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Norton Grange & Isle of Wight

Discover our hotel and the outdoors

Places to visit

Let our lovely little island take you back to the time of family-run tea rooms, thatched roofs and ice cream by the sea. There are so many places to visit on the Isle of Wight that it's hard to decide how to spend your days... so we've done the hard work for you. We asked our local teams to pick their top activities near Bembridge Coast and Norton Grange, and we're sure you'll agree – they didn't disappoint.

Things to do

Neolithic history, South American mammals, a Mediterranean climate and a village within a village – of all the lists of things to do on the Isle of Wight, this might be the most eclectic. It might be hard to believe that you'll find animals from the Andes rubbing shoulders with horticulture from the Himalayas, but they're just some of the many unique destinations the Isle of Wight has to offer.



THE BEST OF OUR GROUNDS AND GARDENS

As well as being perfect for watching the ferries pull into Yarmouth, our gardens are home to a veritable treasure trove of unique pieces. As well as our aviary, our grounds team specialise in upcycling disused items into something useful – how many can you spot?

The Aviary

Unique to Norton Grange, a wide range of colourful and tuneful birds flitter about the aviary all year long. With doves, parrots, canaries and quails all flying (or walking) around their little birdy paradise, this labour of love from the hotel grounds team is mostly upcycled from litter.



The Cottage

Nestled within our grounds is a quaint little cottage surrounded by well-stocked planters and peaceful water features. Just like everything else in Norton Grange, plenty of hidden surprises await you.



The Avenue

The gardens are filled with thrown-away items that have been cleverly repurposed into benches, planters, and even modern art. Filled with flowers and plants, the sights and smells of The Avenue differ every day.

A TRIP TO THE BEACH

The Isle of Wight is known for its beaches, and we're fortunate enough to be only minutes away from some of the best ones. Our warm-hearted team have picked out the best of the best for you:

Compton Beach

Compton Beach stretches over two miles, flanked by sandstone cliffs in a patchwork of colours, and ends with Freshwater's famous white chalk cliffs. The steps to the beach are a little steep, but the chance to take a guided walk through actual dinosaur footprints might just be worth the trek.



PO30 4HF
12-minute drive



Council car park
– charges apply



Freshwater Bay

West Wight's famous pebbly beach might be a bit unsteady under foot, but daily guided tours of the old pirate caves bring alive the unique history of the Isle of Wight like nowhere else.

There's also a range of cafes, bars, and tea rooms to enjoy while you're there.



PO40 9RA
8-minute drive



Council car park
– charges apply



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The Needles

Perhaps the most postcard-friendly picture on the Isle of Wight, the chalky outcrop is just the tip of the iceberg for this iconic landmark. There's also a variety of unique attractions, including a glass makers, sweet makers, and sand shop.



PO30 0JH
14-minute drive



Parking £5
between 01/04
and 03/11, free
for winter



TOWNS AND OUTDOOR ATTRACTIONS

There's a huge variety of places to visit on the Isle of Wight, from picturesque villages to sprawling gardens. Our team have picked just a few of their favourite places to recommend for you:

Mottistone Gardens & Estate

Nestled in the rolling downs, Mottistone Gardens are home to a millennia of history that includes a legendary 4m-high sandstone pillar, supposedly thrown by St Catherine in a wager with the Devil himself. The estate is set on a 6,000-year-old Neolithic long barrow.



PO30 4EA
15-minute drive



Free parking



Cowes Old Town

Cowes is a bustling town centre filled with independent shops, cafes, and restaurants (and more than a few pubs). The other side of the town is accessible via a unique chain ferry, while the museums and galleries offer a glimpse into the island's history.



PO31 7DF
30-minute drive



8am – 6pm
(winter)



8am – 6pm
£4 for 4 hours

West Wight Alpacas

Usually more synonymous with Peru than West Wight, there are now around 60 alpacas on this husband-and-wife run farm close to Norton Grange. They also feature llamas, miniature donkeys, pigs, goats and sheep across 23 acres of countryside – better bring your wellies.



PO41 0SZ
8-minute drive



Free parking



Godshill Village

Established in 1952, Godshill Model Village recreates island life in intricately detailed miniature – and the full-size village isn't bad either. The medieval church is home to one of only two lily crucifix paintings in Europe, and the thatched roofs of the high street sit over classic tea rooms and gift shops.



PO38 3HZ
30-minute drive



Free in the Old
Smithy car park



Isle of Wight Steam Railway

Travel back in time to the sights, sounds and smells of steam trains on the Isle of Wight. From tank engines to larger, tender locomotives, the 10-mile round trip across the island stops at three stations along the way, one of which also features a birds of prey sanctuary.



PO33 4DS
28-minute drive



Free parking

Ventnor Botanical Gardens

Ventnor is protected from cold northerly winds, resulting in a Mediterranean microclimate in the heart of the Isle of Wight. The garden is home to a wide range of subtropical plant life that won't grow anywhere else in the UK, scuttling wall lizards, secret passageways and an underground mushroom vault.



PO38 1UL
37-minute drive



10am – 5pm



Free parking



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