

# 7 Night Cornwall Discovery Tour

**Trip style:**

**Destination:** 📍 Cornwall

**Trip code:** STV07-HCR05

**Carbon Footprint:** 🌿 158kg CO2



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

We've lined up a bucketful of Cornwall's must-see sights for our seven-night discovery tour. Get an insight into the region's tin mining past with a trip to Geevor Tin Mine, spend time in storied smuggling haunts like Mousehole and Penzance, and enjoy a boat ride on the Fal estuary. You'll also have the chance to visit Porthcurno, Trelissick Gardens, Lizard Point, and the world-renowned Eden Project.

## WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Gazing out to sea from the dramatic coastal cliffs at Lizard Point
- A boat trip on the Fal estuary
- Spending time at Penlee House Gallery & Museum
- Discovering parts of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site
- Exploring the beautiful Trelissick gardens
- Visiting the magnificent biomes of the Eden Project

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Entrance to the Eden Project
- Fal River Ferry Trip
- Comfortable en-suite accommodation in our country house
- Cream tea on arrival day
- Cooked or continental breakfast every morning
- Daily packed lunches
- Three-course evening meals, plus tea & coffee
- Guided sightseeing with an experienced HF Holidays Leader
- All transport to and from sites of interest
- Easy-to-follow routes, maps, and information in our Discovery Point if you want to explore independently

**Please note** - Entrance fees are not included. See more information tab for details.

## TRIP SUITABILITY

### Trip suitability

Our Discovery holidays give you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture of the local area through **active sightseeing**.

On each Discovery day, you will be walking throughout the course of the day as you explore the venues and locations we visit. You'll also be hopping on and off the coach throughout - you should expect to spend the majority of the day on your feet. Most of this walking will be at attractions but some may be across country tracks or footpaths so be sure to **bring sturdy shoes**. There will also be stairs to climb in the majority of the venues you visit, though other more accessible options may be available. At some venues, there may also be uneven surfaces, such as cobbles or rocky paths.

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1:** Arrival Day

Check-in at the hotel is available from 16:00. If you are a member you can arrive at the house from 14:00. Enjoy a complimentary cream tea at 16:30 and meet other guests.

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### **Day 2:** Explore Penwith

Our journey along the wild granite headlands of Penwith brings to life the stories and histories of tin mining in the Cornwall. We visit one of the best attractions, Geevor Tine Mine, in the World Heritage Site. Here we've the opportunity to go underground into the last working tin mine in the country. Combine this with stunning scenery and stops to explore Sennon Cove, and Britain's most south-westerly point – Lands End, and you'll enjoy the perfect introduction to the area.

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### **Day 3:** Penzance, Mousehole & Porthcurno

Once better known for its Pirates, Penzance now has a buzzing arts and crafts scene for us to explore, starting with a visit to Penlee House Gallery & Museum, home to a fantastic selection of works from the Newlyn School and Larmorna artists. Next stop, the pretty fishing village of Mousehole before we head to the beautiful sands of Porthcurno. Relax on the beach or discover the secret history of how this sleepy haven became a huge part in the history of global communications, at the award-winning PK Porthcurno Museum.

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### **Day 4:** Free Day - Cornwall

Discover more about Chy Morvah and the local area for ideas on how to make the most of your free day.

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### **Day 5:** Falmouth & Trelissick

Enjoy a stroll through the cobbled streets of Falmouth where there's free time to explore its art galleries and craft shops or learn about its fascinating history at the National Maritime Museum (entrance fee payable locally). A scenic boat trip along the River Fal then takes us to Trelissick Gardens for stunning views back over the Fal estuary and gorgeous gardens to explore. Entrance to Trelissick Gardens is not included in the holiday price, but is free for National Trust members.

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### **Day 6:** Lizard

Venture to the most southerly point on mainland Britain - Lizard Point. Home to a vast array of rare flora and fauna due to the unusual geology here, the area will leave you enthralled with its natural beauty. Learn about wreckers luring ships to the shore at the Lizard lighthouse, about serpentine, seabirds, seals and much more.

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### **Day 7:** The Eden Project and Truro

A superb finale to your holiday, with a visit to the Eden Project. The site is home to the famous giant multi-domed

conservatories - Biomes, each offering an insight to different climates from around the world and their resulting vegetation. We've left plenty of time to explore this fascinating site before a quick visit to Truro.

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**Day 8:** Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

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## Chy Morvah

This beautiful property is just steps from the centre of St Ives – the seaside town that has inspired generations of artists with its working harbour, proud fishing community, white-sand beaches, and stunning Cornish landscape. Enjoying an elevated position with sweeping views over St Ives Bay, Chy Morvah means ‘house by the sea’ in Cornish and you'll find four great beaches nearby - Porthmeor, Porthminster, Harbour, and Porthgidden - plus plenty of walking routes along the Penwith peninsula. It's also a short drive to St Michael's Mount – the tidal island crowned by a medieval church and castle. Expect tough-but-rewarding walks, over undulating coastal terrain. With tricky stone stiles and rocky paths underfoot, fitness and agility will be challenged.

### **A warm welcome**

We want you to feel comfortable from the moment you arrive. You'll find a welcome pack in your room with guest registration forms, menus, order forms for dinners and picnic lunches, the Wi-Fi password, and the front door code. Our houses are locked at night, so we recommend noting the Duty Manager's number on arrival in case of an emergency (or getting locked out).

### **Evening entertainment**

While evening entertainment varies from house to house, HF Holidays Inter-House Quiz night held after dinner on Wednesdays is a weekly staple. Your HF Holidays leader may be around for tips on guided and self-guided walking routes as well as visit-worthy local attractions.

### **Walks talks**

Our HF Holidays walk leaders host guided walking information briefings before dinner on guided walking holiday arrival days. This is followed by a group Walks Talk for information on the following day's guided walks (held before dinner every evening). Self-guided walking guests are, of course, welcome.

### **The walking day**

Prior to setting off on guided walks, your HF Holidays Leader will run you through a short safety briefing. There's also an up-to-date weather forecast on display at the house to ensure you have appropriate clothing and footwear. If you choose to do your own walks or are on a self-guided walking holiday, we ask that you please complete an Independent Walker Card each day. These can be found near the Discovery Point in the house.