



A Tour to South and West Cornwall

SUNDAY 6th MAY 2018 to FRIDAY 11th MAY 2018

This tour has been designed as a relaxing holiday (navigators take note!) There are no early starts and the daily mileages will be kept to a maximum of around 50 miles.



Trelissick House Feock (NT)



St Mawes Castle (English Heritage)

Cornwall in early May is arguably at its finest with a profusion of flowers and shrubs from the exotic to the humble Bluebells and Primroses, with quiet roads reminiscent of the early years of motoring. Our tour is based initially at the Alverton Hotel on the outskirts of Truro, a Grade II high Victorian ex Nunnery where we shall spend three nights with the final two nights being spent at the newly refurbished boutique Mount Haven Hotel in Marazion.

Owned by the St Aubyn family of St Michael's Mount this hotel looks directly over the tidal island of St Michael's Mount

South Cornwall has soft undulating countryside and we shall take full advantage of this on **Day 1** by touring the forgotten back lanes of the Roseland, stopping at the beautiful St Just in Roseland Church. The present Church was dedicated to St Just in 1261 and is set amongst beautiful gardens beside a peaceful tidal creek. A local legend tells of Joseph of Arimathea bringing his nephew Jesus to Cornwall, and that he landed here at St. Just in Roseland. This peaceful and ancient Church is on the site of a 6th Century Celtic chapel.



St. Just in Roseland Church



Smugglers Cottage River Fal

From the Church we drive to the small and perfectly formed Tudor St Mawes Castle (English Heritage), then through St Mawes and on to tiny roads past hidden coves before stopping at a quintessential Cornish pub for a Buffet lunch and then across the River Fal via the King Harry car ferry, to visit the NT house and gardens of Trelissick, arguably the best situated grand house in the Duchy.

On **Day 2** we have permission to drive in convoy through the pedestrian streets of Falmouth to the multi award winning National Maritime Museum, with 15 galleries including the Titanic exhibition, with many original artifacts; the cars will park, with security provided, in Events Square immediately in front, until we return to the Hotel. Lunch can be taken at the Museum or a number of cafes and restaurants nearby, including a Rick Stein Seafood Restaurant plus his fish and chip shop take-away!

In the afternoon we have chartered a fully equipped pleasure boat for a cruise on the River Fal, voted one of the five most beautiful rivers in the world. The boat has inside and outside seating, lavatories and a bar, and we shall also have a commentary pointing out places of interest, such as the thatched Smugglers Cottage at Tolverne, one of Cornwall's unspoilt secrets.

Smugglers Cottage was where General Eisenhower was based to oversee the D Day embarkation of 27,000 U.S. troops for Normandy from this very spot.

We return to the Hotel via Truro, one of the smallest Cities in the UK with just three main streets. Lemon Street is the finest example of Georgian architecture west of Bath. Boscawen Street is granite cobbled as is King Street with Truro Cathedral at its heart, the first Cathedral to be built on a new site since Salisbury Cathedral in 1220.

This great Victorian Gothic building incorporates the whole of the 13th Century St Mary's Church taking 30 years to build, finally being completed in 1910.

We hope to be granted consent from the authorities to park our cars in the pedestrian area outside the West Front at around 5.00pm to look around the interior before returning to The Alverton just a few minutes distance.



Trebah Sub Tropical Gardens



Godolphin House

Day 3 takes us to the stunning semi tropical Trebah Gardens at the head of the Helford River. Lunch can be taken at Trebah Kitchen run by Michelin trained and Master Chef quarter-finalist Dan Gvalda. From Trebah we drive through quiet back lanes to the wonderful 700 years old Godolphin House(NT) where the Bluebell walk is particularly spectacular at this time of year. The house was used as Trenwith in the first Poldark series starring Robin Ellis

From Godolphin House we make our way to the Mount Haven Hotel at Marazion.

Day 4 we go to St Michael's Mount, a tidal island reached on foot via the cobbled causeway or by boat. The Mount is steeped in 1000 years of history. By 1066 it was owned by the Monks of Mont St Michel in Normandy and the earliest buildings date to the 12th century. The St Aubyn family (who own the Mount Haven Hotel) have been in residence since around 1650.

For those who cannot make the steep walk up to the castle there is a guided tour of the fascinating village and harbour. There are two restaurants here, the Sail Loft and Island café which serve light lunches, fresh crab etc. St Michael's Mount is administered by the National Trust in conjunction with the St Aubyn family.

In the afternoon we shall drive to the world famous Minack Theatre. This open air amphitheatre, just four miles from Lands End has the open sea as the backdrop to its



St Michael's Mount (NT & ST Aubyn Estates)



Minack Theatre



Tree Ferns Trewidden Gardens



Cape Cornwall – where two oceans meet

stage and an annual programme of Plays and Opera. The 2018 programme is not yet available but we hope to attend a matinee. This will be clarified once the programme is available.

If not possible we shall visit the Telegraph Museum at Pothcurno, the most connected place on the planet and still a hub of global communications. A truly fascinating slice of communications history and a worthwhile and unusual experience.

As an alternative, those interested in Cornish gardens can visit the beautiful 15 acres Trewidden Gardens, part of the privately owned Bolitho Estate 2 miles from Penzance. Incorporating a magnificent collection of over 300 Camellias and Magnolias alongside one of the largest tree fern dells in Europe. The gardens have been designated an International Garden of Excellence, one of the great gardens of Cornwall. Early May is the best time to visit the gardens.

A delicious Cornish cream tea can be had in the tea room before returning to the Hotel for our final dinner with the Tour coming to an end the following morning.

The cost of the Tour is £1,295 per couple or £1,040 for one person and includes Dinner Bed & Breakfast, a Fizz Reception on the 1st evening, the Pub buffet on the Roseland, the King Harry Ferry crossing, entry to the National Maritime Museum, the River Fal cruise and entry to Trebah Gardens.

All other costs are to each participant's own account, for example all drinks, lunches (apart from the Reception and Pub buffet as above), entry to St Mawes Castle (EH), entry to Trelissick (NT), entry to Godolphin (NT), entry to St Michael's Mount (NT), the Minack Theatre, or the Telegraph Museum and Trewidden Gardens.

Those who are members of the National Trust and English Heritage should bring their membership cards with them to avoid having to pay!



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Here is some vital information:

When having a Cornish cream tea the Jam **MUST** go on first with the clotted cream on top, anything else is simply not Cornish!

A Cornish Pasty was originally made as a complete meal, meat, swede and potato at one end and apple at the other. The thick crimped crust was for the miners to hold the pasty and then discard, they did not want to touch what they were eating due to the lead, arsenic and other deleterious materials with which they came into daily contact.





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Name of Participants.....

Address.....

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Post Code..... 'Phone..... E-mail.....

Please include me/us and my/our car on this tour. Please reserve:

_____Double /twin room or _____Single room(s)

Dietary Requirements (if any)

Mobility restraints (if applicable)

Please Note: The gardens at Trebah are steep in places down to the private beach and we have therefore arranged for two motorised Buggies to be available, at no cost, for members who may be unable to walk too far.

To secure my/our place on this Tour I enclose a cheque for £450 deposit towards the whole cost of £1,295 per couple/ £1,040 single, payable to "The 20-Ghost Club Limited", **or**:

I have transferred funds to the Club's account at Lloyds bank, Branch CARFAX OXFORD, Account name "The 20-Ghost Club Limited"

- Sterling payments £450.00 to Sort code 30-96-35. Account No 00066803. BIC: LOYDGB21023. IBAN: GB69 LOYD 3096 3500 0668 03;

Please ensure that the payment includes your **SURNAME** as reference, and, if possible the name of the Tour so your payment can be identified. Please advise the Organiser and the Treasurer, Philip Hall, if you have paid electronically: pah.rr@btopenworld.com

PARTICIPATING CAR: Model.....Year Chassis No..... Reg No.....

Colour Body Type Current Coachbuilder (optional)

As a participant in the 20-Ghost Club in consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate in this tour and intending to be legally bound, I agree to release the 20-Ghost Club and all committee members and its representatives from any and all liability and injuries, damage or loss or consequential loss arising from my entry and participation in the event. I confirm that I will have public liability insurance cover in place should I be accepted for this event. I also agree that any information about the participating car, the names of the driver and passengers, including photographs taken during the tour, may be published in the Club's journal, News and Record unless I inform the Editor by email that I do not wish such information and/or photographs to appear.

Name..... (Printed please)

Signature Date.....