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Getting to the New Forest couldn't be easier with the fantastic ferry, rail and bus links from London, Bournemouth, Isle of Wight Southampton and Salisbury. But the journey, and fun, really starts once you've arrived. Experience the rich open countryside, beautiful coastline and historic villages on the open-top New Forest Tour and enjoy all that the New Forest National Park has to offer.

With a choice of three routes (red. green or blue), which run daily from June to September, you can hop on and on the blue route to the beautiful off wherever you like, catch the next Tour or switch between routes – all on the same ticket! There's even free travel to the Tour on local buses and the you go! Hythe ferry! You can decide where to

pick it up and on which route to take, but let's start in the coastal southwest beaches of Barton-on-Sea. Milford-on-Sea and the nature reserve at Keyhaven. So pack your bucket and spade and off

# Morning

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seaside adventure is New Milton and a range of shops for those last minute beach provisions. With your flip flops on and beach day by the sea.

Step onto the lively beach of fossil hunting in the beds of the cliffs, and set the children a

plants, shells and sharks' teeth they can find. The fossils of the Barton Clay are nothing less than kids, and you, busy for many an hour. On a windy day, fly a kite or plus incredible views to the for outdoor explorers. A trip to the coast wouldn't be complete the Isle of Wight. is a Burley ice cream – a real taste

## A walking wonderland

For those who want to take in the fresh. salty air. take one of the cliff top walks. You will take lighthouse, Hurst Castle and across the Solent to the chalk Needles and the western tip of



## Lunchtime

### Settle at the Smugglers

After a bracing morning on the cliff tops of Barton, you'll be wanting to feed your little explorers. Head for the rustic charm of the Smugglers Inn with its large garden, tranquil stream and great play area. Settle down for a relaxing lunch of home cooked fayre and a pint of real ale.



## Afternoon

## Adventure awaits

For the afternoon, it's all about adventure of varying degrees. Jump back on the blue route and head for the natural beauty of Milford-on-Sea perched on the dramatic sandstone cliffs. The long shingle beach lined with colourful beach huts lends itself to a traditional seaside feel but it's also a playground for the brave with kite surfing or sailing.

The village, despite being small, is a hive of activity and hosts a great range of guaint shops, tea shops, pubs, restaurants, bistros and cafés and is the perfect place to watch the glorious sunset. Wander through the village, down to the seaside and walk along the cliff-top path to take a boat trip from the pretty harbour of Keyhaven to Hurst Castle where the children can discover the history of the house and the military museum within it.

Milford-on-Sea is THE destination for food so before you head home, enjoy a family supper here and chat about the day's adventures. From an award winning fish restaurant, contemporary British dining, classic French, Indian, Italian & Thai food to traditional pub grub, there's something for everyone!

After an exhilarating ride along the coast, the blue route heads to the waterside market town of Lymington where you can connect to Bournemouth, Christchurch or catch the Wightlink ferry. Alternatively, stay on board and continue full circle to New Milton via Brockenhurst and the spell-binding village of Burley. Unfortunately you will have run out of time to discover these today but the audio guided commentary on board will bring this part of the New Forest to life and entice you to come back again!



