

Springtime in Sidmouth

24th to 28th March

A spring break in one of our most popular destinations, staying at the Royal York & Faulkner Hotel situated on the seafront in 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.



£450.00 PER PERSON

What's Included

- ✓ 4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast with
- ✓ Afternoon Tea on arrival
- ✓ All bedrooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, WiFi & hospitality tray.
- ✓ Time to explore Winchester, Seaton, Colyton, Sidmouth, Exmouth & Shaftesbury
- ✓ Entry to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens
- ✓ Visit to Donkey Sanctuary
- ✓ Ride on Seaton-Colyton Tramway

ROYAL YORK & FAULKNER HOTEL Sidmouth

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.



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Friday 24 March Departing from Oxted at 9.00am we make our way to Winchester, where we shall have time to explore and find an early lunch before continuing on to Sidmouth, making a brief stop in Lyme Regis before arriving late afternoon at the Royal York & Faulkner Hotel, where we shall be greeted with afternoon tea.

Saturday 25 March After breakfast we make our way to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens, home to many rare plants with origins from all parts of the world including one of the finest collection of trees in Britain. Here we shall be at leisure to explore the 63-acre park with a 25 minute ride on the Bicton Woodland Railway through the majestic trees in the Pinetum to the Hermitage at the far end of the gardens before returning alongside the lake. Visit the glasshouses, the Italian Garden, the Shell House or take a trip down memory lane at the Countryside

Museum and see many restored artefacts and machinery of rural life from days gone by. Early afternoon we continue on to Exmouth, where we shall have some time to explore before returning to Sidmouth.

Sunday 26 March We start the day with a visit to the donkey Sanctuary, where we shall have time to find morning coffee and meet some of the 500 donkeys there. We then make our way to Seaton, giving time to find lunch before our early afternoon return tram ride to Colyton. Here we shall have time to find afternoon tea before the return journey to Seaton through two nature reserves alongside the Axe estuary.

Monday 27 March Day at leisure in the resort of Sidmouth, noted for its long, flat promenade and unhurried way of life that adds to the charm of this elegant Regency resort.

Tuesday 28 March Leaving the Hotel after breakfast we make our way to Shaftesbury, where we shall have some time to explore and find lunch before continuing our journey homewards, arriving early evening.



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