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*Extraordinary holidays, celebrations & adventures*



## Enjoying your stay at Springfield House

*Everything you need to get the most out of your stay*

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# Arrival

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## Where We Are

Property Name: Springfield House  
Address: Springfield House, Woodmead Road, Lyme Regis  
County: Dorset  
Postcode: DT7 3LJ

## Check in and check out

Check in time: 4pm  
Contact name for check in: Duty Manager of The Mariners Hotel  
Contact number for check in: The Mariners Hotel, 01297 442 753

Check out time for 2 night weekend booking: 4pm on Sunday  
Check out time for 3 night weekend booking: 10am  
Check out time for 7 night week bookings: 10am

The key is to be collected from the Mariners Hotel (next door to Springfield on Silver Street) They will give you two keyrings with one key on each. This key works the front door on Woodmead Road, the old front door to the left as you come in, the conservatory doors and also the basement games room door which is close to the car park. (the old garage doors). Please return the key to the Mariners when you depart. If you need any help during your stay please contact the owner, Anne-Marie Richford, on 07789 74685 |

# Getting to us

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The best postcode to use with Satnav is:

Woodmead Road, DT7 3LJ

Nearest Train station and distance:

Axminster, just over 6 miles away

Taxi's are available: Axminster Taxis

If you are arriving to Axminster train station then you are advised to prebook using Axminster Taxis on 01297 34000

## Directions to Springfield House

### Arriving by Car

If you are arriving by car then you will likely be looking to work out how to get from the A35 into Lyme Regis itself. The signposts are good and it's easy to find the town. You can take either B3165 (if you are coming from the west) Or A3052 (if you are coming from the east)

From the East: follow the road, through the centre of town and as you come up the hill and past Tesco, then turn right up Silver Street. Keep going up the hill and until you see Dorset House on the left and the Mariners on the right. If you come to a roundabout then turn back as you have gone too far! Woodmead Road is the tight right turn by the stone wall. You will drive past Springfield House on your right and 50m down Woodmead Road you will see a large car park just past the house.

**From the West:** If you are coming from the west along the A3052 then you will go through Uplyme and go past Travis Perkins, as you go past Kent House on the left you should be able to see Dorset House ahead on the right. Woodmead road is BEFORE Dorset House on the left, it is a tight turn by the stone wall. You will drive past Springfield House on your right and 50m down Woodmead Road you will see a large car park just past the house. Remember not to park on the driveway but only in the carpark.

Springfield is easy to find as it's well positioned on the way in (or out) of town. Important to note, you are looking for Springfield House NOT Springfield Cottage and the place to park is the large car park for 8 cars at the bottom of the house, not on the driveway to Springfield Cottage!

# Cooking & dining - chef services

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You'll find our top recommendations below. If you do discover any other gems please do let us know and we will share them with other guests visiting the property.

## **Lyme Bay Field Kitchen**

From initial menu planning to taking care of the washing up, Lyme Bay Kitchen can do everything for you, leaving you free to sit down and relax! Menus can be designed especially for you or opt for the delicious dishes already on offer, using only the finest local and seasonal produce available.

"Our caterers did a fantastic job, James was brilliant!" Richard

"We also decided to arrange a caterer for both Friday night and Sunday lunch as we were such a large group and they cannot be praised highly enough." Jules

[www.lymebayfieldkitchen.co.uk](http://www.lymebayfieldkitchen.co.uk) Tel: 0790 5869764

## **Local produce that the area is renowned for**

Wonderful fish, meat, ice cream cakes...the list goes on! Take a look at the shopping section for details of local butchers, fishmongers, farm shop and bakers.

# Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

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## **Pubs**

### **The Harbour Inn** The Cobb

Situated on the beach front, overlooking the Cobb and Lyme Bay, the family-run Harbour Inn also offers al fresco style dining for all the family.

[www.harbourinnlymeregis.co.uk](http://www.harbourinnlymeregis.co.uk) Tel: 08721 077 077

### **Pilot Boat Inn** Bridge Street

Nice pub, with good food in a great location.

Tel: 01297 443157

### **The Royal Standard** Bridge Street

A traditional pub situated right on the seafront serving locally sourced, good quality home cooked food and Palmers real ales

[www.theroyalstandardlymeregis.co.uk](http://www.theroyalstandardlymeregis.co.uk) Tel: 01297 442637

### The Inn at The Royal Lion Hotel Broad Street

A warm and relaxed atmosphere with locally sourced food and real ales.

[www.royallionhotel.com](http://www.royallionhotel.com) Tel: 01297 445622

## **Restaurants**

Springfield House is wonderfully situated to enjoy two of the best dining experiences in the UK, as well as a myriad of other exciting restaurants.

### **Hix Oyster and Fish House**

Perched only a few minutes walk from the house, overlooking the Cobb. Check out this review from The Sunday Times:

“Hix Oyster & Fish House, Cobb Road, Lyme Regis, Dorset — this must be the most romantic address and breathtaking location of any restaurant in Dorset, or indeed, the whole of England. Yes, it was a day of pearly luminescence, with the spring sun bouncing off plump green hills and sheer cliffs, with seagulls wheeling in the sky and the sea a soft, sheeny blue, and everything looks better in the sunshine. But the restaurant is perched on a steep hill above the Cobb and has a deck like the prow of a ship, complete with prow and flagpole, where you can sit and sip Manzanilla, and slip the sea down your throat while watching the fishing smacks chug in and out, and the toddlers paddle in the strand below. It is impossible not to feel a faint twinge of wellbeing.”

[www.hixoysterandfishhouse.co.uk](http://www.hixoysterandfishhouse.co.uk) Tel: 01297 446 910

### **River Cottage HQ and River Cottage Canteen and Deli**

About 15 minutes drive away are River Cottage HQ, home to Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and his team, cookery courses and other events, and the River Cottage Canteen in Axminster, where you can sample some of Hugh's menus

**River Cottage HQ** [www.rivercottage.net](http://www.rivercottage.net) Reserve a table Tel: 01297 631 715

**River Cottage Canteen and Deli** [www.rivercottage.net/canteens/axminster](http://www.rivercottage.net/canteens/axminster) Tel: 01297 631715

### **Harry Tates** The Cobb

## Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

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Small, authentic Spanish tapas bar and restaurant specialising in tapas and seafood.

[www.harrytates.co.uk](http://www.harrytates.co.uk) Tel: 01297 442 699

### **The Millside Restaurant**

On 'The Riverside Walk' in a secluded area where you can hear the gentle babbling of the River Lym. Nice atmosphere, good food and friendly staff. Two restaurants, one having a romantic classical feel and the other a relaxed Mediterranean style. Tables are available outside on the picturesque patio.

Tel: 01297 445 999

## **Best places to eat out with children**

### **Penny Blacks**

If you want to escape the hoards on the seafront head to the family-run Penny Black cafe, a hidden gem behind the Post Office. Lovely food, with a daily specials board. The courtyard at the back is a lovely, peaceful suntrap.

### **The Harbour Inn The Cobb**

Situated on the beach front, overlooking the Cobb and Lyme Bay, the family-run Harbour Inn offers al fresco style dining for all the family.

[www.harbourinnlymeregis.co.uk](http://www.harbourinnlymeregis.co.uk) Tel: 08721 077 077

## **Best Takeaways**

### **Harry Tates The Cobb**

Authentic Spanish Tapas Bar and Restaurant, also offering a take-out service.

[www.harrytates.co.uk](http://www.harrytates.co.uk) Tel: 01297 442699

# Cooking & dining - shopping for food

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## **Shopping in Lyme Regis**

Lyme Regis has a wealth of independent shops selling freshly baked pies and pasties; freshly made sandwiches and baguettes; cakes, pastries and fudge; locally grown, organic, whole food; specialist imported foods; and organic fruit and vegetables.

### **Supermarket**

**The Co-operative Food**  
38 Broad Street  
Town Centre, Lyme Regis  
Tel: 01297 442 082

**Tesco Express**  
40-41 Broad Street  
Town Centre, Lyme Regis  
Tel: 0845 671 9366

### **Wine Merchant**

**Lyme Bay Winery** [www.lymebaywinery.co.uk](http://www.lymebaywinery.co.uk) Tel: 01297 551 355

### **Butchers**

**G W Meats** [www.gw-meats.com/](http://www.gw-meats.com/)  
**Stonking Sausages** [www.stonkin-sausages.com](http://www.stonkin-sausages.com)

### **Cheese**

**Town Mill Cheesemaker** [www.townmillcheese.co.uk](http://www.townmillcheese.co.uk)

### **Fishmonger**

**The Old Watch House** [www.theoldwatchhouse.com](http://www.theoldwatchhouse.com)

### **Farm Shop**

**Millers Farm Shop** [www.millersfarmshop.com](http://www.millersfarmshop.com) Kilmington EX13 7RA

### **Major supermarket online orders**

[www.waitrose.com](http://www.waitrose.com)

# Things to do - activities and pampering

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Our top recommendations for activities and pampering are below.

## **Clay pigeon shooting and Adventure Sports**

**Experience Days** Blandford Forum DT 11 (approx one hour away)  
[www.experience-days-south-west.co.uk](http://www.experience-days-south-west.co.uk) Tel: 0208 133 9327

## **Horse riding**

**Vineyard Stables** Wooton Fitzpaine DT6 6DF  
Small, relaxed and friendly stables.  
[www.vineyardstables.co.uk](http://www.vineyardstables.co.uk) Tel: 07872 022 116

## **Fishing**

Angling is another popular option, especially down by the Cobb where you'll see a bevy of posters advertising deep-sea trips for catching cod, conger, skate, etc. Alternatively, a quiet trip around the bay might suit you better; in which case catching mackerel is a more likely outcome. Beach casting and pier fishing are also popular. Mackerel fishing: Harry May Fishing Trips [www.lymeregis.com/marief](http://www.lymeregis.com/marief) Tel: 07974 753287  
Fishing tuition: Learn2Fish Fishing Tuition Tel: 07506 729891

## **Watersports**

The sea is the focus of a wide range of sporting activities. Swimming and bathing are top of the list, thanks to an award-winning environmental protection scheme ensuring the waters around the town are clean and safe – a fact that also shouldn't be lost on windsurfers, water-skiers or sailors. Check out the Sailing Club and Power Boat Club for information about becoming a temporary holiday member.

**Lyme Regis Power Boat Club** [www.lrpbc.co.uk](http://www.lrpbc.co.uk) Tel: 07860 641617

**Lyme Regis Sailing Club** [www.lymeregissailingclub.co.uk](http://www.lymeregissailingclub.co.uk)

## **Golf**

### **Lyme Regis Golf Club**

The course occupies a cliff top site with coastal views towards Portland Bill and overlooks the historic town and World Heritage Site of Lyme Regis.

[www.lymeregisgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.lymeregisgolfclub.co.uk) Tel: 01297 442963

## **Pampering**

### **My Personal Sanctuary**

A fabulous variety of Party Packages and an Organic Treatment Menu to choose from in the comfort of your holiday home, including the award winning Green People products.

[www.mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk/treatment-days](http://www.mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk/treatment-days)

# Top things to do with children

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The kids can go wild in the grounds and games room – but if you'd like to go further afield, it's just a stroll to the beaches and harbour where they will love building sandcastles at the beach, searching for crabs in the harbour and hunting for fossils along the Jurassic Coast.

## **Fossil Hunting and The Jurassic Coast**

Explore the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site which tells the story of 185 million years of the Earth's history – a 95 mile stretch from Swanage in the East to Exmouth in the West,

Take a fossil hunting walk and discover the fossilised remains of giant ichthyosaur, plesiosaur, belemnites and ammonites that can be found on the beach.

## **Guided fossil walks**

Brandon Lennon, local Lyme Regis professional fossil collector with 25 years experience, can take you on a guided tour along part of Lyme Bay's famous Jurassic Coast.

[www.lymeregisfossilwalks.com/](http://www.lymeregisfossilwalks.com/) Tel: 07944 664 757

For further information on the Jurassic Coast visit the official Jurassic Coast website [www.jurassiccoast.com](http://www.jurassiccoast.com)

## **Lyme Regis Philpot Museum**

Packed with fascinating displays. Find out about Lyme's early and maritime history, its internationally important geology, its fossils and the many significant writers connected with the town, from Jane Austen to John Fowles.

[www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk](http://www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk) Tel: 01297 443370

## **Lyme Regis Marine Aquarium**

Presents local fish and marine life of the Jurassic Coast in an historic building on the Cobb - discover the creatures of the seashore and deeper waters of Lyme Bay.

[www.lymeregismarineaquarium.co.uk](http://www.lymeregismarineaquarium.co.uk) Tel: 01297 444230

## **Alice's Bear Shop and Teddy Bear Hospital** Lyme Regis

Where the Author of the Alice's Bear Shop range, Rikey Austin, writes the wonderful Alice stories and brings the Teddy bears to life. The Shop is filled with Teddies and soft toys in need of a cuddle!

[www.therealalicesbearshop.co.uk](http://www.therealalicesbearshop.co.uk) Tel: 01297 444589

## **Dinosaurland** Lyme Regis

An old fashioned dinosaur museum. The private museum contains a spectacular collection of the local Jurassic marine fossils. The collection grows each year and is now probably one of the best fossil collection on public display in SW England.

[www.dinosaurland.co.uk](http://www.dinosaurland.co.uk) Tel: 01297 443541

# Top places to visit & shop nearby

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At Springfield House you are minutes away from the sea where you can enjoy a family-friendly, sandy beach and an often surprising micro-climate in the shelter of Lyme Bay, but if you can tear yourself away - Lyme Regis is part of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage site and surrounded by areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Lyme Regis, the "Pearl of Dorset", is famous for its fossils, its historic old town, its Cobb and its beaches.....so here are our top recommendations for activities and pampering.

## **Lyme Regis**

The old town, dating back to the 14th century, is an ideal place to walk and explore the local shops, art galleries, newly replanted gardens with myriad places to stop to eat and drink. Built around the River Lym, Lyme has its own working Water Mill, recently refurbished to include an electricity generator. Lyme Regis is very special in that it is probably the smallest town in the country to boast its own cinema, theatre, and museum.

The Cobb attracts visitors not just for its visual splendour and its magnificent naval architecture, but also for its connections with great literature. Indeed, people come from all over the world to see the steps where Louisa Musgrove fell in Jane Austen's *Persuasion*; or to see where Meryl Streep stood, looking forlornly out to sea, in the film adaptation of John Fowles' *The French Lieutenant's Woman*. And art lovers are drawn to Lyme for both its beautiful scenery and for its wide range of art galleries.

Marine Parade is a great place to walk, sit, enjoy the views and visit its small shops and eating places. Here the seafront facilities has benefited from the restoration of the Marine Parade Shelters. The town and surrounding area have many attractions and host a range of family-centred events, including a Jazz Festival, a Fossil Festival, Life Boat Week and a Regatta & Carnival Week.

Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre  
Church Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3BS  
Tel: 01297 442138                      01297 442138  
[www.lymeregis.org](http://www.lymeregis.org)

## **National Nature Reserve at the Undercliff**

Walkers will love to explore the National Nature Reserve at the Undercliff. This seven mile long undeveloped woodland is part of the South West Coastal Path and stretches west towards Axmouth and Seaton. Going east from Lyme, walkers can follow the same path or take the coastal footpath, part of the 650 mile South West Coastal Path, towards Charmouth and to Golden Cap. At 629ft, this is the highest point on the south coast. Other dry land activities abound: golfing, bowling, pony trekking and biking are just a few of the options available.

## Shopping in Lyme Regis

Lyme Regis has a wealth of independent shops selling unusual gifts, clothes, books, fossils and antiques, as well as a range of fantastic locally produced food.

You can buy freshly baked pies and pasties; freshly made sandwiches and baguettes; cakes, pastries and fudge; locally grown, organic, whole food; specialist imported foods; and organic fruit and vegetables.

There are gift shops selling souvenirs of Lyme, as well as teddy bears and sweets. Shops specialising in rocks and fossils as well as jewellery can also be found. Lyme has a number of art galleries throughout the town and shops specialising in antiques and collectables.

There are a wealth of clothes shops for children and adults, selling sportswear and surfing gear; outdoor gear; shoes and trainers; hats; bespoke designer dresses and vintage clothing.

The town also has a selection of national chains (Boots, Co-op & Tesco's), three banks and a Post Office and a wide range of local chains and individual local shops.

# Useful information

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## **Springfield House at a Glance**

### **Bedrooms and bathrooms**

- Sleeps up to 14 people
- Six bedrooms, of which four have ensuite bathrooms
- One bedroom sleeps four guests in a zip and link bed and bunk beds
- Five bedrooms are zip and link and can be set up as either kingsize or twin
- One shared bathroom
- Downstairs WC
- 2 guests bed are available for an extra charge

### **Cooking and Dining**

- Dining Table seats 14 comfortably
- Fantastic chef available for a special meal or throughout the weekend
- Drop-off meals available
- Two built in ovens and separate gas hobs
- BBQ
- Tables and chairs on terrace
- Walk to a good pub, by the beach
- Great dining nearby in award winning pubs and restaurants
- Online deliveries

### **Things to Do Inside**

- Large TV
- Sky TV
- Wi-fi
- DVD player and DVDs
- iPod Dock
- Games room with table tennis table, table football and air hockey
- Snooker room

### **Things to Do Outside**

- Trampoline
- Private secluded gardens

### **Activities**

- Sailing
- Water Sports
- Fishing
- Coastal Walks

### **Children Welcome**

- Toys, books and DVDs for children
- Games Room

## Useful information

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- Trampoline
- Two cots available
- Two high chairs available
- Children's crockery

### **Top Things to Do for Children**

- Beaches of Lyme Regis
- Lyme Regis Marine Aquarium
- Explore the Jurassic Coast

### **Where We Are**

- The postcode is DT7 3LJ
- The nearest town is Lyme Regis
- The nearest stations are Axminster and Honiton
- The nearest airport is Exeter
- Taxis available
- Parking for up to 7 cars

### **About Your Booking**

#### **Cautionary deposit**

- £1000 refundable deposit

#### **House restrictions**

- Two well behaved dogs are welcome, providing they are kept downstairs, sleep in the kitchen and are not left on their own in the house.
- Noise policy in place
- Fireworks are allowed with permission.
- Not suitable for stag parties

#### **Arrival and Departure**

- Check in 4pm
- Check out 4pm on a Sunday
- Check out 10am on other days

#### **What's included**

- Linen
- Towels
- Welcome Hamper
- Essentials
- Utilities
- Extra housekeeping available on request

# Guest reviews

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Springfield House is always so popular with guests.

"I booked Springfield House for my husbands 50th Birthday celebration with a group of 14 family and friends. The website images looked good but were surpassed by the house itself. Springfield somehow managed to be homely and wonderfully equipped and comfortable yet still be beautifully decorated, chic and fantastically located. The car park was great for all the cars (room for 8 spaces) and the teenage kids and some of the 50 year old ones too loved the snooker and games rooms. The view from the windows across the Jurassic Coast in the morning were breathtaking and just a stroll out the side gate and you were either right next to the Mariners Hotel, where they serve a great steak, or a short wander down the hill to the town and the Cobb. On Saturday we all went to Hix Oyster and Fish House, again a short 10 minute walk and were not disappointed. We also decided to arrange a caterer for both Friday night and Sunday lunch as we were such a large group and they cannot be praised highly enough. Book this house if you don't, you will miss, what for us, was simply the best long weekend ever." Jules

"I said "WOW" when I arrived and as I'm leaving - "WOW - Truly AMAZING WEEKEND". Beautiful house and privileged to stay here." Clare

"Truly lovely house, which afforded us the greatest way to celebrate a 40th birthday and get to know and love Lyme Regis. We all, without exception, will be coming back - could not fault anything." Vicky

"Our caterers did a fantastic job, James was brilliant, Hix was brilliant, simply the best sea food ever!" Richard