



ENGLISH RIVIERA

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BABBACOMBE AND ST MARYCHURCH

Local Life in South Devon's beautiful bay

The two parishes of Babbacombe & St Marychurch in Torquay are small villages in their own right and boast a delightful alternative to Torquay town centre, with independent shops, a wide range of tea rooms and restaurants, stunning sea views over Lyme Bay and a number of interesting attractions. Babbacombe was the number one honeymoon destination following the Second World War, thanks to the breathtaking views from Babbacombe Downs, still enchanting visitors today who are looking for a romantic escape.

Babbacombe Cliff Railway

The historic Babbacombe Cliff Railway is one of the few working funicular railways left in the UK and has been transporting visitors up and down the 240 foot cliff face to the pretty Oddicombe Beach since 1926.

<http://babbacombecliff railway.co.uk>

Beaches, Angling and Scuba

A stroll along from Oddicombe Beach to the secluded cove at Babbacombe Beach is a must. The quay at Babbacombe Beach is a popular spot with anglers, while the beach itself is one of the South West's leading diver training and scuba centres.

<http://www.diversdown.co.uk>

Golf

Torquay Golf Club has a beautiful parkland golf course with panoramic views over Lyme Bay to the east and Dartmoor to the west.

<http://www.torquaygolfclub.co.uk>

Babbacombe Theatre

At the far end of the beautiful Babbacombe Downs is the historic Babbacombe Theatre, established in 1938 and still entertaining theatre-goers with a wide range of highly-acclaimed shows.

<http://www.babbacombe-theatre.com>

Babbacombe Model Village

Set in four acres of award-winning gardens, Babbacombe Model Village, with its thousands of miniature houses, people, trains and vehicles regularly delights visitors. There are beautiful illuminations during May half term and in the summer. The spectacular Winter Wonderland is a seasonal highlight.

<http://www.babbacombe-modelvillage.co.uk>

Diary Dates 2011

Babbacombe Festival	15 th – 26 th June
Babbacombe Regatta	18 th – 19 th June
Babbacombe Model Village	Throughout December
Winter Wonderland	
Babbacombe Theatre	Feb-Oct(Tues/Wed)
Blockbuster Show – Heatwave!	May-Sep(Tues/Wed/Thurs)

For more information visit: www.englishriviera.co.uk

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