

# Sidmouth Festive Break

5 – 9 November



*A festive break in the ever popular South Devon coastal resort of Sidmouth where we shall stay at the family run Royal York & Faulkner Hotel. For hundreds of years Sidmouth was a tiny fishing village then, in the 19th century, it was transformed into the smart seaside resort we see today, complete with its charming Regency villas and Victorian cottages.*

**MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER** Departing from Oxted at 9.00am we make our way to Sidmouth, stopping for refreshments along the way and arriving late afternoon at the Royal York & Faulkner Hotel.

**TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER** After breakfast we drive to Living Coasts, Torquay's Coastal Zoo where you will find a range of fascinating coastal creatures from the loud and lovable penguins, to the fun and fabulous fur seals, not forgetting the colourful puffins and sea ducks – who are all at home in this unique environment. While birds fly freely overhead you can walk in the open air past sandy beaches, rugged cliffs and even a peaceful estuary for wading birds. Then

descend into the underwater viewing areas where you can see the seals and diving birds at their best. Then relax and enjoy lunch in the waterside café with its breath taking views across Tor Bay. We then take the short drive to the House of Marbles, an 18th century factory on the edge of Dartmoor where they have been manufacturing a range of games, toys, marbles and glassware for many years. Here you will be at leisure to wander around the old pottery buildings with their listed kilns, enjoy the museums of glass, games, marbles, Bovey pottery and see the glassblowers at work, shaping items such as paperweights, wine glasses, scent bottles and the



famous and huge Victorian replica marbles. This evening we shall be served a traditional Christmas Dinner, followed by entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER** The day is yours to sightsee and explore this charming and unspoilt seaside resort which nestles beneath the majestic red cliffs of Peak and Salcombe Hill and the green hills of the glorious Sid Valley. Renowned for its gardens and famous for its wealth of fine architecture, the picturesque town centre offers an excellent range of individual shops and is a delight to browse.

**THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER** Today we take a scenic drive Westwards to see more of the South Devon coastline including Dawlish, Teignmouth and Torquay, the largest and most famous seaside resort in Devon which with its sub-tropical trees makes it the nearest place to a French Riviera resort in Britain. We then continue on to Dartmouth, the picturesque historic fishing port.

**FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER** Leaving the hotel after breakfast we make our way homewards with refreshment stops along the way. Arriving home late afternoon.



## What's included

### **ROYAL YORK & FAULKNER HOTEL** **Sidmouth**

This magnificent Regency building, dating from 1810 enjoys an unrivalled position at the centre of Sidmouth's elegant Esplanade, adjacent to the picturesque town Centre. Owned and personally run by the Hook family, resident proprietors for three generations, the hotel has earned a long standing reputation for hospitality and service.

All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone & hospitality tray.

4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, with Afternoon Tea on arrival.

Time to explore Sidmouth

Entry to Living Coasts

Visit to House of Marbles

Scenic drive along the South Devon Coast

**£403.00 PER PERSON**