



The TR Register Shropshire Group Goes In Search Of Lorna Doone!



Sunday 13th May to Thursday 17th May 2018

Our tour for 2018 will be to North Devon and Exmoor.

Area

The North Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty represent a stunning section of the coast which is nationally protected to preserve the beauty of its landscape.

The high plateau of Exmoor is criss-crossed by numerous streams and is slashed by deep river valleys. It rises up steeply from the gentler farmland and stretches to the steep cliffs overlooking the Bristol Channel. Whilst much of the high moor is in Somerset, Devon hosts the lovely wooded valleys, isolated farmhouses and spectacular cliffs of the north coast. It is here that R D Blackmore set his famous novel, *Lorna Doone*. Many of the scenes described in the book are actual places on Exmoor, such as Lark Coombe and Doone Gate.

So do please join us and drive in the hoof prints of John Ridd - in search of Lorna Doone.

Hotel

Our base will be The Park Hotel, Barnstaple. Newly awarded 4 Stars from the AA, following a multi-million pound redevelopment, The Park is North Devon's exciting new hub for visitors and locals alike.

Situated just opposite Rock Park in Barnstaple, the peaceful location and vivid greenery contribute to the hotel's unique charm. The rooms are all newly refurbished and many overlook the park, where magnificent oak trees frame views of the River Taw.

Guests at The Park now have the benefit of high speed WiFi, electronic check in and a new lift. The luxury bedrooms are all equipped with state of the art air conditioning, laptop safes, 40-inch Smart TV's with Sky, power showers, smartphone entry and the latest in-room technology.

The hotel has a swimming pool and spa facilities.

Also available are newly refurbished superior or deluxe rooms, all with glass balconies overlooking Rock Park, which set a completely new benchmark for luxury hotel accommodation in North Devon.

See:- <https://parkhotel.co.uk>

Suggested Itinerary:

Sun 13/5	Meet south of Shrewsbury to drive to Barnstaple. We will journey through Monmouth and along the River Wye to visit Tintern Abbey. There will be stops for Morning Coffee, Lunch and Afternoon Tea.
Mon 14/5	Visit Exmoor, Dulverton, Exford and Porlock.
Tue 15/5	Visit to Clovelly and Southwest around Hartland
Wed 16/5	Visit the Rocky Coast - Combe Martin, Lynton, Lynmouth and the Valley of The Rocks
Thu 17/5	Check out of The Park Hotel and return to Shropshire, visiting Dunster Castle - the final route is yet to be decided

This itinerary is not mandatory and may be subject to fine tuning. You may wish to spend some time elsewhere or do whatever you want. If so, please do feel free to do just that!

Prices

Prices **per room** for half-board (dinner, bed & breakfast) accommodation for **4** nights are:

- £640 per room based on two people sharing a standard double or twin room.
- £360 per room for a standard single room.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be half board, ie Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, for **4** nights. Evening meals will consist of 3 courses and will need to be pre-ordered each morning. We may need to slightly stagger dinner - particularly on the first night.

Booking

The Park Hotel is holding 15 double/twin rooms for us and 2 single rooms.

Bookings should initially be made via Roger (see details below) and a £50 non-returnable deposit is required per person. The balance is payable at the hotel along with any room charges.

It may be possible for you to upgrade your rooms (please see The Park's website). But please do advise Roger (again details below) before contacting The Park.

Contact

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