

Exmoor Coastal Fleeces to Flamingos

21st June – 2nd July 2021



Beaches, Coastline and Wildlife

Enjoy a Spring tour in the south west of the UK, discovering the North Devon and Somerset coastlines as we travel from Combe Martin through Porlock to arrive in West Gloucestershire.

We meet for the tour at a well-appointed campsite near Taunton with easy connections from the M5. This sets us up well for a leisurely drive across north Devon and Exmoor national park too arrive at Combe Martin on the north Devon coast. Our campsite here is very well appointed and within a few minutes walk of both the beach and village, which claims to have Britain's longest village high street. Our campsite is also on the local bus route giving easy access to Ilfracombe in one direction and Lynton & Lynmouth in the other.

From Combe Martin we travel along the coast to Porlock on the north Somerset coast where our campsite sits close to the South West Coast path. Take time during our stay to visit Porlock Weir and its boat shed museum.

We then move to wonderful Slimbridge on the banks of the Gloucester-Sharpness canal close to the River Severn. From our campsite the amazing Slimbridge Wetlands Centre is just 800m walk away. Also from here take the opportunity to visit the fascinating Purton Ships' graveyard.

At the end of our tour it is a short journey from Slimbridge back to the M5 motorway.

11 Nights

Day One – Monday 21st June

We meet at a well-appointed campsite near Taunton and close to the M5 motorway. This afternoon the Tour Directors will host a welcome drinks reception outside of their motorhome, an opportunity to meet your fellow tour participants.

Day Two – Tuesday 22nd June

A short journey today which gives an option of taking a drive across the Exmoor national park as we travel to Combe Martin on the north Devon coast and to another very well-appointed campsite. Once on site do not miss the Alpaca that the campsite owners keep on a part of their land given over to these fascinating animals famous for their fleeces. **60 miles**



Day Three – Wednesday 23rd June

Within a few minutes walk from the campsite you are at Combe Martin beach and village. Take a walk along the high street, claimed to be the longest in Britain. Here you will find the Pack o' Cards. This old inn (now a pub & restaurant) was built from the winnings of a card game in the 17th century; it has four floors representing the four card suits, 13 doors and fireplaces on each floor equalling the number of cards in each suit, and 52 stairs totalling a pack of cards. The building is also shaped appropriately to its name.

Day Four – Thursday 24th June

Today we have arranged a leisurely group lunch in a nearby restaurant.

Day Five – Friday 25th June

Our campsite sits directly on the north Devon coast bus route. In one direction you can travel to Ilfracombe, in the other to Lynton and Lynmouth.

Day Six – Saturday 26th June

Drive along the north Devon and Somerset coast to arrive at Porlock where our campsite sits close to the south west coast path. **25 miles**



Day Seven – Sunday 27th June

An opportunity to join with the Tour Directors for a walk to Porlock Weir where its small boat shed museum is a good visit.

Day Eight – Monday 28th June

Throughout the day enjoy the tranquillity and scenery of the Coast with Exmoor National Park in the background. This evening we have a group dinner in a local restaurant.



Day Nine – Tuesday 29th June

Move on today to west Gloucestershire and another well-appointed campsite at Slimbridge. Our journey firstly takes us along the north Somerset coast where a stop at Dunster Village is recommended. Take both a wander in this fascinating old town and try to make a visit to the National Trust site of Dunster Castle and Watermill. **90 miles**

Day Ten – Tuesday 30th June

From our Slimbridge campsite 800m walk brings you to the truly amazing Slimbridge Wetlands Centre. Located on the banks of the River Severn there are 100 acres of wildlife, gardens and lakes to explore. Beautiful ducks, geese and fabulous flamingos can all be seen.



Day Eleven – Wednesday 1st July

Our campsite is located on the banks of the Gloucester-Sharpness canal offering numerous walks, cycling and relaxing opportunities, including the Black Shed café which offers food and drinks with seats directly on the banks of the canal. Additionally, a very good visit around 1 hours walk along the canal is to Purton Ships' Graveyard. Here throughout the 20th Century ships coming to the end of their lifespan were grounded into the banks of the River Severn to shore up the narrow strip of land that separates the river and canal. This evening we have our farewell dinner in a restaurant located next to the campsite, so very close by for returning home at the end of the evening.

Day Twelve

Our tour ends this morning. From the campsite it is both a short and easy return to the M5 for onward travels.

VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST

- All visits are left for individuals to decide which they would like to make and are not arranged/included in the tour. Within the printed tour pack will be all the necessary information to make the arrangements for everything suggested in the itinerary, and throughout the time away the Tour Directors will be on hand to assist with any bookings. Note some attractions require online pre-booking/paying.

PRICE TOUR DEPOSIT £250

Motorhome with 2 people = £499 per person

Motorhome with 1 person = £849

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 11 Campsite nights with electric hook-ups
- Tour information pack with suggested routes and GPS Co-ordinates
- Information relating to all suggested visits from campsites and on-route drives
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

Drinks and Meals included *

- Welcome drinks with Tour Directors
- Lunch at Combe Martin with wine
- Dinner at Porlock with wine
- Farewell dinner with wine

* Meals will be arranged in accordance with any social distancing regulations of the time.

