

# Why the Jurassic Coast is a World Heritage Site

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## Overview of the course

### Why the Jurassic Coast is a World Heritage Site

The Dorset and East Devon Coast World Heritage Site is England's first natural World Heritage Site - it is known as The Jurassic Coast. It covers 95 miles of truly stunning coastline from East Devon to Dorset, with rocks recording 185 million years of the Earth's history. World Heritage status was achieved because of the site's unique insight into the Earth Sciences as it clearly depicts a geological 'walk through time' spanning the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. World Heritage Sites are places of 'outstanding universal value' selected by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation)

Would it surprise you to learn that the Dorset and East Devon Coast (popularly known as the Jurassic Coast) is on an equal footing with the Grand Canyon and the Great Barrier Reef? All these sites contain an element of cultural and/or natural heritage deemed to be of exceptional value to present and future generations. In this course we will explore the concepts and ideas behind World Heritage and discover the key elements that demonstrate the Outstanding Universal Value of the Jurassic Coast. The course will be led by experts from the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site management team.

### About the centre



Victoria House is a substantial, detached red-brick property boasting lovely views over the town to the coast from many of the rooms. The spacious accommodation includes a large games room with pool table, table tennis plus a small gym and sauna suite. The house has a large terraced patio area with seating and is only 10 minutes walk to the beach and town amenities.

Originally the Victorian train station hotel, this luxurious accommodation would be an ideal base for anyone wishing to bring their partner to have a short break too. The additional price per night would be £40 to include dinner, bed & breakfast. This seaside town boasts a cinema, theatre, museum, coastal and country walks in addition to the local shops.

Accommodation: Victoria House offers 8 luxury rooms with en-suite (some double and some twin) there are a further two bedrooms with shared bathroom.

### About Lyme Regis



The picturesque coastal town of Lyme Regis is set in the centre of Dorset and Devon's Jurassic Coast, England's only natural World Heritage Site, including the Axmouth to Lyme Regis Undercliffs National Nature Reserve, one of the most important wilderness areas in Britain. The Town and neighbouring Charmouth are famous for their geology, coastal erosion and direct access to fossils on the beach including ammonites, marine reptiles and dinosaurs that inhabited the early Jurassic Seas. In the nineteenth century Lyme Regis was home to the renowned fossil hunter and expert Mary Anning and played a pivotal role in the birth of the earth sciences.

Lyme Regis is a great place from which to study the natural sciences offering easy access to the South West and the giant outdoor classroom that is the 95 miles Jurassic Coast. Lyme Regis also has a rich cultural heritage and today offers an eclectic mix of arts and other activities that run throughout the year.

## About the tutors



Sam is the Team Leader of the Jurassic Coast, World Heritage Team.

Sam completed a PhD into Tropical Rain Forest Biodiversity at the University of Leeds in 1996. He subsequently managed biodiversity research projects in South America, and supported international development work for VSO in countries as diverse as Kazakhstan, Tuvalu and Sri Lanka.



Richard is Earth Science Manager for the Jurassic Coast

Richard is a graduate in Geology from the University of Hull with experience in the oil industry, conservation and geological interpretation. He became the first warden at the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre in 1986 and worked there until 1997 when he joined Dorset County Council as the Jurassic Coast Project Officer. Following the successful nomination of the Dorset and East Devon Coast as a World Heritage Site, he now leads on conservation of the Site (in co-operation with Natural England) and the development of what has become known as 'first person Interpretation'.



Anjana is the World Heritage Site Education Coordinator

Anjana is an Earth Scientist with a Ph.D. in glacial geology from University of Southampton and has worked as a postdoctoral researcher at universities in Kentucky, California and Utah. In recent years, she has focused on earth science education and outreach with organisations such as the National Park Service, National Science Foundation and NASA.

## **Course fees**

- Sole occupancy Room: £230
- Shared accommodation: £210
- Non-resident: £158

## **What is included within the fee?**

- Up to 10 hours of tuition a day
- Full board accommodation including a cooked breakfast, picnic lunch, home made cakes and an evening meal. Vegetarian and other dietary options are available
- Tea and coffee making facilities
- Use of dedicated wi-fi internet area, games room, sauna and lounge
- Centre organised transport during the course and admission fees

Non-resident course fees include all of the above except breakfast and accommodation.

## **What to bring**

Warm clothing and sensible footwear for walking. Hi Vis clothing and hard hats will be supplied if required.

## **Start and finish times**

Resident visitors are requested to arrive on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March at reception for registration between 1600hrs and 1700 hrs. An introductory talk will follow. Supper will be between 6.30 pm and 7.30pm. Breakfast will be at 8.30am. The course will end on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 1400hrs

Non resident guests will be contacted on the day of arrival to confirm the time of the introductory talk

## **Directions to the centre**

Public transport: Axminster mainline train station is just 4 miles away. This is the London Waterloo to Exeter line. We can arrange for you to be met at the station by minibus but there is also the 31 bus which stops right outside our Course Centre upon request.

Lyme Regis is also on the Jurassic Coast bus service no X53 which runs from Poole to Exeter. The nearest X53 bus stop is 1/4 mile from the Course Centre.

By car: From the West A35 take Rt turning at Raymonds Hill sign posted to Lyme Regis (B3165) and follow for approximately 2 miles – Victoria House is on the left at a small roundabout. If approaching from the East A35 take the B4473 off the Charmouth roundabout sign posted to Lyme Regis. Follow road into Lyme Regis, up through the main street and take the Rt fork opposite the Cinema. Follow up to small roundabout, Victoria House will be on your Rt. There is parking for up to 10 cars. Please indicate if you will be arriving by car.

## **Booking procedure**

Provisional bookings can be made by telephoning 0845 345 4071 or by completing the online form on the FSC website: [www.field-studies-council.org](http://www.field-studies-council.org)

You will then be asked to complete a booking form, located within the relevant brochure or available to print off from the FSC website.