibility for groups with any disabilities.

One of the benefits of bringing your group to the Wetlands is that, whatever the time of year you visit, you can always expect to see something different. With migrating birds, and seasonal changing colours, the Wetlands will leave you wanting to visit time and time again. www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk/things-to-do/seaton-wetlands



SIT BACK AND RELAX ABOARD THE SEATON TRAMWAY

One of the best ways to relax and unwind, whilst enjoying the stunning local scenery is aboard the Seaton Tramway.

Your journey begins at Seaton and the tramway takes you on a three-mile route through the stunning valley of the River Axe to the village of Colyton. The journey takes around 30 minutes, so there's plenty of time to sit back and enjoy the views. There is also the Tram Stop Cafe at Colyton Station, which is a great place to grab a coffee or snack before your return journey.

The narrow gauge electric tramway has grown in visitor numbers since opening and now carries over 100,000 passengers each year. The services had expanded over the years, with the introduction of a number of new cars.

Seaton Tramway runs a number of special events throughout the year. For something extra special why not book a driving experience and learn how to drive a tram?

Groups are well looked after, by the Seaton Tramway staff, and there are options for a journey on different types of trams — open-toppers or saloons are available. Each tram seats an average of 35 people, and cars can be added to increase capacity for larger groups.

Seaton Tramway operates a seasonal timetable, and more information is available at www.tram.co.uk

UNCOVER 250 YEARS IN THE MAKING AT SEATON JURASSIC

Start your adventures with a trip to Seaton Jurassic, located just a short distance from Seaton sea front. This attraction promises to take your group on a historic journey, as you learn the stories of local fossil hunters and others, as they uncover life on Earth when dinosaurs roamed the land.

Set sail on Seaton Jurassic's very own time ship, which takes you back over 200 million years ago, where you will encounter a vast array of prehistoric creatures.

The attraction is interactive throughout so popular with visitors of all ages, and repeatedly receives positive reviews from the many thousands of people who visit each year.

Complete your visit to Seaton Jurassic with a bite to eat in the cafe before picking up a souvenir from the Seaton Jurassic shop.

To discover more visit www.seatonjurassic.org

UNBEATABLE ACCOMMODATION AND DINING OPTIONS

Seaton, and its surrounds, enjoy a wide range of accommodation options for visitors. For larger groups, on either short or longer tours, Seaton has the benefit of a centrally-located Premier Inn. Smaller groups may be tempted by the selection of independently-run smaller hotels, guest houses and bed and breakfast accommodation available.

Seaton has a good range of eateries and public houses offering everything from morning coffee to evening meals.

For more information, visit www.seaton.gov.uk/your-business/food-drink

The town also boasts the popular Seaton Eats Boutique — a pop-up evening street food market overlooking the sea. For more information visit www.uniqueboutiqueevents.co.uk and to discover more about the various accommodation options, visit www.seaton.gov.uk/accommodation or www.seatontouristinformation.co.uk/where-to-stay



Seaton

THE HEART OF THE JURASSIC COAST

Stunning scenery, coupled with a wide array of attractions. Plan your trip to Seaton today.

- Attractions include Seaton Tramway, Seaton Wetlands and Seaton Jurassic
- Spectacular coastline and countryside – Seaton is part of the UNESCO Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site
- Great accommodation and dining options available throughout the town
- Mile long beach with accessible seafront
- Coach parking and drop off points available



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YOU ARE ASSURED A WARM
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YOU RETURN TIME AND
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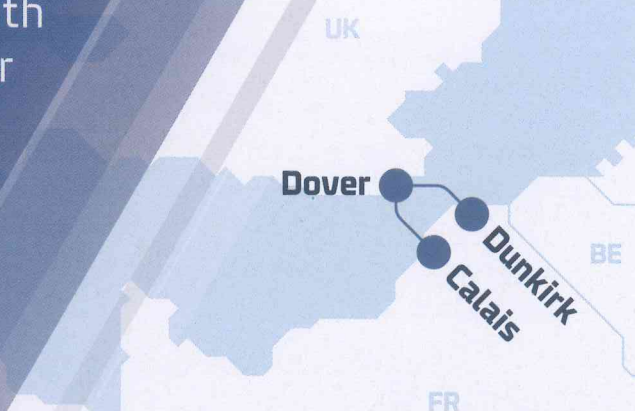
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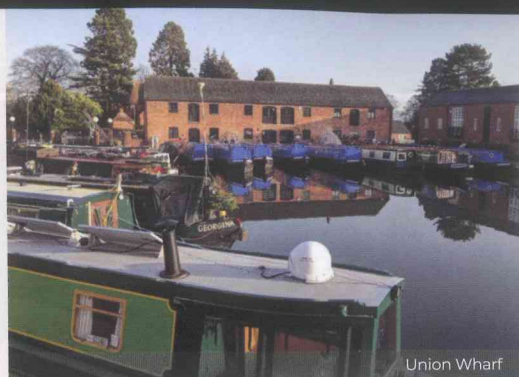
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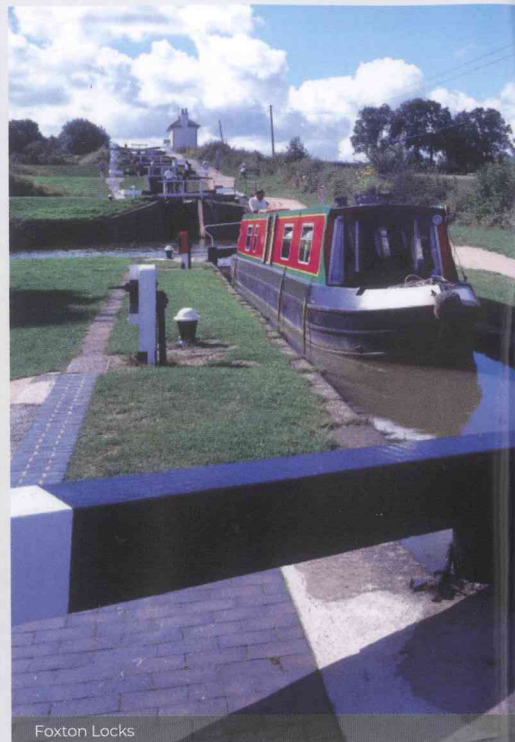
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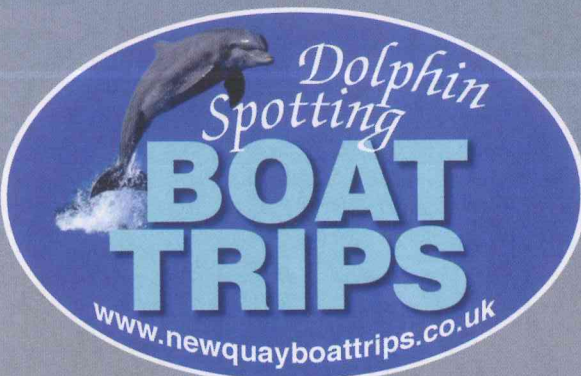
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Special report on the coastal resort of Seaton



Whatever the weather, come rain or shine, a Dolphin Spotting Boat Trip offers a fun, educational experience for all ages.

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Welcome to the November issue of Coach Tours UK — our second issue back, post-lockdown, and packed full of great touring ideas to keep you and your groups busy throughout 2021.

Here at Coach Tours UK we've heard some brilliant stories about operators being back out on the road with groups on board, and whilst the winter months will undoubtedly cause many challenges, along with the ever-changing government guidance, one message has remained clear from organisations such as the CTA and CTP: carry on touring!

Inside this month's magazine we bring you the latest news from one of Cheshire's top attractions, Tatton Park, which is gearing up for a busy autumn period. I also undertake a fact-finding mission in the beautiful Devon seaside resort of Seaton.

We have regional updates from Scotland, with a special focus on Dundee and everything on offer for some great group stays.

If you are planning on heading south with your groups then take a look at this month's updates from Hampshire — and while there, why not hop aboard a ferry and take the short crossing to the Isle of Wight, whose attractions include the famous Needles.

Heading east, Suffolk has some brilliant options to consider — and this month we take a closer look at the county town of Ipswich.

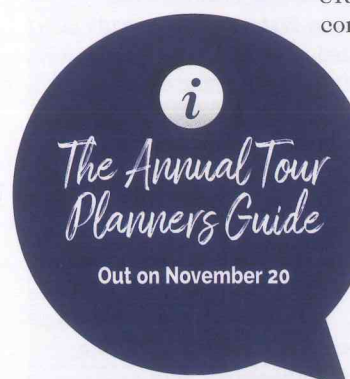
Add all this to the latest update on some of the best Shopping and Markets for you to enjoy, as well as a trip around some of the UK's best Historic Properties, and you have plenty of ideas and contacts to help your plans for some busy months ahead.

As always, please keep in touch with your news, and if you have visited an attraction with a group recently, tell us how in went. We always love to hear your feedback, and that of your passengers on board.

Enjoy your read.

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Seaton and the Jurassic Coast

Special report by Matthew Inglis

Enjoy the seaside charm with your groups by planning a visit to the south coast of England centred upon Seaton, in Devon.

Awarded a "Coach Friendly Town Status" and facing onto Lyme Bay with its stunning coastal views, Seaton has a wide array of attractions for visitors to enjoy and many accommodation options.

This charming town is full of splendid Victorian buildings, while the welcome for visitors is one of the warmest you can expect from anywhere in the UK. All factors that will lead to happy passengers, who will want to book with you time and time again.

Seaton is a small town with a big reputation and, from my own research, it quickly became apparent why this delightful Devon gem is sure to be popular with your groups and should be added to the top of your 2021 tour programmes.

Seaton is part of the Dorset and East Devon Jurassic Coast World Heritage site, a UNESCO site which stretches along 95 miles of coastline and is

recognised for its fossil-rich rocks and landforms.

The town has plenty to offer and the natural landscape lends itself to getting out and enjoying the fresh air.

Seaton has a mainly pebble beach which stretches over a mile long, and a flat accessible sea front. The beach is also popular with water sports enthusiasts — kayaks and paddleboards are a common sight along the shoreline so, for anyone keen to get out on the water when not exploring the area, there are numerous opportunities available.

Seaton and the surrounding areas are easily accessible with good road links from the nearest motorway, the M5, and free coach parking available in the town at the junction of Harbour Road and The Underfleet (opposite Seaton Tramway), just two or three minutes' walk from the town centre and sea front. There is a drop-off point at the Marine Place roundabout and bus stops by Pebbles Coffee House & Bistro. Coaches may then return to the coach park.

With so much to explore, I take a closer look at some of the key attractions and accommodation options that are sure to get you already planning your next tour to Seaton.

This month we spotlight the group-friendly regions of Seaton, Scotland, Hampshire & The Isle of Wight, & Suffolk.



Did you know

In Saxon times Seaton was known as Fluta or Fleet — the Saxon word for "creek".

INFORMATION

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