



This tour can be modified or adapted to meet specific requirements and weather conditions.

Jurassic Coast tours will be run weekly, Saturday to Saturday – February to May and September to November.

Tours are dependent on numbers booked and may be subject to cancellation.

In the event of cancellation of a particular week, an alternative will be offered for consideration.

Summer is not the only time to come to Weymouth – we offer our Tours in the Spring or Autumn when it is quieter. Each season has its own natural beauty to commend it and there are activities and events taking place whatever the season, whatever the weather!

Accommodation is in locally approved guest houses/hotels, self catering cottages or experienced Host Families. For non-native English speakers, we offer English courses combined with a shortened version of the Jurassic Coast excursion Tour.

Saturday

A warm welcome awaits you when you arrive in Weymouth. In the afternoon (for morning arrivals), there will be the opportunity to visit the Timewalk – the award-winning attraction that takes you on an unforgettable voyage to experience the sights, sounds and smells of six hundred years of

Weymouth and Portland's fascinating past – followed by a guided Town Walk to familiarise you with the town.



Sunday

In the morning, it's all aboard White Motor Boats, bound for Portland and Portland Castle - built by Henry VIII to defend the anchorage against possible French and Spanish invasion. Following a guided tour of the Castle, a leisurely stroll takes us past the National Sailing Academy and the waters of Portland Harbour where the sailing events for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be held. The Cove House Inn, an early 19th century pub, located on Chesil Beach - the world famous 18 mile long shingle bank that runs from Portland to West Bay - is our destination for lunch. Weymouth and Portland's fascinating past – followed by a guided Town Walk to familiarise you with the town.



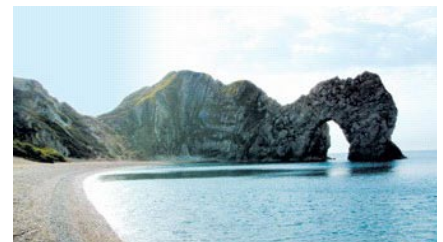
After lunch, we will travel by coach to the top of Portland where stunning views of Chesil beach will have you reaching for your camera. The coastal walks you will enjoy during this week will introduce you to the hundreds of thousands of years of landscape evolution that has resulted in today's Jurassic Coast. Today, our walk takes us down the western side of Portland, finishing at the famous Pulpit Rock, and you will see why this is considered to be one of the most dramatic coastlines in England.



Monday

To the east of Weymouth, the village of Corfe, its skyline dominated by the ruined castle, is a visitor's delight at any time of year. We will spend the morning in Corfe, taking a tour of the ruins, looking around the village and having lunch.

In the afternoon, it's off to Durdle Door, arguably one of the most photographed natural rock formations on the south coast. The short walk from Durdle Door to Lulworth Cove can be made along the beach or over the cliffs. Lulworth Cove is a perfect horse-shoe-shaped bay created by the sea hollowing out the soft clays to reach the harder chalk behind. At the Lulworth Visitor Centre, a Ranger will talk to us, followed by a guided walk to the Lulworth Crumple – a phenomenon caused 147 million years ago when layered Purbeck rock strata were heaved up and folded by the "meeting" of the continental plates – and the Fossil Forest – fossilised rings of algae that gathered around tree trunks as a forest flooded nearly 150 million years ago.



Tuesday

If you have ever wanted to find a fossil, today is your opportunity to have a go! Charmouth is world famous for fossils and the Visitor Centre explains what they are and how to find them safely and without causing damage to the cliffs or beaches. During your fossil-hunting walk you will have the chance to find your very own fossil.

We now move on to Lyme Regis, a small fishing port with its famous Cobb – a harbour break water – immortalised by the film *The French Lieutenant's Woman*. All the restaurants and cafes have access to fresh locally caught fish and shell fish straight off the fishing boats, which operate from the harbour, and there will be time for you to spend a relaxing lunch break here. During the afternoon you can continue to explore Lyme Regis under your own steam or join the optional tour of Beer Quarry Caves which provides an incredible opportunity to get underground and see inside the cliffs first-hand. For those staying in Lyme Regis we can recommend the Philpott Museum in which a range of Lyme Regis' famous fossils can be seen; you can also take a journey through the local history of Lyme and discover the fascinating life of fossil hunter, Mary Anning, whose fossil collecting began the study of geology.



Wednesday

West of Weymouth and Portland, lies the National Heritage village of Abbotsbury - delightfully picturesque, it nestles deep in the Dorset hills. Here you can choose to visit Abbotsbury Swannery - the only place in the world where you are able to walk through the heart of a colony of nesting Mute Swans - or the Tropical

Gardens - world famous for its Camellia Groves and Magnolias, noted for its Rhododendron and Hydrangea collections. Afterwards, there will be time to explore the village itself: a leisurely stroll up the hill brings you to St Catherine's Chapel where you will enjoy a commanding view over the area, or you may prefer to explore the art galleries and studios that abound in the village. The Ilchester Arms, warm and welcoming with quarry tiled and bare boarded floors, heavy oak beamed ceilings and interconnecting rooms, is ideal for lunch.

A short drive westwards brings us to Hive Beach, near Burton Bradstock. Today's walk takes us across the spectacular sandstone cliffs that tower above the mighty Chesil Beach between Burton Bradstock and West Bay (setting for BBC's "Harbour Lights").



Thursday

Today we drive to the easternmost point of the Jurassic Coast – Studland Bay and Old Harry Rocks. Parking in Studland village, we walk out to Old Harry Rocks, dramatic chalk stacks which represent the youngest rocks on the World Heritage Site. We drive now around Studland Bay to Shell Bay where we catch the Sandbanks Ferry, a chainlink ferry that operates between Studland and Poole. This afternoon you have time to yourself, and are free to explore Poole with its bustling quay and busy shopping centre.



Friday

On the final day of the tour we take you to Durlston Country Park, a fabulous 280 acre countryside paradise at the eastern end of the Jurassic Coast. Also designated a Special Area of Conservation, Site of Special Scientific Interest and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, there is always something different to see at Durlston.

We will return to Weymouth for the final afternoon for free time to relax and find those last minute souvenirs!

