



Destinations

Travel search site Skyscanner has launched a new site (www.skyscanner.net/holidays) which brings holiday offerings of more than 20 leading suppliers together. Users can search from 35 million holidays worldwide, from all key departure points in the UK. They can search by destination, duration or holiday type and can compare holiday options by price, board basis, hotel and star rating.

Visitors to Exmoor between Friday October 2 and Sunday October 11 will be able to experience a taste of the very best in local produce at the eighth Exmoor Food Festival. For more details and booking information visit

www.exmoorfoodfestival.co.uk or call the Minehead Visitor Information Centre on 01643 702 624. Details about other things to see and do around Exmoor and places to stay can be found at www.exmoor.com

A number of discounted luxury self-catering properties are still available in the Dartmouth area from Blue Chip Vacations (www.bluechipvacations.com; 01803 855282) for anyone wanting to visit the Royal Dartmouth Regatta (August 27-29). They

include The Old Bakehouse (sleeps 14) which is now available for £3,519 (was £4,519) for the week of August 28-September 4.

Cotswold House Hotel, the Regency townhouse-turned-boutique hotel in the Cotswolds village of Chipping Campden, has announced its new spa will open before Christmas. To find out more, visit www.cotswoldhouse.com

Woolacombe beach in north Devon offers three miles of glorious Blue Flag golden sands, perfect for surfing and ideal for beginners.

Holiday Rentals have a stunning elevated two-bedroom house with breathtaking views along Woolacombe Beach to

Putsborough and Baggy Point for rent from £430 to £990 per week. More details: www.holiday-rentals.co.uk/p420279

One Off Places, the holiday rentals website launched 18 months ago, has listed its 500th property. It's a restored Cumbrian chapel where, for less than £200 per person per week, you can enjoy an indoor hot tub, an infra-red sauna and a Scandinavian barbecue with reindeer skin seating. More details: www.oneoffplaces.co.uk; 01494 881196.

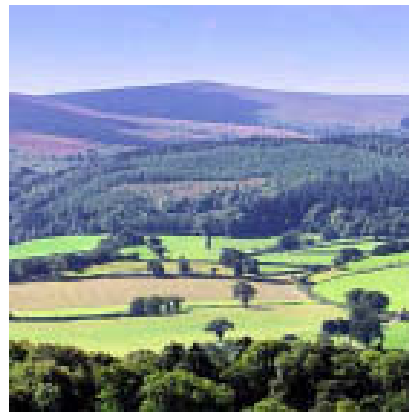
Calcot Manor's 25th anniversary year gathers

pace this autumn with the 35-bedroom hotel near Tetbury, lining up a lively diary of events from "meet-the-author" lunches to gourmet dinners and personal make-over workshops. For more details, contact: Deborah Whitfield on 01666 890391 or email: reception@calcotmanor.co.uk

Visit Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire this Halloween half-term (October 24-November 1) for some spooky goings-on, with a ghost trail, face-painting, pumpkin carving and family tours of the Palace's State Rooms - where you can meet the ghosts of the Palace's intriguing past. More details: www.blenheimpalace.com



Wet and wild: Woolacombe



Get away: Enjoy Exmoor and its festival



Scary thought: Blenheim Palace has Halloween fun