

Ivy Cottage



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Set amidst tranquil Devon countryside these attractive cottages boast outstanding views over a valley teeming with wildlife and shared enjoyment of an indoor swimming pool and children's pool open all year round and heated to a delightful 30°C. A jacuzzi and sauna offer an opportunity to relax and unwind whatever the season whilst the 8 acres of shared grounds afford plenty of space for gentle strolls and picnics. There is also an all weather tennis court as well as a games room with pool and tennis tables and for children a large safe outdoor play area.

North Hill Cottages sit within a short drive of Devon's famous golden coast – miles of sandy beaches at Woolacombe Croyde Putsborough Westward Ho! and Saunton. These glorious beaches are a paradise for surfers of all ability levels with boards wetsuits and expert tuition available at most locations.

Just 3 miles away is Barnstaple north Devon's ancient capital whose charming blend of old and new combines a fascinating glimpse of times gone by with exciting browsing in the indoor Green Lane shopping centre its Pannier Market and its theatre which is the centre point of the annual North Devon Festival. At the railway station one can pick up the famous traffic free Tarka Trail and bicycle hire is available from Fremington Quay just up river. Close by is Bideford a historic fishing port and market town with steep narrow medieval streets and a busy quay from where visitors can enjoy a two hour boat trip to Lundy Island. Also within easy reach is Braunton nature reserve a beautiful 'lunar landscape' wilderness of sand dunes noted for its rare and exotic plants.

Within easy reach are the glories of Exmoor National Park – among its numerous attractions are the charming coastal resorts of Lynton and Lynmouth linked by a unique water-powered funicular cliff railway; the National Trust's mesmerising Watersmeet – a woodland gorge with beautiful walks where the East Lyn River meets Hoar Oak Water; Badgeworthy Water – the supposed hideout of the notorious 'Doone' family; Dunkery Hill – at 1705 ft the highest point of the moor; and the ever popular of Minehead – a traditional seaside resort and the start of the West Somerset Railway. There are splendid National Trust properties at Arlington Court Dunster Castle and Knightshayes Court.

This is wonderful walking country too. Magnificent views can be savoured amidst the tantalising beauty of

