



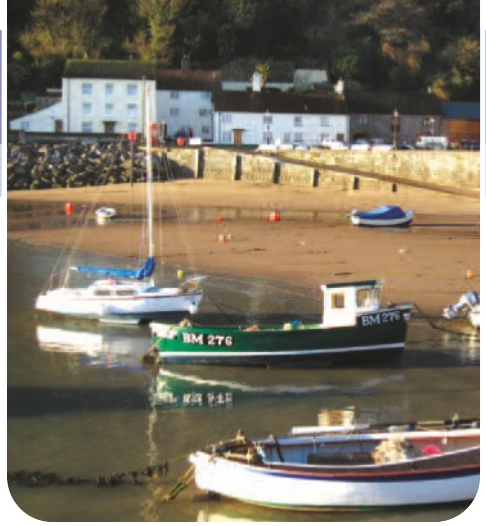
One of our most popular destinations – we return to the enchanting South Devon coastal town of Sidmouth where the River Sid trickles down to the sea between cliffs of warm pink rock. For hundreds of years Sidmouth was a tiny fishing village then, in the 19th century, it was transformed into the smart seaside resort we see today, complete with its charming Regency villas and Victorian cottages. Included in the tour is a ride on the West Somerset Railway, a guided tour of Exmoor and a visit to Paignton Zoo.

SUNDAY 20 MAY Departing from Oxted at 9.00am we make our way to Sidmouth, making stops for refreshment along the way and arriving late afternoon at the Royal York & Faulkner Hotel, Sidmouth. On arrival we shall be greeted with afternoon tea.

MONDAY 21 MAY This morning we drive to Bishops Lydeard where we board the West Somerset Railway steam train to Dunster, taking in the sights, sounds and even the unique smells of the golden age of rail travel. The West Somerset Railway is, at 20 miles, Britain's longest heritage railway and as the

train makes it way along, you'll enjoy the glorious Somerset countryside with its constantly changing views, the intimacy of the Quantock Hills country, Exmoor in the distance and views from the Exmoor coast across the sea to South Wales. At Dunster we re-join the coach, with a guide, for a guided tour of Exmoor, making a stop for lunch before arriving in Minehead where we shall re-join the train for the return journey to Bishops Lydeard. Here we meet the coach once again for the journey back to the hotel.

TUESDAY 22 MAY The day is yours to sightsee and explore this charming and unspoilt seaside resort



which nestles beneath the majestic red cliffs of Peak and Salcombe Hill and the green hills of the glorious Sid Valley. Renowned for its gardens and famous for its wealth of fine architecture, the picturesque town centre offers an excellent range of individual shops and is a delight to browse.

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY After breakfast we head westwards to Paignton Zoo, home to thousands of amazing animals and plants. Here we shall be at leisure to walk through a world of wonder – visit the desert, cross the savannah, explore the forest and trek through the tropics. Use your senses to discover the wild world: look around, listen out – you'll even need your sense of smell! Find out about conservation and the world's endangered species. As well as the thousands of animals, there's a miniature train ride, a wobbly jungle bridge in Lemur Wood, keeper talks and feeding times, places to eat and places to sit – all packed into 80 acres of natural habitat.

THURSDAY 24 MAY Leaving the hotel after breakfast we make our way homewards with refreshment stops along the way. Arriving home late afternoon.

What's included

ROYAL YORK & FAULKNER HOTEL Sidmouth

This magnificent Regency building, dating from 1810 enjoys an unrivalled position at the centre of Sidmouth's elegant Esplanade, adjacent to the picturesque town Centre.

Owned and personally run by the Hook family, resident proprietors for three generations, the hotel has earned a long standing reputation for hospitality and service.

All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone & hospitality tray.

4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, with Afternoon Tea on arrival.

Time to explore Sidmouth

Ride on the West Somerset Railway

Entry to Paignton Zoo

Guided tour of Exmoor

£477.00 PER PERSON