

# Rose Cottage

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The locality has a wonderful array of visitor attractions and places of interest – Abbotsbury Swannery is within easy driving distance as are Montacute House and Barrington Court (both N.T.). The West Dorset Heritage (Jurassic) Coast lies 10 miles away offering superb walking with breathtaking views as well as opportunities for fossil hunting. Coastal towns and villages invite exploration – pretty Lyme Regis with its famous Cobb Charmouth Chiddeock Eype and Bridport with its lively street market. And in nearby Devon Branscombe Beer and Sidmouth's Regency promenade are well worth a visit.

Local produce can be sourced at great farm shops and farmers' markets and there are many fine pubs and restaurants to choose from – the establishments of celebrity chefs Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall Mark Hix Mat Follas and Phil Vickery are particularly popular. Village shops and pubs ¼ mile.

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