

# SIDMOUTH

~ Cream of Devon ~  
30th May to 3rd June



**One of our most popular destinations – we return to the enchanting South Devon coastal town of Sidmouth where the River Sid trickles down to the sea between cliffs of warm pink rock. For hundreds of years Sidmouth was a tiny fishing village then, in the 19th century, it was transformed into the smart seaside resort we see today, complete with its charming Regency villas and Victorian cottages. Included in the tour is a ride on the South Devon Railway, a tour of Riverford Organics followed by lunch in the Field Kitchen, and a scenic boat trip along the south Devon coast to Greenway House & Gardens, the summer home of the famous crime writer Agatha Christie.**

**Sunday 30th May** Departing from Oxted at 9.00am we make our way to Sidmouth, stopping for refreshments along the way and arriving late afternoon at the Royal York & Faulkner Hotel.

**Monday 31st May** Today we visit Riverford Organic Vegetables, a farm that grows 85 different types of organic vegetables. Here we shall be taken on a tour of the vegetable fields, clover leys, pasture and hedgerows and take a tractor and trailer ride to the polytunnels where a wide variety of salads and herbs are grown. Following the tour we shall enjoy a 2-course homegrown organic lunch before taking the short drive to Staverton where we board the South Devon Railway for a ride through some of the most beautiful, tranquil scenery that Devon has to offer. The journey will take us to Totnes, then back up the line to Buckfastleigh. The railway, which was built in 1872, hugs the River Dart for most of its length offering outstanding vistas, barely any of which can be seen from the road. The coach





will meet us at Buckfastleigh for the journey back to Sidmouth.

**Tuesday 1st June** The day is yours to sightsee and explore this charming and unspoilt seaside resort which nestles beneath the majestic red cliffs of Peak and Salcombe Hill and the green hills of the glorious Sid Valley. Renowned for its gardens and famous for its wealth of fine architecture, the picturesque town centre offers an excellent range of individual shops and is a delight to browse.

**Wednesday 2nd June** We drive to the popular south coast resort of Torquay where we shall join a boat for a Cruise viewing the beautiful Devon coastline and river before landing at Greenway situated on a hillside in the heart of the stunning River Dart. (Please note that there is an 800 yard up hill walk from the quay to the gardens). Following a multimillion pound refurbishment by the National Trust, Greenway House opened to the public last year for the first time. Agatha Christie lived at Greenway for 38 years after buying the house in 1938 and making it her summer home. The atmospheric house set in the 1950s, and the glorious woodland garden with its wild edges and rare plantings, all allow a glimpse into the private holiday home of the famous and well-loved author, Agatha Christie and her family. Later in the day we return to Torquay by boat, rejoining the coach for the journey back to the hotel.

**Thursday 3rd June** Leaving the Hotel after breakfast we make our way homewards making refreshment stops along the way and arriving home late afternoon.

## What's included:

**Royal York & Faulkner Hotel,**  
Sidmouth

4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, with Afternoon Tea on arrival.

All bedrooms have private facilities, TV, telephone & hospitality tray.

This magnificent Regency building, dating from 1810 enjoys an unrivalled position at the centre of Sidmouth's elegant Esplanade, adjacent to the picturesque town Centre. Owned and personally run by the Hook family, resident proprietors for three generations, the hotel has earned a long standing reputation for hospitality and service.

**Time to explore Sidmouth**

**Boat cruise from Torquay to Greenway**

**Entry to Greenway**

**Guided tour of Riverford Organics with 2-course lunch**

**Ride on South Devon Railway**

**COST: £459.00 per person**

Less £6.00 for Nat Trust Members, but **must** bring card

