

## ENGLAND – DORSET: LULWORTH COVE & THE JURASSIC COAST

8-day / 7-night one-hotel GUIDED walking tour based on England's sunny south coast



Wonderful views and spectacular walking – discover some of Britain's most exhilarating coastal scenery on a fully guided walking holiday at Lulworth Cove including the Dorset Coast Path walk to the natural sea arch of Durdle Door, carved from the harder chalk. Explore the Isle of Purbeck and the resort of Swanage. See charming villages, pubs and tea-shops too. **Lulworth Cove** is a popular destination with day-trippers and holiday-makers alike, drawn by the stunning scenery and natural history. The Cove itself is a near-perfect circle which has been carved by the waves into the soft rocks. The Jurassic Coast stretches 95 miles (155km) and is known for its distinctive geology, both its natural landforms sculpted by sea and wind, and its extensive fossil sites which document life on earth during the Mesozoic era – some 185 million years of history spanning the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods.

**Cost from:** \$1750 per person twin share      Single supplement on request

**Departs:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> March; 19<sup>th</sup> April; 31<sup>st</sup> May; 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> June; 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> July; 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> August; 6<sup>th</sup> September; 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> October; 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2019

**Includes:** 7 nights in comfortable hotel room with ensuite bathroom, full board (breakfast, picnic lunch & dinner), experienced walks leader, 5 guided walks, transport associated with the walks, evening social activities.

**Not Included:** Transport to/from Lulworth Cove, drinks, personal expenses, transport/activities on your free day.

**Accommodation:** West Lulworth House has a wonderful elevated location just 100 metres from the sea, overlooking Lulworth Cove. There are expansive views from many guest rooms, the garden and the outdoor swimming pool. The house has recently undergone major renovations. Premium rooms (with extra space, exceptional sea views or additional facilities) may be available at extra cost – please ask when booking.



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On a typical day you will have a choice of up to three guided walks of varying length and ascent. At the easiest level the pace is gentle and we have plenty of stops to enjoy the views and to rest. Or perhaps choose a more challenging walk – it's entirely up to you.

### A typical 'Classic Walking Week' suggested itinerary:

- Day 1** Arrival day – plan to arrive at your accommodation mid-afternoon. Check with us for local transport or taxi transfer options from / to nearby Wool. Meals begin with dinner on the first night.
- Day 2 - 4:** Full day walking options
- Day 5:** Free day. No organised walks. You may like to relax or explore the local area independently.
- Day 6 - 7:** Full day walking options
- Day 8:** Departure day. Tour ends after breakfast.

### Footpath Information:



**Easier Walks:** Up to 7 miles (11km) with up to 1100 feet (330m) of ascent.



**Medium Walks:** Up to 10 miles (16km) with up to 1400 feet (420m) of ascent



**Harder Walks:** Up to 12 miles (19km) with up to 1900 feet (570m) of ascent

Possible walking routes are determined each day by the walk leaders and may include:

**Lulworth Cove** – From Lulworth Cove we walk onto the military ranges with some of the area's most dramatic scenery. Walks explore the chalk downs above West Lulworth or visit the deserted village of Tyneham then follow the South West Coast Path onto the ranges. (Military ranges are not accessible some weeks.)

**Corfe Castle to Studland** – We start in Corfe Castle village or Kingston and follow the chalk ridge that runs along the Isle of Purbeck to the coast, with outstanding views in all directions, to Studland. Some walks go over Godlingstone Heath and along the beach or pass the chalk stacks of Old Harry en route to Studland.

**Cerne Abbas** – Circular walks in rural Dorset, starting from the viewpoint looking at the famous giant of Cerne Abbas. We visit the hamlet of Minterne Magna or the village of Buckland Newton, and finish our day in Cerne Abbas village. The harder walk follows part of the Wessex Ridgeway long-distance trail. The green and undulating rural Dorset countryside is straight out of a Hardy novel.

**South Purbeck Coast** – We pass Dancing Ledge, a popular spot for rock climbers, then join the South West Coast Path and walk the dramatic section to Swanage. Some walks begin further afield in Kingston and join the coast at Houns-tout cliff, passing Chapman's Pool, a tranquil haven beneath the cliffs, before reaching Swanage.

**Durdle Door** – We follow stages of the Dorset Coast Path along this dramatic section of the Jurassic Coast west of Lulworth, and walk back to Lulworth Cove via the iconic sea arch of Durdle Door. With its views of Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove, dramatic cliffs and crystalline sea, this is coastal walking at its very best.

**Kingston to Corfe Castle** – These walks start in the village of Kingston and head out to Swyre Head for spectacular views west towards Weymouth Bay, then diverge to follow different routes to Corfe Castle village. Corfe Castle is an 11<sup>th</sup> Century ruin on a hill above the town, and the village is home to a number of quaint pubs, or you may like to stop by the sweet shop, its shelves lined with colourful reminders of childhood.

**Outdoor Travel** walking holidays – guided in small groups or self-guided with inn-to-inn luggage transfers and meals – are available in many parts of the United Kingdom, Ireland and across Europe including the **Coast-to-Coast** trail, the Cotswolds, the spectacular coast of Cornwall, the **West Highland Way** in Scotland or the **Ring of Kerry** in Ireland. In France see the Dordogne, Provence or Alps, walks too in Austria, Spain or Italy. Walk the **Way of St James** to Santiago in Spain or the **Via Francigena** – the pilgrims' Road to Rome.

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