



GUIDE TO

CHEAPER TOURING

As prices rise, everyone's watching the pennies, but with a bit of planning, you can carry on touring. Here's how to enjoy budget motorcaravanning!

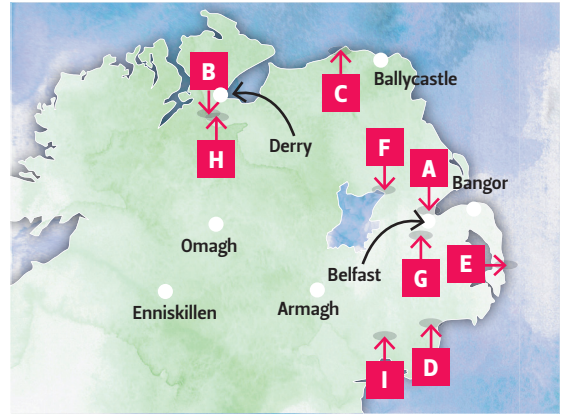
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Giant's Causeway



Mourne Mountains

NORTHERN IRELAND

A magical land of mythical giants, legendary landscapes and major history, including the birthplace of the mighty Titanic

Northern Ireland has undergone something of a renaissance over the past few years, and rightly so: it's a fantastic place to visit, offering a warm welcome, breathtaking scenery and vibrant cities – it's no surprise that it has become a popular touring destination.

Just a short ferry ride across the sea from Cairnryan, or a rather longer one from Liverpool, will take you right into the centre of historic Belfast, with the Titanic attraction close at hand, or to Larne, from where the world-famous Giant's Causeway is easily accessible. And don't miss the spectacular scenery of the Mourne Mountains, and the region's many lively seaside towns.

3 FREE ATTRACTIONS

A Take a break at Cave Hill Country Park

Explore waymarked trails suitable for casual walkers or serious ramblers, then pause for a picnic and enjoy the fantastic view. www.visitbelfast.com

B Discover the great history of Derry City Walls

Plenty of people offer paid-for tours of Ireland's only complete city walls, but you can also stroll around them for free. www.discovernorthernireland.com

C Drive the scenic Causeway Coastal Route

There's a fee to access the Giant's Causeway, but you can enjoy it from afar by following this route along the gorgeous coast. www.causewaycoastalroute.com

3 GREAT-VALUE CAMPSITES

D Tollymore Forest Park Caravan Park

Newcastle BT33 0PR

Pitches From £23

www.nidirect.gov.uk

E Ringbuoy Caravan Park

Cloughy, Newtownards BT22 1JD

Pitches From £20

[facebook.com/ringbuoy](https://www.facebook.com/ringbuoy)

F Six Mile Water Caravan Park

Antrim BT41 4DQ

Pitches From £21

[visitantrimandnewtownabbey.com](http://www.visitantrimandnewtownabbey.com)

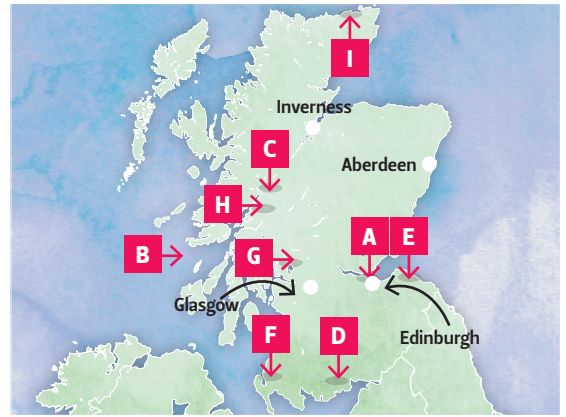


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Edinburgh



Highlands

SCOTLAND

Majestic mountains and mysterious lochs beckon outdoor enthusiasts, while city-lovers can explore a vast wealth of historic architecture

Scotland offers a tremendous diversity of landscapes to enjoy, from windswept islands in the west to the brooding lochs of the Highlands. Then there are the vibrant cities of Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen, all making for a really great break.

This beautiful land is also well known for its National Parks; they include Loch Lomond & The Trossachs, as well as the mountains of the stunning Cairngorms. Those who love outdoor pursuits will be in their element here! There's plenty to enjoy in the Borders, too, and for something a bit different, why not take a trip across the Firth of Clyde to explore the fabulous Isle of Arran?

3 FREE ATTRACTIONS

A Discover Edinburgh's entertaining Festival Fringe

Many of the events at the Edinburgh International Festival are ticketed, but there are also scores of street performers to enjoy for free.

www.edfringe.com

B Life's a beach on the stunning West Coast

Stroll on fine sandy beaches along the West Coast. You'll think you're in the Caribbean until you dip your toes in the icy water!

www.visit-scotland.com

C Scale the summit of mighty Ben Nevis

If you have suitable kit (and the right level of experience), mighty Ben Nevis beckons. Too high? How about a hike through scenic Glencoe instead?

[nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

3 GREAT-VALUE CAMPSITES

D Castle Point Caravan Site

Galloway DG5 4QL

Pitches From £22.50

www.castlepointcc.com

E Thurston Manor

Lothian EN42 1SA

Pitches From £18

www.verdantleisure.co.uk

F Ryan Bay Caravan Park

Dumfries DG9 8QP

Pitches From £20

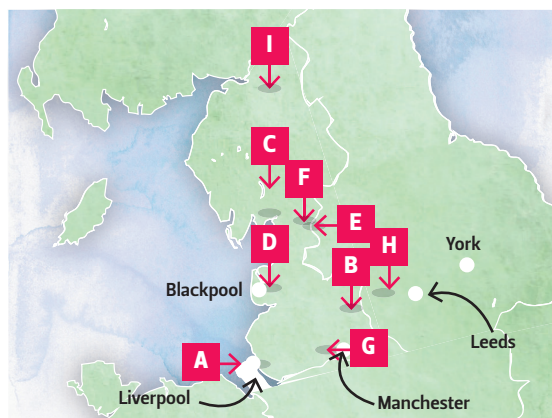
[hagansleisure.co.uk](http://www.hagansleisure.co.uk)



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H Gulf Ballachulish Ballachulish PH49 4HP **I** Jet Thurso Thurso KW14 7DR

Blackpool



NORTH-WEST ENGLAND

Lakes and fells offer adventures in stunning scenery, traditional seaside towns host family entertainment, and there's iconic musical history, too

This region incorporates everything from towns that were once the powerhouse at the heart of the Industrial Revolution, to the serene peaks and valleys in the Lake District National Park.

But there's much else to inspire here, too, with quirky places such as Blackpool, and historic cities, including Lancaster. And that's before we've even begun to list the numerous pleasures of the great cultural mecca that is the city of Liverpool.

There are lots of local specialities to enjoy – Blackpool Rock, of course, but also Cartmel sticky toffee pudding, and black pudding from Bury. And which are better – Eccles cakes or Chorley cakes? You decide!

3 FREE ATTRACTIONS

A Explore the Albert Dock in Liverpool

Entry to the main part of Tate Liverpool is free, as is a stroll around the docks. Look out for the tunnel where men would hide from the press gangs.

albertdock.com

B Explore the night sky at the Astronomy Centre

A major resource for amateur astronomers and the general public. The Saturday night sessions are free.

astronomycentre.org.uk

C Walking in wonderful Windermere

You don't need to spend money walking around any of the Lakes. There's a host of paths to suit all abilities.

visitcumbria.com

3 GREAT-VALUE CAMPSITES

D Charoland Farm

Carnforth LA5 9TN

Pitches From £22

charolandfarm.co.uk

E Meadow Falls

Thornton-in-Lonsdale LA6 3PD

Pitches From £22.50

meadowfalls.co.uk

F Woodclose Park

Kirkby Lonsdale LA6 2SE

Pitches From £23

woodclosepark.com



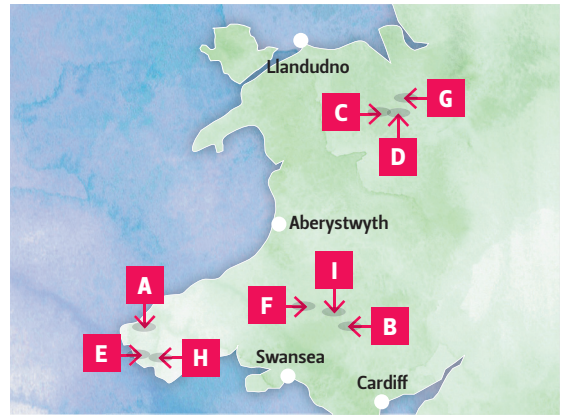
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H Pendle Filling Station Colne Road BB9 5NP **I** Whiteclosegate Service Station Brampton Old Road CA3 0JN

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Brecon



Pembrokeshire Coast

WALES

Historic castles, great cultural centres and the spectacular scenery of Snowdonia can all be enjoyed in this glorious setting

Make the gorgeous valleys and mountains of Wales your next touring destination and you're sure to have a trip to remember!

There's simply so much to see and do here. In the northern part of the country, you'll find a trio of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, including the stunning Isle of Anglesey, which attracts spectacular wildlife from far and wide.

Slightly better known is Snowdonia National Park, with its soaring peaks. Further south is Brecon Beacons National Park, ideal for hikers, as is Pembrokeshire National Park. And don't miss the fabulous towns and cities, including Swansea, Aberystwyth, Bangor and Cardiff.

3 FREE ATTRACTIONS

A Explore the Pembrokeshire Coast Path

Enjoy the sea air as you discover the glories of the Pembrokeshire Coast Path, with 186 miles of trail taking in spectacular views.

www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales

B Head uphill to the mighty Brecon Beacons

The peaks of the Brecon Beacons are simply superb. There's so much to enjoy here, from hiking to cycling, riding to watersports.

www.breconbeacons.org

C Discover the historic town of Llangollen

A World Heritage Site encompassing 11 miles of canal from Gledrid to the Horseshoe Falls, via the spectacular Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

[pontcysyllte-aqueduct.co.uk](http://www.pontcysyllte-aqueduct.co.uk)

3 GREAT-VALUE CAMPSITES

D James Estate Caravan Park

Ruabon, Wrexham LL14 6DW

Pitches From £15

www.jamescaravanpark.co.uk

E Foxdale Guesthouse and Campsite

Glebe Lane, Haverfordwest SA62 3AY

Pitches From £20

[foxdalehouse.co.uk](http://www.foxdalehouse.co.uk)

F Llandovery Caravan and Camping Park

Llandovery, Carmarthenshire SA20 0DT

Pitches From £19

[llandovery-caravan-park.com](http://www.llandovery-caravan-park.com)



3 PLACES FOR CHEAPER FUEL **G** Asda Wrexham Wrexham LL13 8HL

H Tesco Milford Haven Milford Haven SA73 3AU **I** Texaco Brecon (Sennybridge Service Station) Brecon LD3 8PS



Northumberland



Kielder Forest

NORTH-EAST ENGLAND

Mighty castles and a world-famous wall form the great defences of this dramatic region, marking key moments in our history

There's such a variety of scenery and attractions in the north-east of England, you'll be spoiled for choice about where to go and what to see. The handsome cities of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Leeds and York are all perfect for an exciting break: they offer plenty of great restaurants, bars and shopping opportunities.

If you prefer outdoor activities, make a beeline for the North York Moors and the Northumberland National Parks for countless hiking trails. Families, meanwhile, will find all they need for a traditional holiday at one of the many fantastic seaside resorts, such as Whitby, Scarborough and Bridlington.

3 FREE ATTRACTIONS

A Discover the many delights of Kielder Forest

Enjoy exploring England's largest forest and biggest constructed lake at Kielder Water & Forest Park, great for walkers and stargazers.

visitkielder.com

B Spot the seals at play in scenic Seahouses Harbour

Check out the harbour seals bobbing about in the water at Seahouses and look further out to sea to watch for passing dolphins.

nsh.org.uk

C Enjoy a fabulous bike ride along the Cinder Track

Cycle 21 miles of traffic-free trail along the old coastal railway line between Whitby and Scarborough.

scarborough.gov.uk

3 GREAT-VALUE CAMPSITES

D Scarborough C&CC Site

Scarborough YO13 0DA

Pitches From £19.90

campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk

E Byreside Caravan Site

Hamsterley, NE17 7RT

Pitches From £20

www.byresidecaravansite.co.uk

F Elf Hills Farm

Morpeth NE61 4BH

Pitches From £23

pitchup.com



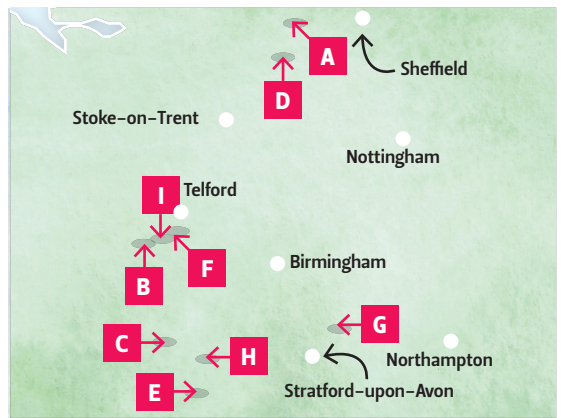
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Oxford



Stratford

HEART OF ENGLAND

Take your pick from spectacular natural wonders and historic architecture, set against a backdrop of iconic landscapes

Stretching from the Welsh border all the way east to Leicestershire, and from Oxford northwards to Cheshire, this region is packed with historical interest and natural wonders. Don't miss the dreaming spires of England's oldest university, Oxford, the cradle of great theatre in Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon, and iconic Ironbridge, birthplace of the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century.

Then there's stunning architecture and parkland at Blenheim Palace, Haddon Hall and Chatsworth House.

It's also wonderful for walkers, with the Peak District National Park, the Wye Valley and the Shropshire Hills just waiting to be enjoyed.

3 FREE ATTRACTIONS

A Follow one of the Peak District cycling trails

Pick up one of many routes near Buxton, including the Pennine Way, and enjoy the stunning scenery while you ride.

peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/cycle/cycle-routes

B Visit fascinating Much Wenlock Museum

Soak up some local history at the free museum and visitor centre in Much Wenlock, birthplace of the modern Olympics.

shropshiremuseums.org.uk

C Climb to the top of the magnificent Herefordshire Beacon

Tackle one of the highest peaks in the Malvern Hills for great views and to explore the Iron Age hill fort, British Camp.

malvernbeacon.com

3 GREAT-VALUE CAMPSITES

D Farditch Farm

Buxton SK17 9SG

Pitches From £22

peakdistrictholidaybreaks.co.uk

E Riverside Park

Malvern WR13 6PE

Pitches From £21

riverside-park.co.uk

F Walnut Cottage

Much Wenlock SY5 6NS

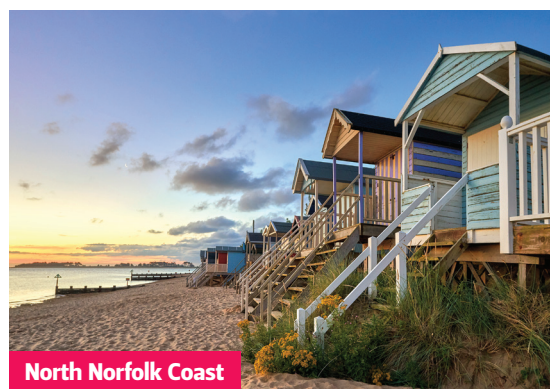
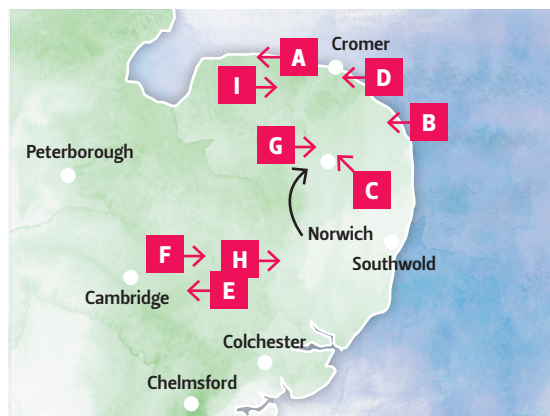
Pitches From £17

camping-much-wenlock.co.uk



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H Gulf Bransford Worcester WR6 5JB **I** Co-op Broseley Ironbridge Road TF12 5DJ

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EASTERN ENGLAND

Enjoy wonderful walking in the glorious scenery of the Fens and Wolds, and discover a slower pace of life among the windmills and waterways

With wonderful resorts along the Norfolk and Suffolk coasts, exquisite fishing lakes in the Fens, marvellous walking in the Wolds, and the watery wonder that is the Broads, this is a superb area to visit.

A magical place of gentle cycling paths, smooth waterways and whimsical windmills. No matter where you choose to stay, you're sure to find something of interest nearby!

On the famous Norfolk Broads, you can get back to nature by hiring a boat to explore – and don't miss Norwich, with its great cathedral. Suffolk has plenty to see and do, including Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Lowestoft. The Lincolnshire Wolds are another firm favourite.

3 FREE ATTRACTIONS

A Explore the splendid coastal landscapes

The Norfolk Coast AONB is home to great beaches; try Cromer, Holkham or Brancaster for endless sands and great fish & chips.

norfolkcoast.aonb.org.uk

B Find the best spots for brilliant birdwatching

Rolling wetlands and open skies make for great birdwatching. Check out Norfolk Wildlife Trust for more information.

norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

C Discover the delights of historic Norwich Cathedral

Founded in 1096, the Romanesque cathedral of Norwich has the highest Norman tower in England. There's no entry fee, so you're free to explore.

cathedral.org.uk

3 GREAT-VALUE CAMPSITES

D Shrublands Farm

Norfolk NR27 0AA

Pitches From £15

shrublandsfarm.com

E Bright House Farm

Suffolk IP29 4PX

Pitches From £21

brighthousefarm.co.uk

F Kings Forest Caravan Park

Bury St Edmunds IP28 6HE

Pitches From £22

kingsforestholidays.co.uk

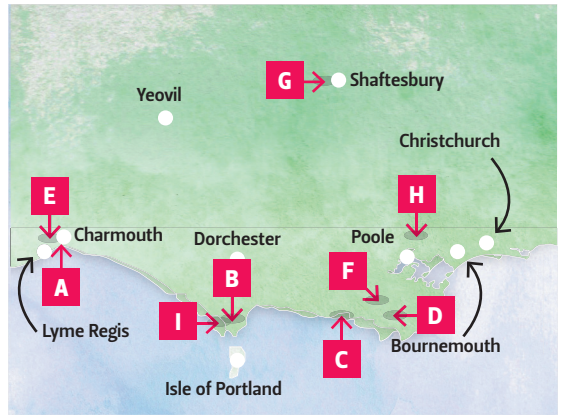


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H Tesco Stowmarket Cedars Park IP14 5BE I Gulf Parkside Garage Fakenham Road NR21 0BD



Weymouth



Charmouth

DORSET

Explore the ancient geological history of the fascinating Jurassic Coast, then relax on the beach in splendid seaside resorts

One of Britain's prettiest counties is waiting to be explored, and what better way to do so than in your motorhome? If you're a beach lover, head to the south of the region, where you'll find the sandy shores of Weymouth and Bournemouth. Walking the instantly recognisable shingle of Chesil Beach and the rest of the splendid Jurassic Coast will also make for a wild and wonderful day out.

Dorset is especially famous for its picture-postcard villages, of course, and it's really easy to head off the beaten track to find places to explore. Welcoming and pretty towns in the area, meanwhile, include Sherborne, Blandford and Gillingham.

3 FREE ATTRACTIONS

A Hunt for fossils on the shores of Charmouth Beach

Go for a wander along the sands and you could easily pick up a few fossils – just remember to be extra careful at the foot of the cliffs.

www.charmouth.org

B Visit the beach and enjoy a relaxing swim

Dorset is blessed with a huge selection of great beaches, many of which, such as Weymouth, are simply perfect for swimming.

[visit-dorset.com](http://www.visit-dorset.com)

C Discover the historic village of Tyneham

Tyneham village was abandoned during World War II, but today, you can wander the atmospheric streets of this ghost settlement.

www.tynehamopc.org.uk

3 GREAT-VALUE CAMPSITES

D Downshay Farm

Swanage BH19 3EB

Pitches From £14

[downshayfarm.co.uk](http://www.downshayfarm.co.uk)

E Lyme Regis & Charmouth Campsite

Charmouth DT6 6BX

Pitches From £22

[lymeregiscampsite.co.uk](http://www.lymeregiscampsite.co.uk)

F Norden Farm Campsite

Corfe Castle BH20 5DS

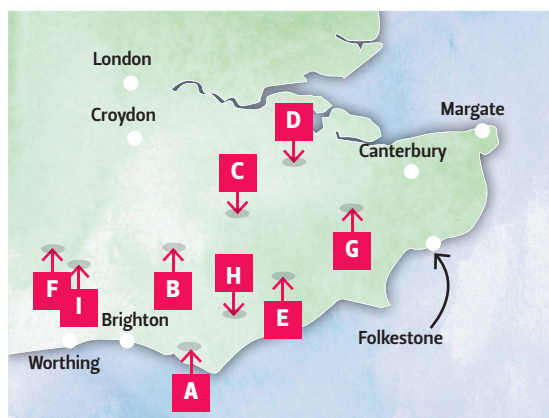
Pitches From £12

[nordenfarmcampsite.com](http://www.nordenfarmcampsite.com)



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H Asda Canford Heath Poole BH17 9DW I Esso Lanehouse Rocks Road Weymouth DT4 9DJ



SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND

London may be the main attraction in this region, but there's plenty more to discover, with fabulous coastline and gorgeous countryside to explore

Many people motor straight through this region to reach the ferry ports, but it's worth pausing to take in the great sights to be found.

Lots of the beaches along the south coast are known for being safe and sandy, so ideal for family days out. And don't miss a visit to the splendid New Forest: this historic area is beautiful and features plenty of activities for young and old.

The South Downs National Park is another draw here, and you can't miss a trip to London! Other towns and cities to see are Southampton, Brighton and Dover. And, of course, that's not forgetting the many attractions of the wonderful Isle of Wight.

3 FREE ATTRACTIONS

A Walk along the famous White Cliffs

Enjoy spectacular views of Cuckmere Haven, Belle Tout and Beachy Head, walking the Seven Sisters on the South Downs Way.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

B Enjoy a game of Pooh Sticks in Sussex

Play Pooh Sticks on the bridge in Ashdown Forest near Hartfield, the inspiration for Pooh's Hundred Acre Wood.

ashdownforest.org

C Pick your own fruit in the garden of England

Yes, you pay for the fruit, but this is a lovely free day out. We like Downingbury Farm's fine strawberries.

downingburyfarm.co.uk

3 GREAT-VALUE CAMPSITES

D Oak View Holiday Park

Maidstone ME14 3HB

Pitches From £22

oakviewholidaypark.co.uk

E Park Farm Caravan and Camping

Bodiam TN32 5XA

Pitches From £16

parkfarmcamping.co.uk

F The Blue Ship

Billingshurst RH14 9BS

Pitches From £14

theblueship.co.uk



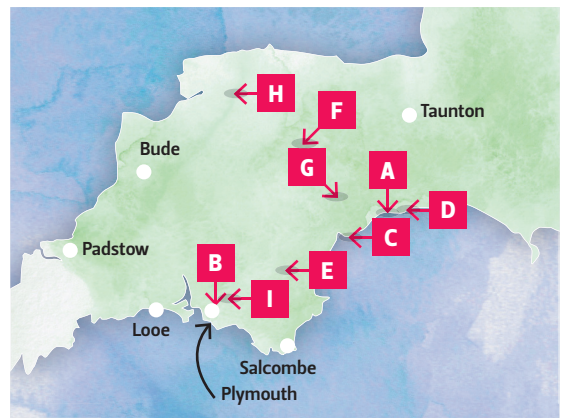
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Dartmoor



Sidmouth

DEVON

With two glorious coastlines and two iconic National Parks, you won't be short of things to do in this gorgeous region

Devon offers so much to see and do, it's impossible to experience everything during one trip – which, of course, is a great excuse for you to keep revisiting!

The rolling hills of Dartmoor are just one of the many attractions, as are the coastlines, north and south – be sure to visit both to choose your favourite. The north offers rugged inlets and crashing waves, while the south – the English Riviera – is a gentler landscape.

Away from the water, there is plenty to see: as well as Dartmoor, there are many attractive towns and cities, including Plymouth, Barnstaple and Exeter.

3 FREE ATTRACTIONS

A Visit the Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth

Pay a free visit to this wonderful sanctuary in Sidmouth, which does brilliant work saving the lives of donkeys.

www.thedonkey-sanctuary.org.uk

B Take a look inside The Box, Plymouth

A state-of-the-art museum with a host of interactive exhibits, digital displays and more to engage both young and old.

www.thebox-plymouth.com

C Wander on the Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve

Situated on the lovely Exe Estuary, this is a hugely important place for wildlife, and a wonderful location for birdwatching.

www.dawlish-warren.info

3 GREAT-VALUE CAMPSITES

D Branscombe Camping

Seaton EX12 3BT

Pitches From £17

[branscombecamping.co.uk](http://www.branscombecamping.co.uk)

E Churchill Farm

Buckfastleigh TQ11 0EZ

Pitches From £20

[churchillfarmcampsite.com](http://www.churchillfarmcampsite.com)

F West Middlewick Farm

Tiverton EX16 8NP

Pitches From £13

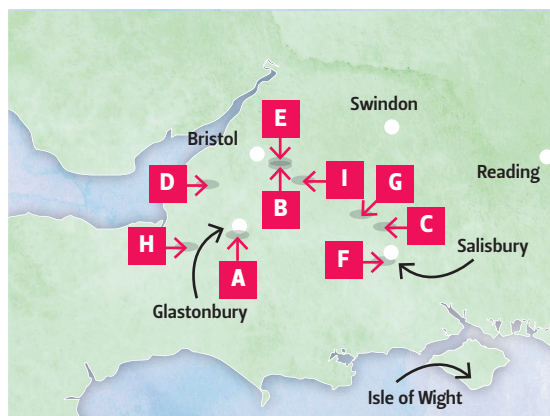
[westmiddlewick.co.uk](http://www.westmiddlewick.co.uk)



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H Taw Garage Service Station Barnstaple EX32 9HQ I Sainsbury's Marsh Mills Plymouth PL3 6RL



Cheddar Gorge



Glastonbury Tor

SOMERSET, AVON & WILTS

Combining ancient history and mythical legend, the great landscapes of this fascinating region are also home to elegant and vibrant cities

This popular touring destination offers visitors a tremendous diversity of landscape, from the rolling hills of Exmoor to the rugged coastline. There are lots of tourist attractions to explore, too – Wookey Hole and Cheddar Gorge should be on your must-visit list, along with the towns of Wells, Taunton and Glastonbury.

Wiltshire, meanwhile, is known for its historic sights: why not take a driving tour of the white horses carved into the hillsides?

Then, of course, there are Stonehenge and Avebury, both not to be missed. Complete your explorations by visiting buzzing Bristol and handsome Bath.

3 FREE ATTRACTIONS

A Discover the fabulous view at Glastonbury Tor

Climb the tor at Glastonbury, home to St Michael's Tower, and enjoy 360-degree views of the fabulous Somerset countryside.

nationaltrust.org.uk/glastonbury-tor

B Take a stroll along the River Avon Trail

Serene waters and elegant swans help to create a beautifully calm atmosphere on this relaxing riverside walk.

riveravon-trail.org.uk

C Go back to ancient times at Stonehenge

Entry via the visitor centre is ticketed, but you can walk to the stones for free, from the car park at Woodhenge.

www.english-heritage.org.uk

3 GREAT-VALUE CAMPSITES

D Myrtle Farm Holidays

Banwell BS29 6LP

Pitches From £17

myrtleafarmholidays.co.uk

E Boyd Valley Lake

Bitton, Bristol BS30 6NY

Pitches From £11

boydvalleylake.com

F Salisbury Campsite at Bake Farm

Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 4JT

Pitches From £18

salisburycampsite.co.uk



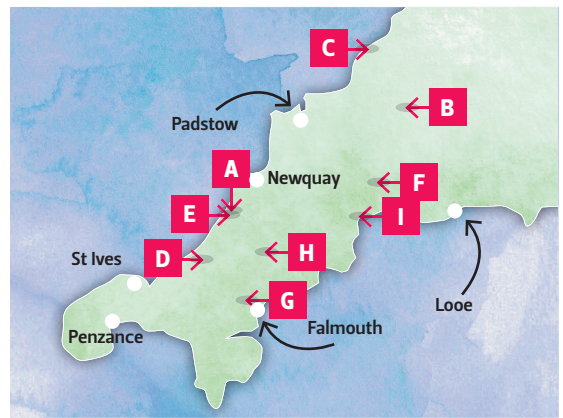
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Bodmin



Perranporth

CORNWALL

Lovers of the great outdoors are in their element in the beautiful south-west, with miles of spectacular coastline, dramatic beaches and mysterious moors

There's plenty for visitors of all ages to see and do, wherever you might go in beautiful Cornwall – one of the many reasons why this glorious part of the world makes such a brilliant touring destination.

This region is particularly popular with families, and it's easy to see why it has become such a favourite – it's so well set up for tourism.

Whether you want to explore picturesque fishing towns and villages, take in the beautiful coast on one of the many walking trails, relax on some of the fabulous golden beaches, indulge your passion for watersports, or simply wander and admire the truly stunning scenery to be found in the area, you'll be spoilt for choice.

3 FREE ATTRACTIONS

A Enjoy a great day out at fabulous Perranporth

Cornwall is simply awash with gorgeous beaches. Why not take a trip to Perranporth Beach and enjoy the stunning views?

www.visitcornwall.com

B Explore the mysteries of Bodmin Moor

Bodmin Moor is a vivid, picturesque landscape to explore – just keep your eyes peeled for the legendary Beast of Bodmin!

www.visitcornwall.com

C Set out on a glorious coastal adventure

Go for a walk along the splendid Cornish coastline and admire the spectacular sights and scenery you'll find all around you.

www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk

3 GREAT-VALUE CAMPSITES

D Hillcrest Views Campsite

Voguebeloth, Illogan, Redruth TR16 4EX

Pitches From £20

hillcrestviewscampsite.co.uk

E Anchor Barrow Campsite

St Georges Hill, Perranporth TR6 0ED

Pitches From £18

anchorbarrow.com

F Eden Valley Holiday Park

Lanlivery PL30 5BU

Pitches From £17

edenvalleypark.co.uk



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H Sainsbury's Truro Truro TR1 3XL **I** Tesco St Austell St Austell PL25 3HT

SAVE MONEY ON TOUR!

Penny for your thoughts? These days, it will cost us more than that! Here are a few easy ways to keep down touring costs

■ Travel on weekdays and, it goes without saying, avoid school and bank holidays if you can – off-peak campsite rates are often quite a lot cheaper.

■ Watch your speed – as well as being safer, you'll save a good amount of fuel if you drive just a little slower.

■ Set the correct tyre pressures (p94). This will make your motorhome safer, and help to reduce your fuel consumption.

■ Use a campsite finder website, such as Pitchup, to find cheaper sites – many websites let you sort search results by price, so you can bag a really good deal.

■ Are you a pensioner, a student or a family group? Take a few minutes to track down

discounts and offers on local websites, or in magazines, libraries and arts centres.

■ Membership of either The Camping and Caravanning Club or the Caravan and Motorhome Club can make your touring cheaper, and if you seek out their CSs or CLs, you'll find they offer excellent value for money, especially on weekdays.

■ Give up those expensive frothy Frappuccinos. Instead, make up a pot of Moka coffee in your motorhome (or instant, if you prefer!).

■ It's stating the obvious, we know, but a packed lunch is going to save you £££s.

■ If you're on site with electric hook-up, run as much as you can off electric rather than gas – consider a low-wattage hot plate.



■ A shared bag of chips on the prom is as good an experience as eating at a fancy harbourside restaurant – cheaper, too!

■ Shop like a local. Yes, it's good to have Hobnobs and Marmite on tour (although perhaps not together), but don't pay crazy prices for them when you're overseas. Instead, revel in independent shops and markets where you're sure to find excellent local products. *Fromage*, anyone?

■ Stay local. If you just want a quick break, save on fuel by booking a nearby campsite. Then you can explore all those bits of your patch you never got round to discovering.

■ Toll roads can be expensive, so use the AA or RAC route planners to avoid them (assuming it won't cost you more in fuel). Your trip might be slower, but it's all about the journey, right?

■ It's lovely to be spontaneous and just go whenever you feel the call of the road, but a bit of planning can save you money. Think special offers, supermarket vouchers and competitions. Try myvouchercode.co.uk.

■ Take a look at CampingCard ACSI. An annual subscription is 17.95 euros and can save up to 60% per night at more than 3000 sites around Europe when you tour during the low season.

■ We are all painfully aware that fuel prices are scarily high, so it makes sense to shop around. Try apps such as Petrolprices.com, which seeks out the best prices for fuel in your area. Every little helps!

