

# DUNSTER



Dunster is a breathtaking medieval village crammed with history, beauty and atmosphere. It will take you back in time, lift your spirits and fire your imagination. Displaying a wealth of listed buildings and ancient landmarks, the village cosily nestles around the protective walls of the spectacular Dunster Castle. Come and see why Dunster is one of the most photographed and filmed villages in the West Country with its winding cobbled streets and far reaching castle grounds.



Yarn Market

No matter where you begin your memorable journey in Dunster you will come across moments of history that have been lovingly maintained throughout time. From thatched cob cottages, to the working watermill, medieval dovecote and the renovated Tithe Barn. One of the most recognisable landmarks is the celebrated Yarn Market that stands proud at the top of the High Street that once was the trading centre of the village and is surrounded by fine houses once occupied by affluent merchants.



Dunster Castle is mentioned in the Domesday Book and was the home to the Luttrell family for 600 years. This is now entrusted to The National Trust that welcomes 120,000 visitors each year. The Castle, grounds and the various events that are on going throughout the year are treasures not to be missed.



West Street Dunster

The High Street leads into Church Street where the Nunnery and cottages have stood for nearly 550 years. Saint Georges Church is home to the Luttrell tombs and the longest Rood Screen in England. The Church bells chime a different tune daily on the hours of 1, 5 & 9 am/pm that may be heard throughout the village.



Dunster Church

Of course if it is quality shopping you are looking for then you will be spoilt for choice with an abundance of exclusive galleries, shops selling gifts, toys, hand-made confectionery, clothing, designer jewellery, antiques, second hand and new books, local arts and crafts, and much, much more. Dunster shops strive to achieve quality, offer the unusual and provide a truly unique shopping experience.

After working up a healthy appetite you will not be disappointed by the wide choice of places to eat and drink. From friendly tea rooms providing home cooked specialities and cosy pubs with Somerset cider, to a la carte dining in historic settings, all are certain to satisfy.



Church Cottage

Church Street meanders down to West Street where the former humble homes of the woollen workers, are now carefully maintained by their current occupiers and business dwellers. It is, the oldest and one of the prettiest streets in Dunster, leading to Mill Lane, home to the working watermill.

Today Dunster village and the surrounding area offers something for everyone. There are many walks covering different grades, whether it be a stroll up to the Conygar Tower or a slightly more strenuous climb to the ancient Iron Age remains of Bat's Castle. Both offer stunning panoramic views of the area. Alternatively take a gentle stroll along the River Avill from Gallox Bridge around the back of the castle and enjoy the views of land and sea.

If you are looking for the dream get-away what better place to stay than in one of Dunster's fine B&Bs, guesthouses or stylish hotels. You are assured a warm and friendly welcome and an atmosphere of relaxation and calm, whatever your budget. Dunster is host to many festivals and fetes including the famous Dunster by Candlelight Christmas festival where you can experience the village at its finest.



For more of a family day out, The West Somerset Railway is an adventure for all ages, running from Minehead to Bishops Lydeard. Dunster station is located near Dunster beach within walking distance of the village. The Doll's museum is well worth a visit along with the Children's playground, Gallox Bridge and the village garden.

- 2 Hour Walk Hare Path To Bat's Castle (Iron Age Hill Fort) & View Point
- 30 Minute Circular Walk Around Castle

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Gallox Bridge

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