

# Cornwall – Cornish Gold

27 Sept – 3 October

*Cornwall, England's most southerly county, offers enchanting scenery, breath-taking coastlines, quaint villages and is famous for its wonderful gardens. Staying in Falmouth, which boasts one of the highest average sunshine records in Britain, we visit the Lost Gardens of Heligan, Trerice manor house, go back in time at Flambards, Geevor Tin Mine and take a tour (& tasting) at Healey's Cyder Farm*



**£792.00 PER PERSON**

*Single Room Supp: £180.00  
Nat Trust members less £9.30,  
but must bring card*

## What's Included

- ✓ 6 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone & hospitality tray.
- ✓ Entry to Flambards
- ✓ Time to explore Marazion & Falmouth
- ✓ Entry & guided tour, Lost Gardens of Heligan
- ✓ Entry to Trerice
- ✓ Tour & tasting at Healey's Cyder Farm
- ✓ Entry & tour at Geevor Tin Mine

## THE FALMOUTH HOTEL

### Falmouth

The Falmouth Hotel, a striking, Victorian chateau-style hotel set in 5 acres of landscaped gardens overlooking Falmouth Bay and Castle Beach was the first commercial hotel to be built in the town, back in 1865. On one side is Pendennis Castle, the headland, beach and sea and, on the other, views over to the famous port of Falmouth. From the hotel, it is an easy stroll into the town centre and the maritime area. The hotel has an indoor swimming pool, hot tub and sauna. WiFi is available in all public areas of the hotel.

### Thursday 27 September

Departing Oxted and making refreshment stops en route, we make our way to Falmouth, our home for the next six nights.

### Friday 28 September

After a leisurely breakfast, we head west to the Flambards Experience at Helston. Try to resist the tempting smells of Victorian sweets and Camp Coffee as you explore a life-size village from yesteryear, painstakingly created to include more than 50 realistic shops. Explore the life-sized replica of a London street blitzed during World War II, which was confirmed by Dame Vera Lynn as being an authentic reconstruction of life on the home front. See how time has stood still within a 'time capsule' chemist's shop – which lay forgotten and neglected for 100 years before finding a new home at Flambards. Early afternoon we continue westwards to the beautiful town of Marazion, on the shores of Mount's Bay and thought to be Britain's oldest town. Shoppers will be delighted with the variety of gift and craft shops, while art lovers will find pleasure perusing the many art galleries showcasing the work of prominent local artists. While here, you may also like to cross over to Saint Michael's Mount – on foot if the tide is out, or by small boat if not – where you'll find the castle (Nat Trust) and Gardens.

### Saturday 29 September

We drive eastwards to Pentewan for a visit to the Lost Gardens of Heligan. Rediscovered and restored in 1990 after 75 years of neglect, the gardens now have over 200 acres that feature a superb working Victorian garden, a subtropical jungle and a magnificent complex of walled gardens. For added enjoyment we will be accompanied on a walk through the gardens by a guide

### Sunday 30 September

This morning we make our way to Trecice, a romantic Elizabethan manor house which tells a story of prosperous origins, decline, partial ruin and 20th-

century restoration. Early afternoon, we drive to Healey's Cyder Farm, where we shall have a guided tour, including the Cyder making museum and Cornwall's first distillery for 300 years. We finish the visit with a classic Cornish cream tea.

### Monday 1 October

We start the day with a visit to Cornwall Gold at Redruth, where we shall have time to find morning coffee and a look at the largest collection of jewellery in Cornwall. We journey on passing St Ives and following the beautiful coast road through Zennor and Morvah to the Geevor Tin Mine at Pendeen. Here we shall have time to find lunch in their café before our guided tour of the site, including the compressor house and the Dry where the underground workers showered and changed before and after shifts. Those that wish may also tour the underground mine (approx. 90 steps).

### Tuesday 2 October

A day at leisure to explore Falmouth's shops, harbour, sheltered creeks, beaches and gardens. The port of Falmouth stands at the entrance to Carrick Roads, a magnificent natural harbour formed at the junction of several estuaries. The castles of Pendennis and St Mawes, which face each other across the Roads, were built by Henry VIII and gave protection against marauders.

### Wednesday 3 October

Taking our leave of the hotel, we sadly leave Falmouth and make our way homewards, arriving back in Oxted early evening.



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