



It's time to bag a spring stay and sometimes a couple of days is all you need! Enjoy a blast on the beach, fresh seafood by the waterside then a peaceful night's sleep after all the sea air, the coast is calling!

Ahead of the school holidays, you'll find plenty of space for exploring art galleries, museums and markets, from Durham's Seaside Market in [Seaham](#) to Devon's local Friday market in [Dartmouth](#), stock up on artisan produce and crafts with the locals.

Nor is it too soon to plan ahead - squeeze every second out of the upcoming Easter break and May bank holidays, go stargazing or foraging, fossil hunt or stand-up paddleboard, enjoy plenty of new experiences that don't break the bank.

And if the kids are in tow, don't forget to [enter our competition](#) to win a family ticket to [Showtown](#) – Blackpool's glitziest new attraction celebrates the resort's sparkling showbiz personalities. Enjoy!



Spring into action in Plymouth

Throw off any winter cobwebs with an early spring exploration of Plymouth. Start with a walk to get your bearings of Britain's Ocean City, check out scenic waterfront views, quiet woodland trails, the historic Barbican or iconic Hoe or download one of the walking trails to explore the city centre.

Drop into Plymouth's fully accessible cultural hub, The Box, for art exhibitions and museum, shop at Drake Circus and Royal William Yard then take your pick from any one of the great eateries to refuel before a night of live music, comedy or theatre

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Starry nights in the North York Moors

This month the North York Moors National Park is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its Dark Skies Festival with plans for the biggest and best yet. It runs from 14 February to 2 March so check into a holiday cottage, campsite or B&B with a warm blanket, deck chair and binoculars to prepare for a night under the stars at one of the UK's best dark skies spots.

If you're looking to hike the Moors at the same time, there's no need to tackle all 109 miles of the beautiful Cleveland Way in one go! Break it up with stops at Sandsend, Runswick Bay or the pretty fishing village of Staithes. Night or day, this stretch of the coast is unmissable!

[Explore Dark Skies on the North York Moors](#)



Colour and castles in White Cliffs Country

Catching the first shoots of spring is always a thrill so for a top sighting head to Goodnestone Gardens near Deal and take a self-guided walk through a carpet of snowdrops, winter aconites and spring-flowering shrubs.

Marvel at migrant birds at Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory or Samphire Hoe near Dover, enjoy the freshest catch of the day from Deal's fishing boats or shop for local produce at the Saturday market, spring arrives early on this iconic Kent corner.

[Plan your trip to White Cliffs Country](#)



Roll up, roll up! Win a family ticket to Showtown Blackpool!

Blackpool's hottest new attraction **Showtown** is an all-singing, all-dancing museum of entertainment and we're offering you the chance to win a family ticket – perfect for school holiday fun! This is one place where rain never stops play - Blackpool fizzes with entertainment. Discover the stories of the comedians, dancers, acrobats and characters who turned this resort into the home of show business.

Six immersive galleries showcase the very best of the seaside - magic, circus, illuminations, shows and dance. Whether you're looking for a trip down memory lane or want to make memories that last a lifetime, Showtown is an experience that's perfect for every member of the family, whatever the age.

Discover Showtown just off the prom, next door but one to Blackpool Tower.

To win your free family ticket, [ENTER HERE](#)

T&Cs: Prize comprises one family ticket to explore Blackpool's first museum of fun and entertainment – (2 x Adults, 2 x children (under 16)) Maximum 2 adults per group | This is a single use pass and does not qualify as an annual pass. | Winner will be contacted by a member of Showtown to book in your visit.

[Enter the competition now!](#)

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Paws on the prom - from scoops of doggy ice-cream to pampered pooch hotels, there's no shortage of coastal treats waiting for dogs on the coast. Rock-pools, grassy clifftops and miles of open sand, where better to train, run or even swim with your four-legged friend.

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Whether for a half term day out or a quick escape while the beaches are quiet, you'll find coastal cultural inspiration at every turn. Visit a cosy art gallery in Staithes, Corfe Castle ruins in Dorset or Henry VIII's amazing Mary Rose ship in Portsmouth, there's always a new reason to visit.

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