

Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole's Coast with the Most for Groups



Dear Group Travel Organiser,

Welcome to the latest news from Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Tourism.

****NEW TRAVEL TRADE RESOURCE HUB****

One Destination. Three Coastal Towns. We'll always be here to welcome groups.

Visit our new Travel Trade & Group Travel Resource Hub. You will find everything you need to plan a future group visit to Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, including fabulous itinerary suggestions and the latest information from our group friendly business partners. Happy planning!!

[ACCESS THE TRAVEL TRADE HUB HERE](#)

You can also visit our websites for the most up to date information including coach parking



bournemouth.co.uk/lovegroups



visit-christchurch.co.uk



Pooletourism.com/grouptravel

Keep in Touch...

You can also contact the team at: bcptourism@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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Moving Forward. Summer 2021 and beyond

What an 18 months we have had!! It is fabulous to be moving forward and welcoming groups to our destination again. Our biggest priority is making sure that when you visit our wonderful resort, you feel safe and secure in every aspect of your trip.

Tourism businesses have been working so hard to get ready. Be sure you [Know Before You Go](#) and feel confident about any changes that might have been made to make your stay safe and welcoming.



You can also keep an eye out for the [We're Good to Go](#) mark. This is an accredited industry standard mark for all businesses who are COVID-19 secure. Businesses will be displaying this to show that they have followed government procedures in their preparations to welcome us back.

Go Beyond the Beach

Of course, the miles of beautiful, sandy, award-winning beaches are unmissable when visiting the region at any time of the year but there are many other extraordinary things to do and places to visit. Castles and quays, harbours and museums, parks, gardens, and nature reserves are all available to visit, alongside a plethora of interesting shopping, drinking, and eating venues and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, on and off the water.

The logo for 'Beyond the Beach' features the words 'Beyond' and 'the Beach' in a blue, sans-serif font. A yellow underline is positioned beneath the word 'the'.

[Bournemouth - Beyond the Beach](#)

[Poole – Beyond the Beach](#)

[Christchurch – Beyond the Beach](#)



Group Trave Trade Shows

BCP Tourism have several upcoming travel trade shows to attend.

On the **22 & 23 September** we will be attending [The British Tourism & Travel Show](#) at NEC Birmingham (**stand no. A40**) with some attraction and accommodation stand partners. During this event the **British Coach Tourism Awards 2021** takes place. Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole have been shortlisted for Coach Friendly Destination.

The team will also have a stand at [Go Travel Show](#), Kempton Park Racecourse on **8 Sept (stand no. C6)** and [Group Leisure & Travel Show](#), MK Stadium, Milton Keynes on **7 October 2021**.

Christmas 2021

Christmas will be an exciting time across the Resort of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. We have confirmed the dates for our **Christmas Tree Wonderland** event in Bournemouth. For the most up to date information on what is happening please visit: <http://www.christmastreewonderland.co.uk>



Enchanting Illuminations
to Create Lasting Memories

BOURNEMOUTH
Christmas Tree
Wonderland

Spectacular Christmas tree trail, enchanting illuminations & seasonal family fun

19 Nov 2021 to 2 Jan 2022

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Feel the wonder this
Christmas at Bournemouth's
unique free festival trail

19 November 2021 to 2 January 2022

Experience the magical spectacle of over 100 glittering trees and illuminations. Explore the Alpine Market and skate in the enchanting Victorian Lower Gardens. Stay up to date by visiting: christmastreewonderland.co.uk to find out all the latest Christmas news from Bournemouth and our Coastal Villages.

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Disclaimer – details are correct at time of going to print, but are subject to change.

Coach Friendly Status Bid for Christchurch

Plans are underway to achieve Coach Friendly Status for the Saxon town of Christchurch. The first steps saw the return of coach parking when it was secured with the instalment of three coach spaces at Two Riversmeet Leisure Centre last year. The aim is to align Christchurch with the accredited status, already achieved in neighbouring Bournemouth and Poole.

A preliminary audit of the town took place at a meeting on Tuesday (27 July), attended by John Burch of the Confederation of Passenger Transport. Works will now begin, following recommendations from Mr Burch, to facilitate the plans. A further inspection later on will determine the outcome.

BOURNEMOUTH AIR FESTIVAL 2021



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COACH PARKING RESTRICTIONS/DROP OFF AND ROAD CLOSURES

If you are visiting Bournemouth during the Air Festival, please refer to the [Traffic Restrictions Map](#).

Coach drop off points are available on Westover Road (BH1 2BU).

Coach parking: Queens Road coach and car park (BH2 6BE) will be available for coach parking on all four days of the festival. **Please note:** coach parking at Kings Park will not be available during the duration of the Air Festival and drop off site in the Layby at the back of Hot Rock Café, Pier Approach will not be available.

Please refer to the linked map above for details about our road closures. Coaches will not be allowed through these areas.

Bournemouth Air Festival - back for 2021!
With greatest RAF line up in five years

*Red Arrows, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) and Typhoon
all confirmed.*

Bringing some much-needed entertainment to the BCP area the greatest free land, air and sea event is set to take place **Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th September**. Bournemouth Air Festival will not only welcome the greatest RAF line up in five years but also some new and exciting attractions at sea and on the ground.

In the skies the Red Arrows, Typhoon and the BBMF will perform across all four days – the first time all three RAF display teams have been part of the festival line up since 2016!

Night Air flying takes place Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening with Unarmed Combat Displays and Sunset Beat Retreat Ceremony performed by The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood in the Lower Gardens.

For more information, please visit bournemouthair.co.uk

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