

Explore South Devon

on the

Riviera Line

Rail Information

For information about train times and fares, contact National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50 or visit www.therivieraline.com

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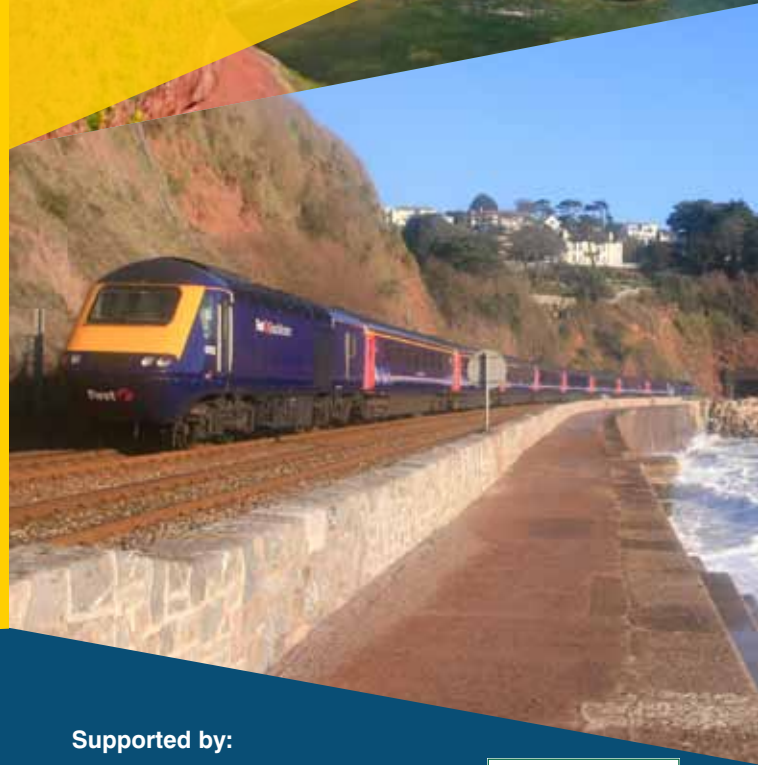
Devon Day and Evening Rangers. For just £10, a Devon Day Ranger gives you unlimited travel within Devon (including on the Riviera Line) for the day. Valid after 09:00 Mon-Fri, and any time at weekends. If you are travelling after 18:00, a Devon Evening Ranger costs just £5.

Bus Links – for details of public transport links contact Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit www.travelinesw.com

Dogs and Cycles Dogs and cycles can be taken free of charge (max 2 dogs, 2 cycles).

For more ideas for days out by train visit www.therivieraline.com

Timetable information can be found on a smart phone by scanning this code.



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The Riviera Line

One of the Great Scenic Railways of Devon and Cornwall

The Riviera Line offers great scenic train journeys along the South Devon coast between Exeter and Paignton. Here are some of the highlights.

The Riviera Line starts in the great cathedral city of **Exeter**, an ancient city with a vibrant, modern feel and an excellent shopping centre.

Its fascinating visitor attractions include the mysterious Underground Passages, award-winning Royal Albert Memorial Museum, magnificent Exeter Cathedral, Roman wall and historic quayside.

Dawlish - Part Victorian and part Regency, the seaside town of Dawlish has a special charm and character. Dawlish has been a popular seaside resort since the 18th century.

Teignmouth - A classic and traditional Devon seaside resort with long promenade and Victorian pier, Teignmouth is a fascinating place to explore.

English Riviera - Boasting over 20 miles of coastline, glorious beaches, cliffs and hidden coves, the English Riviera offers visitors a wealth of natural delights as well as a wide array of fun-filled activities and family-focused attractions.



Find out more about travelling on the Riviera Line at
www.therivieraline.com

Events 2015

April

Exeter Festival of South West Food and Drink

24th – 26th April, Exeter Castle Courtyard,
www.exeterfoodanddrinkfestival.co.uk

May

Toby Buckland Garden Festival

1st & 2nd May, Powderham Castle, Kenton, near
Starcross, Devon

Celebrating the best in gardening with leading specialist
nurseries from throughout the West Country, held in the
picturesque surroundings of Powderham Castle.
www.tobygardenfest.co.uk

Devon County Show

21st – 23rd May, Exeter www.devoncountyshow.co.uk

Dawlish Arts Festival

23rd – 30th May, www.dawlishartsfestival.org.uk

June

Teignmouth Folk Festival

19th – 21st June www.teignmouthfolk.co.uk

July

Newton Abbot Carnival

4th – 12th July, www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk

Dartmouth Steam Railway & River Boat Company annual Beer Festival

17th – 19th July, Kingswear.
www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk

Teignmouth Carnival

25th July – 1st August www.teignmouthcarnival.co.uk

Torbay Carnival Week

25th July – 2nd August, Paignton Green.
www.torbaycarnival.com

August

Teignmouth Regatta

2nd – 9th August www.teignmouthregatta.co.uk

Dawlish Carnival

8th – 15th August, www.dawlishcarnivalentertainment.co.uk

Dawlish Air Show

21st – 22nd August, www.dawlishairshow.co.uk

September

125th International Agatha Christie Festival

11th – 19th September, Torquay.
www.agathachristiefestival.com

November

Torquay Christmas Sparkle

14th November www.englishriviera.co.uk

Exeter Christmas Market

Starts 19th November www.exeterchristmasmarket.co.uk

December

Exeter Christmas Market

www.exeterchristmasmarket.co.uk

Dartmouth Steam Railway Santa Express, Paignton to Kingswear.

12th – 24th December. Welcome Father Christmas and his
helpers on the Santa Express with three trains a day on
selected dates. www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk

Have a great day out...

in Exeter

The city of Exeter dates from Roman times and contains history at almost every turn. Only a few minutes' walk from Exeter Central station, Exeter city centre has everything you need for a great day out.

Exeter has a variety of fascinating museums and at its centre stands the impressive Cathedral. A masterpiece of Gothic architecture, surrounded by the picturesque old buildings of Cathedral Close, this area of the city is great for shopping, eating or simply sitting on Cathedral Green and watching the world go by. You can even explore Exeter underground with a fascinating tour of the Underground Passages. Dating from the 14th century, these passages are unique to Exeter and have fascinated people for generations with their stories of war, siege, plague and pestilence!

For details of visiting the passages, call 01392 665887. If you would rather stay above ground, there are a variety of self-guided walking tours of the city, leaflets can be picked up at the Tourist Information Centre in Dix's Field, close to the Bus Station.

For a different side of the city, take a walk down to the historic quayside. Only a 10 minute walk from the city centre, the quayside is one of the most attractive areas of the city, popular with locals and visitors alike. It is the ideal place to browse in antique shops, walk and cycle, take a relaxing boat trip or find something good to eat.

For more information on visiting Exeter, visit

www.heartofdevon.com/exeter



Have a great day out...

Exe Estuary Trail

World class wildlife, sandy beaches, historic buildings and water based recreation are some of the attractions to be found on the Exe Estuary.

With miles of cycle and foot paths and exceptional views, the Exe Estuary is a destination you can explore again and again. Whether you fancy a short stroll or something more adventurous there is bound to be a route that suits you.

The Exe Estuary Trail is a 26 mile, mainly flat, cycle route and walkway which runs around the entire Exe Estuary linking Exmouth, Exeter and Dawlish, with fantastic views along the River Exe. This route provides an exciting opportunity for people to experience cycling or walking around the entire Exe Estuary, appreciating the wildlife and passing through some beautiful riverside towns and villages steeped in maritime history.

You can get a copy of the 'Exe Explorer' map from tourist information centres or from www.exe-estuary.org.

One of the highlights of the Exe Estuary Trail is the Dawlish Warren National Nature Reserve. An easy walk takes you there from Dawlish Warren Station. From the bird hide overlooking the mudflats it is possible to see 30 species of birds.

Visit

www.therivieraline.com/walks

for full details of the walk or pick up the 'Walks from the Riviera Line' booklet from stations and tourist information centres.

Have a great day out...

Dawlish

Dawlish is a fascinating little Regency resort town, famous worldwide for the way the railway runs right along the town's seafront, separating the town itself from the beach and sea.

The town was already a popular resort when the railway arrived in 1846 and has much impressive architecture from the late 1700s and early 1800s. Jane Austen visited, as did Charles Dickens (who decided to make Dawlish the birthplace of Nicholas Nickleby). In Old Town Street, some cottages survive from the old Dawlish village. Dawlish's transformation from an insignificant fishing settlement to a watering hole for Victorian celebrities can be discovered at the excellent Museum in Barton Terrace.

In the middle of the town is a flat landscaped area called 'The Lawn', home to various wildfowl and the famous Dawlish black swans. The swans were first introduced from Australia in the early 1900s.

More information from the Tourist Information Centre, The Lawn, Dawlish or at www.therivieraline.com/dawlish

Teignmouth

A classic and traditional Devon seaside resort, with a long promenade and Victorian pier, Teignmouth is a fascinating place to explore.

Between the station and the seafront, the town centre with its narrow streets has a wide variety of interesting shops and plenty of places to eat and drink. Ye Olde Jolly Sailor Inn in Northumberland Place is particularly noteworthy as it is the only surviving building in this part of town from a French raid in 1690.

Teignmouth's Grand Pier, opened in 1867, was badly damaged in last year's storms but has been extensively restored.

A short ferry ride from Teignmouth is the village of Shaldon, with plenty more places to eat and drink and more to explore.

The Tourist Information Centre at the Den on the seafront has a wealth of information or visit www.therivieraline.com/teignmouth



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Have a great day out...

Newton Abbot

Newton Abbot has long been a market town but was transformed by the arrival of the railway in 1846 and for more than a century, it was the Crewe of the far south west, with extensive railway workshops.

That period is now long gone but the Town and Great Western Railway Museum, located in the Town Hall in Devon Square, tells Newton Abbot's railway story with many exhibits, including a short piece of Brunel's Atmospheric Railway. There is a Town Trail where visitors are invited to spend some time exploring the town centre in order to 'Uncover the hidden history' of Newton Abbot.

The large town centre is about ten minutes' walk from the station. As well as an extensive number of shops, the town has an Indoor Market with a variety of stalls. Newton Abbot has two market days - Wednesday and Saturday and there is a produce market on Tuesdays and Fridays in Courtenay Street.

As well as its railway heritage, Newton Abbot is famous for horse racing and the racecourse is seen close to the railway, just to the east of the station.

The racecourse holds several race meetings a year and a wide variety of other events. The racecourse is a twenty minute walk, or short taxi ride, from the station.

Close to the station is Tuckers Maltings, the only working malthouse open to the public in the UK. Here you can see the barley being turned into malt for local breweries using the original Victorian machinery. Guided tours are available Tuesday to Saturday, from Easter until 31 October.

The Tourist Information Centre at the Indoor Market has lots more information or visit www.therivieraline.com/newtonabbot



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Torquay

Torquay station is close to the seafront and beach. A picturesque walk along the promenade brings you to the Princess Theatre, marina and town centre. Look out for the iconic palm trees! Once at the marina, you will find a wide variety of places to eat and drink.

A scenic ferry trip links Torquay and Brixham and there are other Torbay boat trips from Torquay too.

Torre Abbey is a short walk from Torquay station. There you can see 800 years of history told through talking statues and animated dinner plates!

Paignton

Paignton is known for its miles of glorious sandy beaches and the beach is just a short walk from Paignton station.

The busy seafront, with plenty of places to eat and drink, has a long promenade and a pier too.

Paignton's large town centre has an extensive shopping area to explore.

The ever popular Paignton Zoo is a short bus ride from Paignton bus station, next to the railway station. There is a frequent bus service too to Brixham, Torbay's busiest fishing port.

Paignton is also the starting point for the renowned Dartmouth Steam Railway to Kingswear.



For more information on the English Riviera visit www.englishriviera.co.uk or the English Riviera Visitor Information Centre at Vaughan Parade, Torquay.



Have a great day out...

Dartmouth Steam Railway

Until 1972, what is today's Riviera Line continued on from Paignton to Kingswear, opposite the historic town of Dartmouth.

Today, this is the route of the renowned Dartmouth Steam Railway.

The scenery on this picturesque line is breathtaking – from Paignton along the spectacular English Riviera Geopark coastline, to the picturesque stations at Goodrington and Churston, then on through the wooded slopes of Long Wood bordering the Dart Estuary to Greenway Halt (for the estate of the late Dame Agatha Christie) and on to Kingswear.

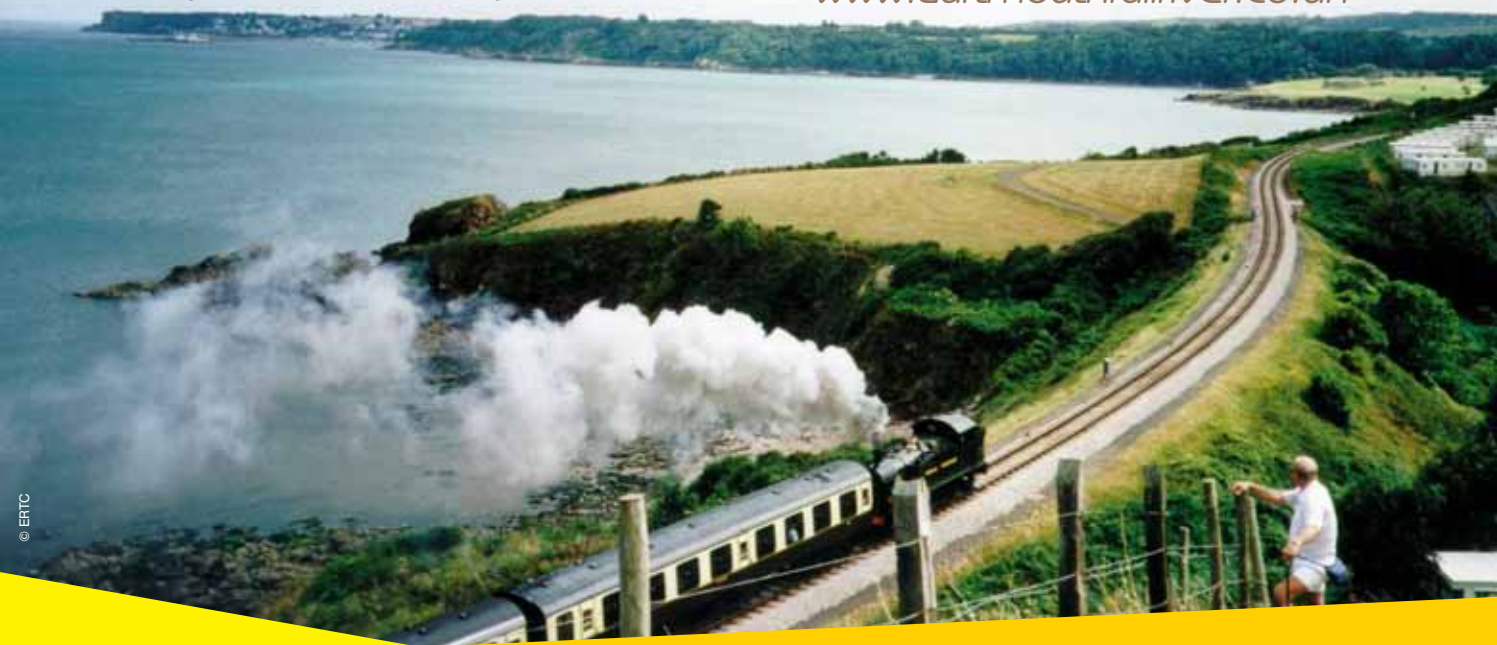
From spotting dolphins to seals, kingfishers to buzzards, pheasants, herons and egrets, the wildlife is superb. With such a varied range of scenery and wildlife, this is one of the finest heritage steam railway journeys in Europe. A short passenger ferry takes you across the River Dart to Dartmouth where there is much history (and great shopping) to explore.

The Round Robin takes you on a visit to Paignton, Dartmouth and Totnes via steam train, river boat and bus.

Steam trains run regularly throughout most of the year and daily April – October.

Days out Advisors: 01803 555872

www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk



Walks from the

Riviera Line



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There are lots of splendid walks from Riviera Line stations and in our 'Walks from the Riviera Line' booklet we have put together a selection of what is on offer. You can see all the walks on our website www.therivieraline.com/walks or pick up the booklet from stations or Tourist Information Centres.

Here is a walk to get you going

Agatha Christie Mile

Distance 3.4 miles

Immerse yourself in the world of the best-selling author, Agatha Christie. Starting at Torquay Railway Station, travel along Torquay's seafront passing some of the places associated with her life and works. Each location is marked with a unique plaque.

Leaving the railway station, turn right towards the sea. Cross Rathbone Road and follow the pavement around the landward side of the seafront road heading towards Torquay.

Almost immediately, turn left along King's Drive. Continue along the road to Torre Abbey.



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Retrace your steps and turn left into Abbey Park. Follow the path through the park down to the seafront. Cross the road at the traffic lights on the seaward side.

Follow the wide promenade around the bay. Pass through the Princess Gardens with its Theatre and Pier. Keeping close to the marina, make your way towards the harbour. Turn right at the inner harbour and cross the Millennium footbridge.

Turn right at the end of the quay and go up Beacon Hill, keeping the Living Coasts Attraction and Beacon Cove on your right. On your left is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club

At the top of Beacon Hill is the Imperial Hotel. Retrace your steps down Beacon Hill and follow the road around the east side of the harbour. At the roundabout turn right and walk up Torwood Street to Torquay Museum which is home to the unique Agatha Christie Gallery.

After your visit, retrace your steps downhill to the roundabout and follow the harbour round past the Pavilion Theatre to the marina. From here, retrace your steps along the seafront to Torquay Station.

A more detailed description of the features to be found on this walk can be found on www.therivieraline.com/walks or scan the QR code.

