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The Giant Swan Maze (opens May half term). Snacks, lunches and teas served in the licensed Swannery Café by the swinging nest children's play area.

OPEN: Daily 16/3 - 31/11/19, 10am - 5pm last admission 4pm

On the B3157 coast road between Weymouth & Bridport.
Swannery discount 20% Off per person with discount voucher.
Cannot be used with any other offer/group rate/tesco vouchers. Valid to 31/11/19.

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Save up to 33% - 1 FREE entry with every 2 full paying entrants.

Adventure Wonderland
Tel: 01202 483444 adventurewonderland.co.uk

Dorset's multi award-winning family theme park brings the magical Alice in Wonderland story to life. Offering a full day's fun, this whacky world combines themed rides and attractions with Wild Thing!, a giant indoor Aztec play centre.

As well as live shows, children can meet with the timeless characters and even dance with the stars!

OPEN: Please go to adventurewonderland.co.uk to see full details of opening times.

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Athelhampton House & Gardens
T: 01305 848363 athelhampton.co.uk

Visit one of the finest manor houses in England, dating from the 15th Century. Explore the Grade 1 gardens, containing the world famous topiary pyramids, fountains, the River Piddle and Kitchen gardens. Coach House restaurant serving morning coffee, lunches and cream teas.

OPEN: Open Mar - end of Oct, Sun - Thurs 10.00am until 5.00pm. Closed Fri & Sat. Open Nov until end of Feb, Sundays only, 10.00am until dusk. Please check our website for up to date opening times.

Valid to end October 2019.

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Bennetts Water Gardens
Tel: 01305 785150 bennettswatergardens.com

Renowned for its replica Monet Bridge and National Plant Collection of Water Lilies flowering through the summer with 8 acres of lakeside walks and garden trails for children. Tropical House, Heritage Museum, Gift Shop & Plant Centre. Licensed Café Monet serves lunches, homemade cakes and cream teas. Under 5s Free.

OPEN: 31st March to 27th Sept inclusive, 10am to 4pm daily, closed Saturdays.

One child free with every full paying adult
Not applicable with any other offer. Valid for 2019 Season

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The Dinosaur Museum
Icen Way, Dorchester DT1 1EW
T: 01305 269880 thedinosaurmuseum.com

The Dinosaur Museum is all about having a roaring good time! It's unique, devoted to dinosaurs with skeletons, fossils, life-size reconstructions and a few scaly surprises! Take a walk on the prehistoric side in this award-winning museum packed with fun for kids - hands on & interactive elements, puzzles plus discover your own dinosaur in the excavation pit. Great family fun!

Open: Daily all year 10am - 5pm (4pm in winter). Closed 13-26 Dec.

Buy a 5-4-2 Ticket at entrance & save up to £15.29 per person when you visit 5 major Dorchester attractions for the price of 2! Valid all year.

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Dorset Heavy Horse Farm Park
Edmondsham Road BH21 5RJ
T: 01202 824040 dorset-heavy-horse-centre.co.uk

As featured on BBC TV this Award Winning Park entertains every age with a separate timetable for Adults & Children. Heavy Horse Carriage/Tractor/Pony rides "Drive" a real tractor! Intriguing Talks and Tours. Interact with Heavy Horses and friendly farm animals. Exhibits from days gone by, Childrens rides, go-carts, extensive play areas. Western café. WW1 war trenches. NEW attractions for 2019!

OPEN: 10-4pm 6 April - End October closed Mon & Tue outside school holidays, open Bank Holiday Mondays. October open Thurs - Sun & half term.

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Forde Abbey & Gardens
T: 01460 221290 fordeabbey.co.uk

The Kennard Family welcomes you to their unique 850 year old house and 30 acres of award-winning gardens, with topiary lined avenues, England's tallest powered fountain, walled kitchen garden and renowned Mortlake tapestries. Visit the gift shop, plant nursery, enjoy lunch or homemade cakes in our vaulted tea rooms.

OPEN: Gardens open daily throughout the year from 10.00am - 4.30pm. House open 2 April - 31 October on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays 12.00 - 4.00pm

£1 off per person up to a max of 4 adults per group
Valid 24/2/2019 to 31/10/2019. Not valid with any other offer or at special events.

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*excludes Saturdays, gift vouchers and corporate events.

GO APE - Moors Valley
T: 0845 519 2797 GoApe.co.uk/Moors-Valley

Live life adventurously at Go Ape Moors Valley! Enjoy award-winning outdoor adventure activities for all the family in the beautiful New Forest. Unleash your inner tarzan on our Tree Top Adventure, Tree Top Junior or explore the forest floor on our all-terrain Segways.

OPEN: All year-round but opening times vary - Please check website for details
www.goape.co.uk/moors-valley or call 0845 519 2797.

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Great Dorset Steam Fair
Showground postcode DT11 8HX
T: 01258 860361 Info & tickets go to gdsf.co.uk

For the heritage lover, the historian, the music enthusiast, the kid-at-heart, the countryman and the thrill seeker! Featuring... Extensive working displays of steam, industrial and agricultural exhibits, large music festival, country crafts and food halls, stunt displays including Monster Trucks, and more, one of the nation's largest travelling fairgrounds, hundreds of shops, endless entertainment for the whole family!

EVENT DATES: Bank Holiday Weekend Thursday 22nd To Monday 26th August 2019

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£1.00 off adult admission max 4 per voucher
Valid Easter - Dec 2019

Lulworth Castle & Park
Tel: 01929 400352 lulworth.com

Welcome to the most beautiful castle in the south, set in the heart of the privately owned Lulworth Estate. This magnificent C17th building is steeped in history. Climb the tower for spectacular panoramic views of countryside and coast, enjoy a picnic or a light bite in the Castle Tearoom. Children's playground and ancient woodlands to explore. Visit the C18th Roman Catholic Chapel and the C15th Church.

OPEN: Easter - December. Typically Sunday to Friday. Summer (BST) 10.30am - 5pm. Winter (GMT) 10.30am - 4pm. Last admission one hour before closing. Please check website or call before visiting.

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Mapperton House & Gardens
T: 01308 862645 mapperton.com

Voted 'Nation's Finest Manor House' by Country Life. Glorious Tudor/Jacobean manor with Earl of Sandwich collection overlooking 15 acre garden with orangery, topiary and borders, descending to ponds and arboretum. Outstanding views of Dorset hills and woodlands. Sumptuous teas and lunches in recently converted 17th century stable block.

OPEN: 10am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, 3 March to 31 October. Check website for house tour times.

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Days out at Corfe Castle
Visit: nationaltrust.org.uk/corfe-castle

A proper story-book Norman castle, partially demolished in the Civil War and now a romantic ruin on its own hilltop above a picturesque village.

Don't miss

- Regular events bringing 1,000 years of history to life
- The castle's secret places, murder holes, arrow loops, tales of treachery and treason
- School holiday activities, the castle quest, medieval dress-up
- 'The Defiance of Mary Bankes' audio trail

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RockReef & Pierzip - Bournemouth Pier
T: 01202 983983 rockreef.co.uk

RockReef is an indoor all year, all weather activity attraction located on Bournemouth Pier consisting of 28 individually themed climbing walls, a aerial highline obstacle course, a pier cave, Vertical Slide and leap of faith challenge. Outside is the awesome PierZip, the world's first pier to shore zip wire!

OPEN: Open all year round, 7 days a week. Session times vary, check website. Closed Xmas Eve & Xmas Day.

Discount: 10% Off Clip 'n' Climb or PierZip using code BOD10.
Not applicable with any other offer or voucher. Valid from Jan 2019 to Dec 2019.

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Royal Signals Museum
Tel: 01258 482248 royalsignalsmuseum.co.uk

DISCOVER - Spies, Codes and secret Agents. Codes and Code-Breaking! From Semaphore to Satellites and Fire to Fibre optics - EXPERIENCE the interactive History, Science and Technology of communications at the Royal Signals Museum. Where heroes come to Life - Plus - Women at war - Animals at War - Despatch Riders and Motorcycle Collection.

Discovery & Fun Trails for Toddlers & Children
OPEN: Mon - Fri all year 10am - 5pm, last entry 4pm. Open weekends from Easter 1/2 Term - October 29th, 10am - 4pm. Last entry 3pm. Check website or ring for exceptions.

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Splashdown
T: 01202 716000 splashdownwaterparks.co.uk

Tower Park, Poole, Dorset BH12 4NY

Experience some of the UK's most exciting water flumes at the South's favourite waterpark. Complete with sun terraces and café. Whether it's high speeds, twisting tubes, a spin around Infinity or splashing about in our under 8's Splashzone or toddler pool, it's flumin' good fun!

OPEN: Opening hours vary by season. Please visit our website or call us on 01202 716000.

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Swanage Railway
T: 01929 425800 swanagerailway.co.uk

The Swanage Railway is the picture postcard branch line to the seaside. Steam trains run for six miles weaving their way through the beautiful Purbeck countryside, from Norden past the magnificent ruins of Corfe Castle to the sandy beach of Swanage. Council Car Parks at Swanage (BH19 1AP) and Norden (BH20 5DW).

OPEN: Trains Operate Daily April - September, most days October, and at weekends and school holidays throughout the year. See website for timetable and operating calendar.

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The Blue Pool & Wareham Bears
Tel: 01929 551408 bluepooluk.com

A truly delightful family attraction since 1935, this Magical Pool is surrounded by tranquil woods and heathland with sandy paths. Why not take an imaginative stroll and enjoy becoming a 'Searcher and Finder' looking for squirrels, fairy doors and much more.

The Tea-house will welcome you with coffee, light lunches and delicious Cream Teas with Homemade Scones. Then visit the unique Gift Shop before entering the fascinating world of the Wareham Bears.

OPEN: Grounds from 1st March to 30th November. Tea-house, Shops, Museum & Wareham Bears Estate until end of October. Dogs on leads are welcome.

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The Etches Collection - Kimmeridge
T: 01929 270000 theetchescollection.org

Our Museum of Jurassic Marine Life in Kimmeridge is the finest collection of Late Jurassic age fossils in Britain. Watch sea monsters swimming above the gallery whilst the exceptionally preserved fossils below provide an insight into how these marine creatures lived, bred and died. Family friendly activities, fully accessible, gift shop and refreshments.

OPEN: Daily all year round 10am - 5pm (Last admission 4.15pm). Closed 24/25/26 December 2019)

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The Tutankhamun Exhibition
High West Street, Dorchester DT1 1UW
T: 01305 269571 tutankhamun-exhibition.co.uk

Experience the magnificence and wonder of the world's greatest discovery of ancient treasure. Tutankhamun's tomb, treasures, and mummy have been faithfully reproduced and recreated, producing an amazing experience praised by Egyptologists, museum professionals, and the public for its exciting use of innovative techniques and attention to detail. Featured in major TV documentaries. It is not to be missed!

Open: Daily all year 10am - 5pm (4pm in winter). Closed 13-26 Dec.

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Weymouth SEA LIFE Adventure Park
sealifeweymouth.com

Weymouth SEA LIFE Adventure Park is an amazing underwater world with over 1,000 creatures and 15 different zones to see! Home to UK's only colony of Fairy Penguins: the Caribbean Cove Adventure Playground; and a Splash Zone and pool. Touch a starfish, marvel at sharks - there's something for everyone!

OPEN: Open every day except Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Opening times vary. Please see sealifeweymouth.com for times.

Weymouth SEA LIFE Adventure Park, Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 7SX

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BEST OF DORSET Gold Ticket

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Each Friday from February until December 2019 there will be tickets for one of the fantastic Best of Dorset Attractions up for grabs.

To win hop on to our Facebook page [Facebook/BestofDorset](https://www.facebook.com/BestofDorset) on Fridays to see which tickets are on offer.

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