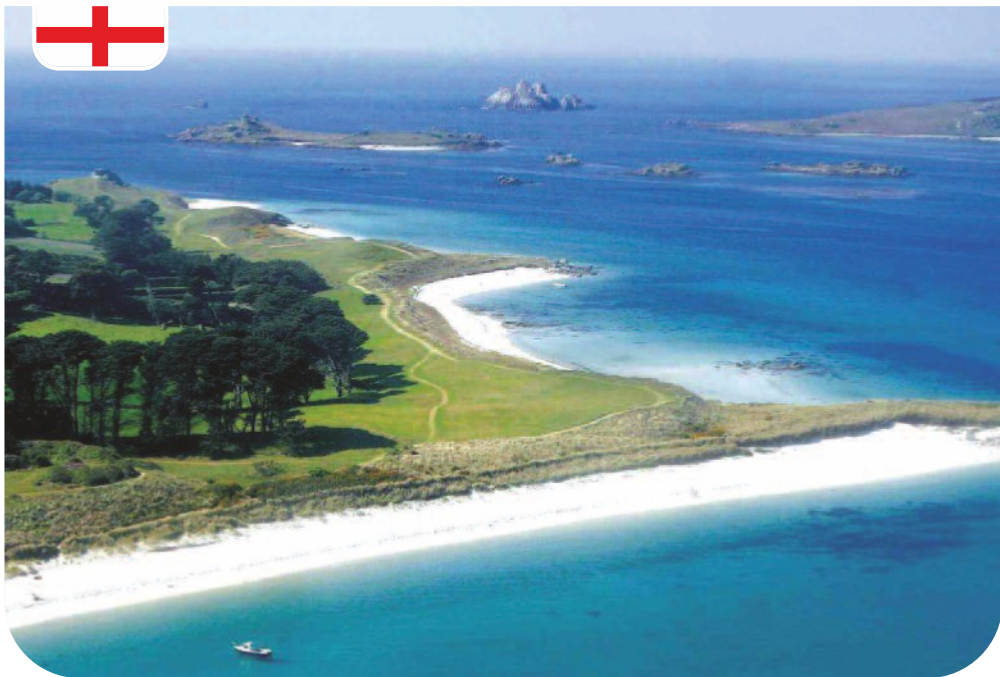


Isles of Scilly

31 March – 5 April



Book early for this lovely spring break on the much-loved and welcoming Isles of Scilly, just 28 miles off the Cornish coast! You'll find yourself entering a different world, where the pace of life is relaxed and friendly and there's a wonderful view whichever way you turn. There are lovely, easy walks all around St. Mary's and the "off islands", which are easily reached by the local launch service. The island bus tour is also highly recommended! We will be staying at the excellent Tregarthen's Hotel, which is just above the quay and only a minute's walk from the picturesque harbour, the shops and the beach. Take a leisurely stroll around the adjacent ramparts for superb views across to the islands of Tresco, Bryher and Samson – or just relax and enjoy the same stunning views from the hotel lounge! A member of our staff will escort this tour but our coach will remain on the mainland.

SATURDAY 31 MARCH Depart Oxted early morning for the journey to Land's End and our plane to St Mary's airport. Here we shall be met by a local minibuses and taken to our hotel.

SUNDAY 1 TO WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL Four wonderful days to explore St Mary's and the "off islands". Visit the famous Tresco Abbey Gardens created in 1834 around the remains of the 12th

Century St Nicholas Priory. One of the most remarkable sub-tropical gardens in the world, it has a unique collection of plants, many of which are too tender for outdoor cultivation on the British mainland, but flourish in the warm Gulf Stream climate found here. See too the Valhalla Ship's Figurehead Collection featuring some of the magnificent figure heads from the old sailing ships



which are displayed here - collected by the founder of the Gardens - Augustus Smith. Each has its own story to tell... Join one of the local boatmen for the journey over to St. Martin's, St. Agnes, Samson or Bryher... or you can just spend a relaxing day on St. Mary's. Enjoy a guided bus tour of St. Mary's with a commentary that provides an insight into life on this, the largest island in the archipelago. Spend the day exploring Hugh Town, the island's "capital". It is situated between two beaches and is home to a variety of shops, art and craft galleries and restaurants. Stroll along the Garrison walls high above the town or simply relax and watch the world go by.

THURSDAY 5 APRIL Sadly it is time to leave the tranquillity of the islands and return to Land's End where we shall meet our coach for the journey home.

What's included

TREGARTHEN'S HOTEL

St Mary's

5 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Overlooking the clear waters of St Mary's harbour and enjoying stunning panoramic vistas of the islands of Tresco, Bryher, Samson and St Martin's, Tregarthen's boasts the best views of any hotel on St Mary's.

All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone and hospitality tray. The hotel does not have a lift. There are fifteen steps up to the hotel.

Return coach travel to Land's End

Return flight Land's End/St Mary's

Airport taxes

Notes

Passport or photographic identification is required.

Baggage allowance per person is 1 piece 15Kgs (33lbs), plus one piece of hand luggage.

In the unlikely event that our flight is unable to operate we will travel by sea.

A deposit of £150.00 per person is required at the time of booking.

£842.00 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £40.00

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