

## Visit South Devon Group Travel Itinerary - Tiverton

Centrally located in Devon, just 10 mins from the M5, Tiverton is the ideal base for exploring Devon and to really escape on holiday. Explore surrounding traditional thatched villages, rural countryside walks and authentic local produce at your leisure.

Set on the banks on the Grand Western Canal, the town of Tiverton steps you back to a simpler time, with its romantic castle, historic houses, museum and the famous horse-drawn barge. Explore the rich heritage of the Mid Devon area and immerse yourself in the idyllic rolling hills and valleys keeping an eye out for the wide variety of wildlife.

Enjoy scenic viewpoints, country village and abounding unspoilt natural beauty, verdant valleys, heathland, moors and countryside walks. Bask in Mid Devon's untouched surroundings.

Tiverton is within easy transport reach of Devon's north and south coastlines, two National Parks and countless areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.







## **Coach Parking & Visitor Information Centre**

Coaches can drop off visitors at the bus station and park for FREE in the coach parking at William Street car park. Coach companies need to book via the TIC on 01884 230878.

Coach drivers are very welcome at the Pannier Market and should introduce themselves at the Market Café or to the Market Manager for light refreshments.

The Information Centre is housed at Tiverton Museum, where staff are on hand to help you make the most of your visit to the town and the local area.

## **Accommodation for Groups**

- Hartnoll Hotel www.hartnollhotel.co.uk (26 rooms)
- Best Western Tiverton Hotel www.bw-tivertonhotel.co.uk (69 rooms)
- Premier Inn Tiverton Hotel www.premierinn.com

For more information on group travel in Tiverton and the rest of South Devon visit www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk/grouptravel



## Things to see and do for groups in Tiverton

A short walk from the town centre on the outskirts of Tiverton, lies the Grand Western Canal Country Park, with an amazing 24 bridges along its 11 3/4 mile stretch. Enjoy the scenery with a walk along the towpath or trips afloat on barges drawn by magnificent shire horses, courtesy of Tiverton Canal Co. Coach parking is available at the Canal Basin.

If you love local history, Tiverton is brimming with heritage. Visit the magnificent St Peter's Church, beautiful Tiverton Castle - a royal fortress commissioned in 1106 by Henry I - or visit the 11C Bickleigh Castle with moated gardens.

One of the finest surviving gothic revival houses, is the National Trust Property of Knightshayes Court, which was built in 1869. Find out more about Tiverton's rich heritage at the award-winning Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life, with 14 galleries of exhibits including the Tivvy Bumper GWR locomotive.

Explore the local history on one of two great, town centre walks, including The Merchants Trail that takes in the architecture and history of Tiverton and a unique Tree Trail. Leaflets can be collected from the Tourist Information Centre.

The town has a great selection of independent shops that are perfect for boutique shopping and a thriving Pannier Market with monthly Farmers' Market. Try Bickleigh Mill just outside of Tiverton for an independent shopping experience with gifts and homeware from around the World.

Just north of Tiverton is Exmoor National Park with stunning moorland and the North Devon coastline not far to enjoy.





**Key Events in Tiverton for groups** 

The Mid Devon Show, held each July, is a real celebration of rural country life and has an excellent array of food, music, entertainment and horticulture and farm life.

Don't miss the local Farmers' Market held on the fourth Friday of every month and Tiverton Pannier Market on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year.

The award-winning, free to attend, Electric Nights Streetfood takes place on the first Saturday of the month throughout summer. Based at Tiverton Pannier Market, enjoy entertainment, live music and a variety of street food.

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