English Riviera and Surrounding Area - Events - 2026

Festival/Event	Dates	Location	Details	More Information
Bike and Trike Show	12 Apr	Lupton House, Brixham	Get ready for a cracking day out with the biker community! Bikes and trikes, competitions, live music and great food.	https://discoverlupton.com/event/bike-trike-show-at-lupton-house-2/
Pirate Festival	2 - 4 May	Brixham	A swashbuckling mix of piratical fun and entertainment! The Pirate Festival is an annual gathering of the worlds most infamous pirates and lowly scallywags.	https://www.brixhampiratesfestival.com/ https://www.facebook.com/BrixhamPirateFest
Dartmouth Music Festival	15 - 17 May	Dartmouth	The Dart Music Festival is an annual music event over three days. There are over 100 acts performing in over 20 closely sited town venues.	https://www.dartmusicfestival.co.uk/
Devon County Show	21 - 23 May	Westpoint, Clyst St Mary, Exeter	The county is revealed in all its glory! The best of food, farming and entertainment.	https://devoncountyshow.co.uk/
Brixham Heritage Regatta	22 - 24 May	Brixham	A celebration of vessels from a bygone era.	http://www.brixhamheritageregatta.uk/
English Riviera UNESCO Global Geopark Festival	23 - 30 May	All around Torbay	A celebration of the international significance of the area's Geopark status, with a range of events and activities right across the Bay. The programme of events includes walking tours, sustainability events, creative and nature based activities both on and off the water.	https://www.englishriviera.co.uk/whats-on/english-riviera-unesco-global-geopark-festival-p3117323
English Riviera Airshow	29 - 31 May	Paignton Green	Military and civilian airshow performers will soar through the skies over Torbay.	https://englishrivieraairshow.co.uk/
English Riviera Walking Festival	6 - 21 Jun	All around Torbay	The Walking Festivals offer over 20 coastal walks led by experienced local guides, who will take you on fascinating journeys.	https://rivierawalking.co.uk/
Torbay Pride	13 Jun	Torre Abbey Meadows	Live music, food, bars and market stalls. Plus the little surprises that make Torbay Pride "The Pride of the English Riviera"	https://www.facebook.com/events/852974286237977/
Brixham Trawler Event	20 Jun	Brixham Harbour	It's back! The Port of Brixham Trawler Event sees the fleet of fishing boats dressed up in bunting taking a lap of Torbay. The impressive spectacle will be raising funds for the Fishermen's Mission. Spectate from afloat on a passenger boat, or from the Breakwater.	https://www.englishriviera.co.uk/whats-on/brixham-trawler-race-p636893
Galmpton Gooseberry Pie Fair	6 Jul	Galmpton Village, Brixham	The Gooseberry Pie Fair is a village fair with a lot of history, dating back over 150 years. The tradition is it is held on the first Sunday of July hence its on or around American Independence Day & why the American naval attaché is in attendance.	https://www.facebook.com/galmptongooseberrypiefair/
Torbay Dinghy Regatta	11 - 12 Jul	Royal Torbay Yacht Club, Torquay	There will be approximately 50 sailing vessels of differing classes competing each day, departing from Torquay Harbour. Two Days of Racing at one of the UK's Finest Sailing Venues, with Fast and Easy Access to the Sailing Waters.	https://www.englishriviera.co.uk/whats-on/torbay-dinghy-regatta-p1613923
Brixham Art Society Summer Exhibition	25 Jul - 3 Aug	Scala Hall, Brixham	An enchanting display from local artists, featuring a diverse range of original paintings, drawings and prints. All for sale. Free entry.	https://www.brixhamartsociety.co.uk/
Riviera Classic Car Show	26 Jul	Paignton Seafront	Hundreds of vehicles through the ages with a sprinkling of the exotic and quirky. Stage entertainment, food, licensed bar all on site.	https://www.towc.club/riviera-classic-car-show
Torbay Steam Fair	31 Jul - 2 Aug	Churston Ferrers, Brixham	Steam working and vintage gathering - steam demonstrations, traction engines, vintage cars, commercials, motorbikes, military tractors, stationary engines, fairground rides and more!	https://www.englishriviera.co.uk/whats-on/torbay-steam-fair-p200613
RNLI Search & Rescue demonstrations	8 Aug	Brixham Harbour Area	RNLI Search & Rescue demonstrations in Brixham harbour 1:30-2:30pm followed by an Open Boat - an opportunity to visit the All-Weather Lifeboat between 3pm and 5pm.	https://www.facebook.com/events/brixham-harbour/search-and-rescue-demonstrations-in-brixham-harbour/3327565704082283/
Sardine Festival	9 Aug	Brixham Harbour Area	Expect grills, music, entertainment and rows of tables lining the Harbourside. This is a free event for everyone to enjoy! Sardines and drinks will be available!	https://sardinefestival.co.uk/
Babbacombe Fayre	9 Aug	Babbacombe Downs	An exciting packed programme of attractions including stalls, activities, live entertainment and a fun dog show, as well as food and refreshments.	https://www.englishriviera.co.uk/whats-on/babbacombe-fayre-p1590123
Lupton House Music Festival	15 Aug	Lupton House, Brixham	An evening of top tribute bands : The event includes music from fantastic artists: U2 UK, Tina Turner Experience, Bon Giovi, and Dan Budd as Robbie Williams.	https://discoverlupton.com/events/
Childrens Week	18 - 22 Aug	Paignton Seafront	Welcome to a free week of fun for ALL Kids both young and old. Most local residents and visitors alike have grown up with this week of free entertainment on Paignton seafront.	https://childrensweek.co.uk/
StormFest 160	22 Aug	Old Coastguard House, Kings Quay	Come and join the RNLI for some great food and music! - 1100 - 2200	https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/events/2026/august/stormfest-160
Torbay Royal Regatta	21 - 24 Aug	Torquay	One of the premiere sailing regattas in the South West, the event remains as popular as ever and this year promises to be another great occasion with over a 100 yachts and dinghies expected.	https://www.visitdevon.co.uk/event/torbay-royal-regatta/334873301/
Fun Day and Family Dog Show	23 Aug	Young's Park, Goodrington	Stalls, entertainment from local Youth Groups etc and a Family Dog Show. 1100-1600	https://www.paigntonlions.org.uk/events/lionsfunday.html
Dartmouth Royal Regatta	27 - 29 Aug	Dartmouth	The Regatta is based around a programme of rowing and sailing events, but also incorporates a busy programme of activities, fireworks, a large fair, and many other smaller events that happen in and around the town.	https://www.dartmouthregatta.co.uk/
Marldon Apple Pie Fair	5 Sep	The Village Green, Marldon, Paignton	Events throughout the afternoon include local arts, crafts and food stands, falconry displays, games and even a novelty dog show!	https://www.facebook.com/Marldonapplepiefair/
Brixham Heritage Rally	12 Sep	Brixham	An open meeting for classic boats and boats over 30 years old.	http://www.brixhamheritageregatta.uk/Rally%20Event%20Home.htm
The Agatha Christie Festival	12 - 20 Sep	Torre Abbey	9 days, packed with expert speakers and other features, the festival will celebrate Agatha Christie and her astonishingly rich and diverse legacy.	http://www.iacf-uk.org/
Abbfest	18 - 20 Sep	Fermoy's Garden Centre, Ipplepen, Newton Abbot	Beer, food and drink festival that aims to raise money for local charities.	https://abbfest.org/
England's Seafood Feast	21 Sep - 4 Oct	All around Torbay	Some of the best seafood in the world. You can enjoy a whole range of locally landed and caught fish and seafood at over 30 eateries across Brixham, Paignton and Torquay.	https://www.englishriviera.co.uk/whats-on/featured-events/seafood-feast
Dartmouth Food Festival	23 - 25 Oct	Dartmouth	With street entertainers, food and drink stalls and cooking contests to enter, cooking demonstrations and classes.	https://www.dartmouthfoodfestival.com/
Lanterns, Lights & 'luminations	20 - 21 Nov	Brixham (Harbour area)	Brixham will celebrate its Christmas Lights Switch on with a 'Lanterns, Lights and 'luminations' parade, fireworks and much more.	https://www.englishriviera.co.uk/whats-on/lanterns-lights-and-luminations-p1453303
Bay of Lights	28 Nov - 3 Jan	All around Torbay	The Bay of Lights is a fantastic FREE winter event that lights up the towns of Torquay, Paignton and Brixham.	https://www.englishriviera.co.uk/whats-on/featured-events/bay-of-lights
Walk into the Sea	26 Dec	Paignton Beach	Hundreds of fundraisers don optional fancy dress and at the starter's command swiftly walk into the chilly waters of the English Channel where fun and frivolity begin.	https://www.paigntonlions.org.uk/events/lionswalkinthesea.html

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