



Is there a better month than May? Longer days, seabirds swooping into coastal cliffs, pink and yellow blooms splashed across clifftops – all bookended with two bank holidays!

So, if the first bank holiday passed you by, dust off the deck chairs, pack a picnic and head to the coast. Long before the summer crowds swarm, this is the perfect time to get out on the water on a leisurely boat cruise, for a quiet paddleboard or to take the first plunge of the year.

Along with the weather, festivals are also hotting up, the Redcar Kite Festival returns to the sands of Majuba Beach, 14-15 June. Some of the world's most spectacular kites take flight at this free family event. In Dorset you'll find Bridport Food and Beer Festival 14 June, while in Plymouth on 28 June, Armed Forces Day honours the past with parades, displays, live music and more.

You've also got the chance to win a fabulous break staying at the sleek [voco Southampton](#), enjoy gourmet dining while watching the passing cruise ships. Close to great shopping and entertainment, this is a lovely south coast city break - don't miss your chance to win a room with a view!



Find your own island paradise

You'll find a warm island welcome in the 'jewel of the south', hop across to the Isle of Wight and escape. Take the kids to Dinosaur Isle, Britain's first purpose-built dinosaur attraction just beside Sandown beach, it's home to every newly discovered dinosaur in the UK. Romantic break? Cycle to the Needles or stroll the scenic Red Squirrel Trail and dine on fresh asparagus, local cheeses and strawberries.

Whether a pampering spa break or week-long stay with the kids, you'll find eco-lodges, rural holiday parks and stylish hotels and you'll never be far from the water's edge.

[Explore the Isle of Wight](#)



Discover Dover's magnificent Maison Dieu

Stunning scenic walks abound in chalky White Cliffs Country, but after a massive £10.5m restoration, from 10 May Dover's magnificent Maison Dieu permanently opens its doors to the public – the first time in its 800-year history and every reason to visit those White Cliffs! Its spectacular interiors have been reimagined with touch screen displays, restored paintings, armoury and beautifully preserved stained-glass windows.

Dover, Walmer and Deal castles, seal-spotting trips in Sandwich and amazing animal experiences at Wingham Wildlife Park make this Kent corner the perfect May adventure.

[Explore White Cliffs Country](#)



Laid-back charm in Dartmouth

Paddle along the River Dart, take a creative workshop or explore historic Totnes and Dartmouth, you're guaranteed a relaxing break in this part of Devon. Enjoy a cream tea, just-caught seafood or local produce in a characterful pub, with farmer's markets on tap, fresh ingredients are on every menu.

Take a free guided walking tour, join in yoga on the beach or rejuvenate in the sauna on beautiful Blackpool Sands Beach, there's a packed programme of wellbeing activities and this month Dartmouth's open air swimming pool reopens.

[Discover Dartmouth](#)



**Win an overnight stay with gourmet dinner
at the new voco Southampton!**

Now's your chance to win a fabulous overnight stay for two people at the newly refurbished [**voco Southampton**](#), close to all the attractions and excellent shops in the centre of the city.

You'll enjoy a sumptuous three course dinner dining in style at the Atlantic Gate Seafood & Cocktails restaurant, Southampton's premier dining destination. Inspired by the grandeur of cruise liners and the adventure of the open sea, its menu features classic seafood dishes crafted with the finest ingredients. The centrepiece cocktail bar serves expertly mixed drinks, while the glass-fronted terrace offers spectacular views of passing cruise ships.

Whether you're setting sail on a cruise or exploring the city's maritime heritage, this stylishly refurbished hotel offers comfort, convenience and warm service. You'll enjoy stunning views of the cruise terminals in a prime location, voco Southampton makes a perfect getaway.

Enter the competition now!

Booking & Availability: Prize is subject to availability and must be booked in advance. Blackout dates may apply. Prize must be redeemed by 31 January 2026. The prize is non-transferable, non-exchangeable and no cash alternative will be offered. Additional food, drinks or extras beyond the set dinner menu and breakfast are not included and must be paid for separately. The winner and their guest must be 18+. Once booked, changes to the date may be subject to availability. Car Parking: Includes parking for one vehicle for one night

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