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SALTY SALCOMBE

Visit Salcombe on one of its typically warm days and you will not be the first person to mistake it for the South of France.

Salcombe's sheltered position on an estuary near Devon's southernmost tip means the pretty little town enjoys a great climate of warm summers and mild winters with tropical plants a familiar site in many gardens.

No wonder the town is a favourite haunt with celebrities such as Alan Titchmarsh, Michael Parkinson, Geri Halliwell, Rod Stewart and Clive Woodward. If you were compiling a list as to why Salcombe is such a popular holiday resort, its lovely harbour and sandy beaches would have to be at the top.

A haven for water sports fans, visitors can learn to sail, windsurf and operate a power boat, canoe, kayak or scuba dive, all in and around the harbour. During the summer the town hosts a series of regattas which are very popular with holidaymakers. The main one, (*Salcombe Town Regatta 14 -20 August 2011*), features daily sailing races and a Battle of Britain Memorial flight is planned on opening day this year.

There are many beaches in and around Salcombe which can be accessed on foot by car or ferry. Among them, North Sands was recommended in the Good Beach Guide 2009 and South Sands is the proud new home of a Blue Flag, which is now flying high above the beach. This prestigious award ranks the beach amongst the best in the world - for water quality, safety and environmental management – and bestows this special pocket of English coastline with the international recognition it deserves!

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Fabulous views across the bay, beautiful green English countryside and picture postcard scenery all combine to make Salcombe a designated area of outstanding beauty. Walkers along the South West coastal path can look out for wild flowers and plants in the hedgerows. They may even be lucky enough to spot rare birds such as Cirl Buntings and Dartford Warblers overhead or seals dolphins and basking sharks in the bay.

Whether you are planning a weekend away or a longer break Salcombe will not disappoint.

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