

A visit to Fowey

Provides access to many local destinations and places of interest. Themed visits can readily be copied with or linked to events.

The Daphne Du Maurier Festival held each year in May is an ideal opportunity to take in an internationally renowned celebration of the arts.

<http://www.dumaurierfestival.co.uk/>

<http://www.intocornwall.com/features/literature.asp>

Sample Itineraries

Having landed at facilities close to specially reserved coach parking, many destinations are within a short coach trip in beautiful Cornish countryside. These include:

The Eden Project

www.edenproject.co.uk

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... is all about education but doesn't feel like school

... to hold conversations that might just go somewhere

... where research isn't white coats in secret but shared exploration to help us all
... that is a sanctuary for all who think the future too precious to leave to the few -
because it belongs to us all.

Then welcome

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The Eden Project is

- [An international visitor destination](#)
- [An extraordinary education facility](#)
- [A new foundation for the future](#)
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Lanhydrock – a National Trust stately home

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-lanhydrock/w-lanhydrock-seeanddo.htm

One of the most fascinating and complete late 19th-century houses in England, Lanhydrock is full of period atmosphere. Although the gatehouse and north wing (with magnificent 32 yard long gallery with plaster ceiling) survive from the 17th century, the rest of the house was rebuilt following a disastrous fire in 1881. The new house featured the latest in contemporary living,



including central heating. The garden has a stunning collection of magnolias, rhododendrons and camellias, and offers fine colours right through into autumn. All this is set in a glorious estate of 364ha (900 acres) of woods and parkland running down to the River Fowey, with an extensive network of footpaths.

Lost gardens of Heligan

www.heligan.com

The award winning Lost Gardens of Heligan extend to some eighty acres of superb pleasure grounds together with a magnificent complex of walled gardens and a huge, productive vegetable garden, all fast returning to their former glory. Lying at the heart of one of the most mysterious estates in England, Heligan, the former seat of the Tremayne family, is now the site of the largest garden restoration in Europe.



Heligan restored provides a testament to the Victorian vision and ingenuity which first created this sub-tropical paradise. We hope that you will now enjoy finding out about the project and that you will feel inspired to come and see the real thing for yourself!

Restormel Castle

<http://www.cornwall-online.co.uk/english-heritage/restormel.htm>



The castle, originally built by the Normans on a spur, overlooking the river valley, stands proudly one mile upriver from Lostwithiel. You can still make out the ruins of Restormel's keep, gate and great hall, and even the kitchens and private rooms. They were built around 1100, making Restormel one of the oldest and best preserved

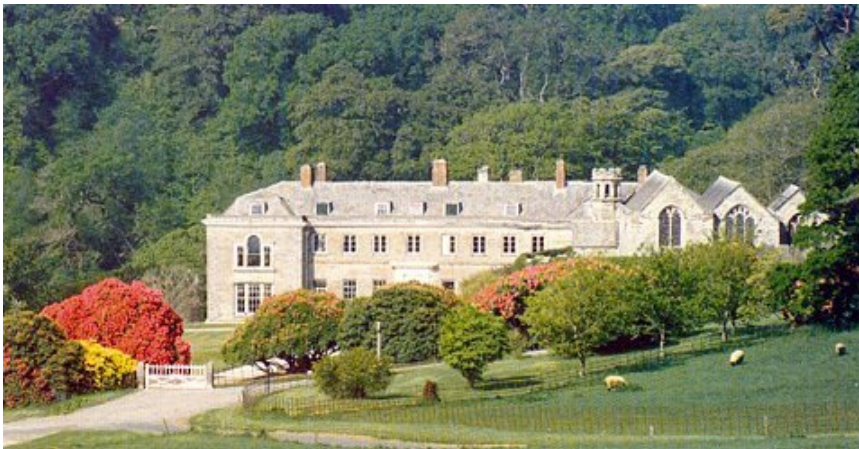
Norman motte-and-bailey castles in Cornwall. The castle was rebuilt by Edmund, Earl of Cornwall in the late 13th century, as a splendid residence for himself. The bailey (a large courtyard where the retainers lived) has now disappeared, so has the deer park, where Edmund kept 300 deer. The Black Prince held court here briefly in 1354.

Restormel's defences were perfect. The castle was built behind a 17 metre moat, upon slopes which were artificially steepened. These clearly acted as a powerful deterrent, for Restormel has seen action only once during its long history in 1644, when Charles 1st's forces drove out the Parliamentary garrison during the Civil War.

The Castle still belongs to the Duchy of Cornwall. It is administered by English Heritage and is open to the public. Various events are staged here from time to time, bringing history to life. The views over the valley from the top of the castle wall are magnificent. In the spring, Restormel Castle is surrounded by banks of daffodils and bluebells. It lies a mile to the north of the attractive medieval town of Lostwithiel.

Boconnoc House

www.boconnocenterprises.co.uk/index.html



Boconnoc House and its surrounding estate is one of the most beautiful locations in hidden Cornwall.

Ideally situated for cruise line passenger visits, weddings and all corporate and private events, Boconnoc currently offers a unique combination of facilities including entertainment rooms and accommodation. Many events take place during the year and are published on the web-site.

It has one of the most beautiful of all spring gardens and still has camellias and azaleas from the original 1850 planting.

The main house, empty since 1969, is open for viewing prior to the extensive programme of restoration that will be carried out over the next two years.

Caerhays Castle and Gardens

www.caerhays.co.uk



The surrounding parkland and woodland gardens were created originally from the discoveries of the plant hunters in China shortly after the turn of the 20th century. Since then a great deal of hybridisation work and especially the creation of the first x williams II camellias has taken place at Caerhays to create the extensive woodland gardens which visitors can admire and enjoy today. Caerhays is very much a spring garden and is at its best in March, April and May. The garden is ONLY open at present for these complete 3 months (7 days a week). The castle, where the family still live, is only open for more limited periods so please do check opening times carefully.

Porthluney Beach at Caerhays, which is also privately owned, is open all year round. The secluded beach is almost unique in Cornwall in that it has a large expanse of sand that is not overlooked by any buildings. It is a family beach for children to enjoy themselves in traditional beach activities. Motor and speed boats and any other activities which are not compatible with the quiet enjoyment of Caerhays Beach are therefore prohibited.

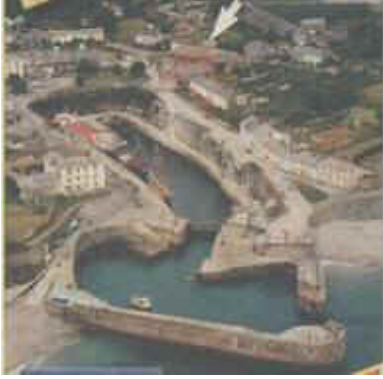
Caerhays is co-funded by the:-European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund of the European Union and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs through Cornish Horticulture Enterprises, the delegated grant scheme for horticulture under Objective 1 for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Charlestown

www.cornwall-calling.co.uk/gazetter-cornwall/charlestown.htm

Historic port near St Austell in Cornwall, built to ship china clay, now a working museum, and the home to a number of four-masted sailing ships. The port is used extensively for TV and film shots that require "atmosphere" authentic backgrounds of a sailing port.

Charlestown harbour was purpose built in 1801 by Charles Rashleigh (after whom it is named) for the export of china clay, copper and tin. Charlestown was a coal importing port. It was designed by John Smeaton, the man responsible for the [Eddystone Lighthouse](#). In 1790 the settlement was known as West Polmear and had a population of 9 people, this had swelled to 3184 by 1911 in its heyday



There is a **Charlestown Shipwreck Museum**, which also shows the life of the port in Victorian times. The many and varied exhibitions reflect village life in Charlestown, its history, shipwrecks and the once thriving China Clay industry. As well as artifacts from 150 odd shipwrecks, the museum records maritime history dating back to 1715. It also has one of the largest underwater diving equipment collections in the country, including diving suits used for treasure seeking and naval purposes.

Charlestown harbour and two beaches on either side of the harbour entrance are owned by [Square Sail](#), a company who own and operate a fleet of tall ships, one or two of which can often be found at anchor in the harbour, and are sometimes open for tours.

Tintagel Castle

www.cornwall-online.co.uk/english-heritage/tintagel.htm

If you want to give your imagination a treat, take it to Tintagel Castle. Tristan and Isolt, King Mark, Uther Pendragon, Merlin the Magician and King Arthur were all here according to legend - and at Tintagel legends have greater potency than facts, for there are few historical certainties here - most remains a mystery.



When the conquering Normans reached the westernmost land of England they heard that the ancient seat of Cornwall's kings had stood atop this soaring headland, surrounded on three sides by the ceaseless surge of the Atlantic. So in propaganda terms it made sense for Earl Richard of Cornwall, younger brother of Henry III, to build a castle on the spot where his legendary predecessors had held court. There was no strategic reason for the choice, as there had been for the other Norman castles in Cornwall, Launceston and Restormel - and Earl Richard rarely stayed there.

Though Norman realpolitik put Tintagel on its windy headland, it is as a castle of the imagination that it holds us spellbound - a place of 'magic casements, opening on the foam of perilous seas, in faery lands forlorn.' Was it here that Tristan wooed Isolt? Where Merlin magicked Uther Pendragon into the bed of Igera, wife of King Gorlois, to father Arthur? And when Arthur became king, did he place his foot in "Arthur's Footprint" as part of ancient inauguration rites? Look around you, as the sea-light dances and the salt-spray flies, and you can believe whatever you want to believe.

Prideaux Place

<http://www.prideauxplace.co.uk/index.html>

Prideaux Place, at Padstow , Cornwall where the family has lived for generations, taking us back to the time when Queen Elizabeth I was on the throne. However the Prideaux family have been prominent in Cornwall for longer than that being recorded as Lords of Prideaux Castle at Luxulyan at the time of the Norman Conquest in 1066, very nearly a thousand years ago. When Elisabeth and I came to live here in 1988 we had massive challenges ahead of us, but now it is exciting to see it all come to life again. We welcome you to come and share in our enjoyment of Prideaux Place, its grounds and many treasures. The house is a well known secret in Cornwall and has many things to offer and a history like no other. We look forward to welcoming you

Golf in Cornwall

<http://www.golfincornwall.co.uk>

<http://www.chycor.co.uk/golf/cornwall/index.htm>



St. Mellion

There are many golf courses in Cornwall all set in spectacular surroundings and many within a short distance from Fowey

These include Lostwithiel, Lanhydrock, Carlyon Bay, St. Austell and St. Mellion courses. The ship Agents can make arrangements.