

WOOLACOMBE

~ North Devon Delights ~

20th to 27th June



A delightful eight day break in enchanting north Devon. Staying at the ever popular Woolacombe Bay Hotel set in the centre of the village with 6 acres of grounds running down to a wonderful 3 mile stretch of golden sands and views out to Lundy.

Sunday 20th June Depart Oxted 9.00am for the drive to Woolacombe and, making stops for refreshment along the way, we arrive at the hotel late afternoon.

Monday 21st June A day at leisure to relax and explore Woolacombe. Take a stroll along the extensive sandy beach, wander into the village for a browse in the local shops, take advantage of the Hotel's leisure facilities or simply sit and watch the world go by.

Tuesday 22nd June Today we take a leisurely drive to Appledore, a unique fishing village full of history. Discover the watch towers, look-outs, a smugglers tunnel, fishermen's cottages, captains' houses and a quay which overlooks the meeting point of the rivers Torridge and Taw before flowing through the "pool" and over the "bar" into Bideford Bay. Late morning we take the short drive to the thriving market town of Bideford where there will be time to explore and find lunch before making our way to Tapeley Park Gardens. The Gardens at Tapeley are a magical balance of nature and nurture. From the formal terraces to the natural grace of the Lake, with thoughtful woodland walks, abundant organic vegetable gardens and surprising animal encounters. Take a walk through Tapeley Park wood down to the lake, one of the most magical parts of the garden. Visit the shop and enjoy afternoon refreshment in the tearoom.

Wednesday 23rd June After an early breakfast we take a drive eastwards via Lynton and Porlock to Dunster where those who wish may join us on a 3 hour Land Rover safari across Exmoor; a leisurely trail of discovery through steeply wooded valleys, by clear rushing rivers and over the dramatic windswept moors. As you explore the driver will describe the many aspects of the countryside while pointing out fauna and flora along the way. For those not joining the safari there will be time for refreshment and to explore Dunster. Depending on how many people wish to partake of the Land Rover safari (there are two, each taking 8 people) we'll either repeat the above in the afternoon or take a leisurely drive back.

Thursday 24th June This morning we take the short drive to the quaint town of Ilfracombe, the largest seaside resort in north Devon, differing from most resorts as it is built around its old harbour.



Chambercombe Manor

Here you will be at leisure to explore and find lunch before visiting nearby Chambercombe Manor, an intriguing property steeped in mystery and unrivalled history from the Saxon era to the modern day. Here we shall be taken on a guided tour of the Manor, with time at leisure to explore the two acres of gardens and enjoy a cream tea.

Friday 25th June Today we cross the border into Cornwall and visit the popular seaside town of Bude with its fine sandy beaches, rock pools and tidal swimming pool. Early afternoon we make our way to nearby Hartland Abbey & Gardens, historic home of the Stucley family. The Abbey contains important pictures, furniture and porcelain collected over many generations. Outside, Gertrude Jekyll's winding paths lead through woodland gardens to the Bog Garden, the recently restored Victorian Fernery and the 18th century Walled Gardens. The woodland walk leads to the newly restored Gazebo and a spectacular Atlantic cove with views to Lundy Island.

Saturday 26th June A day at leisure for further exploration of Woolacombe. This afternoon, for those who wish, there will be an optional scenic drive.

Sunday 27th June After breakfast we commence our homeward journey, arriving back early evening.

What's included:

Woolacombe Bay Hotel,
Woolacombe

7 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.

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

The hotel has both indoor & outdoor
swimming pools, sauna & steam room.

**Time to explore Woolacombe,
Appledore, Bideford, Dunster,
Ilfracombe & Bude**

Entry to Tapeley Park Gardens

**Guided tour of Chambercombe
Manor & Cream Tea**

Entry to Hartland Abbey

**(Optional Land Rover Safari over
Exmoor)**

COST: £735.00 per person

Land Rover Safari: £25.00



Ilfracombe