



With a snowballing number of light trails, dazzling displays and Christmas markets sprinkled all around the coast, why not embrace the season, present shop in-person, gluhwein in hand, and enjoy some festive holiday cheer!

Portsmouth, Southampton, Plymouth, Whitby, Newcastle, from Bournemouth to Christmas by the Sea in Blackpool, there's a sparkly market near you! Head to pop-up Alpine bars, feast on German sausage and crepes, join candle-lit singalongs and maybe take a twirl on the ice rink, it's never been easier to step into Christmas on the coast.

There's also plenty of opportunity to take a plunge for charity, brace the North Sea for the Lion's Boxing Day dip at Whitby or on the south coast at Swanage, prizes for the best Christmas costume. On the big day itself, take part in the Macmillan's White Christmas Dip at Boscombe, Dorset, and on New Year's Day dive in at Scarborough, Lyme Regis or Southend-on-Sea.

We're giving the gift of the coast this Christmas in our competition, be sure to [enter to win](#) a beautiful silver shell necklace crafted by bespoke jewellery makers [Ebb & Flow Living](#).

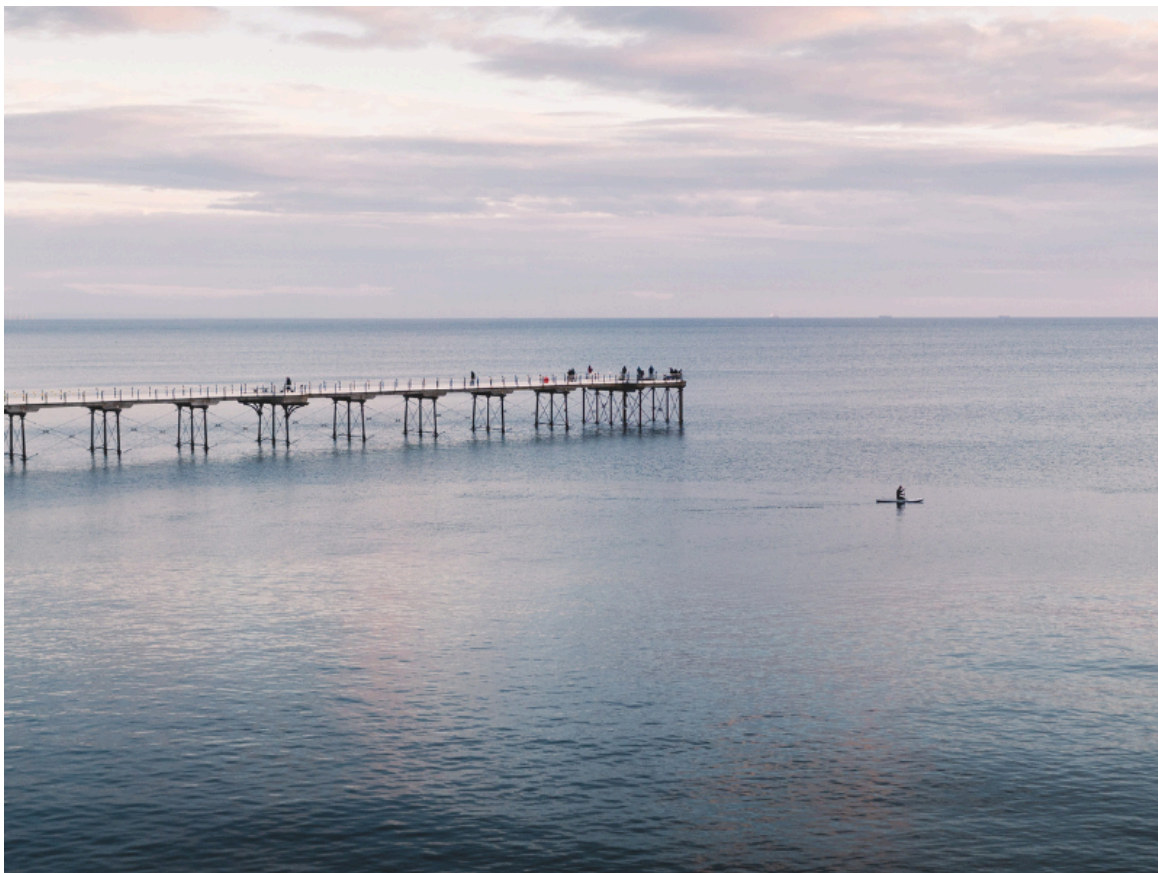


Win a shopping voucher and tell us your views!

We work with thousands of coastal businesses keen to make sure they provide you with the best holiday possible. However, to get it right, they need to hear from you, do you feel you get good value for money, did your recent coastal break live up to expectations, would you go back again or explore somewhere new?

We'd be very grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing the [survey here](#). As a thank you, you'll have the chance to win one of four £25 high street shopping vouchers. We use the results to feed back to businesses, tourist boards and government, to improve the quality of the offer and raise awareness of the importance of coastal tourism to the national economy and ensure the long-term future for coastal communities. **So, good luck and thank you!**

Take our short survey



Frosty fun at Redcar

If you're on the North Yorkshire coast this month, head to Saltburn on [Saturday December 13th](#) and step into a winter wonderland at the Saltburn Ice Trail, a one-day icy trail of nine sculptures across the town. Come for live carving demos, ice post box with helpful elves, and plenty of street entertainment.

Then blow away the cobwebs at the Recar's Boxing Day Dip, celebrate at Snowball Christmas Party Nights at Kirkleatham Walled Garden or start the new year in style at Gisborough Hall's New Year's Eve Ball.

Destination Focus : Redcar & Cleveland



Feel the festive vibes in Brighton

With hundreds of indie shops in the twisting alleyways of The Lanes and more at the bohemian North Laine, plus the Christmas Market and big brands in Churchill Square, Christmas shopping in Brighton is a breeze. Skate at the Royal Pavilion Ice Rink or visit the magical lantern trail at Glow Wild in the beautiful gardens of Wakehurst just outside the city.

Given its bulging [calendar of events](#) year-round, this buzzing city is full of festive vibes. Expect big shows at Brighton Dome, Theatre Royal Brighton and the Brighton Centre and glitzy packaged breaks and parties.

Experience Brighton



Roaring 20s in Blackpool!

Nowhere glitters quite like Blackpool and on New Year's Eve its iconic Empress Ballroom will be transformed for a night of 1920s glamour. [Book your place](#) at the Great Gatsby Ball for live jazz, roaming performers, dancers, flapper dresses, pearls and Gatsby himself!

Or simply escape and get back to nature. Start the New Year in peace on the beautiful Cumbrian coastline. From the Solway Firth in the north to Morecambe Bay in the south, roam quiet beaches, majestic castles sandwiched between mountains and the Irish Sea. Book a cosy cottage, luxury lodge with hot tub and spend a night under dark skies. Perfect!

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CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY!

Win a handmade silver shell necklace

Win a stunning handmade silver shell necklace!

This month we've partnered with [Ebb & Flo Living](#), a bespoke jewellery designer who crafts exquisite pieces inspired by beauty and nature. Here's your chance to win a beautiful Cockle Shell Necklace imagined from the maker's love of the Lincolnshire coastline.

The necklace features a strikingly large shell, making it a statement addition to any outfit, perfect on its own or tiered with multiple strands. Worth £120, it is made from recycled silver and makes a perfect gift or for adding a glamorous touch for the party season.

"Growing up, I'd comb the shoreline for beautiful shells," says designer Toni. "This piece is a tribute to those memories and the peaceful, grounding connection I've always felt with the sea."

Don't miss your chance to win this elegant necklace, [enter](#) below - good luck!

Enter Now!



It's never too soon to start planning a spring escape. Why not check out the lesser known north east coast? Durham's shores are a joy for nature lovers, explore Tynemouth's Priory, Castle and sandy beaches or try yoga on the beach at King Edward's Bay.

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