

Cornwall Garden Tour

Destinations: Cornwall & England

Trip code: SVGDT



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

A superb mix of old and new. The incredible Eden Project is arguably one of the south's finest tourist destinations, offering horticulture lovers the chance to see flowers, trees and shrubs from all over the world under its iconic domes. The Lost Gardens of Heligan are equally enchanting – this thousand-acre estate was once a colourful centrepiece before falling into disrepair during World War I. It has now been restored to its former glory, delighting visitors.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- High-quality Full Board en-suite accommodation and excellent food in our Country House
- The guidance and services of our knowledgeable HF Holidays' leader, ensuring you get the most from your holiday
- All transport to and from gardens on a comfortable, good-quality coach
- All admission costs including those for English Heritage, National Trust, and RHS Gardens. Some venues have stately homes/houses which incur a separate admission fee should you wish to visit - you will need to pay for this yourself.

HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the two giant multi-domed Biomes filled with plants from every corner of the world at the Eden Project
- Discover the lost gardens of Heligan, a world full of romance, nostalgia, and adventure
- Marvel at the south-facing glade at Trewinith planted at the time of the great plant hunting expeditions of the 1920s
- Arrive by ferry at Trelissik and Lamorran Gardens described as the "Garden window onto the sea"

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

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

Enjoy a complimentary Afternoon Tea on arrival.

Day 2: Trebah Gardens & Trewithen Gardens

In the morning you will be visiting Trebah Gardens. Trebah Gardens is a wonderful ravine garden of 26 acres descending to a private beach on the Helford river. It features lush exotic woodland glades, tranquil ponds and a plant collection to inspire at any time of the year.

In the afternoon you will be moving on to Trewithen Gardens. Trewithen Gardens is a true woodland garden and home of some 24 Champion trees which are either the tallest or widest of their particular species. To view the intricacies of the garden, viewing platforms have been created to take in the very best aspects.

Day 3: Trengwainton & Bonython Estate Gardens

In the morning you will be visiting Trengwainton, a 25-acre garden with something to inspire around every corner, set around a colourful bordered stream which runs through the garden. It's famous for the restored walled garden and its unique sloping beds.

In the afternoon you will be visiting the Bonython Estate Gardens, situated on England's southernmost point, has been remodelled in recent years. The three man-made lakes offer a wonderful setting for the interesting planting including specimens from South Africa.

Day 4: Free Day

You have a free day which allows you the opportunity to explore the local area or relax in the wonderful surroundings of our country house.

Our Discovery Points help you make the most out of your free day. There's plenty of maps and a selection of the best local walking routes, as well as weather forecasts and public transport options – plus details about other places to visit.

Day 5: The Eden Project – An All-day Visit

The Eden Project is one of the most visited tourist attractions in Britain, and its sheer scale warrants a full-day visit. The mission of the Eden Project is to promote understanding and responsible management of plant resources from around the world for a sustainable future. The main focal points are the two giant multi-domed conservatories named the Biomes, each offering different climates with associated planting. However, the external gardens surrounding the Biomes are equally exciting and well worth exploring.

Day 6: Pinetum Gardens & Lost Gardens Of Heligan

In the morning you visit Pinetum Gardens, a place of tranquillity, peace and beautiful garden scenes. The 30-acre gardens has been created over the past 4 decades and is home to one of the largest plant collections in the country.

In the afternoon step back in time as your journey takes you to the Lost Gardens of Heligan. Tim Smit (the creator of the Eden Project) started the arduous 10-year reclamation programme, transforming the gardens at Heligan to their former glory. The estate now extends to over 200 acres and work still continues.

Day 7: Trelissick Gardens & Lamorran Gardens

In the morning you will take a short ferry cruise up the river Fal to Trelissick Gardens, a large estate with woodland and riverside walks, the garden is on many levels with year-round colour and interest.

Please note there's a steep walk up to the garden from the ferry wharf.

In the afternoon, you will take another short ferry trip to the Lamorran Gardens which is a private garden, voted as one of the top 10 favourite gardens in the U.K.

Day 8: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

ACCOMMODATION

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

Following the relaxation in government guidance on 19 July, we are continuing to take extra steps to keep our guests leaders, and staff safe in our HF country houses. We ask all our guests to respect the measures put in place.

The English, Scottish and Welsh governments are not in sync, so measures in our country houses will vary between the nations. With the relaxation of social distancing in England, from 19 July we will be allowing larger groups to dine and relax in the bar together. However, we will still give guests space e.g. we will seat 6 people at a table where pre-pandemic we may have seated 8. We will ensure our public rooms are well ventilated by opening doors and windows wherever possible. If you have any concerns about distancing, please speak to the House Manager. The government recommendation for England is to wear face coverings in crowded areas. You must wear a face covering by law in public areas in hotels in Scotland. This is mandatory in public spaces; however, face coverings will not be required whilst eating and drinking in the restaurant and bar areas or whilst you are outside our houses. In Wales face coverings will remain a legal requirement indoors, with the exception of hospitality premises.

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 will though be increasing the frequency of cleaning in our public areas providing particular attention to frequently touched items including door handles and handrails.

Menus for the week will be available in your room on arrival. A self-service breakfast will be served from 7.45am – 9am. Picnic lunches will now be pre-ordered the night before from an order form in the room. Evening meals will be table service. A dinner order form will be available in each room for completion. Dinner is served at either 7.15pm or 7.30pm. Please check at the house for details. The bar will be open. We will be offering a table service but guests can also come to the bar to order (depending on local restrictions).

Join our team after dinner on Wednesday evenings for the HF Big Pub Quiz. There will be one other evening of entertainment at the start of the week, which will vary depending on the country house that you are staying at. Our Walk Leaders will also be on hand in the bar or lounge for individual or small group walks talks briefings, which allow guests to talk through the following day's walk options and ask any questions. All of our swimming pools are open, except for Glen Coe, which will not re-open this year. Swimming Pools will be operated in line with maximum capacities.

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 Classic and Premium Rooms to choose from. Simply but smartly furnished they let the view through the window do the talking.

All 'Classic' rooms are ensuite and furnished to a high standard. There are also several 'Premium' 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. Food at Chy Morvah is varied with a strong emphasis on the use of seasonal British produce. Our experienced chefs create each dish using only the freshest ingredients and, when in season, use home grown herbs and vegetables taken from our own gardens to give a true taste of the local area.

Accessibility

For accessibility and assistance information, please contact our expert team on 020 3974 8865 or view the accessibility information online for [Chy Morvah](#)

TRAVEL DETAILS

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 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

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

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By Car:

Head to Cornwall via the A30. At a large roundabout take the A3074 signposted to St Ives (2nd 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 or phone 03457 48 49 50.

LOCAL AREA

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.

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 home 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.

St Michael's Mount

The jewel in Cornwall's crown, [St Michael's Mount](#) is 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.

National Maritime Museum

Cornwall's £21 million [National Maritime Museum](#) in Falmouth has 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; a day here could include visits to [Pendennis Castle](#), or a delightful [boat trip up the River Fal](#) to Truro.

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.

Geevor Tin Mine

Discover Cornwall's mining heritage at the excellent [Geevor Tin Mine](#). 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.

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.

Minack Theatre

This uniquely situated [open-air theatre](#) is cut into the cliffs at Porthcurno, near Land's 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).

USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Essential Information

As you'll be walking around the gardens please bring solid, comfortable footwear for rough, wet or uneven terrain in gardens, and clothes for the great British weather! Please also expect to spend most of the day on your feet exploring the gardens you visit.

HOW TO BOOK

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.

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