



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>

Port information

Time zone : GMT

Operational hours : 24 hours a day | 365 days a year

Berth enquiries / reservations : Cruise@ap-group.co.uk

Lat & Long : 50.152°N 5.059°W

Prevailing weather : Mild maritime climate

Anchorage position if applicable : Multiple locations in the harbour entrance

Distance to landing stage in nm (if applicable) : Approximately 1.5 nm

Berth information : Cruise ships can berth at 4 different Berths: County, Duchy, North Queens and South Queens Wharf.

Vessel length : 240m

Vessel width : No restrictions

Air draft restrictions : No restrictions

Vessel draft : Max Draft: 8.2m alongside / Unlimited if ship is at anchor

Depth on berth : 8.2m

Largest cruise ship to call to berth : Spirit of Discovery & Spirit of Adventure

VTS channel : VHF11 'Spindrifft' for Falmouth Docks, VHF09 for Falmouth Pilots

Max ship dimension : Berthing: 240m LOA, 8.2m Draught (deeper if tides allow); Anchor: No limitations

Pilotage : Yes

Tugboat : Yes

Security : Yes

Gangway : Yes, port can supply

Fresh water : Yes

Power supply : Connection up to 2MW

Fuel supply : Yes on request

Hot works/ painting/lifeboats : Yes on request

Waste handling : Yes on request

Passenger facilities

Cruise Terminal Building : On request

Internet access : Yes

Telephones : No

Mailbox : Post office located directly outside the port – 0.34 miles away

Distance to railway station : 0.1 miles

Distance to airport : 29 miles

Bank ATM : At Tesco Express – 0.34 Miles

Restaurants/cafes : Top Five recommendations: Amanzi South African Restaurant, Falmouth Town approx 10 minute walk Beach House Falmouth Seafood Restaurant, Swanpool Beach approx 28 minute walk along the coastal path The Windjammer Café & Bar, Falmouth Town approx 11 minute walk along the coastal path INDIDOG Harbourside Restaurant, Falmouth Town approx 17 minute walk Gylly Beach Café, Gyllyngvase Beach approx 10 minute walk

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Further Visitor Information

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