

Cruise Liner Visits

Introduction

Fowey, with its magnificent setting and beautiful scenery, offers an ideal destination for cruise line operators wishing to give their passengers that something different to a destination.

Cruise liners make a magnificent sight, usually moored in the lower harbour within a very short boat transfer to the town which dates back to the 13th century.

Arriving and departing from Fowey Harbour through its narrow deep water entrance guarded by castles on either side, is an experience passengers remember for the rest of their lives.



There are many good reasons why Fowey should be used as a port of call in a European or UK cruise itinerary. They include:-

- Fowey is ideally placed in the western approaches of the English Channel for those operators catering for round Britain and European cruises. (link to)
- Fowey can be used as a link port on the way to and from ports in Spain, the Azores or further south.
- There are many ports within an overnight passage from Fowey including the Channel Islands, Southampton, Irish and Welsh ports.

- Fowey offers a magnificent and beautiful setting for a cruise visit.
- The friendly reception.
- A port which offers good security handled in an unobtrusive way.
- There is a wealth of interesting, historic and beautiful destinations within an easy coach ride (*link to destinations*).
- Where else can visiting passengers alight immediately into an olde world small town with its origins in the 13th century?

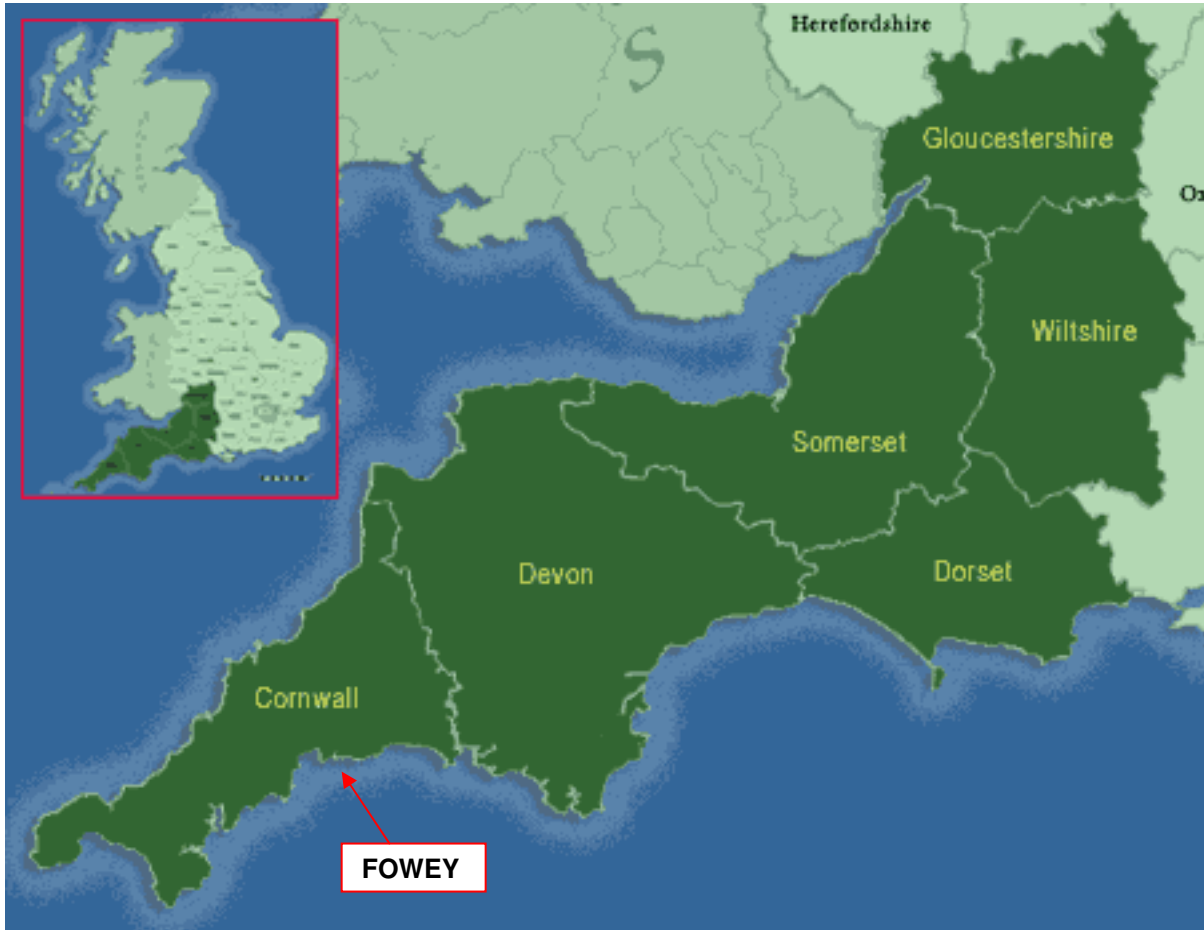


Fowey is a deep water port accessible in all weather and state of tides. The harbour entrance lies between St. Catherine's Castle on the west side and Polruan headland on the East side. The anchorage is set in a picture postcard setting.

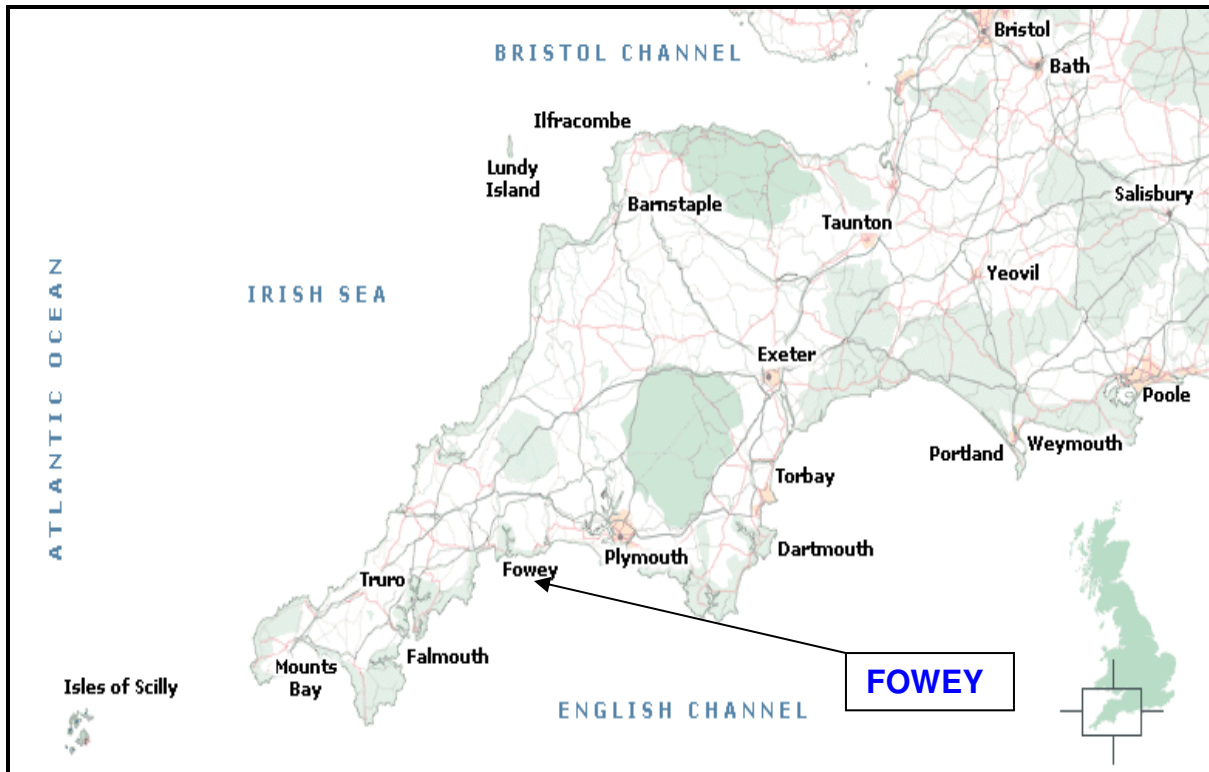
Location

Fowey, located on the south coast of Cornwall.

Latitude 50° 19' N. Longitude 04° 38' W.



Fowey is situated on the south coast of Cornwall half way between the ports of Plymouth and Falmouth. The port is ideally placed in the south western approaches for cruise liner itineraries around the United Kingdom or on passage to and from Spain and the Mediterranean. Fowey's location allows on many occasions to be located within an overnight voyage from or to other cruise destinations.



Fowey are founder members of Destination South West an organisation specialising in Cruise liner promotions for the region. More information can be obtained by contacting :-

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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>

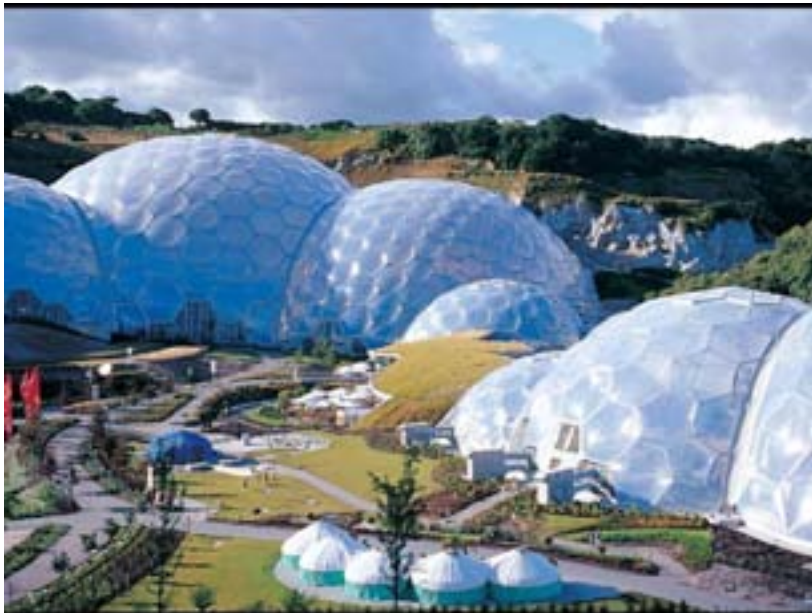
Sample Itineraries

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

If you believe there should be a place...



... that celebrates life and puts champagne in the veins

... 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

That's why we built this place and that's where the money goes.

The Eden Project is

- [An international visitor destination](#)
- [An extraordinary education facility](#)
- [A new foundation for the future](#)
- [Owned by the Eden Trust \(a registered charity, No 1093070\)](#)

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

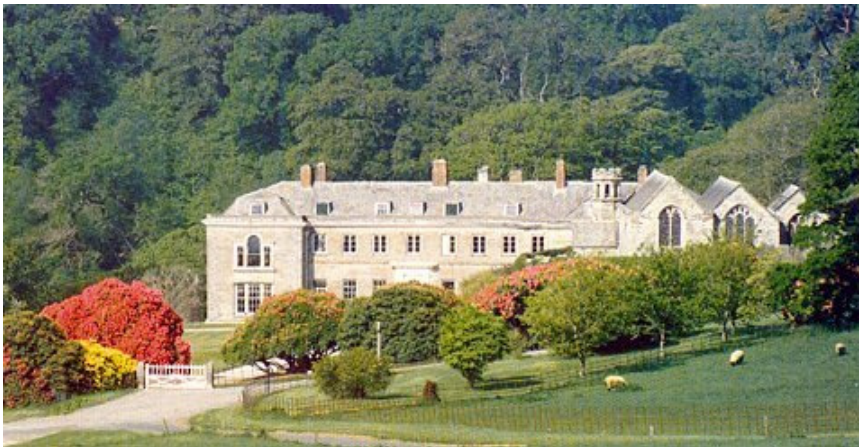
Norman motte-and-bailey castles in Cornwall. The castle was rebuilt by Edmund, Earl of Cornwall in the late 13th century, as a splendid residence for himself. The bailey (a large courtyard where the retainers lived) has now disappeared, so has the deer park, where Edmund kept 300 deer. The Black Prince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

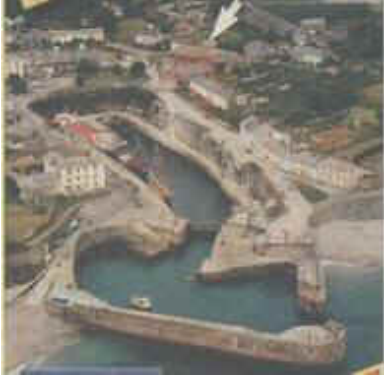
Caerhays is co-funded by the:-European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund of the European Union and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs through Cornish Horticulture Enterprises , the delegated grant scheme for horticulture under Objective 1 for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

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 as 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.

Port Information including Berths and anchorages

Advise Harbour Authority and or Port Agent of the following:

- ETA 24 hours before arrival
- Name of vessel
- Draft
- Which port / tour agents currently used by each vessel calling
- Manifest of passenger / crew required

INFORMATION:

Pilot pickup: Normally 1-2 miles South of entrance

Pilot VHF channel: Channel 9

Pilot compulsory: Yes

Normal working hours for pilot: 24 hours

Pilot boat: Black hull, orange superstructure, 15 meters length

Prevailing currents: Little current from SW direction

Winds - direction: Westerly

Local time: GMT

Anchorage's for cruise ships:

- 'Swing buoy'; 8.2m at L.W.Spring tide
- 'Under hills flood tide'; 8.5m at L.W.Spring tide
- Deep water; outside port; 8.5m at L.W.Spring tide

Maximum length of cruise ship that can anchor:

- 'Swing buoy'; 160m
- 'Under hills flood tide'; 200m
- Deep water; outside port; unlimited

Any beam or air draught restrictions at any berth/anchorage: No

If adverse winds, the alternatives location / anchorage:

- Safe except in very stormy conditions
- Winds for berthing
- May be possible to anchor far side of St. Austell Bay

**Distance from anchorage to landing stage:
(Albert Quay, town)**

- 'Swing buoy' - 400
- 'Under hills flood tide' - 400m
- Deep water; outside port - 1500m

**Distance from anchorage to landing stage:
(Pilot Pontoon for tour buses)**

- 'Swing buoy' - 800m
- 'Under hills flood tide' - 800m
- Deep water; outside port - 2300m



Use of ship's tender: Yes

Levy payable: No

Shore launches available: Yes

Number of launches: 4 shore launches

Number of passengers per launch: 30 passengers

Speed restrictions for launches/tenders: 6 knots

Number of launches that can go alongside at one time:

Albert Quay: 2 - 3 / Pilot Pontoon: 1

Dredging: Normally undertaken in the port during winter months

Are tugs compulsory: Yes

Number of tugs available: 1 x 1095 KW 23.5 tonne bollard pull x 1000HP 15 tonne bollard pull

Ship's or tugs lines: Tug lines or ships if Tregeagle in use.



Fowey Harbour Commissioners tug "Morgawr" the Cornish and Celtic word meaning sea giant.

Morgawr is a Twin Voith tractor tug with a bollard pull of 23.5 tons



Fowey Harbour Commissioners tug "Tregeagle"

Special regulations regarding the use of tugs:

1 x for vessels over 92.5m

2 x for vessels over 102.5m

NB Special regulations for lower harbour

Tugs & linesman, hours: 24 hours, advance notice required provided with pilotage

Line boats available: Yes

Garbage: garbage is removed by floating skip provide by the agents in arrangement with port authority. Other waste by arrangent.

Port officials, hours: 24 hours

Harbour office hours: 0800 - 1700 hrs. Monday - Friday

Customs officials: Customs officials are in Falmouth and Plymouth

Restrictions on vessels arrival and departure times: Only tidal

Difference between high and low tide: 6m LW Springs / 2m Neap tides

Port Security

IPCS compliance

Fowey harbour is full compliant with with the IPCS code.

Security zones.

These are set up to cater for landings and are manned by harbour office staff who check in conjunction with ships own arrangements all persons departing and boarding the vessel



Searches.

These are carried out as required and metal detectors are used as standard

Security Personnel:

Port authority can provide shoreside security personnel when required.

Extra security can be provided, if requested. Cost 10 - £15 per hour

Baggage x-ray facilities:

Provided upon request with sufficient notice

Personnel archway:

Provided upon request with sufficient notice

ID:

Passengers and crew required to show ship's pass or ship's ID. On departing a secure zone all personnel are issued with re-entry passes. Failure to produce these on return will require further checks before clearance is given.

Visitors:

Allowed on board under strict ID regime authorised by the harbour office.

Customs Officers:

There are no local Customs Officers - their presence can be requested but a long lead time would be necessary.

Destination Distances from Fowey

destination	Fowey
Admirals House	30 miles 1hr 15 mins
Bath	178 miles 3hr 40 mins
Heligan gardens	17 miles 0hrs 45mins
Boconnoc House	09 miles 0hr 30 mins
Bodmin	12 miles 0hr 30 mins
Britannia Royal Naval College	60 miles 2hr 00 mins
Dartmoor / Princetown	45 miles 1hr 20 mins
Devonport Naval Base	30 miles 1hr 15 mins
Dunster Castle	119 miles 3hr 10 mins
Eden Project	10 miles 0hr 20 mins
Exeter	74 miles 2hr 15 mins
Exmoor	97 miles 2hr 50 mins
Hartland Abbey	57 miles 1hr 45 mins
Helston	40 miles 1hr 15 mins
Lands End	61 miles 1hr 45 mins
National Maritime Museum Falmouth	35 miles 1hr 15 mins
Paignton & Dartmouth Steam Railway	70 miles 2hr 00 mins
Pendennis Castle,Falmouth	37 miles 1hr 15 mins
Place,Fowey	0.25 miles 0hr 05 mins
Plymouth Barbican	35 miles 1hr 25 mins
Powderham Castle	80 miles 2hr 15 mins
Prideaux Place	23 miles 1hr 00 mins
Restormel Castle	09 miles 0hr 20 mins

Saltram House	40 miles 1hr 15 mins
St. Mawes Castle	28 miles 1hr 00 mins
St. Michael's Mount	50 miles 1hr 30 mins
Tate Gallery, St.Ives	50 miles 1hr 30 mins
Tintagel	31 miles 1hr 15 mins
Torre Abbey	70 miles 2hr 00 mins
Totnes	60 miles 1hr 45 mins
Trebah Gardens	37 miles 1hr 15 mins
Tregothnan Gardens	22 miles 0hr 48 mins
Truro	24 miles 0hr 45 mins
Westward Ho	67 miles 2hr 00 mins
Destination:	Fowey

Distance Tables between Ports

1	Dartmouth	Dartmouth															
2	Dover	202	Dover														
3	Falmouth	70	245	Falmouth													
4	Fowey	55	230	24	Fowey												
5	Guernsey	70	182	115	107	Guernsey											
6	Harwich	259	57	302	287	239	Harwich										
7	Ilfracombe	229	442	172	187	157	476	Ilfracombe									
8	Isles of Scilly	118	311	66	81	159	368	167	Isles of Scilly								
9	Jersey	98	209	133	125	27	266	343	176	Jersey							
10	Penzance	93	384	37	52	132	341	135	42	150	Penzance						
11	Plymouth	38	231	42	25	89	288	203	96	114	68	Plymouth					
12	Portland	59	157	118	102	73	214	277	170	100	142	88	Portland				
13	Portsmouth	112	106	173	158	99	163	331	224	125	196	142	69	Portsmouth			
14	Sark	72	178	116	106	9	235	269	163	29	134	91	72	99	Sark		
15	Southampton	102	118	161	147	104	175	322	215	126	187	132	57	16	101	Southampton	
16	Torbay	15	198	79	63	75	255	237	129	102	102	49	54	110	77	98	Torbay

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Tourist Information

This is located in the Ticket shop and can provide all sorts of information on a visit to Fowey regarding attractions, accommodation and travel.

Guided tours of Fowey are available together with Blue Badge Guides to other areas

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