

SECRET SOMERSET & EXMOOR

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EAST QUAY, WATCHET, SOMERSET, TA23 0AQ

SECRET 24: ENJOY THE BEST LOCAL ART IN CONVERTED SHIPPING CONTAINERS!

From the Bakelite head to Watchet (10min drive), park in any of the car parks, and walk down to the Quayside. Contains Art is an arts venue on the quayside of the small harbour town. It opened in 2013, following months of planning and a final five weeks of hard work, by a largely volunteer workforce, to convert three shipping containers into a smart gallery space and four bright, comfortable working studios. The gallery is open from 11am to 4pm on Saturdays.

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COLERIDGE COTTAGE, NETHER STOWEY TA5 1NQ

SECRET 19: ROMANCE THE SPIRIT BY SHARING THE SPACE THAT INSPIRED COLERIDGE

Visit the home of one of our most famous romantic poets, Samuel Taylor Coleridge. He lived for three years in Nether Stowey, during which time he wrote some of his most famous work. With his friend William Wordsworth, who lived for a time close by at Alfoxton Park, he walked in and took inspiration from Exmoor and the Quantock Hills. The 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner' was inspired by a trip to Watchet. Today you can visit his cottage or walk part or all of the 51 mile Coleridge Way between Nether Stowey and Lynmouth.

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BAKELITE MUSEUM, WILLITON TA4 4NS

SECRET 14: BE AMAZED BY THE WORLD'S GREATEST COLLECTION OF BAKELITE

The world-famous Bakelite Museum is a unique collection of ordinary and extraordinary objects from the Swinging Sixties to the Naughty Nineties all housed in an 18th Century Watermill. It includes thousands of items that were used in homes and workplaces throughout the country from the early 1900s onwards - things made of Bakelite and other early plastics in fabulous colours and patterns. From a Bakelite car to a caravan in the shape of an egg, there are plenty of Bakelite wonders to feast your eyes on.

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PORLOCK WEIR TA24 8PB

SECRET 18: TRY FRESH OYSTERS FARMED HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 120 YEARS

A group called Porlock Futures started a project in 2013 to grow and sell shellfish in Porlock Bay. Reviving the ancient tradition, the community have come together to help fund the project and grow oysters for the first time in 120 years. You can taste the local produce in season at The Cafe at Porlock Weir and other local restaurants that are listed on www.porlockbayoysters.co.uk/news/.

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CULTURE ITINERARY

DAY 1

Immerse yourself in the rich culture that Somerset has to offer with this two day itinerary. Peruse a world class gallery, explore the home of famous poets and taste delicious local produce steeped in tradition. Be inspired with this great collection of secrets full of interesting and unusual items to discover. For more information on each secret, including access, please take a look at the website www.secretsomerset.uk and use the checklist map.



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**ROXY CINEMA, 36 HIGH STREET, AXBRIDGE
BS26 2AF**

**SECRET 25: REVEL IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF ONE OF THE
SMALLEST CINEMAS**

Visit the smallest cinema in Somerset with only 32 seats - a great atmospheric venue to view films, live music and even stand up comedy. The cinema has been going nine years and is thought to be one of the UK's smallest working cinemas.



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HAUSER & WIRTH GALLERY, BRUTON BA10 0NL

**SECRET 16: EXPERIENCE ART, ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE
IN ONE WORLD-CLASS GALLERY**

Centred on a core belief in conservation, education and sustainability, Hauser & Wirth Somerset offers a wide variety of special events including talks, seminars, workshops and screenings. Head here for a culture-filled day out in beautiful surroundings, finished off with a delicious bite to eat at the on-site restaurant, the Roth Bar & Grill.

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KILVER COURT, NEAR SHEPTON MALLET BA4 5NF

**SECRET 23: UNCOVER A SECRET GARDEN WITH
AN INDUSTRIAL PAST**

Explore the many stunning secret gardens hidden in the heart of Somerset. One, Kilver Court was created over 100 years ago by Ernest Jardine, a progressive industrialist, who wanted to give his workforce inspirational working conditions. Wander through the rockeries, millpond and herbaceous borders for a truly peaceful day out. Nature lovers can discover more hidden gardens at Hestercombe gardens and East Lambrook.

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