



LAURA LYE HOLIDAY LETS

What makes a great holiday? For me, the perfect ingredients are a wonderful place to stay, great company, having time to relax, delicious food, a few treats and fun excursions.

To help you find the perfect balance I have put together a few ideas of things to make your holiday extra special!



FAMILY DAYS OUT

- The Weald & Downland Outdoor Museum in Singleton has rebuilt historic houses and buildings from 13th Century to Victorian times which is interesting and charming for all ages www.wealddown.co.uk The Repair Shop is filmed here!
- Portsmouth is home to the Royal Dockyard where you can see both the Mary Rose ship and the Victory www.historicdockyard.co.uk. Also check out Lazer Quest and the designer outlet shopping centre: Gunwharf Quays www.gunwharf-quays.com
- Trampoline park Flip Out in Chichester is a favourite with the kids on a rainy day www.flipout.co.uk/locations/chichester or there is a fantastic activity centre called Out of Bounds (just outside Littlehampton) which has bowling alleys, an indoor climbing center, adventure golf, jumping pillows and lazer tag. Book ahead. www.out-of-bounds.co.uk
- Aldingbourne country club is perfect for younger children – feed the alpacas, stroke the guinea pigs and interact with the donkeys, ponies, pigs, goats, and peacocks! There is a maze, a woodland walk area, a miniature tractor riding area and a great café and shop. www.aldingbournetrust.org/farm



FAMILY DAYS OUT

- Explore the river Arun from by boat. Motor dinghies taking up 6 or 8 people can be hired at Houghton Bridge, Amberley. Novices are welcome: a short tutorial is provided. Bikes and e-bikes can also be hired from here together with on and off-road route plans www.riversidesouthdowns.com
- Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre is dedicated to the industrial heritage of the South East. This outdoor museum is a hotch potch of different activities and exhibits including a narrow gauge railway and a print works. Admire the collection of historic buses and communication displays. Have a go at rural crafts in one of the workshops. It is fantastic fun for all ages www.amberleymuseum.co.uk
- Cowdray Park, the home of British Polo. – incredibly exciting tournaments held throughout the summer <https://cowdraypolo.co.uk>
- There is an 18 hole championship golf course at Goodwood www.goodwood.com, a driving range at Rustington <https://rgcgolf.com/driving-range> and Links course in Littlehampton www.littlehamptongolf.co.uk



A SPOT OF CULTURE

- There are many incredible National Trust houses in the area: Petworth House is set in magnificent Capability Brown designed parklands teeming with deer. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/Petworth. Uppark House is located on the South Downs www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/uppark-house-and-garden. Parham House is close to Pulborough: this is an Elizabethan House with wonderful gardens www.parhaminsussex.co.uk
- Chichester has a thriving theatre: famous actors frequently head the cast and a number of West End plays are shown at Chichester Festival Theatre before they debut in the West End www.cft.org.uk. Book early! Also a must-see in Chichester is the magnificent Cathedral www.chichestercathedral.org.uk
- Roman villas can be found both at Bignor www.bignorromanvilla.co.uk and Fishbourne Royal Palace www.sussexpast.co.uk. Both sites have incredible preserved mosaic floors.
- Pallant House Gallery, Chichester houses one of the best collections of 20th-century British art in the world <https://pallant.org.uk>. For art lovers, Newlands House, Petworth is another must-see gallery for modern art and photography <https://newlandshouse.gallery>; the town also has excellent antique shops.
- West Sussex is the sunniest county in the UK and it is fast becoming a centre of fine wine production. To delight in the joys of wine tours and tasting visit the Tinwood Estate, Chichester www.tinwoodestate.com or Bolney Wine Estate in Haywards Heath <https://bolneywineestate.com>



ARUNDEL TOWN



- Arundel itself is dominated by the magnificent Arundel Castle (open from April to October) with its beautifully preserved tapestries, armour and art collections. There are inspiring gardens, exciting jousting displays and historical festivals. Tours of the castle are available www.arundelcastle.org There is an interesting museum opposite the main gates of the castle www.arundelmuseum.org
- Visit the imposing Arundel Cathedral www.arundelcathedral.org
- There are magnificent walks and views across the South Downs countryside from Arundel Park. Walk down the hill in the park and you will come to Swanbourne Lake where you can hire a boat to go rowing www.swanbournelodgetearoom.co.uk/summer-boats. A little further on is Arundel Wetlands Centre – home to a collection of over 50 species of wildfowl from around the world in a natural setting www.wwt.org.uk
- Arundel Lido has swimming and aqua aerobics www.arundel-lido.com. Horse riding lessons are available on New Road, Arundel <http://www.arundelridingcentre.co.uk>. Just past the castle main gate is a mini golf centre, cafe and public tennis courts www.arundelputtinggreenandcafe.co.uk
- If you are a larger group what about going to the old Arundel Jailhouse for a murder mystery evening? www.arundeljailhouse.co.uk/murder-mystery-evening
- The highlight of Arundel's calendar is The Arundel Festival held in August: a joyful celebration of music, theatre, culture, food and drink. There is a delightful art trail held in private homes and public spaces across Arundel and the local area www.arundelfestival.co.uk

GOODWOOD



- **Festival of Speed** - July brings this celebration of the automobile, featuring a wide range of cars, motorcycles and other vehicles from various eras www.goodwood.com/motorsport/festival-of-speed
- **Goodwood Revival** – This festival takes place in September and includes Grand Prix cars from the 1950s and 1960s, sports and GT cars, as well as historic saloon cars and little-seen Formula Juniors. Many of these important historic racing cars are driven by famous names from motor sport past and present. Many guests dress up in vintage outfits adding style and glamour to this fabulous event. www.goodwood.com/motorsport/goodwood-revival
- **Horse racing:** Goodwood is the most beautiful racecourse in the World! There are racing meets from May to October but the most famous is **Glorious Goodwood** www.goodwood.com/horseracing/qatar-goodwood-festival
- **Goodwoof!** World-class competitions from top canine athletes; wellness workshops; talks from key behavioural and veterinary experts and free-of-charge activities for you and your dog! www.goodwood.com/goodwoof

HIKING IN BEAUTIFUL WEST SUSSEX

There are many beautiful walks in the area, whether it be the serious business of tackling sections of the South Downs Way www.southdowns.gov.uk, hiking around Bignor or taking a picnic to Halnaker Windmill.

A family walk along the riverbank of the Arun River from Arundel to South Stoke is a treat as is discovering the carpets of spring bluebells of Earham Woods. <https://www.alltrails.com/en-gb/england/west-sussex/arundel>



BEACHES AND WATERSPORTS

- West Beach: located past Littlehampton Links golf course at the end of Rope Walk. There is a great fish and chip shack on the beach called West Beach Café (open summer months only www.facebook.com/westbeachcafe1/) and the beach is just a little further along.
- Climping Beach: The beach is mostly stone but reveals a little sand at low tide with good rock pooling areas. There is a huge grassed area behind the beach perfect for family cricket or rounders and a no frills café for a cuppa.
- Felpham Beach: A great promenade which stretches from Middleton to Bognor Regis: a fun and easy stretch of the coast for for prams, bikes and wheelchair users to negotiate. There is an excellent eat in café and ice cream shop called the Lobster Pot www.facebook.com/people/The-Lobster-Pot/100063597068849/and
- West Wittering Beach: The most famous beach in the area. It is sandy and very, very long with pathways through the dunes. Beware that the traffic can be heavy during peak season. If you are interested in learning how to surf, windsurf, kitesurf or sup board book ahead at www.2xs.co.uk
- Chichester Watersports offer windsurfing, wakeboarding, waterskiing, kayaking, ringo rides and ten-man banana boat rides www.chichesterwatersports.co.uk



THE COAST



- For the ultimate treat we have teamed up with the concierge team at Chichester Marina in order to be able to offer guests a luxury charter on the yacht 'Explorer.' The yacht takes up to 8 guests and trips can be taken to the Isle of Wight or down to Portsmouth. Prices start at £750 and can be booked at info@marinaconciergeservices.com or by phone with Rachel Coates 07964 016504.
- Heritage Tours offer trips on their solar powered catamaran for a tour around Chichester Harbour. The captain will take you out to see the seals and help you identify the birds in the area. He will also point out the local celebrity owned properties along the coast! Prices are £16 per adult and £12 for children and can be booked in advance through Rachel Coates (see above for details).
- A sunset paddleboard or kayak trip: the guide will take you out to see the seals or take you fishing! This trip is £25 per head and can be booked in advance through Rachel Coates (see above for details).
- The pretty harbour village of Bosham is a great starting point for a coastal walk or you can take the ferry running across the bay from Bosham to Itchenor www.itchenorferry.co.uk. If you catch the tide right you can even walk across Bosham estuary!
- Bikes can be hired to explore Salterns Way which runs between Chichester and West Wittering <https://www.premiermarinas.com/Marina-News-Events/Marina-News/2018/July/App-Bikes-at-Chichester>. Take a picnic or lunch at one of the pubs en route <https://discoversussex.org/cycle-routes-in-sussex/salters-way>

PUBS, RESTAURANTS AND MORE



- **The Three Horseshoes, Elsted** – Old fashioned pub with garden and wonderful food <https://www.3hs.co.uk>
- * **The Spread Eagle, Midhurst** – Up market pub and spa <https://www.hshotels.co.uk/spread-eagle>
- * **Fratelli, Midhurst** – Local pizzeria the kids will love! <https://fratelli-midhurst.co.uk>
- * **Fox Goes Free, Charlton** - A quintessentially English pub with a pretty garden www.thefoxgoesfree.com
- * **The Parsons Table** – Fine dining for special occasions in Tarrant Street www.theparsonstable.co.uk
- * **The Pig in the South Downs, Madehurst** - The most fashionable hotel in the area opens it's doors to non-residents for breakfast, lunch or dinner www.thepighotel.com/in-the-south-downs
- * **Bailiffs Court, Clymping** – Medieval style hotel serves formal lunches and teas in sumptuous surroundings www.hshotels.co.uk/bailiffscourt

PUBS AND RESTAURANTS NEAR THE SEA

- **The Fox, Felpham** – traditional pub with pretty outside eating area, this pub was once was the watering hole of William Blake who lived opposite! www.thefoxfelpham.com
- **The Lobster Pot, Felpham** - All-day eatery serving daytime light bites and ice cream - right on the beach!
- **The Crown and Anchor, Dell Quay** - With fabulous outside seating overlooking Chichester Harbour there is nowhere nicer to enjoy a delicious lunch on a sunny day. The pub itself is very cosy inside too! www.crownandanchorchichester.com
- **The Anchor Bleu, Bosham** - family run harbourside pub in the historic and picturesque heart of Bosham www.anchorbleu.co.uk
- **East Beach Café, Littlehampton** – Design Award winning restaurant on the seafront, Littlehampton. It's a restaurant with an emphasis on fresh fish and there is indoor and outside seating right on the beach. www.eastbeachcafe.co.uk





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