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Over 120 pubs and bars across the Isle of Wight

YOUR HOLIDAY STARTS HERE PUB GUIDE TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT

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WELCOME TO YOUR IW PUB GUIDE

The humble, local pub is a great British Institution...

A place to come together with family and friends, pubs are the centre of communities the country over, and the Island boasts more than its fair share.

There are olde worlde pubs with beams and roaring log fires, inns in superb coastal locations providing a breath of sea air and pubs with outdoor play areas and gardens. There are also plenty of stylish and contemporary bars on the Island providing a relaxed atmosphere. Whether you are in search of real ales or fine wines, looking for hearty traditional pub grub or more contemporary cuisine, the Isle of Wight has a venue to suit your taste. Blessed with some of the most beautiful locations on the south coast, you can enjoy a cold glass of wine in the summer overlooking the sea or cosy up by a fire with a winter warmer in a snug bar.

The pubs and bars are kept well-stocked by the local breweries, vineyards and a distillery that provide some excellent quality tipples. Many pubs source their produce locally- try fresh seafood, farm reared meats and fruit and veg grown in our fertile soils.

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PUBS FOR DOG FRIENDLY

For more four-legged friendly pubs, check out visitisleofwight.co.uk

The Three Bishops: With plenty of space in and out of this beautiful country pub set in the heart of picturesque Brighstone village, the pooch will be very happy. There are plenty of dog walks nearby and then you can relax with a pint of real ale.

Kynges Well: At this Brading pub you will certainly find a few pub dogs. Doggie biscuits sit alongside bar snacks, but we doubt you will have anything leftover to take home in a doggie bag; the food here is delicious.

The Pilot Boat: A popular pit-stop in Bembridge, The Pilot Boat welcomes everyone including your four-legged friends. If it's a sea dog you are bringing, they also run a water taxi service direct from the marina.

The Sun Inn: The Sun Inn, Hulverstone are such dog lovers, they offer a special dogs menu! Set in the perfect spot for a country walk, your canine pal won't feel left out. For posing pooches, upload your doggie selfie to their Facebook page.

The Wheatsheaf: After an adventure in Bouldner Forest, The Wheatsheaf Inn in Yarmouth makes the ideal rest stop. Catering for everyone, including the pup, try their seasonal dishes or a legendary 'Fat Shaun' burger.

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PUBS FOR WALKERS

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The Highdown Inn: Set in the heart of Totland, The Highdown Inn welcomes walkers from the many coastal and scenic footpaths nearby. Noted for their seafood, extensive wine and ale list, to enjoy in their sunny beer garden.

The Wight Mouse: Set in the historic town of Chale off the famous Military Road, The Wight Mouse offers a welcome stop for walkers and cyclists exploring the south of the Island. Soak up the views in the large garden and enjoy a hearty meal.

The Fishbourne: Set yards from the waterside and sat on the walking route between Ryde and Cowes where you take in the ruins of Quarr Abbey. Local produce is key with seasonal dishes and daily changing specials.

The Pointer Inn: A favourite with walkers, a walk around here can take in Borthwood, Alverstone and the pretty town of Newchurch. Offering home cooked food using predominantly local produce, plus a sunny beer garden.

The Folly Inn: A walk along the River Medina from Newport Harbour takes you to The Folly in Whippingham. The pub attracts a number of yachts and motorboats and is a great place to stop and refuel.

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PUBS WITH COASTAL VIEWS

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The Culver Haven Inn: This pub has some of the best views on the Island. Set atop of Culver Cliff, there are far reaching views to Bembridge and Ryde as well as Sandown and Shanklin. Bag a table by the window and you will be there all day.

The Spyglass Inn: The Spyglass is popular for its food and live music, but above all, its location. Set right on the beach at Ventnor, you can while away the hours on the sun terrace - just watch out for high breaking waves!

The Woodvale: Gurnard is one of the best spots to enjoy an Isle of Wight sunset. Set just back from the water, backdropped by a row of pretty beach huts, you can watch the sun go down with a glass of something nice.

The Waterfront: Enjoy far reaching views across the English Channel from the outdoor terrace in Shanklin. A free house offering a wide selection of ales, lagers, wines and spirits, together with a straightforward, homely menu.

The Old Fort Inn: Sit and watch the boats bobbing along at Seaview. If the sun is shining, then make the most of its outdoor seating area. The menu includes homemade specials, all made more tasty by the proximity to the water.

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PUBS FOR THE FOODIES

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The Taverners: The Taverners in Godshell is renowned for their use of local produce with much grown in their garden. They are famous for their pies, especially their lemon meringue. Visit their shop where you can pick up local items and kitchenalia.

The Red Lion: Winner of the Isle of Wight Dining Pub of the Year on three separate occasions, The Red Lion, in Freshwater are definitely doing something right. They use the best local fish, meat and vegetables and have an extensive herb garden.

The Bugle: Being a stone's throw from the harbour, you can regularly see local fishermen delivering their catch of the day to The Bugle in Yarmouth. The main menu features traditional hearty fare all cooked fresh to order.

The Boathouse: Recipients of AA Dining awards every year since 2010, The Boathouse in Seaview offers quality dining matched with superb ales and an extensive wine selection. Local ingredients are used wherever possible.

The Wheatsheaf Hotel: There are plenty of options when dining at The Wheatsheaf Hotel in Newport. Try the relaxed and informal pub menu or for special occasions, the in-house brasserie is a fine dining restaurant in the heart of St. Thomas Square.

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TRADITIONAL DRINKING PUBS

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Cowes Ale House: As the name suggests, Cowes Ale House is where ale is key. Expect a pub of a bygone age, small and intimate, whilst being able to have a drink and eat high quality locally sourced pub pies, rolls and sandwiches.

The White Horse Inn: Reputed to be one of the oldest pubs in England, let alone the Isle of Wight, being first recorded as a public house in Whitwell in 1454. The real ale change regularly and there's normally at least three to choose from.

The Village Inn: Set in the heart of Shanklin Old Village, The Village Inn has an olde worlde charm, thanks to its pretty thatched roof, flagstone floors and cosy interior. A perfect pit-stop for a pint of ale or a glass of wine.

The Crown: Built in Ryde in the early 1800s, The Crown retains much of its Georgian charm. A firm favourite with sports fans, screening many live events. They serve nine different draft lagers, quality wines and a good selection of real ales.

The Waverley: Nestled in an enviable position with far reaching views of Carisbrooke Castle, offering real ale hand-pulled from its Victorian cellar and a fantastic wine list featuring wines from nine different countries.

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PUBS FOR THE FAMILY

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Fisherman's Cottage: Kids will love the safe, sandy beach right in front of this unique thatched pub, situated at the foot of Shanklin Chine. Enjoy beautiful views across the English Channel, relax and unwind. Don't forget your bucket and spade!

The Horse & Groom: You might not be able to peel the kids away from 'The Paddock' at The Horse & Groom in Ningwood - complete with a bouncy castle, football, crazy golf, tyre trails and loads more, they will never want to leave.

The Bugle Inn: An excellent mixture of entertainment, food and drink awaits at The Bugle in Brading. Children will be kept amused with the large outdoor play park and enjoy their own menu packed with tasty (and healthy) dishes.

The Dairyman's Daughter: Sitting at the heart of Arreton Barns, the Island's largest centre for arts and crafts, so families are well catered for with a penny arcade, craft workshops and a tasty selection of home-cooked food.

The Lifeboat Inn: Watch the boats bobbing and sailing by from the terrace at The Lifeboat Inn sitting above East Cowes Marina. Treat the kids to a tasty treat off the menu with healthy options that parents will love.

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BOUTIQUE BARS

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The Wight Rock Bar: If live music is your thing then The Wight Rock Bar in Ryde is a must-visit. Playing current rock to 60's swing, comedy and burlesque. This cellar bar is quirky and located right in the heart of Ryde.

The Blacksheep Bar: A stylish café bar in Ryde with a lively and vibrant atmosphere. By day a relaxed café bar and by night, a popular club where you can enjoy killer cocktails and the best music and fun around the town!

The Ale & Oyster: Located on Ventnor Esplanade with wonderful views across Ventnor Bay. Bridging the gap between pub and wine bar, here you can relax and enjoy a selection of real ales, lagers, fine wines and non-alcoholic drinks.

Coburgs: Once visited by Queen Victoria and her royal entourage, this Ryde venue boasts a late-licence front bar and a large music venue & bar. With live music every week, big name bands, DJ sets and comedy nights.

The Wren's Nest: Situated in Newport, with BT Sports, real ale and great atmosphere. Watch out for the themed nights, or just enjoy a drink or two. If the sun is shining, then the courtyard garden is a real sun trap.

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