

## Jurassic Coast – Itinerary



### Day 1 – Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> June Worchester to our camp near Lulworth

Depart Worchester in minibus at 10.00am and drive to designated campsite where everything will be ready for our arrival.

### Day 2 – Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> June South Haven Point to Durlston Head 10m

The minibus takes us to the start point of the walk at South Haven Point. Across the narrow stretch of water is the most expensive real estate in the UK, Sandbanks. The walk takes us along Studland Bay (a section of this beach is designated a nudist beach, but don't worry, you won't have to strip off as we walk by it). This leads on to Foreland Point, renowned for the rocks of Old Harry and Old Harry's Wife. Having rounded the headland, Swanage will come into view. On reaching Swanage the route largely follows the promenade, around Peveril Point, across Durlston Bay to Durlston Head where the minibus will pick us up and return us, possibly via Corfe Castle, time permitting, to our campsite.



*Old Harry Rocks*

**Day 3 – Fri. 9th June Durlston Head to Kimmeridge Bay 12.6 miles**

The minibus will deliver us to the start where we will be walking predominantly in a westerly direction along an undulating coastline, finishing at Kimmeridge Bay. The minibus may well take us slightly inland, and give us some time to enjoy the picturesque village of Kimmeridge, with its chocolate box stone and thatched cottages. We will then return to the campsite.

**Day 4 – Sat. 10th June Kimmeridge Bay to Durdle Door 10 miles**

Again the minibus will deliver us to the point where we finished the day before. Today is a relatively short day but it is a spectacular stretch of coastline with some stunning features, which deserve more than just a passing glance. The first section of the walk takes us through the Lulworth Ranges, a military firing range. Hopefully all will be quiet on the day we walk through this area but we will be able to see the effects of regular poundings from artillery. This will lead us on to Lulworth Cove, which I would hope we would have had time to visit during our evenings at the youth hostel, but it is a stunning location worthy of time spent there. It is then a short walk to Durdle Door, a beautiful rock arch. At the end of our walk we return our campsite for our last night there.



***Durdle Door***

**Day 5 – Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> June Durdle Door – Ferrybridge 13.4 miles**

Having packed all of our kit the minibus will take us to Durdle Door for the start of our fourth day of walking. While we are walking the kit will be transferred to the youth hostel at Beer. Throughout most of the days walk we will be able to see the sweeping bay of Weymouth as we proceed in a westerly direction. The walk will take us right along the waterfront to Ferrybridge where there is road access to the Isle of Portland. We will not be venturing on to the Isle. The minibus will pick us up and take us to our camp near Beer.

**Day 6 – Mon. 12th June Ferrybridge – Abbotsbury 10.9m**

Returning to Ferrybridge we set out along the edge of the lagoon, which makes up East and West Fleet. We have a choice to walk along the indented inland side of the water or along Chesil Beach, the latter is shorter but very energy sapping.

Whichever we choose, we will eventually end up in the attractive village of Abbotsbury where I am sure we will have time to visit the Swannery.

**Day 7 – Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> June Rest Day.** While camp is moved the minibus will take you on an excursion to somewhere of interest. Camp will be somewhere near Sidmouth.

**Day 8 – Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> June Abbotsbury to Seatown 12.4 miles**

The going is relatively easy for the first part of the day with few hills and even less detours as we make our way to West Bay, the coastal bit of Bridport. Perhaps, after some refreshment in West Bay, we continue to the small hamlet of the innappropriately named Seatown where the minibus will collect us and return us to Beer.

**Day 9 – Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> June Seatown to Seaton 14.2 miles**

This is the longest walk of all but still easily manageable in the long hot days of June. Passing through Charmouth we continue to Lyme Regis. Having passed Lyme Regis the path takes a slightly inland route following an ancient cliff line and through some very old and enchanting woodland. The shade will be a welcome relief. Not long after the woodland we enter Seaton and may choose to stick to the plan or extend the day by an extra mile and walk on to Beer.

**Day 10 – Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> June Seaton to Sidmouth 10 miles**

The walk today, although not as long is quite undulating with steep ascents and descents where valleys drop down to the sea. It is a particularly attractive stretch of coastline and deserves not to be rushed. At the end of it we have the delightful Victorian town of Sidmouth to explore and enjoy.



*Red cliffs near Sidmouth*

**Day 11 – Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> June Sidmouth to Exmouth 13 miles and to Worcester**

Having packed all our kit we will then return to Sidmouth for the last day of this exciting journey. Sweeping round the huge bay we come upon Budleigh Salterton before taking a more westerly approach to Exmouth, finishing at The Point where, if we were continuing, the ferry would take us across to Starcross on the

other side of the estuary. Time to celebrate. Having returned to camp for a clean up, we head out for a celebratory meal.

**Day 12 – Sun 18<sup>th</sup> June** Probably still tired, yet satisfied, we pile into the minibus, having first struck camp, for the drive home. We will be back in Worcester mid afternoon so those who have to go to work the next day at least get a night in their own bed!

**Cost**

The full package is £550

**What is included:**

All accommodation, which will be fully supported camping

All meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner (unless we choose to eat out)

All travel to and from Dorset and throughout the trip

All snacks and drinks provided

**What is not included:**

Personal expenditure on a day-to-day basis

Meals out

Entrance fees (i.e. Corfe Castle, Abbotsbury Swannery etc.)