

RIVIERA APARTMENT

INFORMATION BOOKLET

Any questions, problems please let us know. If you have comments, it is always appreciated on the Blue Chip or TripAdvisor website.

We hope you enjoy your stay. Graham & Annemarie 07974003739

Arrival.

Once you are in the apartment, please put the outer lock on its latch. When you go out, lock the inner door and take the key with you, leaving the outer door unlocked and on the latch. When returning use the lower handle to open the outer door for access to the lobby. Use the Key to open the inner door.

Parking

There is one car reserved parking space on the carport for the Apartment. It is on the right side looking from the street. Some cars are low at the front and due to the high camber of the road they catch on their way on to the carport. If that's the case then try reversing on to it. Parking in the street is unrestricted where there aren't double yellow lines. It can be busy during the day but there are always spaces at night.

Kitchen.

The granite worktops in the kitchen are expensive and can easily be damaged. Please use the chopping board when preparing food or cutting anything.

The Kitchen Lights are automatic. There two types of lights. The LED lights which will always come on when you enter the Kitchen. You can also add the main lights by the switch on the wall. Both can be switched on permanently. Hallway and Outside Lights are automatic. You can also switch them on permanently.

Waste Disposal Unit.

If you are not use to them, they are for food only, no bones please, also run water down them at the same time as the waste food

Heating.

The central heating is controlled by the thermostat in the kitchen and is running an automatic program. The temperature can be changed by the up & down buttons on the left side at the top. The small temperature figure shows what it will change the temperature too. The little flame sign that occasionally appears means it is heating. There is also an electric heater in the lounge under the top flap of the electric fire

Internet.

Free WiFi is available. I recommend you connect to "Riviera" The password is g26winchester. The Riviera-Mews is also available it has the same password, it is on a different network. It is not so good in the Lounge.

There is a switch for the balcony light on the right side of the lounge access door.

TV

Please do not attempt to retune the TVS'. It is very difficult to tune, because instead of tuning into the local Transmitter, it will automatically pick the first Transmitter it comes to in its search, which is a much weaker one in North Cornwall. The result will be lots of frozen channels.

Rubbish

The rubbish bin is in the extreme right-hand lower cupboard. Also the outside bins are to the far right end of the property.

Bathrooms

The master En-suite has an automatic single night light that comes on when you enter the En-suite. The full complement of lights operate in the normal way from a switch by the door.

The fan in the master En-suite comes on with the full lights. It can be stopped by the pull switch. The Jacuzzi bath's isolator switch is on the left just inside the bedroom door. The fan in the second En-suite comes on with the light. It can be stopped by the switch in the wardrobe.

Departure.

Please leave your key in the lock of the inner door. Take the outer lock off its latch and pull the door closed on leaving, checking that it is locked.

Groceries.

The nearest grocery store is a Tesco express in Castle Circus, which is the top end of town. 9 Lymington Rd, Torquay, TQ1 4AQ. The next and larger is a Waitrose, St Marychurch Road, Torquay, TQ1 3HL. There is an out of town shopping centre with an M&S and Sainsbury's at the Willow, Browns Bridge Rd Torquay TQ2 7HT

Emergencies.

In an emergency, I am available on 01803 297757 or 07974003739

Things to do

Kents Cavern

Undoubtedly Kents Cavern is one of the most special caves in the country. The incredible geology and rich archaeological heritage of the cave has been astounding scientists and visitors alike for centuries. Records show the mysteries of the caves have been enticing explorers to venture into their depths since 1571. However, archaeological evidence and research reveals that people and animals have been visiting the caves for hundreds of thousands of years.

Kents Cavern is a gateway visitor centre for UNESCO's English Riviera Global Geopark. The Geopark reveals a geological story that goes back 400 million years and one which has shaped the landscape and cultural heritage of the area. Kents Cavern is a protected national site because it is by far the most important prehistoric cave dwelling in Britain. It is known around the world for its archaeological record of prehistoric human life in ancient Europe.

Model Village

Take time out from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and visit this famous Torquay attraction to feel on top of the world as you see it recreated in miniature. Thousands of miniature buildings, people and vehicles, along with animated scenes and touches of English humour, capture the essence of England's past, present and future. All set in 4 acres of beautiful award-winning gardens. Don't miss one of Devon's most popular days out! Babbacombe Model Village Hampton Avenue Torquay TQ1 3LA 01803 315315

Paignton Zoo

One of the largest Zoos in the UK with three thousand animals, five different habitats and acres of activities you're in for a great day out at Paignton Zoo, but what will you tackle first? Do you cross the hair-raising Crocodile Swamp, home to the world's largest croc species? Get close to our closest cousins at Monkey Heights or mix with the kangaroos hopping around the hills? Totnes Rd, Paignton TQ4 7EU

Living Coasts

Is like a small Zoo based on the sea. It has Penguins, Fur Seal Cove and Octopus to mention a few. Beacon Quay, Torquay TQ1 2BG 0844 4743366

Boat Trips

Greenaway ferries offer a range of cruise and ferry crossings. Their booking number is 01803 882811 or visit their stand at the base of the Pier, or at various stands around the harbour

- 1) Torquay to Brixham ferry
- 2) Sunset and illuminations from a cruise around the bay.
- 3) Site seeing cruise of Torbay
- 4) Torquay to Babbacombe stopping for dinner at the Cary Arms then returning
- 5) Torquay to Dartmouth Ferry
- 6) Cruise the river Dart from Dartmouth to Totnes.

Fat Freddys Boat Party's

Fancy a night out with a difference, come and join in Fat Freddys Boat Partys. Leaving from Haldon Pier in Torquay, large range of dates available, weekend tickets available at a discount Dress to impress,

Steam Train Rides

The train leaves Paignton railway station, going along the coast, then overland before following the river Dart into Dartmouth. 01803 555872

Round Robin Trip.

The famous, completely organised trip starts in Paignton, where you catch the Steam Train to Dartmouth. From Dartmouth to Totnes by river cruise. Then from Totnes back to Paignton by Bus. 01803 555872

Visit Cockington

Only a mile behind Torquay seafront, the Domesday book village of Cockington has hardly changed through the centuries.

Go and explore this special village, its historic manor house and the 460 acres of beautiful parkland, woodland and farmland around. The Court is also home to a wide variety of skilled craftsmen - watch them as they work and perhaps take a unique gift home with you! It is completely free to enter and you can lose yourself here for a whole day!

The landscape of Cockington has been shaped by its inhabitants for the last thousand years and there are miles of walks to explore.

Visit Dartmouth

Dartmouth is the Jewel of the South Hams. It is on the mouth of the River Dart with steep hills. Ancient narrow streets house boutique shops, art galleries &

delicatessens. A cobbled market place features colourful stalls and Farmers markets supplying local produce used by our gourmet restaurants, pubs & cafes. Sail, fish, explore by boat or come at festival time. For a treat or enjoy visits to the Castle, Britannia Royal Naval College and National Trust Gardens. Walk the South West Coast Path or laze on our clean beaches. Don't forget to visit the tourist office to see a working Newcomen Engine!

Visit Brixham

Brixham couldn't be more of a contrast to both it's Torbay neighbours, Torquay and Paignton. Brixham has a stunning little harbour, and is extremely popular with day trippers. Fish food stalls line the harbour, a selection of shops, great pubs serving real ale and a choice of Devon Ice cream shops. Brixham is a great place for gentle strolling, watching the fishing boats, and walking out onto the jetties. There's lots of parking available adjacent to the town centre.

Visit Paignton

Long sandy beaches, first class attractions and a vibrant Paignton has them all. Life revolves around the seafront, which resonates with the sounds of laughter and fun, but there are other sides to this distinctive seaside resort. Discover the elegance of Oldway Mansion built by the Singer sawing machine family, the green coastline around Elberry Cove, and many other aspects of this famous town.

Most of the town is level with the seafront and its sandy beaches, pier, harbour and theatres, all within easy reach. Paignton Green is the home of many events, festivals and exhibitions throughout the year, providing a scenic focal point for the resort. In the high season, carnivals, regattas and festivals follow each other without pause, and every August the Green holds a Children's Week - seven days in Paignton devoted to giving children the best time of their lives. At night, Paignton's seafront comes alive and is perfect for an evening stroll. There is a variety of excellent food and drink, and between the multiplex cinema and the redevelopment of the historic Palace Theatre, there is an exciting mix of quality entertainment all year round. Don't forget to visit the Paignton treats of Winner's Street, renowned for its local antiquities and curiosities, and Occombe Farm, a working organic farm with nature reserve and farm shop. Most Wednesday nights are bike nights. Expect 500 to 1,000 motor bikes parked and displayed on the seafront.

Visit Totnes

Totnes is known for its bohemian alternative lifestyle. There is lots of Yoga, Aromatherapy, Vegetarianism and general "Green" ideas. Browse the book shops and unique restaurants.

Visit Exeter

Exeter is a city and considered the capital of Devon. It has a landmark Cathedral and shopping centre to rival most cities

Visit Widecombe in the Moor

Widecombe in the Moor is famous for its fair. At its heart is very nice pub come restaurant. It's an ideal destination because it takes up over Dartmoor National Park. It's a very pleasant daytrip by car.

Visit Dartmoor National Park

The main way onto the park is via the town of Bovey Tracy. You then climb up on to the moor. Stop of at Haytor Rock or just wonder around the moor. Most of South Devon can be seen on a clear day

Visit Princetown

Considered the centre of Dartmoor. It is the location of a large Napoleonic Prison (Dartmoor Prison) that use to hold England's most dangerous prisoners. Because of it's remote location it was considered inescapable from.

Beaches

Torbay has 20 beaches. This is some of the more popular;

Oddicombe Beach. Sand and shingle beach just below the north end of Babbacombe Downs. Parking is half a mile from the beach. Steep access but try the cliff railway (great fun). No dogs, swimming safe with care, toilets, cafe, beach shop, deckchair/sunbed hire.

Torre Abbey Sands / Corbyn Sands Right below you. A tidal, sandy beach right in the heart of Torquay's so lots of parking nearby. Very high tides will cover the sand. Dogs banned, swimming safe with care, toilets, cafe, beach shop, deckchair/sunbed hire and chalet hire. Just across the road from Torre Abbey Meadows parkland.

Corbyn Sands (Torquay) A small beach just south of Torre Abbey sands, this sand and shingle beach has all the same facilities as Torre Abbey Sands.

Preston Sands (Paignton) A beautiful long sandy beach with easy access but limited parking. Dogs banned, swimming safe with care, cafe, beach shop, deckchair/sunbed hire and beach hut hire.

Paignton Beach (Paignton) Long sandy beach with Paignton Pier at its centre. Easy access, large grassy green adjacent and ample parking nearby. Lots of kiosks and cafes by the beach and amusements on the pier. Dogs are banned, swimming safe with care, toilets, deckchair/sunbed hire and pedaloos.

Goodrington Sands (Paignton) Long sandy beach with Seashore Centre, Quaywest Waterpark, Youngs Park and Inn on the Quay all right behind the beach. Plenty of kiosks, toilets and amusements, swimming safe with care, deckchair and sunbed hire. Dogs allowed on North Sands only. Excellent low tide

Broadsands (Paignton) Long sandy beach, with good access and parking and a large green behind the promenade. Dogs banned, swimming safe with care, cafe, beach shop, (no amusements) deckchair/sunbed hire and beach huts for hire. Pedaloos and boats for hire.

Walking

To the beach -

Turn left at the top of the steps, walk down the road until you come to a flight of steps. Go down these and then turn right for the beach. If you turn left you will follow the path that gives you a great view of Torbay and ends up at the Harbour. If you don't want to use the steps, carry on down the street and then turn left for the beach.

To the Harbour -

Turn right at the top of the steps, walk along the road until you come to a steep corner. Go down the steps. Half way down you will join a path, go right. The last few yards are behind the shops and a bit scruffy.

Taxi

The main company number is 01803 213213. Ask to be picked up from Rivera Mews next to Riviera Mansion, Warren Road. Ask them to phone you when they arrive outside. It is about £4 to the harbour and £5 when you return at night.

Restaurants.

Torquay has about 50 restaurants. Torwood street has 10 or more, all virtually next to each other (Taxi £4/5 each way)

English/French.

Orange Tree Restaurant 14-16 Parkhill Road Torquay TQ1 2AL 01803 213936
(Close to the harbour)

Two course meal around £26. (Taxi £4/5 each way)

Small and intimate. Great staff and meals. Definitely one of my favourite restaurants. Difficult to get a booking!!!

The Cary Arms, Babbacombe |Beach, Torquay TQ1 3LX 01803 327110

A pub and a very good restaurant. This is all about atmosphere. You can sit outside next the sea and have a drink, snacks or a complete meal. Go early, no

later than 7pm to catch the sun set. Two course meal around £26. Taxi £7 each way or arrive by boat from the main harbour.

Pizza Express, 16 the Strand, Torquay. TQ1 2AA 01803 200044

(On the harbour)

Definitely the best Pizzas in town. Two course meal around £10+. Taxi £4/5 each way

The Elephant, 3 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH 01803 200044

(On the harbour)

A stylish cocktail bar and restaurant of high standard. Harbour views.

Two course meal around £35. Taxi £4/5 each way

Thai

Thai Star Restaurant, 21 Vaughan Parade, Torquay TQ1 2BB 01803 297631

(On the harbour) Taxi £4/5 each way

Chinese

Kim Saigon Restaurant 50 Torwood Street, Torquay TQ1 1DT 0180 321 3344

Indian

Simla Spice

Nightlife The harbour side is the focus of Torquay's nightlife. It has a range of late night bars and night clubs.