Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch

Bournemouth and the surrounding areas offer natural beauty providing some of the most stunning scenery in the country – home to rolling hills, rugged coastline, lush forest and, of course, mile after mile of fantastic golden sandy beaches.

Bournemouth is home to seven miles of award winning sandy beach, which offers a range of beach lifestyle activities. Relax by renting a beach hut for the day or get your adrenaline pumping with one of the many water sports on offer.

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Castlepoint is the UK’s largest shopping park and is home to a vast range of popular high street names from M&S to Wallis, Gap and Lakeland.

For more information visit bournemouth.co.uk

Getting about Bournemouth

Walking
Bournemouth is a pedestrian friendly destination, with pavements, underpasses and walkways spread across the town making it both easy and safe to get around.

Cycling
Bournemouth is well placed for cycling benefiting from two National Cycle Network routes 25 and 2 and a network of on and off-road cycle routes. There are cycle hire facilities across the town. Major cycle routes are indicated on the map.

Buses
Two main bus companies operate in Bournemouth offering a great service across the town and surrounding areas.

Taxi
Taxi ranks are situated across Bournemouth so it’s always easy to jump in a taxi and hop across town.

Rail and Coach
Trains, coaches and local bus services feed into the main Bournemouth Rail and Coach station – also known as the Travel Interchange.

Visit Bournemouth
Bournemouth Tourist Information Centre
Westover Road, Bournemouth, BH1 2BU
Phone: 0845 051 1700
Web: www.bournemouth.co.uk
Bournemouth town centre is fully pedestrianised with frequent quality bus services operating directly into the heart of the town, car parks close to the shops and plenty of alfresco cafes jostling alongside restaurants for the full shopping experience.

**Shopping**
Bournemouth shoppers are spoilt for choice with high street names, boutiques and department stores. Southbourne, Westbourne and Boscombe also offer a range of options for that special purchase.

**Eating & Drinking**
Bournemouth offers an abundance of over 250 top quality restaurants, serving locally sourced produce and some of the best seafood in Britain.

**Accommodation**
Bournemouth boasts a wealth of accommodation from cosy B&Bs to boutique style hotels and self catering properties – there really is something for everyone.

**Entertainment**
There is year-round entertainment with top concert venues such as the BIC and the Pavilion Theatre plus pulsating nightclubs and traditional pubs.

**Major attractions**
- **Bournemouth Pier**
  A Victorian structure offering spectacular views with the Isle of Wight on one side and Purbeck hills on the other.
  [www.bournemouth.co.uk](http://www.bournemouth.co.uk)

- **Bournemouth International Centre**
  The BIC holds shows, conferences and exhibitions; with four main auditoriums giving it the largest licensed capacity on the South Coast.
  [www.bic.co.uk](http://www.bic.co.uk)

- **Pavilion Theatre**
  Bournemouth’s regular home for West End stage shows, Opera, Ballet, Pantomime, Comedy and concerts.
  [www.bic.co.uk](http://www.bic.co.uk)

- **Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum**
  One of the most important and fascinating museum-houses in England holding collections of international status.
  [www.russellcotes.com](http://www.russellcotes.com)

- **Beach Huts**
  Bournemouth is home to more than 2,000 beautiful beach huts. To rent one call 01202 451781.
  [www.bournemouthbeachhuts.co.uk](http://www.bournemouthbeachhuts.co.uk)

- **Cliff Lifts**
  Bournemouth has three cliff lifts (West, East and Fisherman’s Walk) that operate every day between Easter and the end of October.