

Discover Dunster's Medieval Past

Set in the foothills of the spectacular Exmoor National Park, on the North Somerset coast, Dunster is probably the largest and most intact medieval village in England.

Dominated by Dunster Castle (whose origins go back a 1,000 years), Dunster has a wealth of history to discover including the iconic octagonal Yarn Market, Packhorse Bridge, Dovecote, Tithe Barn, Working Watermill and St George's Church.

Why not follow the village walk (see map over) which takes you round all these historic buildings and then visit Dunster Museum to learn more.



Dovecote, part of the Benedictine Priory

Dunster Village

Dunster has a wide range of independent shops to explore. Find gifts for the home & garden; local art & craft; handmade chocolate; and clothing & accessories.

Feeling peckish? Choose from a cosy fireside pub lunch, a cream tea in a pretty tea garden or fine dining. Sample local ciders, lamb, venison and our locally milled flour!

Then, why not take a stroll around the Memorial and Village Gardens, or let the kids paddle in the river or let off steam in our award-winning children's playground!



Medieval High Street with the Yarn Market at one end and Dunster Castle at the other

The countryside around Dunster

From the village you can take a number of stunning walks into the Exmoor hills and explore Conygar Tower and our Iron Age heritage at Bat's Castle. If you are lucky you may catch sight of a Red Deer or Exmoor Pony! England's Tallest Tree is in walking distance, as is the start of the South West Coast Path at Minehead.

Why not follow one of the countryside walks (see map).



Exploring Bat's Castle Iron Age settlement. You can see Dunster Castle and Dunster Beach in the background, and even Wales on a clear day!

Why not stay longer!

Dunster is a very special and unique place. It also makes the perfect base to explore Exmoor and North Devon by foot, car, bicycle or public transport. The countryside and coastline are breathtaking, and there is always something to see and do whatever the weather! Why not take a steam train on the West Somerset Railway, go on safari or even ride an Exmoor Pony. At night you can marvel at the stars, in Europe's first International Dark Sky Reserve!

Whether you are after a mini-break at a boutique B&B or hotel, or fancy staying for longer in your own cottage with log burner and magnificent views, there is a wide range of accommodation to choose from.

Getting to Dunster

By train & bus: Taunton mainline station, then no. 28 bus

By car: Dunster is 45 mins from the M5. Take jct 23 (Bridgwater) then A39 if coming from the north or jct 26 (Taunton) then A38/A358/A39 if coming from the south.



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