

## Attractions

### Corfe Castle

Corfe Castle is the site of a thousand-year-old royal castle of the same name. The village and castle stand over a gap in the Purbeck Hills on the route between Wareham and Swanage.

**Website:** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfe-castle](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfe-castle)

**Address:** The Square, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EZ

**Distance:** 19 miles (35 minute drive)

### Jurassic Coast

The 95 miles of coastline stretching from Exmouth in East Devon to Old Harry Rocks in Studland Bay in Dorset is world renowned as the Jurassic Coast and is definitely worth a visit during your stay in Dorset. This stretch of coastline provides some of the most jaw dropping scenery and is a favourite destination for walkers and nature lovers alike. Geological highlights include Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door, Old Harry Rocks, Chapman's Pool, Gad Cliff, Mupe Rocks, Chesil Bank, Golden Cap and Charmouth and Lyme Regis.

**Website:** [www.jurassiccoast.org](http://www.jurassiccoast.org)

### Lulworth Cove

The beautiful white pebble beach of Lulworth Cove, with its blue waters and easy access make it a popular destination. Walking the South West Coast Path at Lulworth Cove is a brilliant experience, offering stunning views across the Jurassic Coast, including Durdle Door (the path is steep but foot pathed).

**Website:** [www.lulworth.com/visit/places-to-visit/lulworth-cove](http://www.lulworth.com/visit/places-to-visit/lulworth-cove)

**Address:** Main Road, West Lulworth, BH20 5RQ

**Distance:** 17 miles (35 minute drive)

### Swanage Railway

Whatever the weather, take a journey back in time with an enjoyable day of excitement and nostalgia at the award winning Swanage Railway. The 12 mile Swanage Railway return trip takes you through the beautiful Purbeck countryside and includes stunning views of the iconic remains of William the Conqueror's Corfe Castle.

**Website:** [www.swanagerailway.co.uk](http://www.swanagerailway.co.uk)

**Address:** Railway Station Approach, Swanage, BH19 1HB (NB Please refer to the website above for parking information).

**Distance:** 24 miles (45 minute drive)

## **Dorchester Museums**

Whether it is the secrets of the ancient Egyptian Mummies you are interested in or Tutankhamun, Terracotta Warriors, Dinosaurs and Teddy Bears, Dorchester has it all. You can purchase a ticket that gives you access to these 5 museums for the price of 2. All attractions are within walking distance in the historic county town of Dorchester. Tickets are valid for a week from date of first visit.

**Website:** [www.goldsaverpass.com](http://www.goldsaverpass.com)

**Address:** Dorchester, DT1 1UW

**Distance:** 14 miles (25 minute drive)

## **Hardy's Dorchester**

Thomas Hardy was born in 1840 in Higher Bockhampton, a small village just three miles outside Dorchester. Hardy's Cottage is a beautiful secluded place to visit if you are following the Thomas Hardy Trail through Dorset. The cottage was built by Hardy's great-grandfather in 1800 and little has been altered externally since then. It is a popular place to visit and see where Hardy wrote *Under the Greenwood Tree* and *Far from the Madding Crowd*.

**Website:** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hardys-cottage](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hardys-cottage)

**Address:** Hardy's Cottage, Higher Bockhampton, Dorchester, DT2 8QJ

**Distance:** 11 miles (18 minute drive)

In 1885, Thomas Hardy and his wife Emma moved into Max Gate, the Victorian home which he designed and his brother built. Max Gate was Hardy's home for forty years, until he died in 1928 but whilst there he wrote some of his most famous works, *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, *The Woodlanders*, *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*, *Jude the Obscure*, *The Dynasts* as well as numerous poems and short stories.

**Website:** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/max-gate](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/max-gate)

**Address:** Alington Avenue, Dorchester, DT1 2FN

**Distance:** 13 miles (20 minute drive)

Continue the Thomas Hardy Trail by visiting the Dorchester County Museum where you can see a reconstruction of Thomas Hardy's Study. Fans of Thomas Hardy will enjoy walking around Dorchester picking out buildings and places that featured in his novels. Dorchester is Hardy's "Casterbridge", the centre for several of his greatest works.

**Website:** [www.dorsetcountymuseum.org](http://www.dorsetcountymuseum.org)

**Address:** High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1XA

**Distance:** 14 miles (25 minute drive)