

# Minehead

# Newquay

Minehead is a sheltered corner beneath the dramatic North Hill and looks out across the broad expanse of the Bristol Channel. Little fishing boats adorn the pretty harbour where, in summer, the famous preserved paddle steamer Waverley and the cruise ship Balmoral may offer you an exciting sea trip for the day. Attractive and welcoming to thousands of visitors every year, Minehead has won national awards for its beautiful floral displays. The many flowers, popular sea front and tidy shopping area all combine to make a marvellous exploration base for getting out and about across the glorious Exmoor countryside. Minehead sea defences are a major improvement to the seafront and provide a spacious promenade from which to access the sandy bathing beach and view the bay. At night, the promenade lighting creates a unique string of pearls effect.

## Beach Hotel

Overlooking the Bay, with views across the Bristol Channel all the way to the Welsh Coast, stands The Beach Hotel. All the en-suite bedrooms are comfortably furnished with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities. Relax in the bar, which offers a wide range of beers - including real ale, before dining in the restaurant with its famous carvery. The hotel does not have a lift but some ground floor rooms located in the courtyard are available on request.

## Excursions

We shall spend the morning in Taunton which has a good variety of shops to suit all tastes before joining the West Somerset Railway which is Britain's longest steam railway at Bishops Lydeard. Why not unwind as the steam trains of the West Somerset Railway take you on a leisurely 20 mile journey between Bishops Lydeard and Minehead, taking in the sights, sounds and even the unique smells of the golden age of rail travel. As your train makes its way along, the glorious Somerset countryside offers constantly changing views through the windows. The intimacy of the Quantock Hills country, Exmoor in the distance and views from the Exmoor coast across the sea to South Wales all feature at different times.

## Departure date

August 21st                      4 days                      £145

## Price includes

- All coach travel
- En-suite accommodation
- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Evening entertainment
- Excursion to Taunton
- Single journey on the West Somerset Railway



## Sandy Lodge Hotel

We are pleased to offer the Sandy Lodge Hotel to our customers again this year due to the success of our tours in the past. This lovely hotel is situated close to the seafront and only a short walk to the town centre. The hotel has indoor leisure facilities which include a heated swimming pool, jacuzzi and gymnasium. There is a lift to all floors.

## Eliot Hotel

We are pleased to offer the Eliot Hotel to our customers for the first time this year. The hotel is situated close to Tolcarne Beach and the shops. The hotel offers comfortable en-suite accommodation, three relaxing lounges, a large ballroom with entertainment most evenings. The hotel also has an indoor swimming pool and a sauna. A lift serves most rooms although all floors (including ground floor) are split level with some intermediate stairs.

## Excursions

Excursions will include a visit to some of the following: Truro which is a major shopping centre with small independent shops as well as department stores, high street names and a regular farmers' market.

Falmouth, which is the main resort of the South Cornish Riviera has a marvellous harbour with a range of boats from yachts to large ocean going liners, overlooked by Pendennis Castle, one of Henry's VII's forts.

Penzance which has the only promenade in Cornwall and it is a rather lengthy one, with wonderful views. Penzance harbour is small but has a busy atmosphere and a mix of vessels from fishing boats to visiting yachts.

## Departure dates

### Sandy Lodge Hotel

#### Party Break

February 2nd	5 days	£135
February 16th	5 days	£135

March 30th	5 days	£159
May 4th	5 days	£190

### Turkey & Tinsel

October 26th	5 days	£180
November 2nd	5 days	£180

### Christmas

December 23rd	5 days	£345
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### Eliot Hotel

May 27th	5 days	£190
July 22nd	5 days	£220

### Turkey & Tinsel

November 2nd	5 days	£189
November 23rd	5 days	£189

Includes 2 lunches / 1 sherry reception / 1 punch reception  
1 afternoon tea & games / 1 fancy dress party

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- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Evening entertainment
- Excursions

