



TRAVEL GROUP

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Contact via U3A Travel Group on web site

History, Culture and Wild Landscape of

Ilfracombe and Highlights of North Devon

5-day tour commencing Wednesday 23rd June 2027

Dear Travel Group Members,

Following our recent tours to Exmouth, we have decided to do another seaside-based tour and would like to offer you the opportunity to join us. We are, again, using the services of Alfa Holidays, an employee-owned business. Staying in the Imperial Hotel, Ilfracombe on the North Devon Coast, 80 metres from the beach, we have put together a varied itinerary. Our first excursion takes us across Exmoor National Park to the medieval village of Dunster for the day. The highlight of the tour, following time in Bideford, a historic port town, will be when we make our way to magical Clovelly. Please take into account that there is a considerable amount of walking involved at Clovelly which will require stout footwear and, possibly, walking poles on the cobbled steep hill. We have a very small allocation of rooms for single occupancy for this tour and would ask that you consider sharing a double or twin room with a friend or relative.

Bookings are now being taken.

Kind Regards

Ann



Imperial Hotel, Ilfracombe



Clovelly High Street

YOUR 5 DAY ITINERARY

Wednesday: After our pick-ups in Bushey and Watford we shall head off west to North Devon. En route, we will take a break in Clevedon, a charming Victorian seaside town in North Somerset. The award-winning Grade 1 listed Pier and panoramic views over the Severn Estuary to Wales make this stop worthwhile. There will be time for lunch, before continuing on to the Imperial Hotel in Ilfracombe.

Thursday: We will travel across Exmoor National Park en route to Dunster, one of the best preserved medieval villages remaining in England. You will have free time to explore some of the historic attractions – The Yarn Market, Dunster Castle, the Working Watermill and St George's Church, maybe?

Friday: Today is a free day to explore Ilfracombe. Seek out the picturesque Ilfracombe Harbour and St Nicholas' Chapel on the hill, the Magenta Fine Art Centre, the renowned Damien Hirst - Verity Statue? Or head along the coast?

Saturday: After time to explore Bideford, we will travel to Clovelly, a privately-owned village that was unknown to the outside world until the 19th century. There is no vehicle traffic allowed here and the steep, cobbled street leads to the ancient fishing harbour. Entrance to the village is included and we then leave you free to explore.

Sunday: As we head home today, we will make a stop at the Swindon Designer Outlet when lunch can be taken. We will later continue our homeward journey to Bushey and Watford.



The Yarn Market, Dunster



Exmoor's wild, heather-covered moorlands

PRICE and GENERAL INFORMATION

PRICE per person: Minimum 40 persons - £415.00 Minimum 30 persons - £445.00

Single Room – No supplement

Cosy Double for SINGLE occupancy - £ 60.00 supplement

Sea view - £32.00 per person (limited availability for twin and double rooms)

Alfa Peace of Mind Guarantee – alfaholidays.co.uk/peace-of-mind-guarantee £28

Price includes: Return Coach Travel; 4 nights half board accommodation in a 3 star hotel; full day tour to Exmoor and Dunster, full day tour to Bideford and Clovelly Village. Entrance to Clovelly included.

Your Hotel: The Imperial Hotel, one of the Alfa Hotels, is situated in Ilfracombe overlooking Wildersmouth Beach and offers spectacular views (supplement payable). All bedrooms have en-suite facilities, are equipped with flat screen TV, tea/coffee making facilities and free wi-fi and hairdryer. Entertainment is provided on most evenings.

BOOKING CONDITIONS: *The tour must have a minimum of 30 persons to operate. Balance payment will be due by 28th April 2027. A deposit cheque of £50 per person, made out to Alfa Holidays Limited, should be sent to Ann Hodge as soon as possible to secure your place(s). This will not be banked until we have the minimum number of bookings to operate the tour. Once your deposit has been banked, it is non-refundable. This tour is being organised by Alfa Holidays, a well-established, award winning UK tour operator. Your money is safe; Alfa Holidays is fully bonded through ABTOT (a government approved consumer protection scheme, offering a regulated financial protection scheme to comply with UK Travel Regulations recognised and respected by the UK Travel Industry). Their ABTOT number is 7089. Passengers are expected to take out the Alfa Peace of Mind Guarantee or have their own travel insurance. Late cancellations of less than 7 weeks will incur charges according to the length of notice given prior to departure.*

Bushey U3A cannot entertain financial claims should a member suffer any losses through the tour operator defaulting on their obligations.

Bushey U3A Travel Group Booking Form

Ilfracombe 23rd June 2027

Please reserve place(s) on the North Devon Tour June 2027.

Rooms: Single (limited) Cosy double (limited) DoubleTwin

Sea view..... (If available)

PASSENGER NAMES (titles and full names):
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Special Requests (disability, dietary, other) (cannot be guaranteed):.....
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Enclosed find cheque for £..... payable to Alfa Holidays Ltd covering £50 deposit for person(s)
and Alfa Peace of Mind Guarantee for person(s) at £28 per person..

Address: Postcode:

Telephone: Email:

Signed:Name: Date: