



Towanroath Tin Mine, Wheal Coates

Falmouth A&P Cruise Terminal



A picturesque seaside town at the entrance to Carrick Roads, Falmouth boasts stunning natural scenery and panoramic sea views. Home to the world's third-largest natural deep-water harbour, it is guarded by Pendennis and St. Mawes Castles, reflecting its rich maritime heritage. Blending tradition with modern creativity, Falmouth is a vibrant cultural and festival destination.

The port offers sheltered anchorages, all-weather berthing, and turnaround operations, with the cruise ship berth just a 10-minute walk from the town centre, beaches, and Pendennis Castle. Complimentary shuttles and friendly Cruise Ambassadors at the Tourist Information Centre provide convenience and local expertise.

Visitors can enjoy diverse excursions, including Cornwall's subtropical gardens, historic estates, enchanting castles, and the dramatic Cornish coastline. Falmouth Port is operated by A&P Falmouth, part of the APCL Group.

Top Five Facts about A&P Falmouth

1. Falmouth was founded in 1613 by the Killigrew family on a site near the existing Pendennis Castle. It developed as a port on the Carrick Roads harbour, overshadowing the earlier town of Penryn.
2. Pendennis castle was erected in 1540 on the instruction of Henry VIII to defend the Carrick Roads. Together with the castle situated in St Mawes to the east, the Falmouth estuary was well defended from potential attacks.
3. In 2016, Falmouth town was credited with the highly prestigious accolade of GB High St Best Coastal Community.
4. Falmouth is home to one of the leading art universities in the UK, but in addition to the creativity the students bring to the town, there are many creative industries located in Falmouth. With a host of shows and exhibitions, Falmouth arguably holds the title for the most creative town in the UK!
5. In the 19th century, oysters were a very popular food and were harvested from the nearby Fal River. Although appetite for oysters declined in the 20th century, the town still hosts an annual Oyster Festival in October.

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Falmouth Beaches

Glyngvase Beach is the one of the most popular and largest beaches in Falmouth, a Blue Flag status beach, with its wide arc of golden sand and inviting sea. It is less than 10-minute walk from Falmouth port and Town Centre. Gylly Beach Cafe is built over the beach and offers fantastic views from its sun-drenched terrace and is open all year round. Castle Beach is the closest beach to the port, only a five-minute walk. Situated alongside Pendennis Point, its rocky sections make it an excellent spot for rock pooling, diving, and snorkelling at low tide. As you walk away from the Pendennis Point end of the beach, the rock pools give way to golden sand, where it joins Tunnel Beach. Swanpool Beach is on the west side of Falmouth, proud of its friendly, fun and welcoming environment. It is a delightful swimming cove with adjoining Swanpool Lake Nature Reserve where you can feed the ducks and the swans. There's a large carpark, crazy golf course, beach cafe, hire kayaks, or simply relax on the beach. Maenporth Beach is a beautiful sloping sandy beach. This Beach offers great views across Falmouth Bay towards Pendennis Castle and some superb coastal walking opportunities onwards towards the Helford River area. Maenporth is 2 miles from Falmouth town centre and is approximately 45-60 min walk from Falmouth town centre via the Southwest Coast Path.

Link: <https://www.falmouth.co.uk/see-and-do/beaches/>

Pendennis Castle

Situated on a headland overlooking the bustling town of Falmouth, Pendennis is one of Henry VIII's finest seaside castles. The picturesque fortress has defended Cornwall since Tudor times and played a vital role protecting the coast during the two World Wars. Travel back to wartime Cornwall, climb to the top of the castle keep, and enjoy panoramic views at this historic gem. This destination is popular with families and has acres of green space - the perfect place to let imaginations run wild. Make the most of your trip with a traditional cream tea in the castle café.

Link: www.english-heritage.org.uk/pendennis

Falmouth Art Gallery

Falmouth Art Gallery is a free, dynamic community art space that welcomes everyone to enjoy and create art. It is owned and administered by Falmouth Town Council and housed in the historic Municipal Buildings on The Moor. The gallery has a vibrant exhibition and event programme that caters for all ages and explores a variety of themes. Exhibitions and displays change regularly and feature selected works from the gallery's large and eclectic art collection hung alongside major museum loans, work from local artists, community groups, school children and students. The gallery runs regular free workshops for a wide range

of visitors including families, babies and toddlers, community groups, schools and higher education. The shop stocks high quality products inspired by the collection and exhibitions.

Link: www.Falmouthartgallery.com

Falmouth Local Gardens

Queen Mary Gardens: Peaceful, relaxing gardens laid out in a formal style and framed by Monterey Pines, Queen Mary Gardens are conveniently located a 15-minute walk along the seafront from Falmouth Port, providing a perfect retreat from the energy and excitement of Falmouth's award winning Gillyngvase beach. Fox Rosehill Gardens: Just a 10-minute walk from Falmouth Port, Fox Rosehill Gardens offer a peaceful, subtropical escape. This legacy from the Fox family features diverse plants from around the globe, including eucalyptus, palms, and even bananas, thanks to plant collecting by sea captains and connections to Kew Gardens.

Link: www.falmouth.co.uk/see-and-do/parks/

Glendurgan Gardens & Trebah Gardens

Two neighbouring gardens situated within the three valleys of Mawnen Smith on the edge of Falmouth. Trebah with a 25 acre sub-tropical garden. Glendurgan located by the beautiful Hamlet of Durgan. Glendurgan was described by its creators, Quakers Alfred and Sarah Fox, as a "small piece of heaven on earth." The garden features three lush valleys filled with an array of fascinating plants, inviting you to wander and explore.

Link: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/glendurgan-garden

Fal River Ferries

Set sail on a scenic adventure with Fal River Ferries and discover Cornwall's stunning landscapes, historic sites, and charming villages. Whether you're exploring historic harbours, lush gardens, or simply soaking in the scenic beauty, Fal River Ferries provide the perfect way to experience Cornwall from the water. •St Mawes Ferry - Connects the vibrant maritime town of Falmouth with the picturesque fishing village of St Mawes, offering spectacular coastal views along the way. •Enterprise Boats - Enjoy a tranquil cruise along the Fal River, stopping at the stunning National Trust Trelissick Garden and the peaceful riverside village of Malpas.

Link: www.falriver.co.uk

Orca Sea Safaris

Orca Sea Safaris offer multi-award-winning wildlife and coastal safaris in some of the UK's most stunning waters. By combining amazing encounters with dolphins, whales and lots of other wildlife, the natural beauty of Cornwall's Coastline and tales of Falmouth's maritime heritage all into one, Orca Sea Safaris can promise an un-matched experience with great value for money. Orca Sea Safaris prioritises sustainability and responsible tourism, ensuring minimal impact on the environment while maximising your encounter with the incredible wildlife and scenery Cornwall has to offer.

Link: www.orcaseasafaris.co.uk

The National Maritime Museum Cornwall

This is an award-winning museum celebrating the sea. With over 15 galleries, a boatbuilding workshop, exciting new exhibitions every year, interactive exhibits and a collection that spans The National Small Boat collection, artworks, maps and charts, memorabilia and other objects, there's plenty to explore. Located in a breathtaking location overlooking aptly named Discovery Quay in the centre of Falmouth.

Link: <https://nmmc.co.uk/>

St Michaels Mount

A picturesque island just off the shore at Marazion. Accessible by walking the legendary cobbled causeway

at low tide or by boat at high tide. The Mount is home to a working community of local people, as well as a large medieval castle! The castle creates an imposing, dramatic spectacle when viewing the island from the land or sea. Perched up high on the craggy rocks, the castle has the façade of Gothic architecture. On closer inspection, however, it is far more welcoming and is made even more appealing by the backdrop of the ocean, particularly on a sunny day.

Link: <https://stmichaelsmount.co.uk/>

Wheal Coates

Perched dramatically on the rugged cliffs of the north Cornish coast, Wheal Coates is one of Cornwall's most iconic and breathtaking attractions. Originally opened in 1802 and active until 1889, this historic tin mine is best known for the striking Towanroath Shaft engine house, an image that perfectly captures the raw beauty and power of the surrounding landscape. But beyond its scenic views, Wheal Coates offers a glimpse into Cornwall's rich industrial past. Visitors can explore the remains of the mine and uncover the tough, often harsh realities of the men, women, and even children who once worked there. A visit to Wheal Coates is not just a feast for the eyes, it is a journey into the heart of Cornwall's mining heritage.

Link: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/wheal-coates>



Stornoway. Credit Chris Murray

Stornoway

Locally Invested. Globally Recognised.

Welcome to Stornoway, the gateway to the Outer Hebrides!



The Outer Hebrides, with their rugged beauty and ancient heritage, offer an unforgettable experience. Wander through the islands' fascinating past, where Celtic traditions, the Gaelic language, and stories of old intertwine with the lives of the people today.

You'll be captivated by the prehistoric Callanish Standing Stones, —famously featured in *Outlander* and *Brave*—to the legendary Lewis Chessmen. These iconic 12th-century figures, discovered on the Isle of Lewis, are a highlight of any visit and can be admired in the Museum nan Eilean in Stornoway.

You also get the chance to step back in time and explore the distinctive blackhouses, traditional stone dwellings once common across the islands. Preserved in places like the Gearrannan Blackhouse Village, these buildings offer a glimpse into the lives of islanders from centuries past.

The Outer Hebrides is home to the world-famous Harris Tweed, woven by hand in the traditional style, and sold around the world. You can learn about the centuries-old craft that still thrives today, and perhaps even pick up a timeless piece of this legendary fabric as a souvenir.

These are just some of the reasons the Outer Hebrides was named as one of National Geographic's 'Best of the World' destinations for 2025, the only UK destination to make the list.

At Stornoway Port, we are proud of being a trusted destination for cruise vessels visiting the Outer Hebrides, and we're excited to extend that Hebridean welcome even further with our new Deep Water Terminal, which opened in 2024. This new berth, capable of accommodating cruise ships up to 360 meters in length, enhances our ability to offer a memorable visit for vessels of all sizes.

Top Five Facts!

1. Gaelic is the first language of the Outer Hebrides, it is one of the oldest languages in Europe and 1,000 years older than English. Abair e!
2. The world's most luxurious wool fabric – Harris Tweed – is exclusively handwoven in the Outer Hebrides and is protected by its own Act of Parliament and statutory body, the Harris Tweed Authority. Genuine Harris Tweed from the Outer Hebrides is identified by the historic Orb mark.
3. The Lewis Chessmen, displayed in Museum nan Eilean in Stornoway, are one of the best loved archaeological treasures in Britain, even making an appearance in the Harry Potter films!
4. One of the most iconic sites on the Isle of Lewis is the Callanish Standing Stones (or Calanais) a prehistoric stone circle dating back over 5,000 years. These ancient stones, arranged in a cross-like formation, are older than Stonehenge. The site is one of the most important and well-preserved Neolithic monuments in Europe. Disney's 'Brave' and the TV series 'Outlander' are based on the Callanish Stones.
5. The Outer Hebrides are renowned for their dramatic landscapes, including rugged coastlines, sandy beaches, and moorlands. The islands are a haven for wildlife, with opportunities to spot seals, otters, red deer, and a variety of birds, including puffins and golden eagles. The islands' remote location also makes them an ideal place for stargazing, as they are part of the Dark Sky initiative, offering some of the clearest night skies in the UK.

Experience Stornoway

Callanish Stones

Shrouded in mystery, the Calanais Standing Stones have drawn visitors to this ancient and inspiring site in the Outer Hebrides for thousands of years. Overlooking the beautiful Loch Roag above the village of Calanais on the Isle of Lewis, the sacred wonder of the stones offers visitors a rare invitation to reach out and touch the past. Image credit: Paul Tomkins, VisitScotland

Link: <https://calanais.org/>

Museum nan Eilean

The Museum & Tasglann nan Eilean offers an interactive explanation of the history and culture of the Outer Hebrides alongside a stunning exhibition of unique objects dating from prehistory to the present day, as well as a public archive. Six of the famous Lewis Chessmen have returned to the island of their 1831 discovery, on long-term loan from the British Museum, taking their place as centrepiece exhibits. Image credit: Kenny Lam VisitScotland

Link: <https://www.visitscotland.com/info/see-do/museum-nan-eilean-stornoway-p1398931>

Harris Tweed Story Room

The long archipelago on the far northwest tip of Europe is home to every weaver, dyer, blender, carder, spinner, warper, finisher and inspector of Harris Tweed cloth. No part of the process takes place elsewhere. Harris Tweed is more than a unique handwoven textile. It is also the story of a real place with a rich history and culture, beautiful landscape and vibrant community located in Scotland's remote and fascinating Outer Hebrides islands.

Link: <https://www.harristweed.org/the-story-room/>

Butt of Lewis Lighthouse

The Butt of Lewis Lighthouse is situated on the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides. It was engineered by David Stevenson in 1862. The station's claim to fame, according to the Guinness Book of Records, is that it is the windiest spot in the UK.

Link: <https://www.nlb.org.uk/lighthouses/butt-of-lewis/>

Gearrannan Blackhouse Village

This coastal crofting village is situated in a secluded bay within the district of Carloway, on the west coast of the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides. You will be visiting a village which is alive with history. The blackhouses have seen the cycle of life through generations of crofting families. They were occupied until the early 1970s when the last few elderly residents moved to new accommodation that didn't need the annual maintenance of thatch and stonework.

Link: <https://www.gearrannan.com/>

Carloway Broch

Dun Carloway is a broch situated in the district of Carloway, on the west coast of the Isle of Lewis. It is a remarkably well preserved broch – on the east side parts of the old wall still reach to 9 metres tall. There are well over 500 brochs in Scotland, most of them found in northern and western Scotland and the islands.

Link: <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/dun-carloway/>

Life of a Crofter

Join local crofter (someone who lives and works on a small piece of agricultural land, unique to the Highlands & Islands of Scotland), Donald MacSween, as he introduces you to his nearest and dearest four-

legged friends by a peat-smoked fire. This is your chance to get up close and personal with the majestic hairy Highland Cows, try your hand at feeding the livestock, speak a word or two in Scottish Gaelic and learn about life on a modern-day croft.

Link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b084vwng>

Bosta Iron Age Village

In 1992 a severe storm exposed stone walls of an ancient village which had lain hidden under sand dunes at Bosta Beach, (Bostadh means farm in Old Norse). In 1996 the site was excavated to reveal a well-preserved settlement of houses that dated back to the Late Iron Age (or Pictish Age) of 400-800AD. Located in an idyllic, small valley, with streams, a beautiful beach and rich fishing waters, Bosta would have been a perfect home for these early dwellers.

Link: <https://berneramuseum.wixsite.com/website/iron-age-house>

Isle of Harris Distillery

The Isle of Harris Distillery began with a simple idea. Over the decades, the Isle of Harris has suffered from a long-term decline in population, with community's numbers having halved over the last fifty years. Discover the stories surrounding The Hearach single malt whisky, sample our award-winning whisky and gin. A warm Harris welcome awaits... 'thig a chèilidh oirnn'.

Link: <https://harrisdistillery.com/>

Stornoway Boat Trips

Immerse Hebrides offer a 2-hour exhilarating open RIB boat tour departing from Stornoway in search of commonly sighted marine wildlife in the Minch Sea. Marvel at our islands from the sea getting a closer look at the rock formations and caves along the coastline that have been there for millions of years. Gaze up at the diving gannets, the rafts of manx shearwater, skua's, guillemots and razorbills. You may even spot a pair of white-tailed sea eagles!

Link: <https://www.immersehebrides.com/>



Peel Ports – Greenock & Great Yarmouth

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Balmoral, The King's residence in Scotland

Aberdeen



Stretching from the mountains to the sea, with “one of the most architecturally distinctive cities in Europe” to “one of the world’s most outstanding coastlines”, Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, in North-East Scotland, truly is a majestic tourism destination.

Cruise guests will quickly become captivated by this friendly, compact city-on-the-sea which has it all: miles of unspoiled sandy beaches, where dolphins and seals are regularly spotted, a profound maritime heritage to cutting-edge culture, colourful street art tours and impressive architecture, much of which is built of silvery grey granite, hewn from nearby quarries. So when the sun shines and Aberdeen sparkles, it’s easy to see why it is nicknamed the Silver City.

Beyond Aberdeen there is an embarrassment of riches. The rugged coastline stretches 165 miles north and south, and inland amongst the fairy-tale castles and world renowned distilleries there is unbeatable

mountain scenery, meandering rivers, crystal clear lochs and ancient forests steeped in history and heritage providing endless scope for outdoor adventures.

The region offers glorious seascapes, ancient sites and mysterious standing stones, quaint fishing villages and sandy coves along with picturesque havens to explore such as Portsoy to the north and Stonehaven to the south.

Port of Aberdeen has a proven track record of welcoming boutique cruise vessels and now extends that expertise to welcoming larger vessels at the transformational South Harbour. The new £400 million deepwater harbour significantly increases capacity for cruise calls and will accommodate the majority of the world's cruise ship fleet.

The port is well positioned to become a major player in the UK cruise industry and has already seen Aberdeenshire recently highlighted by Good Housekeeping as best place to visit in 2023.

Top Five Facts about Aberdeen

1. Aberdeen is home to Marischal College, the world's second largest granite building.
2. Aberdeen is home to a record number of distilleries – 17 to be precise, many of which are open to the public which is a fascinating and entertaining way to learn more about the history of Aberdeen and its culture.
3. There are more than 300 castles in the Aberdeenshire area, more per acre than anywhere else in the British Isles.
4. Cairngorms National Park, which is twice the size of the Lake District and bigger than Luxembourg, is home to tranquil lochs, challenging Munros, beautiful castles and historic events – it's no surprise that it is the largest National Park in the UK.
5. The oldest building in active use in Aberdeen is St Machar's Cathedral. Located in Old Aberdeen, originally a separate burgh, there are historic cobbled streets, mature trees as well as Aberdeen's first University, which was founded in 1496. Nearby Footdee – known locally as Fittie – is a quirky fishing quarter at the water's edge, with squares of tiny cottages and brightly painted outhouses.

Experience Aberdeen

Aberdeen Art Gallery

From Brueghel to Borland, Landseer to Lambie and from Guthrie to Gibb, Aberdeen Art Gallery's collection spans over 700 years and includes a staggering range of works by artists, designers and makers. For over 130 years, the gallery has been acquiring the best and most interesting contemporary artworks. Today this Recognised Collection of National Significance is regarded as one of the UK's finest. The gallery team are proud to share their stories with all visitors.

Link: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/AAGM/plan-your-visit/aberdeen-art-gallery>

Dunnottar Castle

Perched atop a 160 foot rock and surrounded on three sides by the North Sea, these dramatic and evocative cliff-top ruins were the impregnable fortress of the Earls Marischal, once one of the most powerful families in Scotland. Steeped in history, Dunnottar has played host to some of the nation's greatest historical figures including William Wallace and Mary Queen of Scots and is famous for its role in saving the Honours of Scotland (the Scottish Crown Jewels) from Oliver Cromwell's army in the 1650. This romantic and haunting ruin is a photographer's paradise, a history lover's dream and an iconic tourist destination.

Link: <https://www.dunnottarcastle.co.uk/>

Provost Skene's House

What makes a city? Its buildings and landscape for certain, but more than anything it is people who give a city its character and culture. Inside Provost Skene's House, more than 100 remarkable individuals from Aberdeen and the North-East are showcased in new interactive displays. They include innovators, scientists, live savers, writers, sporting champions and stars of stage and screen. They range from Nobel laureate Lord Boyd-Orr (who helped establish the city's world-renowned Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health) to operatic soprano Mary Garden (one of entertainment's first superstars) and football legend Denis Law.

Link: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/AAGM/plan-your-visit/provost-skenes-house>

Peterhead Prison Museum

Step back in time through 125 years of turbulent history inside 'Scotland's toughest jail.' The former Victorian HM Convict Prison Peterhead unique features include the UK's first state-owned railway and the only site where the SAS (Special Air Service) were used to end a domestic siege in mainland Britain. The museum highlights the work of those that served here between 1888- 2013: you will visually see what "real" prison life was like; listen to officers speak of their experiences during the audio tour and have your sense of smell stimulated in the laundry, shower block and hospital areas.

Link: <https://peterheadprisonmuseum.com/>

Aberdeen Maritime Museum

Close to the busy harbour, on historic Shiprow, Aberdeen Maritime Museum tells the story of Aberdeen's long and often dramatic relationship with the sea. From the earliest days of trading, fishing and shipbuilding, to offshore energy and life in industry, to Aberdeen's place today as a leader in global energy transition - your voyage of discovery starts here.

Link: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/AAGM/plan-your-visit/aberdeen-maritime-museum>

Balmoral Castle and Estate

Balmoral Castle has been the Scottish home of the Royal Family since it was purchased for Queen Victoria by Prince Albert in 1852, having been first leased in 1848. Enjoy a relaxing visit of the grounds, exhibitions and Ballroom at Balmoral with audio tours available in English with Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish translations. For the more active there is also The Cairns Walk and Albert's Pyramid Walk where you can explore the historical cairns erected by the Royal Family on the Balmoral Estate, with great views over Deeside and Balmoral Castle itself. Note: access may change if Royal Family is in residence.

Link: <https://www.balmoralcastle.com/>

Greyhope Bay

Greyhope Bay, operated by a charitable organisation, exists to connect and engage visitors and the local community with the marine world. From the historic site of Torry Battery visitors can enjoy panoramic views of the coast, and is the best place in the UK to spot bottlenose dolphins from the shore. Spotted daily, bottlenose dolphins can be seen feeding, jumping and playing at the entrance to the Port of Aberdeen with no need for binoculars! Torry Battery has been shown to have the highest year-round probability of spotting bottlenose dolphins in Scotland.

Link: <https://www.greyhopebay.com>

Glen Garioch Distillery

One of Scotland's oldest operating distilleries, Glen Garioch (pronounced Geery in the ancient Doric dialect still spoken here) has been making its mighty malt in the quaint and historic market town of Oldmeldrum since 1797. Shielded from the world's prying eyes, deep in the fertile 'Granary of Aberdeenshire', and only ever produced in small, precious batches, Glen Garioch is a rare find indeed, but warmly appreciated by those who like a hearty Highland malt, non chill-filtered as nature intended, with a wholesome maltiness,

honeyed sweetness and delicious creamy texture to savour.

Link: <https://www.glengarioch.com/>

The Gordon Highlanders Museum

For two hundred years, this spectacular landscape gave us the men who made one of the finest regiments the British Army has ever seen: The Gordon Highlanders. Within the ranks were farmers and fishermen, ghillies and labourers, aristocrats and university students. Ordinary men with an extraordinary sense of duty; all with a story to tell. These stories are brought to life at The Gordon Highlanders Museum by exploring our Nationally Significant Collection. Guided by our knowledgeable staff and volunteers, retrace the remarkable history of these famous fighting men.

Link: <https://www.gordonhighlanders.com/>

Grampian Transport Museum

Located in the rural village of Alford, just 25 miles from Aberdeen, our award-winning Grampian Transport Museum boasts an impressive range of transport exhibits, from travelling chariots of the 1800s to some of the fastest cars ever made. The museum is a living museum that probes the past, present and future. Many exhibits are climb aboard, hands on and even ride on! The exhibits are updated every year during the closed season, providing a wide range of new and exciting things to see each year.

Link: <https://www.gtm.org.uk/>



Falmouth Harbour

Falmouth Harbour

The UK's Atlantic Gateway



Falmouth is the UK's first and last major Port, conveniently located at the entrance to the Western Approaches. As the third deepest natural harbour in the world, Falmouth offers services to vessels of all sizes all taking place within an unrivalled natural environment.

Flanked by Henry VIII's two castles (Pendennis and St Mawes), the Harbour has been providing a comforting welcome to seafarers since well before the town's creation in the early 1600s.

Built around the packet ship trade, Falmouth was the first landfall for sailing ships returning to Britain from distant shores. Reminders of this golden age can still be seen throughout the town and forms a central part of its unique character.

Framed by Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) along the Helford and Fal Rivers and Roseland Peninsula and located on the outstanding Southwest Coast Path – the area is a magnet for walkers, and a world leading location for water sports, sailing and other active pursuits.

The bustling town of Falmouth boasts world class beaches, a diverse high street and a thriving café / restaurant culture. Combined with the relaxed atmosphere that Cornwall is famous for, it's no wonder that Falmouth is renowned as the one of the UK's premier holiday destinations and a must-see for many.

The town offers easy access to the wide selection of attractions on offer in Cornwall: the Eden Project, St Michaels Mount, the sub-tropical gardens of Trebah, Lands' End, the Lost Gardens of Heligan and many more.

Falmouth Harbour is well placed strategically to support a wide variety of cruises – whether this is shorter round Britain and Ireland cruises or as part of a much longer trans-Atlantic cruise. It is just a short steam to or from the Isles of Scilly, another must see Cornish destination.

The commercial Port, operated by A&P Falmouth, can accommodate ships alongside up to 240m, or the largest cruise ships in the world can comfortably anchor in the Harbour approaches or the sheltered waters of Falmouth Bay. A&P operate a dedicated passenger landing facility where vessels can expect to be welcomed by the Falmouth Cruise Ambassadors. Ships berth only a 10-minute walk away from the town, with access for coach trip services directly next to the berth.

The Port offers a full range of marine services, including bunkering, all of which can be organised via our highly experienced local Port Agents. This combined with the areas unique offer to tourism, makes Falmouth Harbour a key destination for many cruise lines and passengers alike.

Top Five Facts about Falmouth Harbour

1. Falmouth Harbour and the Carrick Roads form the third deepest natural harbour in the world and the deepest in Western Europe
2. Falmouth was the start and finishing point for both Robin Knox-Johnston and Ellen McArthur's voyages around the world (Knox-Johnston in 1969 and McArthur in 2007) – sailing non-stop single handedly
3. Operation Chariot, a famous Commando raid on the heavily defended docks of St Nazaire in France during World War Two, which helped to shape the war at sea was launched from Falmouth
4. Falmouth was made the Royal Mail Packet Station in 1688. In 1805 the news of Britain's victory and Admiral Nelson's death at Trafalgar was landed here and taken to London by stagecoach
5. Falmouth is home to one of only 8 Blue Flag beaches in Cornwall

Experience Falmouth Harbour

Eden Project

Our home in Cornwall used to be a barren landscape – a former clay mine with no soil or plants. We transformed this huge crater into a beautiful global garden, which sets the stage for an extraordinary day out where you'll rediscover the natural world as you've never experienced it before. Explore massive covered Biomes to trek through the world's largest indoor rainforest and immerse yourself in the calm fragrance of the Mediterranean Biome. Enjoy extensive Outdoor Gardens, contemporary artworks, performance and storytelling. Discover places to rest, play and eat, and pick up inspiring ideas to take home on how to care for the planet that cares for you.

Link: <https://www.edenproject.com/>

Lost Gardens of Heligan

Heligan is one of the most mysterious estates in England. Lost to the brambles of time since the outbreak of WW1, this Sleeping Beauty was re-awakened in 1990 to become Europe's largest garden restoration project. Today Heligan's 200 acres are a paradise for the explorer, wildlife, plant lover and garden romantic.

Link: <https://www.heligan.com/>

Lands End

Land's End is the legendary Cornish destination that has inspired people since ancient Greek times when it was referred to as 'Belerion' – Place of the Sun. One of Britain's best loved landmarks, famous for its unique location at the westernmost point of Cornwall and beautiful scenery. Cliff top trails, breathtaking views, pay-as-you-go family attractions, shopping village, restaurant and cafés.

Link: <https://landsend-landmark.co.uk/>

St Ives and the Tate Gallery

The dazzling jewel in Cornwall's crown. A picturesque fishing harbour and seaside town. Voted best family holiday destination by Coast magazine and one of TripAdvisor's top 10 European beaches. Wander through a maze of narrow cobbled streets, independent shops and fisherman's cottages. Surf at the blue flag-rated Porthmeor beach or set off on an inspiring walk along the coastal path towards Land's End. Inspiring art and breathtaking scenery meet at Tate St Ives. The iconic gallery overlooks the Atlantic Ocean, and showcases some best-loved 20th century British artworks alongside an ever-changing programme of world-class British and International modern and contemporary art.

Link: <https://www.stives-cornwall.co.uk/>

Falmouth Town

Falmouth is gateway to the beautiful Fal River which runs through an Area Of Natural Beauty. The town is famous for its creative buzz with art galleries displaying contemporary works and venues showcasing independent films and live bands. The many reasons to visit include, the fascinating maritime heritage; the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty along the Helford and Fal Rivers; watersports; boat trips; and plenty of family friendly attractions. Falmouth is surrounded by fantastic beaches and has a year-round events calendar. The maritime legacy and coastal culture is a huge part of its charm: world-class watersports on its sheltered waters including gig rowing, kayaking, diving and regularly hosting sailing events such as Falmouth Regatta, and the Pendennis Cup.

Link: <https://www.falmouth.co.uk/>

National Maritime Museum Cornwall

15 galleries over five floors explores the influence of the sea on history and culture. The museum is located on aptly named Discovery Quay, and is a vast, iconic building, home to exciting exhibitions and a wide range of galleries taking visitors on a discovery journey. The building was custom designed and built on land that was once covered in the sheds of boat builders. These sheds inspired the design of the building which is covered in green oak. The building has the most fantastic, breathtaking views over Falmouth harbour.

Link: <https://nmmc.co.uk/>

St Michael's Mount

This iconic rocky island crowned by medieval church and castle, is home to a living community and to the St Aubyn family, with the oldest buildings dating from the 12th century. Immerse yourself in history, wonder at the architecture and discover the legend of Jack the Giant Killer. Look down on the subtropical terraced garden and enjoy the breathtaking views of spectacular Mount's Bay. Accessed by a short evocative boat trip to the island, or at low tide, by walking across the causeway.

Link: <https://www.stmichaelsmount.co.uk/>

St Mawes and the Roseland peninsula

The Roseland Peninsula has been designated part of Cornwall's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for the quality of the landscape and unrivalled coastal scenery. Here you will find secluded coves, delightful creeks, wooded countryside, pretty fishing and rural villages, tranquil beaches and scenic cliffs and headlands. Its a haven for walkers, wildlife and beach lovers, watersports enthusiasts. Take a boat trip rounded off with a cream tea or a pint in a character pub.

Link: <http://www.stmawesandtheroseland.co.uk/>

Surfing Experience at Newquay

Newquay is the self-proclaimed capital of the Cornish surf scene and one of the best surf towns in the whole of the UK. It's a veteran of major competitions, has fantastic exposure to the west Atlantic swell channels, good vibes and oodles of surf schools and surf camps. As one of the nation's favourite seaside towns, Newquay exudes the laidback atmosphere you would expect from a town perched on Cornwall's Atlantic cliffs and bordered by seven miles of glorious golden sandy beaches - toes in the sand, ice-cream in hand! There's a different beach for every day of the week and glorious open spaces looking out to sea.

Link: <https://www.visitnewquay.org/>

Trebah Gardens

Trebah is a sub-tropical paradise with a stunning coastal backdrop and is the result of 180 years of inspired and dedicated creation. Discover the magic of this beautiful valley garden, explore under canopies bursting with exotic blooms and follow vibrant tunnels of colour that cascade down to our very own secluded beach on the Helford River.

Link: <https://www.trebahgarden.co.uk/>



Titanic Slipways

Belfast

A port for everyone

Belfast Harbour

Belfast is a city with a unique character and history that sets it apart from other cruise destinations. Since the first cruise ship arrival in 1996, Belfast has seen unprecedented growth in both cruise calls and visitor numbers. We combine our heritage with a legendary welcome and a sense of humour, which ensures cruise visitors enjoy their stay with us.

An award-winning cruise destination, Belfast is now widely regarded as one of the UK and Ireland's most vibrant and exciting city destinations, full of unique visitor attractions and friendly faces. There is so much for visitors to explore in the incredible city whose innovation, passion and pride gave birth to RMS Titanic and many other great ships. From castles towering high above the lough to tranquil canal towpaths by beautiful parks, Belfast has a myriad of wonderful experiences to enthrall visitors.

From just two cruise calls in 1996 to 148 calls in 2019 with 285,000 cruise visitors, Belfast is now the third most popular destination in the UK and Ireland for one-day cruise ship calls after Dublin and Orkney. It's against this backdrop that Belfast Harbour opened the island's first dedicated cruise terminal in May 2019

Belfast Harbour has invested more than £500,000 to upgrade the quayside, which now includes a Visitor

Information Centre managed by our partners, Visit Belfast. Staffed by Visit Belfast's travel advisors the new terminal utilises the latest digital and audio-visual technology to showcase Belfast and Northern Ireland's visitor attractions.

The newly developed site also includes ample space to service the shore side activities associated with cruise ships – coaches, shuttle buses and taxis – and a berth which has been dredged to accommodate the next generation of larger cruise ships. The terminal allows passengers to quickly connect to Belfast city centre or join one of the many organised excursions to visitor attractions such as the Giant's Causeway, Hillsborough Castle, Mount Stewart and Titanic Belfast.

Top Five Facts about Belfast

1. Belfast Harbour is made up of Belfast Port and the 2,000 acre Harbour Estate which is home to more than 760 businesses with 27,000 people who come to either work or study every day, we welcome 5 million visitors annually.
2. Included in our strategic vision to 2035 is our ambition to become the world's best regional port.
3. In 1998 the Good Friday agreement was signed which marked the end of the Troubles. Since then, Belfast has completely changed. It went from being a hurt city to becoming an awesome technology hub. Nowadays Belfast is a vibrant and welcoming city.
4. HBO's Game of Throne studios are in Belfast and a lot of the filming locations for the hit TV show are dotted around Northern Ireland, including the North Wall & the Dark Hedges.
5. The Titanic was built in Belfast – "She was fine when she left here"

Experience Belfast

Titanic Belfast

The world's largest Titanic visitor experience and a must-see on any visit to Belfast and Northern Ireland. Titanic Belfast, named the World's Leading Tourist Attraction at the prestigious World Travel Awards in 2016, is located beside the Titanic Slipways, the Harland and Wolff Drawing Offices and Hamilton Graving Dock, the very place where Titanic was designed, built and launched in 1912. It tells the story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to its maiden voyage and subsequent place in history. The self-guided Titanic Experience extends over nine interpretive and interactive galleries, which explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of RMS Titanic, as well as the city and people who made her.

Link: <https://titanicbelfast.com/>

The Giant's Causeway

A UNESCO World Heritage site, the Giant's Causeway is a magnificent, mysterious geological formation on the North East coast of County Antrim. It's steeped in myths and legend. The setting is a spectacular, dynamic coastal landscape of Atlantic waves, rugged cliffs, fascinating geographical antiquity, secluded bays and magnificent views. It forms a jagged headland of neatly packed columns which point towards Scotland. Visitors can walk or take a small bus along the basalt columns which are at the edge of the sea, just over 1km from the entrance to the site.

Link: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway>

Hillsborough Castle & Gardens

The official Northern Ireland residence of HM The Queen. In the 1940s, the then Princess Elizabeth enjoyed family holidays here with her sister Princess Margaret, and she continues to visit and attend official engagements here today. From grand family home to charming royal residence, Hillsborough Castle has welcomed the world and witnessed pivotal chapters in politics. This splendid late Georgian house,

surrounded by 100 acres of glorious gardens, was built in the 1770s by Wills Hill, later 1st Marquess of Downshire. The Castle is set in 100 acres of breath-taking gardens and offers significant contrasts of woodland, waterways, gardens with trimmed lawns and meadows as well as specimen trees and rare plants.

Link: <https://www.hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle/#gs.1ks72e>

Game of Thrones Tours and Experiences

Northern Ireland is the Home of Thrones. The mesmerising fantasy lands of Westeros have been created using Northern Ireland's rugged coastlines, historic castles and breath-taking countryside and forests. The dramatic scenery of the Causeway Coast and Glens, and Counties Down, Fermanagh and Armagh form the backdrop of much of the show's action and fans can easily access many of the locations from Belfast including Castle Ward and Tollymore Forest Park (Winterfell), Downhill Beach (Dragonstone) and Murlough Bay (Stormlands).

Link: <https://gameofthronestours.com/>

Crumlin Road Gaol

Take a tour to experience all aspects of the 19th-century Gaol from the tunnel linking the courthouse on the other side of the Crumlin Road to the hanging cell, Governor's office, hospital and graveyard. Crumlin Road Gaol first opened its gates to prisoners in 1846 and for 150 years was a fully operational prison. The Gaol has housed murderers, suffragettes and loyalist and republican prisoners. It has witnessed births, deaths and marriages and has been the home to executions, escapes, hunger-strikes and riots.

Link: <https://www.crumlinroadgaol.com/>

SS Nomadic

SS Nomadic - RMS Titanic's tender ship and the last remaining White Star Line vessel has been restored to her original glory. Walk the decks, explore the ship, and take a journey through over 100 years of authentic maritime and social history. SS Nomadic is most famous for the part she played in the Titanic story when she ferried passengers to Titanic from Cherbourg, but this was only the beginning of her extraordinary 100-year journey. Restored to her original 1911 glory and back home in Belfast, a visit to SS Nomadic and Hamilton Dock combines the authentic heritage and atmosphere of this historic ship.

Link: <https://www.nomadicbelfast.com/>

Botanical Gardens & Tropical Ravine

An important part of Belfast's Victorian heritage which was established in 1828. Originally known as the Belfast Botanic Garden, the site contained exotic tree species and impressive plant collections from the southern hemisphere, many of which can still be seen in the park. The Tropical Ravine, home to many tropical plants, is one of the listed buildings in Belfast's Botanic Gardens and has recently been restored with many of its original Victorian features reinstated and preserved.

Link: <https://visitbelfast.com/partners/belfast-city-hall/>

Belfast City Hall

One of Belfast's most iconic buildings, Belfast City Hall first opened its doors in August 1906 and is Belfast's civic building. Public tours of Belfast City Hall are available. Led by an experienced guide, they last around one hour and uncover the history of Belfast City Hall, while exploring some of its finest features.

Link: <https://visitbelfast.com/partners/belfast-city-hall/>

Ulster Folk Museum

Step back in time and experience what life was like in Ulster over 100 years ago. Wander through a beautiful rolling countryside and a bustling town filled with authentic, period buildings, where you will

encounter costumed locals demonstrating traditional crafts in cottages, farm dwellings, schools and shops. Every day a wide variety of folk activities and demonstrations take place, from basket weaving and blacksmithing to crocheting and needlework. Take a stroll around the whitewashed farmhouses and meet the pigs, cows, sheep and hens that kept rural life turning, and have a taste of some homemade soda bread cooking over the fire.

Link: <https://discovernorthernireland.com/things-to-do/ulster-folk-museum-p675241>

Old Bushmills Distillery

Bushmills Irish Whiskey is made at Ireland's oldest working distillery in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Come and watch whiskey making take place and enjoy a wee taster too. Experience a guided tour of Ireland's only 'grain to glass' distillery and discover some of the trade secrets learned over 400 years of distilling.

Link: <https://bushmills.com/distillery/>



Credit: Greg Martin Cornwall Live

Penzance



Nestled in a corner of glorious Mount's Bay, our town has long been a hidden gem for well-informed travellers. Visit Penzance and you'll encounter all the salt-flecked history you'll expect from its famous name – the piratey cobbled alleyways, the bobbing boats and dockside taverns – along with a vibrant local scene.

At last you'll feel like you've discovered authentic Cornwall.

Plot a course along the mid-eighteenth century Chapel Street, exploring independent antiques and art shops as you go. Admire the pleasingly flamboyant Grade-I listed Egyptian House, a rare example of Egyptian Revival architecture from the 1830s which sticks out like an ornate sore thumb amid the brickwork.

The iconic art deco Jubilee Lido is the largest seawater pool in the UK, and was opened in 1935, the year of King George V's Silver Jubilee. Community-run and community-owned since 2017, it boasts a vast but chilly main pool, a learners' pool, and a thermally heated smaller pool. Perhaps you'll have time for a dip?

Penzance promenade stretches the seafront between The Jubilee Pool and Newlyn and is an idyllic place to stroll, roller skate, jog or just sit and people watch. Dating back to the 1800's the Promenade gives breath taking views of Mounts Bay and Newlyn. There are occasions when it rains in Cornwall and Irish painter Norman Garstin captured such a day in his painting "The Rain it Raineth Every Day" which was to become an iconic painting of Penzance in 1889 – capturing the grandeur, splendour and light of the Victorian Promenade, come rain or shine. That very same painting now resides in Penlee Gallery at Penlee House a few hundred metres from its Promenade inspiration. Penlee Gallery houses an impressive art collection with works by members of the famous Newlyn School.

Continuing along the promenade towards Newlyn we reach the Newlyn Art Gallery. For more than 125 years, the gallery has been bringing the best in contemporary art to audiences in the South West. In 2007 the gallery was redeveloped and they opened a second venue, The Exchange, in Penzance.

Passengers can join a shore excursion to many of the nearby attractions including St Michaels Mount, the Minack Theatre, Lands End and St Ives. Penzance has created fortunes, weathered storms and inspired groundbreaking ideas and looks forward to welcoming you.

Experience Penzance

St Michaels Mount

Link: <https://www.stmichaelsmount.co.uk/>

Lands End

Link: <https://landsend-landmark.co.uk/>

St Ives

Image credit: Chester Robinson

Link: <https://www.stives-cornwall.co.uk/>

Penlee House

Link: <https://www.penleehouse.org.uk/>

Jubilee Pool

Link: <https://jubileepool.co.uk/>

Minack Theatre

Link: <https://www.minack.com/minack-theatre>

Newlyn Art Gallery

Link: <https://newlynartgallery.co.uk/>

Wildlife spotting & Mermaid Pleasure Trips

Two fabulous options. Marine Discovery: marinediscovery.co.uk Mermaid Pleasure Trips: cornwallboattrips.com

Link: <https://www.cornwallboattrips.com>

Poldark exploration

Visit the locations made famous by the Poldark series

Link: <https://www.visitcornwall.com/poldark/blog/poldark-film-locations>

World Heritage Cornish Tin Mines

One of the largest preserved mine sites in the country and a Cornish Mining World Heritage Site. Image: Wheal Coates, credit Matthew Jessop.

Link: <https://www.visitcornwall.com/things-to-do/attractions/west-cornwall/lands-end/geevor-tin-mine>



Dartmouth



A natural harbour, steeped in maritime heritage, Dartmouth is the perfect location for an exceptional port call. For over 900 years, sailors have left the town's shores and it was from the medieval quay of Bayards Cove that the Pilgrim Fathers set sail on their journey to the New World.

Whether you're anchored at sea, looking out across the harbour entrance, or are lucky enough to sail up the River Dart into the heart of the community, we're sure the view of Dartmouth will set a spectacular scene for what's to come. To start the voyage to Dartmouth, please complete our online enquiry form for cruise ships.

A short stroll from the disembarkation point on the Town Jetty, guests will find the centre of this attractive, bustling riverside town. Excursion transportation can pick up within two or three minutes' walk of the tender point. There is also direct access from the same jetty to the river boats that ply the river, offering a variety of tours. Britannia Royal Naval College, Mayflower trails and Agatha Christie's riverside home, Greenway feature on our shore excursion portfolio.

But a trip to Dartmouth isn't just about the town and its fascinating history. The surrounding countryside is part of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty full of rugged coastlines, beaches and wooded valleys, all presenting exciting outdoor tour possibilities.

Ships' guests are met by the local Visitor Centre team (French and German speakers can be arranged), as well as our award winning Town Crier, in order to offer the warmest welcome.

Dartmouth has become a popular port of call to a mix of different ships and nationalities, from international cruise companies, to boutique and explorer brands – many return year after year. The harbour's geographical position lends itself to overnight sailing from other cruise ports and is easily combined with Around Britain & Ireland itineraries or cross – channel to Northern France.

Dart Harbour & Navigation Authority is a Trust Port and a Local Lighthouse Authority.

Top Five Facts About Dartmouth

1. Home to the Britannia Royal Naval College for naval officer training, this is where the Queen and Prince Philip first met in 1939.
2. Greenway House & Gardens – home of Agatha Christie, overlooks the river Dart and is open to the public. Christie moved here in 1938 and based several plots around the setting.
3. The Onedin Line TV series made Dartmouth its filming base between 1971 and 1980. The town and Start Bay were used, as was the river which became 'the Amazon' for episodes, complete with plastic alligators.
4. In 1147, the second crusade saw 150 ships and 10,000 crusaders depart Dartmouth for the Holy Land.
5. Dartmouth had a railway terminal (now a café) without ever having a railway line. Trains actually arrived in Kingswear and passengers were ferried across the river and dropped off at the Dartmouth

railway terminal.

Experience Dartmouth

Greenway House

Agatha Christie's holiday home and inspiration for more than one murder mystery. Image credit: Visit South Devon

Link: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenway>

Britannia Royal Naval College Tours

With an intriguing heritage spanning over 150 years, Britannia Royal Naval College takes the visitor on a revealing voyage from past glories to the present day.

Link: <https://discoverdartmouth.com/attraction/britannia-royal-naval-college-tours>

Dartmouth Castle

One of the most beautifully located fortresses in England. For over 600 years Dartmouth Castle has guarded the narrow entrance to the Dart Estuary and the busy, vibrant port of Dartmouth. It offers stunning views of the estuary and out to sea whatever the weather.

Link: <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/dartmouth-castle/>

Coleton Fishacre House and Gardens

1920s home to the D'Oyly-Cartes of Gilbert & Sullivan fame.

Link: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coleton-fishacre>

Mayflower Trail (walking tour)

An atmospheric walk through the Dartmouth of 1620.

Link: <https://www.dartmouthmayflower400.uk/dartmouth-walking-trail/town-trail/>

Kayaking

There is simply no better way to explore Devon's stunning coastline than by kayak! All are welcome and no experience is required.

Link: <https://www.seakayakdevon.co.uk/>

Slapton Sands WW2 tours

During WWII the residents of Slapton and nearby villages were evacuated in order for the areas to be used for training exercises in preparation for the D-Day landings. A Sherman amphibious tank and several plaques stand at Torcross car park (0.5km back along road) as a memorial to the lives lost in WWII "Exercise Tiger," where German torpedo boats intercepted a convoy of vessels and sunk two tank landing ships killing 749 American servicemen. Image credit: Visit South Devon

Link: <https://discoverdartmouth.com/attraction/slapton-sands>



Berwick-upon-Tweed

Berwick-upon-Tweed

Welcome to Berwick-upon-Tweed, a beautiful town in the “Secret Kingdom” of North Northumberland and only two miles from the border with Scotland.

A town unique in its mix of English and Scottish culture and layered with a turbulent history of battles and wars between the two nations. Now, however, a wonderful town and area filled with things to do and see, both old and new.

Our port sits almost in the town centre and the walk from our brand new landing pontoon to the centre of town is less than five minutes. Take in the Elizabethan walls and the galleries and boutiques of the lower part of town. Or take an excursion to one of many wonderful places in the area, such as Alnwick Castle with its Harry Potter themed events, or the Farne Islands with seal and puffin colonies. See Lindisfarne Priory, the cradle of Christianity in the UK. Visit Alnwick Garden, twelve acres of magnificent gardens including the world’s largest Treehouse restaurant and a “Poison Garden”.

Visit Floors Castle, the largest inhabited castle in Scotland which also boasts nature trails through its wonderful gardens, or Manderston House, an Edwardian stately home used in many television series, with its famous silver staircase and magnificent lake and gardens. Visit Chain Bridge Honey Farm and watch the busy hives close up, or visit the Union Chain Bridge itself only 100 metres away, the oldest suspension bridge in the world still carrying traffic.

All of this and much more is within half an hour’s travel of the landing pontoon at the Port of Berwick.

Top Five Facts about Berwick-upon-Tweed

- Berwick is THE Border Town as it has changed hands between England and Scotland thirteen times.
- Named as one of the most historic towns in the UK
- Only a 40 minute train journey from Edinburgh or Newcastle
- A true mixture of English and Scottish Cultures like no other town
- North Northumberland, the “Secret Kingdom” – an area of outstanding natural beauty

Experience Berwick-upon-Tweed

Berwick-upon-Tweed

An ancient town with Elizabethan Walls surrounding it. The walls can still be explored and walked around today and guided tours are available. Follow in the footsteps of Manchester artist L.S.Lowry on The Lowry Trail. Lowry, famous for his matchstick-men paintings, used to holiday frequently in Berwick-upon-Tweed and did more than thirty sketches, drawings and paintings while visiting the area. Explore the galleries and boutiques of Bridge Street and West Street or the history of a town that has changed hands between England and Scotland 13 times.

Link: <https://www.visitberwick.com/>

Salmon fishing on the Tweed

Experience a day net fishing on the River Tweed. There are records of Salmon Fishing on the Tweed dating back to Roman Times. Now the Gardo Fishery on the Tweed is the only Salmon Net Fishing Station left in the UK. You can experience a day as part of the fishing team. You will be asked to take up various positions within the fishing operation. The goal is to allow you to have tried and then completed, under supervision, the entire activity of catching River Tweed wild salmon and sea trout. The opportunity to retain and take home a fish could be yours depending on the day's catch. We can arrange for your wild salmon to be prepared at a local restaurant

Link: <http://rivertweedwildsalmon.co.uk>

Alnwick Castle

The ‘Windsor of the North,’ is the second largest inhabited castle in the country and has been home to the Duke of Northumberland’s family, the Percys, for over 700 years. Combining magnificent medieval architecture with sumptuous Italianate State Rooms, Alnwick Castle is one of the UK’s most significant heritage destinations and best days out in Northumberland. The Castle’s rich history is brimming with drama, intrigue and extraordinary people; from a gunpowder plotter and visionary collectors, to decadent hosts and medieval England’s most celebrated knight: Harry Hotspur. In recent years it has also taken starring roles in a number of film and television productions, featuring as the magnificent Brancaster Castle in Downton Abbey and previously appearing as Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in the Harry Potter films. There are various Harry Potter related events throughout the year.

Link: <https://www.alnwickcastle.com/>

Alnwick Garden

The 12 acres of meandering and magnificent Gardens are home to the world’s largest Tai Haku Cherry Orchard, a Grand Cascade comprising 120 water jets and the world's largest Treehouse Restaurant. The Garden is a peaceful and tranquil haven including roses, an Ornamental Garden and Cherry Blossom, plus the small but deadly Poison Garden, only open on guided tours.

Link: <https://www.alnwickcastle.com/>

Holy Island of Lindisfarne

Lying just a few miles off the coast, Holy Island is cut off twice-daily by fast-moving tides. Both an island and a picturesque village, Holy Island carries a wealth of history within its tidal walls. Experience the serenity of 12th century Lindisfarne Priory, the epicentre of Christianity in Anglo Saxon times and once the home of St Oswald. This peaceful setting was the birthplace of the Lindisfarne Gospels, one of the world's most precious books. Ransacked by marauding Vikings in the 8th century, the evocative ruins of Lindisfarne Priory remain. Holy Island remains a place of pilgrimage today. Rising from the sheer rock face at the tip of the island is Lindisfarne Castle. Built in 1550 as a fort to defend the harbour against attack from Scots and Norsemen. In 1901 Edward Hudson bought Lindisfarne Castle and commissioned celebrated architect Edward Lutyens to give the castle a luxurious makeover.

Link: <https://www.lindisfarne.org.uk/>

Manderston House

A sumptuous Edwardian mansion, the home of Lord and Lady Palmer. One of the unique features of Manderston is a marvellous cantilevered marble staircase with silver-plated balustrade. There is plenty to discover, whether you choose to explore both the house and gardens, or simply the gardens on their own, including a privately owned Biscuit Tin museum, the first of its kind in Britain! The garden has plenty to see whenever you visit including formal gardens, lake and Chinese boathouse and Woodland garden.

Link: <https://www.manderston.co.uk/>

Bamburgh Castle

No visit to Northumberland is complete without setting foot inside one of the British Isles' best-loved fortresses which has stood guard above the spectacular coastline for over 1,400 years. One of the largest inhabited castles in the country, the site has been continuously occupied for thousands of years, Bamburgh enjoys more than its fair share of ghost stories, legends and myths. It is also believed to be the site of Sir Lancelot's fictitious castle, Joyous Garde. See the scenes of films such as Transformers The Last Knight and best selling Bernard Cornwell's Last Kingdom series brought to life. Experience regular live entertainment and share the amazing sea views.

Link: <https://www.bamburghcastle.com/>

Farne Islands

Scattered a couple of miles off the coast near Seahouses, this cluster of islands was declared by broadcaster Sir David Attenborough as his favourite place in the UK to see nature at its best. Take a boat ride to the islands from Seahouses. Look out for the island's colony of grey or Atlantic seals hauled up on the rocks or bobbing inquisitively in the sea. The islands have the largest breeding colony in England with some 1,000 pups born here each autumn. During summertime around 150,000 breeding pairs of seabirds cram onto the islands. Around 23 different varieties of birds can be spotted here, including razorbills, guillemots, eider ducks and colourful puffins - just some of the varieties that flock here.

Link: <https://www.farne-islands.com/>

Floors Castle

Scotland's largest inhabited castle is one of the leading visitor attractions in the Scottish Borders. Visit and explore the collection of fine art, porcelain, newly restored tapestries, grand rooms and superb views over the River Tweed and the Cheviot Hills to the south. Built by leading architect William Adam between 1721-1726 for the 1st Duke of Roxburghe, it has undergone periodic changes to create the dramatic building there today, notably during the Victorian period through the work of Scottish architect William Playfair. Enjoy a wander through atmospheric woodland or a trail by the riverside or a stroll around the stunning Victorian walled garden.

Link: <https://www.floorscastle.com/>

Chain Bridge Honey Farm

Discover first hand the extraordinary tale of bees and honey. Explore bee behaviour, products and different types of bee. See the living colony of the observation hive. See the bees visibly bring in pollen on their hind legs and perform captivating dances as they 'speak' to each other. Plus, there's a vast display of vintage vehicles and a fabulous Beekeeper's Garden which has been planted to attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Walk to the Union Chain Bridge, a suspension bridge completed in 1820 that links England to Scotland.

Link: <https://www.chainbridgehoney.com/>



Alum Bay. Credit: Visit Isle of Wight

Cowes

The world's most famous yachting destination and a unique port-of-call



Boutique destination and gem of the UK South Coast, Cowes, on the Isle of Wight, is ideally located and an economical stopover for the Northern European luxury cruise market.

The coastal town of Cowes, an up-and-coming cruise port-of-call and the Isle of Wight beyond offer the perfect destination for cruise operators looking to cater to current demand for experiential and personalised travel, whilst still delivering a beneficial income stream for cruise lines.

The sheltered anchorages for small to medium-sized cruise ships provide ample swinging room with a short tender run to Trinity Landing in Cowes for disembarkation.

Cruise passengers come ashore at Trinity Landing on The Parade, next to Henry VIII's Cowes Castle, home to the prestigious Royal Yacht Squadron and in the heart of Cowes. Individual and eclectic shops, art galleries, restaurants and cafés, and local artisan food and drinks producers line Cowes town's charming streets.

Cowes and the Isle of Wight deliver exceptional visitor appeal with cruise guests able to visit world-famous tourist attractions and enjoy an up-market selection of bespoke, memorable experiences.

Cowes Harbour Commission is facilitating the ongoing development by shoreside tour operators of an enhanced range of authentic and exclusive excursions for discerning travellers. Destination experiences at Cowes, Isle of Wight include, for example: a royalty, yacht racing and rigging walking tour of Cowes, an exhilarating RIB ride to The Needles, an exploration by bicycle of Victorian history in Cowes and East Cowes, a lecture tour or English afternoon tea at Royal Osborne House, a guided visit to Ventnor Botanic Gardens, Carisbrooke Castle, Farringford House – Lord Tennyson's idyll, golf at Freshwater, an expert tour at Mottistone Gardens, a chauffeur-driven panoramic tour in vintage cars, and other tailor-made trips on the Island that's known as "England in miniature".

Top Five Facts about Cowes, Isle of Wight

1. Cowes is renowned as the world's most famous sailing destination.
2. Cowes hosts an unequalled number of yacht racing events every season including Cowes Week, the highlight of the British yacht racing calendar, and the Round the Island Race, one of the world's largest participatory events.
3. Elegant Cowes town is relaxed and friendly with... delightful boutique shopping, winding streets, fashionable clothing, photographers' stores, art galleries, jewellers, delicatessens, locally produced gifts and artisan crafts, plus cafés, traditional pubs, and restaurants.
4. The Isle of Wight has so much on one picturesque island: stunning coastline, inspiring countryside, historic houses and ancient monuments, beautiful beaches, coastal towns and pretty villages.
5. Dinosaurs, invasions by the Romans and French and infamous Royal visitors are all part of the Isle of Wight's rich history!

Experience Cowes

Osborne House

Queen Victoria's royal palace by the sea is one of the Isle of Wight's most treasured gems. Visitors will get a unique glimpse into the lives of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their nine children. Marvel at the opulence of the rooms in the House adorned with artefacts from the Royal Collection, including the beautiful Durbar Room, filled with Indian décor gifted to Victoria as Empress of India. View the Queen's private apartments and enjoy the royal family's once-private beach; see the charming Swiss Cottage - built for the royal children, and wander through the terraced gardens and beautifully landscaped grounds.

Image credit: English Heritage

Link: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/osborne>

A Taste of Royal Cowes

Enjoy the delights and history of Cowes, the coastal town that is synonymous with yacht racing. From the 1800s the Isle of Wight has hosted Cowes Week, the oldest sailing regatta in the world, attended by Royalty and Olympic champions. Enjoy exclusive access to a private Yacht Club and fully appreciate the rich sailing heritage of Cowes. Stroll along The Parade and through the town to the remarkable Sir Max Aitken Museum, filled with unique nautical memorabilia. Alternatively, your guide may take you to the Cowes Classic Boat Museum, which boasts over 50 yachts, motor and lifeboats. Image credit: Island Sailing Club

Link: <http://www.visitisleofwight.co.uk/cowes>

The Needles By RIB

Meet your RIB and the friendly crew at the Trinity Landing tender pontoons for a scenic tour along the picturesque coastline. Your skipper shares his/her outstanding local knowledge with a commentary on the landmarks and areas of natural beauty along the route. Watch out for Gurnard Bay, beautiful Newton Creek, picturesque Yarmouth Harbour, Colwell Bay, and Alum Bay where the vertical sandstone layers make a kaleidoscope of colours in the cliffs. Your destination is The Needles. This iconic landmark is a distinctive cluster of three stacks of chalk rising vertically almost 100 feet out of the sea. The impressive Needles Lighthouse stands boldly on the outermost chalk stack. Stunning photo opportunities! Image credit: Visit Isle of Wight

Link: <https://www.visitisleofwight.co.uk/explore/coast-and-country/isle-of-wight-landmarks>

Carisbrooke Castle

The quintessential romantic castle, Carisbrooke has been an Elizabethan artillery fortress, a king's prison and a royal summer residence. Of Saxon origin, the castle was built as one of the fortified camps intended to defend England against the Vikings. The Normans, in turn, came and established their own stronghold. For more than 800 years, the living heart of the castle was enclosed within the Norman curtain walls. Today, the high castle walls provide an excellent viewpoint over the Isle of Wight, and a home to a herd of donkeys that for generations have helped raised water from a deep well using a well-house wheel. Explore the castle and its Edwardian-style garden, and place yourself at the very heart of the Isle of Wight's history in Carisbrooke's Princess Beatrice Garden. Image credit: Visit Isle of Wight

Link: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/carisbrooke>

Ventnor Botanic Garden & Tea at The Royal

Garden lovers come to Ventnor Botanic Garden, Britain's hottest garden, to better understand the English flora and horticulture. Benefiting from the micro-climate of the Undercliff, the Garden sits in a prime position to grow subtropical and exotic plants on 22 acres of land overlooking the sea. This immersion landscape showcases 30,000 rare plants and trees, displayed as they would be seen in their native environments. Afternoon tea is a sacrosanct tradition at The Royal Hotel, ever since Queen Victoria

enjoyed taking afternoon refreshment at the hotel when visiting Ventnor. Relax in style in this handsome, four-storey building that overlooks Ventnor's Esplanade and the English Channel. Image credit: Visit Isle of Wight

Link: <https://www.visitisleofwight.co.uk/explore/towns/ventnor>

Cowes By Bicycle

Set off on a leisurely guided bike ride through Cowes town. You will go on the Chain Ferry, an unusual floating bridge, and make your way over the River Medina to East Cowes. Admire the views back towards Cowes from the seafront, and spot landmarks such as the world famous Royal Yacht Squadron. St Mildred's Church in Whippingham village, rich in royal history and heritage, offers wonderful architecture and excellent views. The Church was designed by Prince Albert and frequented by Queen Victoria. Continue to Newport via picturesque country lanes and cycle paths, admiring the stunning rural views of the Medina Valley before returning to the quaint streets of Cowes. Image credit: Wight Cycle Hire

Link: <http://www.visitisleofwight.co.uk/cowes>

Panoramic Island Drive

Travel by classic vintage vehicle and experience a step back in time through the scenic highspots. Throughout your journey your local driver will share an insights into island life and history as you stop at points of interest, many of them well-kept secrets off the tourist map. Godshill is the quintessential English Village, and boasts some of the oldest architecture on the Isle of Wight. With its delightful medieval church, fabulous Model Village, charming thatched-roofed cottages and a winding main-street lined with traditional tearooms, Godshill is as picturesque as it is popular. Alternatively, you may pass through quaint villages and rolling hillsides as you head to Calbourne Watermill, an ancient site and operating mill since 1066. Image credit: Visit Isle of Wight

Link: <https://www.visitisleofwight.co.uk/explore/villages/godshill>

Farringford House

The historic home of Alfred Lord Tennyson, the most famous poet of the Victorian era. One of the fashionable Victorians who took up residency on the Isle of Wight, Tennyson was Poet Laureate to Queen Victoria. The important historic estate has been meticulously restored, bringing the dramatic Gothic house back to the late 19th-century style that reflected Tennyson's tastes, interests and lifestyle. The grounds have also been returned to their authentic Tennyson-era condition, including an enchanting walled garden with a planting scheme based on contemporary descriptions and artistic depictions by the poet's friends. Image credit: Farringford

Link: <http://www.farringford.co.uk/>

Island Gastronomy with Robert Thompson

Robert Thompson is the UK's youngest Michelin-starred chef. Robert's award-winning restaurant, thompson's, in the Island's capital of Newport serves contemporary British cuisine in an open kitchen concept. Drawing on Robert's fresh and experienced approach, you will see how different dishes are put together using local produce. Suitable for everyone from beginners to budding master chefs, these relaxed demonstrations will guide you through different techniques that Robert uses. Demonstrations start with a coffee and catch up in the bar where Robert will talk you through what he is cooking. After the demo you'll enjoy refreshments and a three course set lunch. Image credit: David Griffen

Link: <https://www.robertthompson.co.uk/robert-thompson/>

Explore the Isle of Wight

The Isle of Wight offers spectacular countryside, stunning coastline, sandy beaches and a compelling mix of attractions including Roman ruins, Dinosaur museums, castles, a royal seaside palace and a steam railway. Lovers of the great outdoors can enjoy hundreds of walking routes, peaceful cycle paths and adrenalin-boosting adventures. From watching yachts sailing to enjoying afternoon teas in chocolate box

villages, the Island is England in a nutshell. Measuring 23 miles by 13 miles, the Island is littered with picturesque villages, and bustling small towns with local boutique stores and familiar high street brands. Potter through the villages and discover the picture-postcard side of the Island. Look out for some of the famous historic monuments such as St Catherine's Oratory, Tennyson's Monument, and the Mottistone Longstone, all set on stunning rolling hills. Image credit: Visit Isle of Wight

Link: <https://www.visitisleofwight.co.uk/explore>

Port Info

Time Zone : GMT

Operational Hours : 24 hours a day , 7 days a week

Latitude & Longitude : North 50° 54' 17" West 1° 22' 1"

Prevailing Weather : Winds: SW

Berth Information : Southampton is a deep water, sheltered port with 24/7 access for all passenger vessels. All five cruise terminals are located on deep water berths, dredged to depths that can accommodate the largest cruise ships afloat.

Vessel Length : Unrestricted

Vessel Width : Unrestricted

Air Draft Restrictions : Unrestricted

Vessel Draft : Unrestricted

Depth on Berth : Ocean Cruise Terminal 10.5m QEII Cruise Terminal 10.5m City Cruise Terminal 10.5m Mayflower Cruise Terminal 11.7m Horizon Cruise Terminal

Largest ship to call : Harmony of the Seas 361.8m in 2016

VTS - Channel : Available 24hrs per day / 365 days per year. Channel 12 for VTS.

Max Ship Dimension : Unrestricted

Pilotage : Compulsory

Tugboat : Two tug companies offer services within the port: Svitzer (5 x Tugs at 40-70t bollard pull) and Itchen Marine (3 x Tugs at 18-32t bollard pull) . All Tug bookings should be made via the local Agent and 24 hours notice is recommended but not a requirement. Tugs can be booked at very short notice.

Security Facilities : Fully compliant with ISPS regulations.

Gangway : A variety of port owned conventional gangways are available to use at all terminals. In lengths varying from 30 ft to 65 ft, stepped and ramped. Ocean Cruise Terminal – 1 Airbridge QEII Cruise Terminal – 1 Airbridge City Cruise Terminal – 1 Airbridge Mayflower Cruise Terminal – 1 Airbridge

Fresh Water : Available

Power Supply : Available

Fuel Supply : Available

Hot works / painting/ lifeboats : All may only occur with prior approval from Port Authority

Waste Handling : All waste can be accommodated by barge or landside

Facilities

Cruise Terminal Building : Five dedicated Cruise Terminals offer the below facilities. Ocean Cruise Terminal Check in desks: 40 Passenger lounge seating: 1,100 Dedicated baggage hall: Yes Coach bays: 26 Dedicated drop off lanes: Yes Short and long stay car Parking: Yes Secure stores facilities: Yes QEII Cruise Terminal Check in desks: 36 Passenger lounge seating: 1,200 Dedicated baggage hall: Yes Coach bays: 18 Dedicated drop off lanes: Yes Short and long stay car Parking: Yes Secure stores facilities: Yes City Cruise Terminal Check in desks: 50 Passenger lounge seating: 450 Dedicated baggage hall: Yes Coach bays: 25 Dedicated drop off lanes: Yes Short and long stay car Parking: Yes, including 4 dock levellers Secure stores facilities: Yes Mayflower Cruise Terminal Check in desks: 36 Passenger lounge seating: 700 Dedicated

baggage hall: Yes Coach bays: 28 Dedicated drop off lanes: Yes Short and long stay car Parking: Yes
Secure stores facilities: Yes

Currency Exchange : Numerous outlets are located in the city

Internet Access : Wifi is available in City Cruise terminal and free Wifi is available in numerous cafés located close by.

Telephones : Located in the city

Mailbox : Located in the city

Taxi Rank : All five Cruise Terminals have dedicated taxi ranks directly outside the terminal building.

Distance to Railway Station : Southampton Central Station is approx 2 miles from all cruise terminals and approx 6 minutes by taxi.

Distance to Airport : Four Airports are regularly used by our cruise passengers: Southampton Airport 6 miles – 15 minute drive Bournemouth Airport 30 miles – 45 minute drive Heathrow Airport 68 miles – 1 hr 15 minutes drive Gatwick Airport 91 miles – 1 hr 45 minutes drive

Banks / ATM Machines : Located in the city within a 10 minute walk

Restaurant/Café : Café Ceanos have outlets in all Cruise Terminals offering a selection of hot and cold food and beverages. Numerous cafes and bars are located within a 10 minute walk of the Port.

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Websites : www.cruisesouthampton.com www.visit-hampshire.co.uk www.southamptonvts.co.uk
www.abports.co.uk

For ancillary services such as waste management, agency, stevedoring and towage please contact the port directly for the appropriate details.

Parking : ABParking (0)23 8048 8870 www.abparking.co.uk