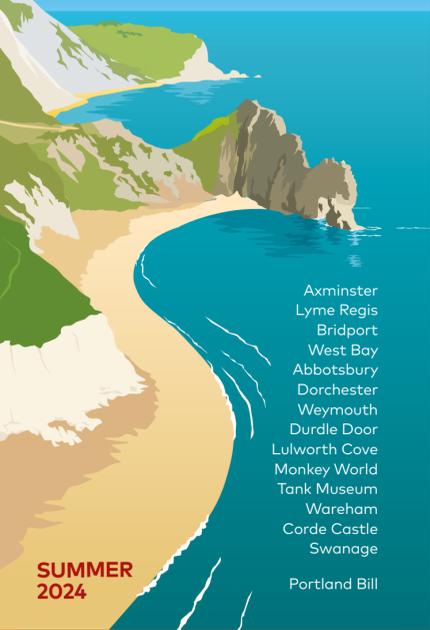


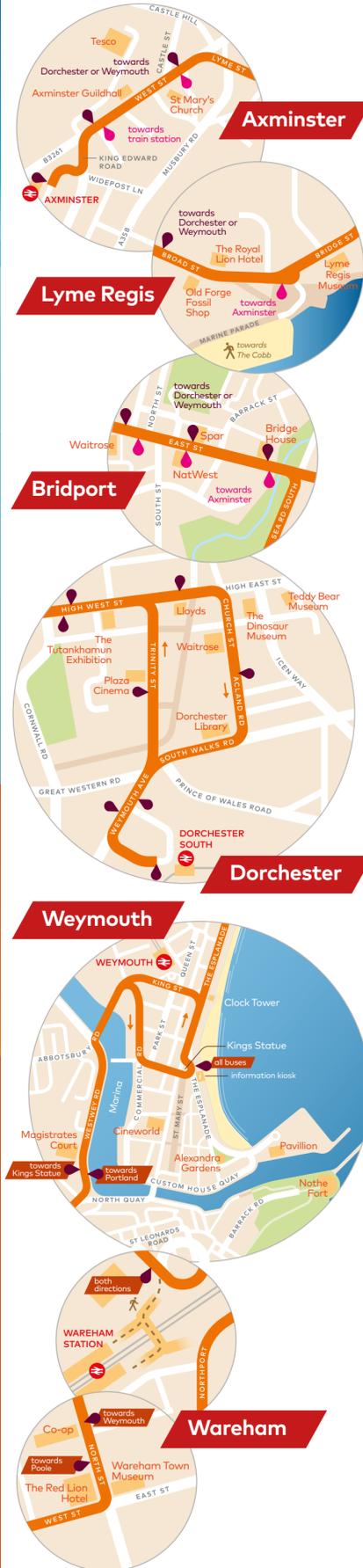


SCENIC BUS RIDES



SUMMER 2024

- Axminster
- Lyme Regis
- Bridport
- West Bay
- Abbotsbury
- Dorchester
- Weymouth
- Durdle Door
- Lulworth Cove
- Monkey World
- Tank Museum
- Wareham
- Corde Castle
- Swanage
- Portland Bill



Enjoy a breath of fresh air on our open-top Jurassic Coaster X50 and X52. They're a great way to get to

- Swanage
- Corfe Castle
- Tank Museum
- Monkey World
- Lulworth Cove
- Durdle Door
- Weymouth
- Abbotsbury
- West Bay
- Bridport

On this side is a guide to how often Jurassic Coaster buses run to many of the great destinations along the routes.

There's information about each destination, and others you might like to visit, on the other side, along with a map showing where the Jurassic Coaster buses run.

To check bus times, scan the QR code over to the right or go to [adventuresbybus.co.uk](http://adventuresbybus.co.uk)

**AXMINSTER**  
from Weymouth, Bridport, Lyme Regis  
Dorchester every 2 hours  
hourly

**ABBOTSBURY**  
from Axminster, Lyme Regis, Bridport, Weymouth  
hourly  
OPEN TOP every 2 hours

**BRIDPORT**  
from Axminster, Lyme Regis, Weymouth  
Dorchester every 2 hours  
hourly  
OPEN TOP every 2 hours

**WEYMOUTH**  
from Axminster, Lyme Regis, Bridport  
Dorchester every 2 hours  
Swanage 4 a day  
hourly  
OPEN TOP every 2 hours

**LYME REGIS**  
from Axminster, Bridport, Weymouth  
Dorchester every 2 hours  
hourly

**LULWORTH COVE & DURDL DOOR**  
from Weymouth  
Swanage 4 a day  
hourly  
OPEN TOP every 2 hours

**MONKEY WORLD**  
from Weymouth  
Swanage 4 a day  
hourly  
OPEN TOP every 2 hours

**BOVINGTON TANK MUSEUM**  
from Weymouth  
Swanage 4 a day  
3 a day  
hourly  
OPEN TOP every 2 hours

**SWANAGE**  
from Weymouth  
4 a day  
hourly  
OPEN TOP every 2 hours

**CORFE CASTLE**  
from Weymouth  
4 a day  
hourly  
OPEN TOP every 2 hours



The glorious Dorset coastline that stretches from Swanage in the east to beyond Lyme Regis in the west is England's first natural World Heritage Site.

It's known as the Jurassic Coastline due to the large number of fossils from the Jurassic Period - over 150 million years ago - found along its shoreline.

Jurassic Coaster buses are the best way to get out and explore these beautiful landscapes and the charming towns and villages along the way.

Use this guide to plan where to go. Our go-as-you-please unlimited travel tickets are great value and allow you to stop off where you want as often as you like.



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**PORTLAND COASTER**

Take a ride on our fantastic open-top Portland Coaster to climb up on to Portland Bill and get some fresh sea air in your lungs. Enjoy jaw-dropping views along coast that will simply take your breath away. It's an experience not to be missed.

Sun 12 May - Sat 29 June 2024  
Saturdays & Sundays in September

Sun 30 Jun - Sat 31 Aug 2024

	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1650
Weymouth King's Statue	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1650
Weymouth rail station	0941	1041	1142	1242	1342	1442	1542	1652
Weymouth Town Bridge	0946	1046	1147	1247	1347	1447	1547	1657
Wyke Regis Foards Corner	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1665
National Sailing Academy	1002	1102	1203	1304	1403	1503	1603	1707
Portland Castle	1007	1107	1208	1309	1408	1508	1608	1712
Portland Heights Hotel	1015	1115	1216	1316	1416	1516	1616	1720
Easton Square	1019	1119	1219	1320	1419	1520	1620	1724
Portland Bill	1030	1130	1232	1332	1431	1540	1642	1740
Portland Bill	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1550	1650	1750
Easton Square	1049	1149	1248	1348	1448	1558	1658	1758
Portland Heights Hotel	1051	1151	1251	1351	1450	1601	1700	1800
National Sailing Academy	1100	1200	1259	1359	1458	1609	1708	1807
Wyke Regis Foards Corner	1106	1205	1304	1404	1504	1614	1713	1812
Weymouth Magistrates Ct	1121	1221	1320	1420	1523	1634	1732	1829
Weymouth King's Statue	1131	1230	1329	1432	1533	1643	1741	1836

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### AXMINSTER

The famous carpets were first made here by Thomas Whitty in 1755. Then, each time a carpet was finished, the bells at the Minster were rung in celebration. The Minster is at the heart of the town, and was once so prestigious that Saxon princes were buried here. Nearby is Axminster's Heritage Centre & Museum in Thomas Whitty House, where you can find out more about the town's carpet industry.

### LYME REGIS

Loved by fossil hunters, Jane Austen fans (it featured in *Persuasion*) and admirers of the book and film *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, this most charming of seaside towns is an essential stop on the Jurassic Coast. Walk out on to the Cobb, as the French Lieutenant's Woman did, to admire the sweep of the bay with tall cliffs disappearing into the distance, or discover the town's interesting independent shops, cafes and restaurants up the steep streets and down narrow alleyways.

### GOLDEN CAP

This towering cliff, owned by the National Trust, is the highest point along the south coast and well worth the climb to the top if you have the energy. On a clear day the views in all directions are spectacular. Get off the bus at Chideock and find the marked footpath to follow, but it's best to take a map to make sure you don't get lost. Allow a good 3 to 4 hours.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/golden-cap](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/golden-cap)



### BRIDPORT

With a bustling street market every Wednesday and Saturday, a farmers' market on the second Saturday of the month and vintage market on the last Sunday until the end of October, spending time in this historic town is always worthwhile. It also has an amazing selection of award-winning local food producers to tempt you, including England's oldest family butcher, R.J. Balson & Son. For centuries it was famous for rope and net making - a hangman's noose was known as a Bridport Dagger! - and the wealth this produced gave rise to some fine buildings in the town and the broad high street. Don't miss out on Bridport's fabulous Hat Festival on Saturday 7 September 2024 - it's really quite a hoot, so do pop along. [bridportthathatfest.org](http://bridportthathatfest.org)



### ABBOTSBURY

This beautiful village of thatched cottages built from local golden stone, with welcoming tea shops and galleries, is world famous for its ancient swannery. This is home to over 600 free-flying swans and the only place in the world where you can walk among the breeding, nesting and hatching birds. [abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk/swannery](http://abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk/swannery)



### ABBOTSBURY SUB TROPICAL GARDENS

It's a short walk to these wonderful gardens, a delight for the senses. They date from 1765 and have an intoxicating mix of formal and informal plantings, famous camellia groves and magnolias. With a charming Victorian Garden, woodland walks and walled gardens, it's a pleasant place to spend time in. Enjoy scrumptious food in the Colonial Restaurant, and check out the gift shop. There are stunning views of the Dorset Jurassic Coast from the viewpoint at the top of the Magnolia Walk. [abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk/gardens](http://abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk/gardens)



### WEST BAY

This lovely spot has towering golden cliffs, a broad beach of shingle and sand backed by old cottages, characterful kiosks and an early 19th-century customs house. West Bay's more recent claim to fame is, of course, being the location for many scenes in the TV drama *Broadchurch*. You could enjoy a *Broadchurch*-themed guided walk or check out boat trips from here.



### BURTON BRADSTOCK

Get off at the Hive Beach stop to get to the popular shingle beach surrounded by spectacular sandstone cliffs. Their geology makes them appear to glow bright gold in the sunlight. Pop into the Hive Beach Café for delicious coffee, tea and cake, or a tasty lunch.



### ST CATHERINE'S CHAPEL

High above the village on a lonely hill stands St Catherine's Chapel, built by the monks of the nearby Abbotsbury Abbey in the 14th century. It has 'wishing holes' where local women used to pray to St Catherine to help find them a husband! If you haven't the energy or time to climb up to the chapel, glance when you pass the viewpoint on Abbotsbury Hill to enjoy breathtaking views over the chapel and back along Chesil Beach towards Portland Bill.



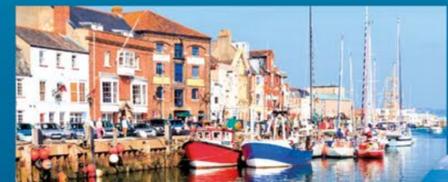
### DORCHESTER

Wander down the long High Street and along pedestrianised Cornhill to get a flavour of Dorset's busy county town. The award-winning Dinosaur Museum is all about having a roaring good time, being devoted solely to dinosaurs. It has skeletons, fossils, life-size reconstructions and a few scaly surprises! Pop along to the Teddy Bear House to see over 100 years of teddies, from some of the earliest right through to today's TV favourites. In the Tutankhamun Exhibition the sights, sounds and smell of Tutankhamun's ancient Egyptian tomb and treasure have all been recreated to make you feel you're really there. Travelling from Weymouth? Use First bus route 10 direct to Dorchester. Pop along to Brewery Square, the vibrant shopping and eating complex in the heart of Dorchester town centre, full of eateries, independent clothes stores, and much more.



### WEYMOUTH

Attractive Georgian seafront houses look over a fabulous sweep of sandy beach, complete with donkey rides and Punch and Judy shows. There's a pretty harbourside to watch the comings and goings of boats of all sizes. Behind all this is a busy town centre, making Weymouth a great seaside destination.



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### PORTLAND CASTLE

Explore one of Henry VIII's finest coastal forts, overlooking Portland Harbour and built in the early 1540s to protect against French and Spanish invasion. It's owned by English Heritage and admission includes a free audio tour telling the castle's history and the important part it played in both World Wars. Enjoy stunning sea views from the gun platforms and, if you're peckish, the Captain's Tearoom serves locally made cakes, sandwiches and snacks. [www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/portland-castle](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/portland-castle)



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### PORTLAND BILL

The red and white tower first shone its famous four flashes of light every 20 seconds on 11 January 1906, guiding passing vessels through the hazardous waters around Portland Bill. You can climb the lighthouse and see for miles along the beautiful Jurassic Coastline. Opening times [trinityhouse.co.uk](http://trinityhouse.co.uk)



### WAREHAM

This market town, once a busy port with ships bound for France and beyond, has a pretty quayside as its focal point. The great Saxon earth walls, a defence against the Vikings, still surround the town. See St Martin's Church with medieval wall paintings and an effigy of Lawrence of Arabia originally intended for Westminster Abbey. Thursday is market day, plus there is a street market at the quay on Saturdays and a thriving farmers' market on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

### BOVINGTON TANK MUSEUM

Discover the history of the tank from its invention in 1915 through the 20th century and into the future, and how this important British invention has helped shape world history. You'll see many of the most important tanks in history, with a fascinating supporting collection in a massive state-of-the-art multimedia exhibition. And you can hear the stories of those who fought in and against these vehicles; from the Trenches to the streets of Basra. [tankmuseum.org](http://tankmuseum.org)



### MONKEY WORLD

It's heartwarming to know that Monkey World assists governments around the world to stop the smuggling of primates from the wild. And here these adorable refugees of this illegal trade, as well as those that have suffered abuse or neglect, are rehabilitated into natural living groups. With talks and displays, too, you'll discover so much more about our near relatives. [monkeyworld.org](http://monkeyworld.org)



### LULWORTH COVE & DURDL DOOR

This geological marvel, a perfect horseshoe-shaped bay created by the sea, is on a stunning part of the Jurassic Coast. And half a mile west is famous Durdle Door, where you can watch and listen to the sea water crashing through a natural cliff arch. Swim in the cove, take a boat trip, or just enjoy the stunning scenery. The Heritage Centre tells the story of Lulworth from 50 million years ago to the present day.



### CORFE CASTLE

Perched high on a hill overlooking a picture postcard village with teashops to die for, Corfe Castle is everything you'd expect a romantic castle ruin to be. It was established by William the Conqueror and partially destroyed in the English Civil War. There are tales of treachery and treason and breathtaking views all around. [nationaltrust.org.uk](http://nationaltrust.org.uk)



### SWANAGE RAILWAY

Slip back in time to enjoy a ride behind a vintage steam locomotive or heritage diesel along the 12-mile round trip through the beautiful Purbeck countryside. Swanage and Corfe Castle are the main stations. [swanagerailway.co.uk](http://swanagerailway.co.uk)



### SWANAGE

A charming seaside resort with golden sands, sparkling clear waters, a lovely Victorian pier and a relaxed air about it. The town has independent bakers and farm shops and, of course, is terminus of the delightful Swanage Railway.

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