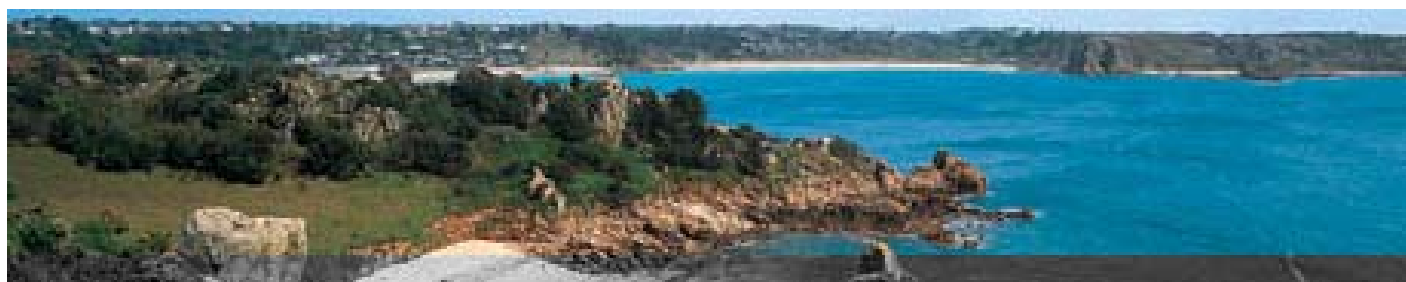




## GREAT WALKS OF ENGLAND

### Purbeck Hills **NEW** On the Dorset Coast

Situated on the beautiful Purbeck peninsula, the charming seaside town of Swanage is a superb base from which to enjoy some of the best walks in the south of England. Dramatic cliffs, rolling chalk downs and beautiful heathland form a tranquil coastal landscape full of variety and interest.



#### Where you'll stay.....

**PURBECK HOUSE HOTEL:** Centrally located in the attractive resort of Swanage, this three-star family-run hotel has excellent views over the Purbeck Hills and the town's bay. The historic main building, formerly a convent, retains its antique charm and is surrounded by spacious mature gardens and a croquet lawn.

There are 38 en-suite bedrooms in the main building and the Louisa Lodge annex. Facilities include a restaurant, bar, conservatory and a stately function room that was once the nuns' chapel.

#### Departure dates for 2006:

8, 15, 22 April; 20, 27 May; 24 June; 1, 8 July; 19, 26 August; 14, 21, 28 October; 4 November 2006.

**Cost Per person:** AU\$1505 (April & May), AU\$1675 (June, July, August). Single Supplement AU\$140

**Tour price includes:** 7 nights of twin share accommodation with en-suite, breakfast & dinner each night, picnic lunches, guided walking as described and sightseeing (at extra cost - as available).

#### Local transport to and from walks

Local transport is not included in the cost of your holiday. Please allow £25 per week, excluding your free day.

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**Day 1:** arrival day.

**Day 2:** follow the magnificent coastal path south from Swanage, visiting the landmarks of Anvil Point lighthouse, Tilly Whim Caves and Dancing Ledge.

**Day 3:** walk from the traditional Dorset village of Kingston to the splendid viewpoint of Swyre Head. The walks continue to Corfe Castle, either through the fields or around the green hills of the Purbeck horseshoe.

**Day 4:** explore one of Dorset's most dramatic stretches of coastline on walks from Osmington to Lulworth Cove. We follow the undulating chalk cliffs to the stunning sea arch of Durdle Door before crossing the final headland to the famous cove.

**Day 5:** free day - options include riding the steam railway to the iconic ruins of Corfe Castle, taking the ferry across Poole Harbour to Brownsea Island or relaxing on the beach at Swanage.

**Day 6:** descend to the secluded beach at Chapman's Pool and then continue either to the charming Purbeck-stone villages of Worth and Langton Matravers, or around the weather-beaten cliffs of St Aldhelm's Head.

**Day 7:** sample the superb views across Purbeck, and over the sea to the Isle of Wight, on walks along the majestic chalk cliffs of Ballard Down to Old Harry Rocks and the village of Studland.

**Day 8:** departure day.

*Please Note: The above programme should give you a good feel for the walks at this resort but is subject to change. Each year we listen carefully to the views of our guests and make improvements to our walking programmes. Further information will be sent to you prior to your holiday; however the final selection of walks will be made by your walking Leaders.*

On these holidays there is a choice of two walks for varying abilities each day:

**Easier Walks:** 5 to 6 miles with 300ft to 600ft of ascent in a day.

**Harder Walks:** 8 to 12 miles with 600ft to 1,700ft of ascent in a day.

Walks use good tracks and well-maintained coastal paths with some short, but steeper, sections.

**Walking as a Group** - Your holiday will start with a safety presentation and your Walking Leaders will explain safety rules and answer any questions you may have. It is important that you attend. In the evening before each walking day your Leaders will also give you a brief presentation on the walks being offered. Leaders are required to judge the most appropriate maximum party size for any walk, taking into account weather, terrain, group experience and ability.

### Average Temperatures

Month	Temperature	Month	Temperature
April	8°C	August	16°C
May	11°C	Oct	11°C
June	14°C	Nov	8°C
July	16°C		

### Getting to & from Purbeck House Hotel

**By Road:** 1 hour from the M27 near Southampton. Ample free car parking is available in the grounds.

**By Train:** There are hourly direct trains to Wareham station which can be reached in 2hrs 10mins from London Waterloo. For train times see: [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk).

The 10 mile transfer to Swanage can be made by taxi (allow £18 per journey - less if shared), or by hourly local bus (allow £3.50 per journey) and then a 5 minute walk.

**By National Express Coach:** to Swanage. See [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

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