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# Relaxation



There are two ways to relax at The Grand Hotel. The sedentary way is to sit and watch the world go by from the comfortable confines of the Compass Lounge or dream it away on a sun lounger by the pool. The other way is to get a bit physical and make full use of

the hotel's indoor leisure suite, including pool, Jacuzzi, gym, sauna and sun shower or head outdoors to the hard court private tennis court. Either way the end result will be the same – contentment from enjoying some down time and forgetting about daily stresses and strains!



At the end of the day, bedrooms become important personal spaces and The Grand's rooms are all comfortably furnished with a choice of feather or foam pillows, hospitality trays, remote control colour TV with satellite channels, clock radio, direct dial telephone and modem and hairdryer as standard. The hotel has 132

bedrooms offering a selection of rooms, ranging from one and two bedroom suites, family-size triple rooms, double, twin and single rooms. Rooms are available with and without sea views. The Select and Premier rooms, which are the most spacious rooms, also offer thoughtful extras such as fluffy bathrobes and basic toiletries.



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# Quality



Quality is the keyword at The Grand Hotel, reflected not only in the standard of service delivered by a professional team of staff but also in the surroundings. Much care has been taken with interior design to ensure a modern feel that harmonises with the Art Deco and Victorian characteristics of the building.

The Compass Bar and Lounge offers plenty of comfortable seating in a spacious and airy environment, with floor to ceiling windows



that take full advantage of the sea views over Torbay. For those preferring more intimate surroundings, the Library area adjoining the Lounge offers an elegant, tranquil spot to sit and catch up on some reading or post card writing. Wi-fi is now freely available throughout the ground floor of the hotel.

In summer the doors are open to an equally spacious terrace area looking over the Grand's outdoor swimming pool to sea. The atmosphere is both vibrant and relaxing whether you are enjoying morning coffee, afternoon tea, lunch, a beverage or just catching up with friends or meeting colleagues. In winter, a fire burns cheerily in the lounge's ornate antique fireplace – a welcoming aspect on chilly days that adds further to a year round ambient atmosphere.



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# *Fine Dining*



All Richardson Hotels provide quality food and here at the Grand we are no different. The menus are seasonal and there is a choice of menus with a daily changing Table d'Hote or A La Carte. Sunday Lunch is especially popular with the locals, so be sure to book in advance. The Grand hotel holds an AA Rosette award for good food

For those who prefer lighter fare, the Compass Bar and Lounge offers a varied lunch menu and a lighter evening menu as well as a delicious array of homemade cakes and pastries.



Breakfast at The Grand is a real treat with an extensive buffet offering the most tantalising continental breakfast or full English breakfast. A separate menu caters for breakfast treats such as scrambled eggs and smoked salmon, smoked haddock poached in milk and kippers. All of the breads, Danish pastries, croissants and other baked goods are freshly homemade each day in the hotel's own bakery.

In addition to a varied selection of cakes, breads and pastries the bakery also makes all of its own petit fours and speciality sweets such as the gift boxes of fudge available at reception and which are sold almost as soon as they arrive!

The Grand has a number of function and meeting rooms and is very popular as a wedding venue.



## Welcome to the heart of the English Riviera

Torquay has long been a popular year round destination – partly because of its temperate, more forgiving climate and partly because it is such a good base from which to visit an excellent selection of attractions and sights.

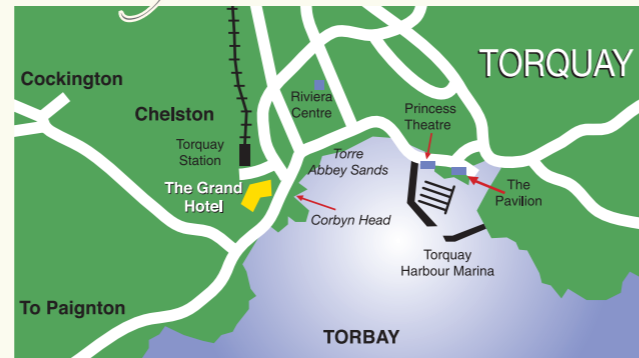
Cockington Village, in the heart of Torquay is a delightful, quaint and unexpected surprise. So too are the wooded hills and lake that surround it. Agatha Christie drew much inspiration for her writing, having lived and worked in Torquay as well as enjoying her honeymoon at The Grand. Visitors can now follow their own mystery trail around the town centre. The Living Coasts, with its colony of penguins will entrance children as will Paignton Zoo, Kents Cavern, Babbacombe Model Village and the Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway.

Shoppers are well catered for in the town centre and you can even experience how people used to shop in Bygone's life size Victorian street. Dartington Crystal is also within easy driving distance of the hotel for those special gifts.

The Torbay area has lots of events during the summer season with Torquay, Paignton and Brixham all having their own regattas as well as trawler races and a host of other waterborn events. There is a choice of theatre entertainment year round and live music performances throughout summer.

Within easy driving distance of Torquay is the wild beauty of Dartmoor. Heritage gems such as Powderham Castle, Dartmouth Castle, and 12th Century Exeter Cathedral; and for the hungry and thirsty, Dartington Cider Press Centre and Darts Farm to name but a few of the many things to see and do in and around Torquay.

## How to find the Grand Hotel



### *By Road*

Excellent road communication with the M5 motorway to Exeter, A38 and A380 dual-carriageway connection to Newton Abbot and a pleasant drive into Torquay.

### *By Rail*

The Grand is situated just a minutes walk from Torquay station.

### *By Air*

Both Exeter and Plymouth Airports are just 35 minutes drive from Torquay. Car hire or taxi service can be arranged.