

BUDE

March 2012: Bude was voted the 7th Best Beach Destination in the UK by millions of TripAdvisor users.

Bude has a thriving surfing community. Crooklets and Summerleaze beaches face west, work on all tides and hold swells up to about eight feet. It is this never-ending flow of the tides that gives you the opportunity to enjoy a 4-mile walk along the shoreline from the Bude beaches all the way up to Sandymouth and back when the tide is out. Surfing is what Bude is famous for, but there is so much more to do on, and off the water!

Bude outdoor Sea Pool is a beautiful, part natural, part man-made pool in the rocks at Summerleaze Beach, in Bude and was built originally in 1930, although there have been many refurbishments carried out, the latest in spring 2011. It is filled at high tide by the sea water of the Atlantic Ocean. At its greatest length and width it is approx 90 meters long and 45 meters wide. The pool is available for all public use between 10am and 6pm, conditions permitting, including inflatable's and snorkeling. Water temperatures range from 11 degrees Celsius in April to 18 degrees in September

Bude is the doorstep to a wealth of cycling opportunities. There is a vast network of quiet country roads, taking in both breathtaking coastal scenery and the unspoilt North Cornwall and nearby Devon countryside and villages. Bude itself is on the main National Cycle Network down the west side of Cornwall (NCN3). This links southwards to Cornwall's renowned Camel Trail, passing through wonderful coastal and moorland scenery on quiet country roads and lanes. It also links Bude northwards to Devon's Tarka Trail via minor roads through picturesque Ruby Country landscape.

Whether you are looking for a speciality restaurant serving fresh local seafood, Asian cuisine or quality 'pub food', the town centre offers everything from traditional family and formal Hotel restaurants to trendy surf-style Diners and cafés. There is a great choice of take-away food too, including home-made Cornish Pasties, Baguettes, Panini's and Fish and Chips. Away from the town centre you will find village Inns, Country House Hotels and farmhouse Tea Rooms.

Bude has a surprisingly diverse town centre. Whilst you won't find the High Street big names, Bude still has plenty to offer. There are traditional seaside style shops selling buckets and spades and souvenirs; but we also have numerous art galleries, clothing boutiques, surf stores, jewellers, delicatessen and convenience stores, newsagents, booksellers and even a department store. There are several Post Offices, Banks, Estate Agents, Law firms and Petrol Stations too. The town centre has a Sainsbury's and Co-Op, and just a few minutes away, Stratton has a Morrisons.

Special villages and towns such as Boscastle, Tintagel, Port Isaac, Padstow and Clovelly, invite you to take a step back into history, local themeparks will thrill your children and local gardens and historic houses will be of interest to those looking for horticultural joys and places full of heritage. With Lundy Island just offshore from Hartland, a wildlife paradise is close at hand too! You will be surprised how much you can explore within ½ hour's drive.