

# 3-Night Explore Nature in Cornwall

**Destinations:** Cornwall & England

**Trip code:** SVWWS-3



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

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Cornwall is often one of the first places in the UK to see the arrival of migrating birds as well as off-course rarities; this holiday will focus on seeking out these autumn visitors as well as enjoying year-round residents. At Hayle Estuary RSPB reserve likely bird species you'll see include little egrets, oystercatchers, teal, wigeon and curlew. Marazion Marsh reserve might reward with bittern, Cetti's warbler and perhaps even the very rare aquatic warbler or a glossy ibis! On the coast, Porthgwarra is well known for its sightings of rare migrant species. Nearby Land's End and St Just are good places to listen for migrant songbirds and spot species such as ringed plover, sandwich tern, meadow pipit, wheatear, stonechat and linnets.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- High-quality Full Board en-suite accommodation and excellent food in our country house
- Guidance from a knowledgeable HF Holidays Leader, to ensure you get the most from your holiday
- All essential transport on a comfortable, good-quality mini-coach or other mode of transport, e.g. boat
- Entrance fees to venues included as part of your holiday's itinerary

## HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

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- Spend your days with like-minded nature enthusiasts

- Discover the best local flora and fauna
- Explore the area with your expert HF Holidays Leader

## TRIP SUITABILITY

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On our Explore Nature holidays, we spend most of the day outdoors, exploring by mini-coach or on foot, walking up to 6 miles (9.5km) each day, stopping to see the local wildlife or geological formations and features. There will be some ascent and descent along the way. Be sure to come prepared for all weathers!

## ITINERARY

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### Day 1: Arrival Day

You're welcome to check in from 4pm onwards.

### Day 2 - 3: Your Explore Nature Itinerary

On this Explore Nature holiday, you will be visiting a range of locations which illustrate the best of the local flora and fauna. With your knowledgeable Leader in tow, you will explore the local area, stopping along the way to spot interesting wildlife to observe or photograph. The full day will be spent outdoors so be sure to bring your sturdy shoes!

### Day 4: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

## ACCOMMODATION

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### Chy Morvah

Sea, sand and (hopefully) sun await at Cornwall's Chy Morvah. This coastal bolthole, whose name means 'House by the Sea' in Cornish, basks in the famously lovely light of this artist-retreat town on the north coast of one of England's most desirable holiday destinations. Those artists may have come to paint the sea and sky but you can simply admire it from the house's privileged position. The building has been designed to maximise the effect of its elevated location, with stunning sea views and vistas of sandy beaches, while the bustling harbour and array of cafés and artists galleries are just a short cobbled street walk away. As well as 38 bedrooms, there is a large main lounge with panoramic views across St Ives Bay and a dining room that boasts similar mouth-watering views. To keep you entertained there's a garden in which to enjoy the hazy pinky glow that falls on this seaside sanctuary every evening. Beyond the house, the Cornish Coast is the gateway to exploring the area, with easy access to St Michael's Mount, the pretty fishing village of Mousehole, the beaches and cliffs of north Cornwall and the rugged cliffs of Land's End. There's even the option of an evening adventure to the Minack Theatre

## Matchless Country House Accommodation

### Accommodation Info

### Need To Know

### Important Covid-19 Steps We Have Taken For Guest Safety: Please Read

As we slowly reopen in the wake of the Coronavirus lockdown, our country house stays are set to be organised a little differently; extra steps have been taken to keep our guests, house teams and leaders safe while we return to action. We ask all our guests to respect the measures put in place.

Initially the overall capacity of the houses has been reduced. Guests must wear face coverings in public spaces. To adhere to social distancing guidelines, we have taken the necessary steps to space out furniture and seating in public areas. In addition, a one-way system will be in place around the house. Adequate signage will be displayed to support the direction of travel to be followed by guests and house teams.

As a temporary measure, we will not be servicing rooms during a stay. Extra tea, coffee, milk, and toiletries will be made available on request for all guests. It is recommended that guests bring their own toiletries for the duration of their stay. We have removed all non-essential and reusable items from our rooms for the meantime including cushions, hairdryers, bathrobes, bed throws, and printed materials to reduce the number of items that need to be disinfected. Hairdryers will be available on request. Clean towels will be available on request. We will though be increasing the frequency of cleaning in our public areas providing particular attention to frequently touched items including door handles and handrails.

For now, there is no cream tea on arrival day. We have also adapted our food offering to remove all buffets and open food items. Different sittings may be required for breakfast and dinner due to the occupancy and size of the house. Picnic lunches will now be pre-ordered the night before from an order form in the room. The bar in each country house will be open, and we will be offering a table service for drinks. At this time there is no, or only a very limited, evening social programme available. Outdoor swimming pools at those houses that have them will re-open throughout August, except at Freshwater Bay House, where the pool will remain closed for 2020. Indoor swimming pools will remain closed.

For more information and to see all the steps taken, [visit our page on how house stays will be adapted](#).

### Rooms

*Tea & coffee-making facilities, TV, Hairdryer, Toiletries, Wi-Fi*

Stay in one of the main building's beautifully presented rooms or in the adjacent Lanyons House. With 38 bright and airy bedrooms, Chy Morvah has plenty of space and there's a range of Good and Better Rooms to choose from. Simply but smartly furnished they let the view through the window do the talking.

*All 'Good' rooms are ensuite and furnished to a high standard. There are also several 'Better' Rooms that are either larger or have a desirable view, a more luxurious mattress and larger television – upgrade your stay for just an extra £15-25 per person per night. You can choose a specific room for an extra £30 per room, subject to availability. Upgrade supplements still apply.*

### Facilities

*Free Wi-Fi, boot room and drying room, attractive gardens with sea views, heated outdoor swimming pool, multi-purpose activity room, ballroom, library and board games to borrow*

After a day strolling the coast, come back to the house and its specially tailored walkers' facilities. Relax by

sitting in the pretty gardens beneath the large mature trees and looking out over the sea. Take a turn in the heated outdoor pool if you still have the energy, or simply relax on the sundeck adjacent to it. Indoors, kick back in one of the lounges. The small bar with its seaside paraphernalia is well-stocked and welcoming while light floods the dining room through panoramic windows.

## Food & Drink

As at all our country houses, holidays are full board, from afternoon tea served as a welcome treat through that evening's meal to a hearty breakfast on the day of departure. Lunch is a chance to stock up on our famous picnic snacks. Food at Chy Morvah is varied and eclectic but has a strong emphasis on ingredients from the area and seasonal produce. Once a week the dining room hosts a Local Food Night, when, over a sociable evening, you might tuck in to Cornish cauliflower and award-winning blue cheese soup, snack on a Stargazy pasty featuring locally caught fillet of mackerel and tuck in to either locally reared pork with a Cornish cider jus or fillet of plaice stuffed with white crab meat, prawns and chives for the best that Cornish land and sea has to offer.

## Accessibility

For accessibility and assistance information, please contact our expert team on 020 3974 8865

## TRAVEL DETAILS

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Our address is: Chy Morvah, Bishops Road, The Belyars, St Ives, Cornwall TR26 2DB  
Tel: [01736 796314](tel:01736796314)

### By Train:

The nearest railway station is St Ives, however you may find the journey to St Erth on the main line more convenient. For train times and route planning by train visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or phone 03457 48 49 50.

### By Taxi:

St Ives station is only ½ mile from Chy Morvah, but it is rather a steep uphill walk. You can pre-book a taxi from our recommended taxi company, Ace Cars. As a guide price, it cost £4 per 4-seat taxi in 2019. 8-seat taxis are also available at a higher rate. Please pre-book your taxi at least 7 days in advance by contacting:

Ace Cars\*  
Tel: +44 (0) 1736 797799  
Email: [acecars2@aol.com](mailto:acecars2@aol.com)

The return taxi journey can be arranged on your behalf by the Chy Morvah Manager.

\*Ace Cars is not owned or managed by HF Holidays

### By Car:

Head to Cornwall via the A30. At a large roundabout take the A3074 signposted to St Ives (2<sup>nd</sup> Exit). You will now come to 2 small roundabouts, go straight across the first and take a right at the second heading towards the village of Lelant. Pass through Lelant and Carbis Bay on the same road.

Pass Tescos and the Treganna Castle hotel on your left hand side, then as you approach St Ives take the left fork which heads slightly up hill, following signs to visitor parking and the leisure centre. Follow the road and turn left up the steep hill. Almost immediately the road turns left again but instead of following the road around to the left you need to turn off the road and head directly up the hill on Porthminster Terrace.

Chy Morvah is right in front of you at the top of the hill. To reach the car park drive left past the front of Chy

Morvah and turn immediately right behind the back of the building. The car park is on the right 15 yards along the lane called Bishops road.

## Travelling From Overseas

For most guests, travelling to London Heathrow airport is the most convenient option.

From Heathrow first take the train to London Paddington station. From here there are direct trains to St Erth, and finally a short branch line train to St Ives. This is a relatively straightforward, if lengthy journey - allow 6½ hours, so a morning arrival into Heathrow would be preferable.

There are also airports at Bristol and Newquay which may be more convenient for some guests. For train times and route planning by train visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or phone 03457 48 49 50.

## LOCAL AREA

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### DISCOVER CORNWALL

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Chy Morvah is situated in the attractive seaside town of St Ives. A 10 minute downhill walk will take you to the harbour and old town; a maze of narrow streets and shops. The harbour front is always bustling with activity, and there are numerous artists' galleries to enjoy. There are also two excellent sandy beaches. Nearby Porthminster Beach (5 to 10 minutes' walk) is very sheltered and very popular with families. Porthmeor Beach on the far side of town (15 to 20 minutes' walk) is more exposed and excellent for surfing. There are several surf schools if you want to give this a go – a popular option for all ages! St Ives has a full range of facilities including shops, banks, chemists, pubs and cafés.

During your stay at Chy Morvah you may enjoy visiting the following places of interest:

### Tate Gallery & Barbara Hepworth Gallery

Opened in 1993, this branch of the Tate Gallery celebrates Cornwall's rich artistic legacy. Tate St Ives also manages the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Garden, which gives a remarkable insight into the work and outlook of one of Britain's most important 20th century artists. Both galleries are within easy walking distance of Chy Morvah. [www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk)

### Eden Project

Justifiably popular with visitors, the fascinating 'Biomes' of the Eden Project house a flamboyant collection of plants from around the world. Explore the two gigantic geodesic conservatories – one a majestic rainforest, the other is host to the fruits and flowers of the Mediterranean, South Africa and California. Outside the extensive grounds are landscaped and produce tea, lavender, sunflowers and hemp. The Eden Project is just over an hour's drive from St Ives. Between May and September guests staying at Chy Morvah are able to book a coach excursion each Wednesday, organised by Oates Travel. [www.edenproject.com](http://www.edenproject.com)

### St Michael's Mount

The jewel in Cornwall's crown, a fairytale island with an exotic garden, ancient harbour, a church and a medieval castle. Access from Marazion is by foot along the causeway, or by ferry at high water. Marazion is about 20 minutes' drive from St Ives, and can also be reached by regular local buses. [www.stmichaelsmount.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelsmount.co.uk)

### National Maritime Museum

Cornwall's £21 million attraction in Falmouth is housed in an award winning building on the harbour-side. The

museum transports you into the world of small boats and Cornish maritime history. Falmouth is about 50 minutes' drive from St Ives, and a day here could include visits to Pendennis Castle, or a delightful boat trip up the River Fal to Truro. [www.nmmc.co.uk](http://www.nmmc.co.uk)

## National Seal Sanctuary

Situated at Gweek beside the Helford estuary, the seal sanctuary cares for injured or abandoned seals, before returning them to the wild. The seal sanctuary is about 40 minutes' drive from St Ives. [www.sealsanctuary.co.uk](http://www.sealsanctuary.co.uk)

## Geevor Tin Mine

Discover Cornwall's mining heritage at this excellent museum. Guided underground trips as well as surface tours are available. The museum is about 30 minutes' drive from St Ives, and can also be reached using the 300 open-top bus. [www.geevor.com](http://www.geevor.com)

## Lost Gardens Of Heligan

Created in the mid 18th century, the gardens at Heligan are one of the best examples in Britain, famed for displays of rhododendrons and camellias. Following years of neglect they have been subject to extensive restoration work over the last 20 years. The gardens, located near Mevagissey are just over an hour's drive from St Ives. [www.heligan.com](http://www.heligan.com)

## Minack Theatre

This uniquely situated open-air theatre is cut into the cliffs at Porthcurno, near Lands End. Performances take place most evenings with some afternoon matinees. The Rowena Cade Exhibition Centre tells the story of its creation. An evening theatre visit is offered on most weeks to guests staying at Chy Morvah (May to September). [www.minack.com](http://www.minack.com)

## USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

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### What To Bring

On Explore Nature holidays, you will be outdoors for the full day, so be sure to bring outdoor clothing appropriate to the season, including waterproofs. You will also need strong and comfortable footwear with good tread. If there's warm weather, a sun hat, sunscreen and sunglasses may be useful.

Please also bring binoculars to ensure you get the most from your Explore Nature holiday.

You may also wish to bring a telescope, camera, water bottle or a thermos flask.

### HOW TO BOOK

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When you're ready to book, you can choose to **book online** or book **over the phone**. Our website offers secure online booking for our holidays, is available 24/7, and offers more in-depth information about all our holidays. If you prefer to call us, our experienced and knowledgeable team are available to answer any specific questions you have and can offer guidance as to which holiday is best suited to your needs.

Our office is open: Monday to Friday: 9am – 7pm Saturday: 9am – 1pm Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday: closed

### PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT

To secure the holiday of your choice, you will need to pay a deposit: UK & European Holidays: £150 per person

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and Worldwide Holidays: £250 per person. You can pay your deposit by debit or credit card with no additional card fees charged or make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account, please see details under BACS payments. You can also pay your deposit by cheque within seven days of booking. Cheques should be made payable to 'HF Holidays Ltd' with your booking reference / Order ID on the back.

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### **MANAGE MY BOOKINGS**

Payments can also be made through the Manage My Booking function on our website. Click on the link at the top of our homepage. This is available to all customers who provide an email address at the time of booking.

### **YOUR FINAL BALANCE**

The balance is due 10 weeks before departure. As with paying your deposit, you can pay your final balance by debit or credit card, make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account or pay by cheque.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Travel insurance is an important part of any booking and essential for one of our holidays. HF Holidays works with specialist. Insurance Brokers Campbell Irvine Direct. For more information or to obtain a quote call them on 01702 427 236 or visit [hfholidays.co.uk/insurance](http://hfholidays.co.uk/insurance)

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In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary.

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