

Oxford College of English

English Riviera Agatha Christie Festival Programme for adults:

Sunday 10 September	Arrive Torquay INTRODUCTION TO HOST FAMILIES and an opportunity to settle into the English 'way of life'
Monday 11 September	08:55 Lessons at 61 Abbey Road, Torquay TQ2 5NN 09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 ASSESSMENT TEST & LESSONS Afternoon activities: TALK ABOUT AGATHA CHRISTIE, her life and her novels. GUIDED WALKING TOUR of Torquay town centre, harbour and beach area. After the tour you will be able to take-in the holiday atmosphere of a busy seaside town, walk along the beach promenade and explore the town. <i>Optional</i> Cream Tea at The Grand Hotel.
Tuesday 12 September	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Afternoon Activity: Boat trip across Torbay to the picturesque fishing village of BRIXHAM; the best place to try cockles and mussels. Evening Activity: 20:30 Social evening at THE HOLE IN THE WALL, one of the oldest and best pubs in Torquay!
Wednesday 13 September	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Afternoon Activity: Visit to GREENWAYS, the home of Agatha Christie, by steam train and bus.
Thursday 14 September	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Afternoon Activity: Visit to TORQUAY MUSEUM including the special AGATHA CHRISTIE exhibition. Evening Activity: Theatre Visit
Friday 15 September	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS. Free afternoon in Torquay. There are some <i>optional</i> events available to celebrate Agatha Christie's Birthday
Saturday 16 September	Full day excursion to PLYMOUTH. The Barbican, The Hoe, City Centre. Visit to The National Marine Aquarium, Mayflower Steps and a boat trip- Plymouth Harbour and River Tamar
Sunday 17 September	Free day to relax, go for a stroll on the beach, spend time with your host family or simply, to use an English expression, do your own thing! There are also a number of <i>optional</i> trips and activities available such as a boat trip up the River Dart to Dartmouth, a visit to Kents Cavern or Paignton Zoo.
Monday 18 September	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Visit to BYGONES MUSEUM in St. Mary Church followed by a walk on Babbacombe Downs with an option to walk or take the Babbacombe Cliff Funicular Railway to Oddicombe Beach
Tuesday 19 September	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Afternoon Activity: Excursion to the Roman City of EXETER, one of the oldest cities in England. It is the county town of Devon and situated on the river Exe. There is plenty to see, and we suggest you visit the famous Cathedral and the old harbour area Evening Activity: You are invited for traditional English Fish & Chips! Followed by an <i>optional</i> visit to a local pub. Remember to let your host family know that you will not be home for dinner!
Wednesday 20 September	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Afternoon Activity: Visit to TORRE ABBEY followed by an option to go swimming at The English Riviera Centre or try 'Pitch and Put' a simplified game of 9-hole golf!
Thursday 21 September	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Afternoon Activity: Walk to the village of COCKINGTON. <i>Optional</i> traditional 'Devon Cream Tea'. This picture-postcard medieval village has thatched cottages, an historic forge, lakes and woods. Don't forget your camera; this is one of the most photographed places in the country! Evening Activity: 20:30 Social evening at THE HOLE IN THE WALL PUB
Friday 22 September	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Presentation of Certificates Afternoon: Free afternoon for last minute shopping
Saturday 23 September	Depart Torquay

Note: This is the **English Riviera Agatha Christie Festival Programme** for adult visitors.

We may need to make some small changes for organisational reasons or in the event of bad weather. But the one thing we do guarantee, is that you that you will have a fantastic and very interesting time in Torquay. The *optional* trips are not included in the course fees and will not normally be supervised by your group leader. However, we will be pleased to provide information about booking and local transportation.