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BEAUTIFUL BEACHES

From surf spots
to hidden gems



FAB FOOD & DRINK

Michelin stars
to street food



LAY YOUR HEAD

Boutique hotels,
glamping and B&Bs



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Fulfilling every
fascination



AWESOME ARTS

Steeped in heritage
and culture



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BEAUTIFUL BEACHES

North Devon is renowned for its outstanding beaches, with sandy and pebbled stretches of coast offering everything from great surf to family fun.

The world-class waves found on Croyde are seen as a surfer's paradise, while Westward Ho!, Saunton and Woolacombe offer endless expanses of sand, perfect for stretching legs.

The beaches across North Devon are also dog-friendly – some have open access all year round, while others offer different zones during peak seasons; all are clearly marked.

There are many hidden gems, too, with the likes of Tunnels Beaches in Ilfracombe, Barricane, with its Caribbean shingles and shells, and Combe Martin - perfect for kayakers - offering something for everyone. ■



SAUNTON SANDS



WOOLACOMBE



COMBE MARTIN



WESTWARD HO!



CROYDE



SENSATIONAL SPACES

Everyone knows of North Devon's world-class beaches, but what of its majestic moorland, gorgeous gardens or incredible islands?

Exmoor is one of many jewels in the North Devon crown, with a mass of hilly, open moorland stretching across the northern part of our area and into Somerset.

Here, you will find a unique mix of landscapes, including high sea cliffs and rolling moorland, working farmland and deep wooded valleys. If walking is more your bag, then the South West Coast Path, offers some wonderful walking routes along the top of Exmoor and around the North Devon coast, while the Tarka Trail has 180 miles of foot and cycle path, passing through numerous towns and villages.



ILFRACOMBE



APPLEDORE



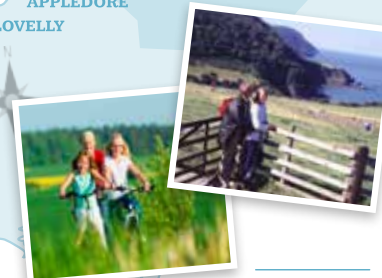
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LYNTON & LYNMOUTH



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VALLEY OF ROCKS

Add to this the wonderful array of charming villages - ranging from the hillside harbour of Clovelly, to the traditional country quality of West Down - and we're sure you'll agree there are a selection of sensational sights to see.

Valley of Rocks, next to Lynton, is also a vision to behold, with rock formations and paths showcasing the stunning beauty of the coast

Lundy, meanwhile, provides both visitors and locals a unique attraction and holiday destination. The island, which lies in the Bristol Channel 12 miles off the coast, is accessible via boat journeys from Ilfracombe and Bideford, or even helicopter rides. Here you will find all manner of marine life and seabirds, buildings dating back centuries and unique flora and fauna which led to it becoming England's first Marine Conservation Zone. ■



LUNDY



CLOVELLY



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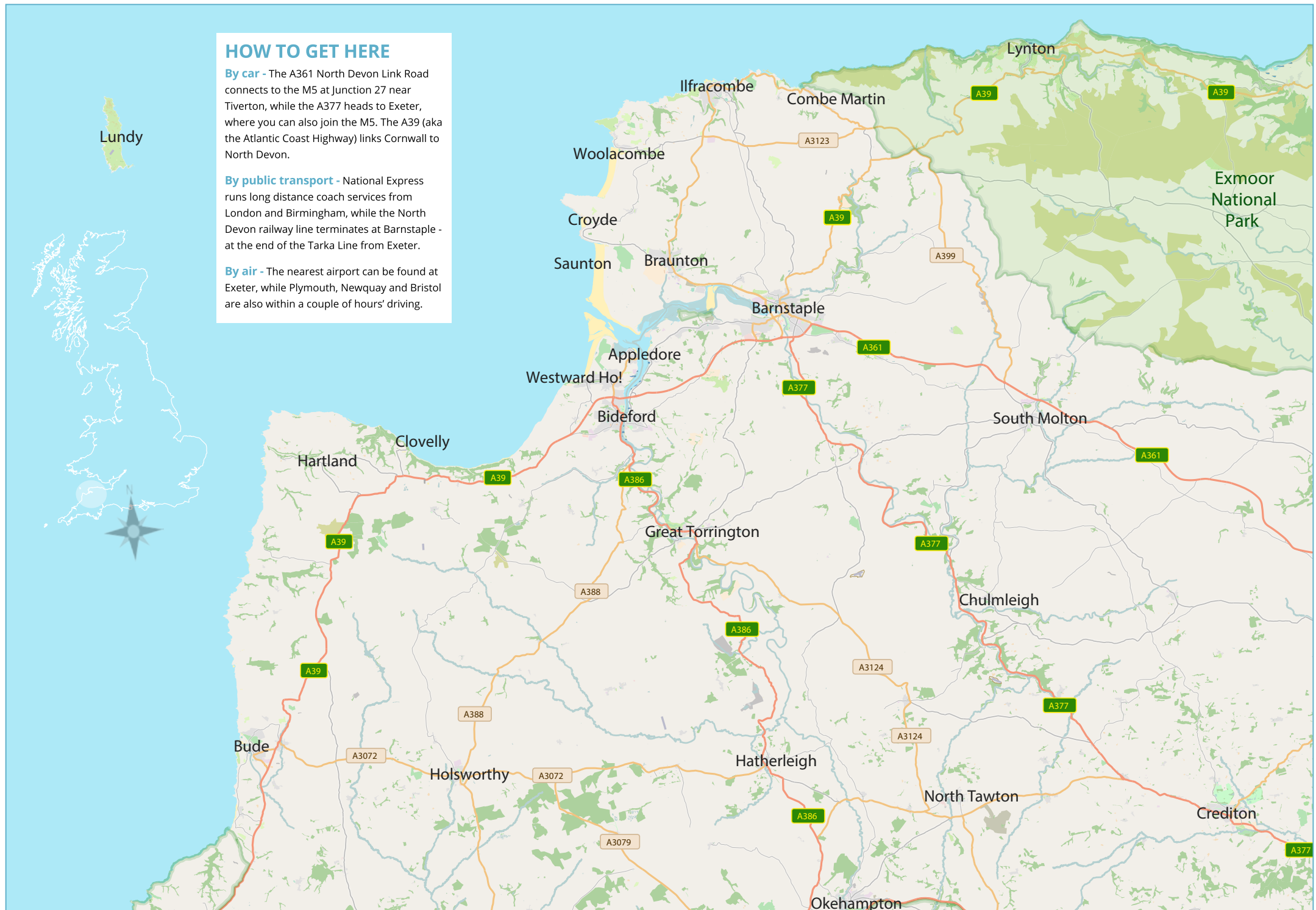
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HOW TO GET HERE

By car - The A361 North Devon Link Road connects to the M5 at Junction 27 near Tiverton, while the A377 heads to Exeter, where you can also join the M5. The A39 (aka the Atlantic Coast Highway) links Cornwall to North Devon.

By public transport - National Express runs long distance coach services from London and Birmingham, while the North Devon railway line terminates at Barnstaple - at the end of the Tarka Line from Exeter.

By air - The nearest airport can be found at Exeter, while Plymouth, Newquay and Bristol are also within a couple of hours' driving.



A FANTASTIC FOOD SCENE

With such a wide range of locations, it's little surprise that North Devon boasts a high quality natural larder; everything from Exmoor beef to Lundy lobsters, plus ice cream to cream teas.

The exciting food and drink scene here improves year-on-year, and 2016 brought our second Michelin-starred restaurant.

Thomas Carr at The Olive Room in Ilfracombe joined The Masons Arms in Knowstone on the esteemed list.

But that's not all. Here, you'll be able to choose from an assortment of cuisines and food styles, ranging from award-winning local produce stocked at delis and farmers' markets to exotic street food and wonderful country pub grub.

Take Squires, for example, an award-winning fish and chips in Braunton which has fed the likes of former Prime Minister David Cameron. Or if you fancy more of an afternoon tea, there are plenty of tea rooms to enjoy a sandwich or cake. Tea on the Green in Westward Ho! is one of these, offering a huge range of delicious cakes which change on a weekly basis. ■



Masons Arms, South Molton



Docton Mill Gardens and Tea Rooms, Hartland



Squires, Braunton



The Kings Arms, Braunton



The Corn Dolly Tea Room, South Molton



NC, (Noel Corston) Woolacombe



Pannier Market in (Barnstaple)

Flower market (Holsworthy)



HIT THE SHOPS

North Devon is an Aladdin's cave when it comes to shopping, with local, independent boutique retailers sitting side-by-side with big names.

This is added to the huge host of historic pannier markets and fantastic farmers' markets found in towns and villages across the region, including Holsworthy.

Atlantic Village in Bideford also offers a range of outlets, including M&S and Nike stores, while surf shops like Hunter and Genesis are on hand to stock up on surf accessories before hitting the waves.

And, if that wasn't enough, there are so many wonderful, independent boutique shops offering various trinkets, vintage outfits and retro items. ■



Daisy Park (South Molton) Donna Flower Vintage (Barnstaple) The Cove Boutique (Barnstaple) are three popular, boutique shops





SOMEWHERE TO LAY YOUR HEAD

From huge, 4* hotels to lovely little campsites on the moors, North Devon has accommodation for every type of holiday.

If you're looking for comfort, our area's luxury hotels range from the gorgeous Saunton Sands on the coast, to the Imperial Hotel in the centre of Barnstaple, via Sinai House in Lynton, offering the most incredible sea views over to Wales.

Meanwhile, award-winning Woolacombe Bay Holiday Parks – Golden Coast, Woolacombe Bay, Twitchen House and Easewell Farm – offer spectacular sea views over Woolacombe, state-of-the-art accommodation, and more than 40 free activities.

Add to this the range of glamp-sites - which includes Longlands in Combe Martin, recently voted best glamping site at the South West Tourism Awards - and family-friendly accommodation, and we're sure there is somewhere to cater for every want and need. ■

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The Imperial Hotel, Barnstaple



Pickwell Manor, Georgeham



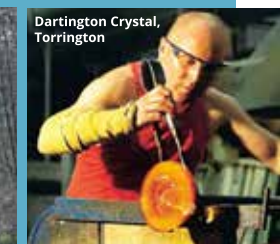
Millbrook Cottages, Umberleigh



Woolacombe Bay Holiday Park



Broomhill Art Hotel, Muddiford



Dartington Crystal, Torrington



14 The Gallery, Torrington

DISCOVER THE ARTS

From hotels dedicated to art to an artist cooperative found in an historic Pannier Market; there are so many inspiring works of art to be found in North Devon.

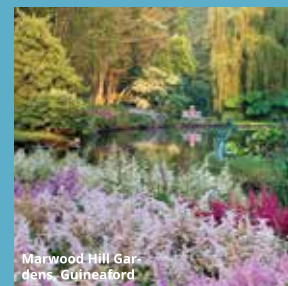
Broomhill Art Hotel in Muddiford is home to an eclectic and compelling collection of sculptures, while it is also home to the National Sculpture Prize every summer.

14 The Gallery, a cooperative located in Torrington Pannier Market, also houses a varied selection of arts. Dartington Crystal also showcases and sells beautiful glassware, while Tarka Pottery offers an exciting and inspiring clay experience.

The area is also steeped in heritage and culture, and there are grand gardens and historic houses to be found in every corner. Arlington Court, with its National Trust Carriage Museum, RHS Garden Rosemoor in Torrington and Hartland Abbey, a filming location in recent BBC drama The Night Manager, are just three wonderful locations to visit.

Damien Hirst's steel and bronze statue Verity, found in Ilfracombe, is another spectacular vision, watching over the town's picturesque harbour.

Add to this the Plough Arts Centre in Torrington, North Devon Theatres and the GoldCoast Oceanfest music festival, attracting not only star names, but allowing talented locals to perform, and it's clear our area's arts scene is thriving. ■



Marwood Hill Gardens, Guineaford



Damien Hirst's Verity, and gallery Ilfracombe

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Whether you're super sporty, need to get nearer to nature or fancy an outdoor adventure, North Devon's activities can fulfil every fascination.

There are a variety of watersports in our area, ranging from kayaking around the coasts with Surfside Kayak Hire in Combe Martin to wakeboarding at the North Devon Wake Park, while various surf schools help budding surfers learn to ride the waves.

Rock and Rapid Adventures in South Molton and Survival Paintball and Laser Games on the outskirts of Torrington are two other awesome places offering an exciting range of outdoor activities. ■



Above: Woolacombe Bay Holiday Parks



Above: Exmoor Zoo
Left: Combe Martin Wildlife and Dinosaur Park.



Above: Ilfracombe Aquarium
Left: The Milky Way Adventure Park

The Big Sheep



FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN

That's not to mention the wonderful range of family days out we have to offer, including Milky Way Adventure Park, Watermouth Castle and The Big Sheep, with soft play areas, rollercoasters and themed days to boot.

Exmoor Zoo, Combe Martin Wildlife and Dinosaur Park, and Ilfracombe Aquarium, meanwhile, allow an up-close-and-personal experience with nature, while Quince Honey Farm is one of the UK's leading bee farms.

At Woolacombe Bay Holiday Parks, check out their adrenalin-pumping activities. A surfing simulator, high ropes course, climbing wall, zorbing, segways and more at all four parks, and everyone is welcome - not just guests!

But, if you're not keen on exerting too much energy, the historic Lynton and Lynmouth Cliff Railway, which opened in 1890 and provides stunning views across Lynmouth Bay, is sure to impress. ■



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The Commodore Hotel
Rock Inn
Castle Hill Gardens
John Fowler Holidays
Squires Fish Restaurant
& Take Away
Braddicks
Park Resorts Bideford Bay
Putsborough Sands
Caravan Park
Broomhill Hotel
Rosemoor Gardens
Exmoor Zoo
The Red Barn/Kelford
Cafes Limited

Slee Blackwell
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Lynton & Lynmouth Town
Council
Atlantic Village
Petroc
Golden Bay Holiday Village
(Westward Ho!) Ltd
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