



**HISTORY REVEALED**  
HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

## 48 hours in the New Forest & Christchurch

The New Forest is home to some of England's most picturesque countryside and is filled with a great variety of things to do. Neighbouring Christchurch is home to a spectacular natural harbour, quaint tea rooms and bags of history. Here you'll discover record-breaking vehicles, Roman remains, art exhibitions and beautiful gardens.



### Must-see Museums and Galleries

#### **National Motor Museum, Beaulieu**

Home to more than 250 automobiles and motorcycles telling the story of motoring in Britain to the present day. Discover World Land Speed record breakers, cars from the silver screen and Superbikes. Don't miss the Bond in Motion exhibition, showing the world's largest official collection of original Bond vehicles.

#### **Rockbourne Roman Villa, Fordingbridge**

The history of this Roman villa spans the period from the Iron Age to the 5th century AD. Explore bath houses, living quarters, farm buildings and workshops. The museum displays many of the fascinating objects found during excavations. *Open April to September only.*

#### **St Barbe Museum & Art Gallery, Lymington**

Learn about the people, places and events that have made the New Forest coast unique with colourful, hands-on displays. The art galleries host exclusive exhibitions which regularly include works on loan from national and regional collections.

#### **Red House Museum, Christchurch**

A charming Georgian building, built as a workhouse in 1764, now filled with a rich variety of displays and a regular and varied exhibitions programme. Step into a bygone age, find out about local history and then explore the tranquil gardens.

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### Day one

#### Morning

Visit **Red House Museum and Gardens** and see the Saxon burial, Arts & Crafts furniture and dresses from history. Then take time to explore Christchurch where you can walk around the beautiful harbour and stop for lunch.

#### Afternoon

Start at **St Barbe Museum & Art Gallery** for an insight into the New Forest's coastal areas, then check out the latest exhibition in the gallery. Wander along Lymington's busy high street, quay and marina where fishing boats and yachtsmen mingle, fresh fish is sold and people come to enjoy the atmosphere.

Enjoy an evening at a central New Forest hotel or B&B.

### Day two

#### Morning

Visit the **National Motor Museum** at Beaulieu, home to a fascinating range of motor vehicles. Look out for daily themed tours covering a range of topics.

Tour through the picturesque New Forest National Park, where ponies graze freely..

#### Afternoon

Stop for afternoon tea in charming Lyndhurst on your way to across the park.

In the summer months you can visit **Rockbourne Roman Villa** (*open Apr-Sept*). Explore the ruins and fascinating museum. The villa includes a bath house, living quarters, farm buildings and workshops.



Beaulieu National Motor Museum



Rockbourne Roman Villa



St. Barbe Museum & Art Gallery

### Getting Around

Hire a bicycle:  
Cyclexperience 01590 624204  
New Forest Activities Booking Centre 01590 612377

### Where to Stay

Search for suitable accommodation at:  
[www.visitsoutheastengland.com/accommodation](http://www.visitsoutheastengland.com/accommodation)

### Where to Eat

Afternoon tea at the Best Western Forest Lodge Hotel,  
Lyndhurst  
0800 44 44 41.

Red House Museum & Gardens Cafe, Christchurch  
0845 603 5635