

Sky High SOUTH DEVON COAST

Photography by Jason Hawkes

In this book we are taken on an aerial journey along the South Devon coast starting at Plymouth and heading east for some 115 miles (184km) where we reach the Dorset border. All along the coast are echoes of Devon's proud maritime heritage, anchorages from where the Pilgrim Fathers last set foot on English soil and from whence the likes of Raleigh, Drake and Hawkins sailed out to fame and fortune. The mouths of the rivers Plym, Dart and Exe were also the routes through which Britain grew to one of the greatest trading nations the world has ever seen.

The coast is famous for its safe harbours around which, from ancient times, little communities established themselves. It is towards this shore that most of Devon's rivers run, creating deep tidal valleys. These days some of the most desirable and expensive homes in Britain are to be found here. And where fishing boats once tied up alongside granite harbour walls, yachts now lay up at pontoons or rock gently at vast marinas.

The South Devon coastline provides the means for thousands to enjoy leisure pursuits. The South West Coast Path follows the cliff edge for most of its route through South Devon, while sandy beaches are thronged in summer months providing safe bathing, in most places, while easy access provides a chance to explore harbourside towns and villages.

This little book is the perfect memento for those who wish to take a little bit of Devon home with them.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jason Hawkes is one of the country's best-known photographers specialising in aerial photography. From his base near London he travels worldwide to produce images for books, advertising and design. Since 1991 he has provided photographs for major international companies including Nike, HSBC, Ford, Rolex, Toyota and BP. The images in this book and the sister publications in the series were specially commissioned by Halsgrove.

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The Cattewater and the River Plym.



Budleigh Salterton looking west.



Kingswear lies on the River Dart, opposite Dartmouth.



Famous Burgh Island faces Bigbury on the mainland.



Sunny summer weather at Sidmouth.
Left: The view westward from above Budleigh Salterton.

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