

# Things to See & Do

Tavistock is home to a number of attractions that will ensure your trip is one to remember.

The Guildhall Gateway Centre offers a fascinating insight into the history of the town and is free to visit. Formerly a courtroom and police station, it is now an interactive museum where you can also visit the former police cells.

Established by Royal Charter in 1105, a market has been held continuously in Tavistock for over 900 years. Today the Pannier Market is home to themed markets Tues - Sat.



The beautiful parish church of St. Eustachius was consecrated in 1318 and is a spectacular building with a tower of 10 bells. Look out for the window designed by William Morris.

Located adjacent to Grade I listed 'Court Gate' - an original entrance to the Abbey - Tavistock Museum provides an insight into town life across the centuries.

Discover many remains of the medieval Abbey around the town, such as the Still Tower and the Cloister Arches.

Spot wildlife on the River Tavy and enjoy a walk along the historic canal to Crowndale Farm, birthplace of Sir Francis Drake.

Take time out for a swim or take the kids to a 'Wet & Wild' session at Meadowlands. If that seems a little too energetic, catch a film or music at The Wharf Arts Centre. The kids will also enjoy playing in 'The Meadows' - the perfect spot for ice-cream or a picnic on the grass.

Take the adventure further with Tree Surfing and cycling at the Tamar Trails Centre, riding on Dartmoor with Cholwell Riding Stables, a mine train adventure at Morwellham Quay.

Tavistock is a dog-friendly town too. Many of the cafés and restaurants welcome dogs, as do accommodation providers like the Bedford Hotel and Cornish Arms.

Time your visit to coincide with the famous Goose Fair or atmospheric Dickensian Evening.



Tavistock Information Centre | Open Tues - Sat 10am - 4pm

# Visit Tavistock

**P** PARKING FOR CARS & MOTORHOMES  
£5 all day parking for cars and vans in Bedford & Brook St Car Parks. £3 all day in Riverside for cars, vans and Motorhomes. Disabled spaces available in all car parks. Check [www.zap-map.com](http://www.zap-map.com) for electric chargepoints.

## BY ROAD

Tavistock is on the A386 - 20 minutes from the A30, the main route into Cornwall, and 15 miles from Plymouth.

## BY BUS & COACH

Tavistock is served by many bus routes, connecting us to Plymouth, Dartmoor, Tamar Valley and the Coast:

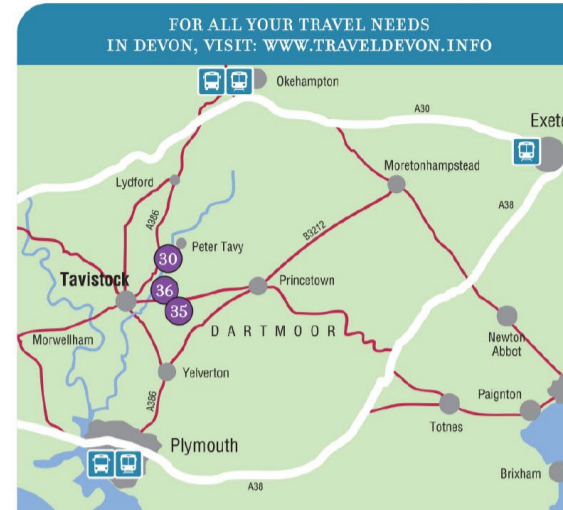
- #1 Plymouth to Tavistock (Stagecoach)
- #79 Gunnislake to Tavistock (Go Cornwall Bus)
- #118 Okehampton to Tavistock (Stagecoach)

## BY BIKE (AND FOOT)

Tavistock is on Cycle Route NCN27 and the Dartmoor Way. The town is bicycle friendly with plenty of parking for your bike. Most of the town is step free - pick up or download the Walkable Tavistock map.

## BY RAIL

The nearest train station is Okehampton, served by the GWR Dartmoor Line from Exeter St. Davids mainline. The #118 is an easy, direct bus service from outside the station to Tavistock. From Cornwall, change at Plymouth for the branch line to Gunnislake and the #79 bus.



Find out everything you need for a trip to Tavistock by scanning this QR code



# Plan your bus journey to Tavistock

From Plymouth up to every 20 mins with route 1 or hourly from Okehampton with route 118



buy before you board with the Stagecoach app



2025/26

# Visit Tavistock

Devon's World Heritage Town

Beat a trail to us with this Official Guide to Tavistock - the ultimate countryside getaway and perfect base for exploring Dartmoor & Cornwall.

Download the Tavistock Local app for more hints and tips on your visit.

# Welcome to Tavistock

An ancient stannary town and Home of the Cream Tea, Tavistock is the only town in Devon to hold UNESCO World Heritage status.

Whether you are coming on a day trip, a short 'staycation' or even an extended holiday, Tavistock has something for everyone - at any time of the year.

Nestled on the Western edge of the Dartmoor National Park and a stone's throw from the Tamar Valley National Landscape, Tavistock today is a thriving market town - the largest in West Devon - with a population of around 14,000.

For the shopper, the town boasts a wealth of local independent shops and the award winning Pannier Market. For the adventurer and families, Tavistock makes the perfect base with direct access to Dartmoor - which is magical for walking, cycling and riding. For the historian, Tavistock's rich and varied heritage is clearly visible in the fabric and culture of the modern town - on display and ready to be explored... 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

And when you are done, kick back and enjoy our plentiful cafés, pubs and restaurants.

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## HIGHLIGHTS NOT TO MISS

- Learn about Tavistock as a World Heritage Town at the Guildhall Gateway Centre.
- Visit the famous Pannier Market for a unique shopping experience.
- Fill up with tasty local delights from award-winning shops and eateries.
- Explore our green spaces with a stroll down the River Tavy and historic canal.
- Enjoy a Cream Tea!



[www.visit-tavistock.co.uk](http://www.visit-tavistock.co.uk) | [visittavistock](https://www.facebook.com/visittavistock)

# Our Great Outdoors

Tavistock is surrounded by beauty and has plenty of green spaces to enjoy. Scan the QR code to find out more on our website.



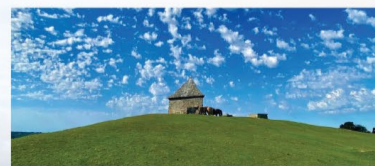
## CANAL WALK - EASY/FLAT

4 1/2 MILES / ROUND TRIP  
This walk follows the River Tavy past the walls of the town's medieval abbey onto the canal, built in the early 1800s as a link to transport copper to Morwellham Quay. Walk past Crowndale Farm, birthplace of Sir Francis Drake, to the aqueduct over the River Lumburn. The route returns the same way, and you can turn back at any point.



## WHITCHURCH DOWN - MOSTLY FLAT

2 1/4 MILES / ROUND TRIP  
This area of open common land is situated on the edge of town and, unusually for Dartmoor, is relatively flat. Following the perimeter of Tavistock's golf course, it offers a splendid glimpse of the moor. It features two medieval crosses, part of the Abbot's Way between the Abbeys of Tavistock and Buckfast, and the Grade II listed 'Pimple' built by Sir Edwin Lutyens.



# Take The Adventure Further

**DARTMOOR**  
Tavistock is perfectly situated for exploring the Western Moor and beyond. With rivers for swimming, dramatic tors for climbing and ancient settlements to explore. Dartmoor is one big adventure playground with something for everyone.

**BRENTOR**  
An historic 12th century church perched on a rock, with fabulous views over the countryside.

**LYDFORD GORGE**  
A wonderful walk through the deepest gorge in the South West with a 30ft waterfall.

**BURRATOR**  
Breathtaking scenery and wonderful walks around a huge reservoir. The historic village of Meavy with an oak tree reckoned to be 1000 years old is close by.

**TAMAR TRAILS**  
An activity centre that boasts a 25km network of trails to explore on bike or foot and outdoor activities like tree surfing or canoeing.

**THE GARDEN HOUSE**  
Where luxurious, brilliant colour creates unforgettable panoramas. One of the finest gardens in England.

**1** **Tavistock Visitor Information Centre**

Just inside the entrance to the Guildhall, next to Court Gate on Bedford Square.

- Local history books, guides and maps
- Local gifts and cards
- Guided walks
- What's on and where to visit
- Great resource for locals

Personalised visitor information by local volunteers from Tavistock Heritage Trust with enormous energy and a wealth of knowledge.

For more info visit: [www.heritagetavistock.org.uk](http://www.heritagetavistock.org.uk)

**BELLEVER FOREST**  
Explore this fascinating forest with a wealth of wildlife and archeology. Try the History Hunters trail and then enjoy a paddle in the River Dart.

**CHOLWELL RIDING STABLES**  
Experience the thrill of Dartmoor on horseback, riding straight out onto the moor from this family-owned stable.

**BUCKLAND ABBEY**  
National Trust owned home of Sir Francis Drake.

**THE NORTH CORNWALL COAST**  
Stunning scenery and beaches are just an hour away!

# Home of The Cream Tea

Ancient manuscripts show that the Cream Tea originated in Tavistock over 1000 years ago.

Monks created a meal of bread, clotted cream and preserve for workers restoring the Abbey in the 10th Century. The tea proved so popular the monks continued to serve them to passing travellers and the Devonshire Cream Tea was born. Tavistock is definitely the place to try one (or two!).

The town is renowned as being a foodie destination - with a wealth of local food available to enjoy here in town or take home with you.



Boasting a specialist cheese shop, three quality butchers, two delicatessens, two wholefood shops and award-winning flapjack and gin... the list goes on and the possibilities are endless.



We have eateries serving everything from a pasty, hot-drink and cake to a three-course meal. Plus, a Top 50 Pub!

**Don't Miss** - Cream Tea Week from 21st - 29th June when businesses devise their own take on the classic dish!

# Dig Into Our Heritage

Start your journey of discovery in Tavistock at the Guildhall Gateway Centre. Here you will learn about Tavistock's place in the Cornwall & West Devon Mining Landscape UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Transport yourself back in time and learn more about Tavistock's rich heritage with the new immersive Heritage Trails or search for the 28 blue plaques on buildings of interest around the town. Both guides are available from the Visitor Information Centre.

Enjoy the Heritage Quarter - including Tavistock Museum, the Subscription Library and the newly opened Museum of Policing in Devon & Cornwall.

Visit Tavistock Guildhall Heritage Centre gateway to the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site

**TAVISTOCK GUILDHALL**

Open Tuesday to Saturday - 10am until 4pm  
[www.tavistockguildhall.org](http://www.tavistockguildhall.org)

Venue available to hire, contact: Tavistock Town Council for more info

# Up & Coming in Tavistock

From live music and performances to workshops and special events, head to our website to discover the most up-to-date What's On in Tavistock.

**FAMILY TOWN TRAILS**  
5th-19th April: Easter Trail  
25th October-1st November: Halloween Trail

**APRIL**  
26th: Street Food Festival  
23rd-10th (May): Tavi Music & Arts Festival

**MAY**  
1st-10th: Tavi Music & Arts Festival  
3rd-5th: Inflatable Theme Park  
4th: Eat: Tavistock  
8th: VE Day Commemoration  
24th: Street Food Festival  
25th-26th: Tavistock Country Garden Show

**JUNE**  
1st: Robey Trust Steam Fair & Beer Festival  
21st-29th: Cream Tea Week  
28th: Street Food Festival  
29th: Cream Tea Festival

**JULY**  
5th: Tavistock Pride  
12th: Tavistock Fringe Festival  
12th-20th: Tavistock Carnival Week  
26th: Street Food Festival  
26th: Love Local Market

**AUGUST**  
23rd: Street Food Festival  
23rd: Love Local Market  
23rd-24th: Cheese Fair

**SEPTEMBER**  
12th-21st: Heritage Open Days

**OCTOBER**  
8th: Goose Fair

**NOVEMBER**  
1st: Tavistock Firework Display  
15th: Love Local Market  
29th: Love Local Market

**DECEMBER**  
5th: Dickensian Evening  
7th: Tavistock Christmas Festival  
11th-23rd: Christmas Markets

**REGULAR**  
Farmers' Market - on Bedford Square 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month  
Charter Market - on Bedford Square 9am-3pm every Friday  
Tavistock Arts Market - in Butchers Hall 1st Saturday of the month  
Tavistock Pannier Market - Mondays throughout the summer from 21st July to 18th August

**BH BUTCHERS HALL 2025 THEMED MARKETS & EVENTS**

8 Mar	Youth Market
22 Mar	Book Fair
17-19 Apr	Spring Fair
25-26 May	Nature Inspired Garden Show for Tavistock Country Garden Show
20-21 Jun	Makers Market
7-9 Aug	Summer Fair
8 Oct	Art & Craft Fair
16-18 Oct	Goose Fair (9am-6.30pm)
7-9 Nov	Autumn Fair
5 Dec	Makers Market
11-23 Dec	Dickensian (9am-9pm)
	Christmas Markets
	Arts Market - First Saturday Of Each Month

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[www.tavistock.gov.uk](http://www.tavistock.gov.uk)

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## Where to Eat

There is something for everyone when it comes to eating and drinking in Tavistock. Whatever your taste or tittle, whether you are on the go or want a relaxing meal, the choice is yours.

5 **DUKES**  
coffee house

THE PANNIER MARKET

Let's do lunch

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12 **AROMA**

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**Tavistock's Heritage Quarter**

Museum of Policing  
Subscription Library  
Tavistock Museum  
Guildhall Gateway Centre

**Map Key**

The key below should show you everything you need. If in any doubt, just ask at the Information Centre.

- P Car Parks
- Coach Parks
- Public/Disabled Toilets
- Bus Station
- Taxi Rank
- Information Centre
- Guildhall Gateway Centre
- Church
- Post Office
- Museum
- Library
- Chemist
- Coach Drop Off Point
- Cycling Route 27
- Swimming Pool
- Play Park
- Tennis Courts
- Skateboard Park

**Colour Key**

- Places to Eat & Drink
- Places to Shop
- Places to Stay
- Places to Visit
- How Can We Help?

19 **THIRTEEN**  
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## For Real Shopping, Shop Local!

Tavistock is the perfect shopping destination. A world away from your typical high street, the wealth of unique shops on offer will make you never want to leave this beautiful market town.

Fiercely proud of our many independent shops, we are committed to promoting the importance of shopping locally, supporting fairtrade and sustainable living. If shopping is your thing, we have got you covered!

20 **PURVEYORS OF ALL THINGS LOVELY**

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33 Tavistock Pannier Market Tavistock PL19 0AL

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tavistockwharf

26 **Tavistock Town Hall**

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## Where to Stay

We know how important it is to choose the right accommodation for your holiday. Tavistock has a long history of quality hospitality as well as providing a unique base for your next adventure.

28 **Devon's Finest**

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