



Vasco da Gama

Fowey

'Destination of the Year' – Seatrade Cruise Awards 2024



Fowey, located on the south coast of Cornwall, is a deep-water port accessible in all weather and states of tide. The ship's mooring is just a stone's throw from the landing pontoon and passengers couldn't be closer to the heart of this beautiful Cornish town.

Fowey has a strong Celtic connection, maritime history and literary involvement with Daphne du Maurier, Rosamunde Pilcher and many more, including the successful Poldark series.

The picturesque town centre has a variety of shops and eateries to enjoy, all set amongst the historic buildings of Fowey. As the ship becomes the centre of attraction you are assured of a proper Cornish welcome from the local community.

Fowey is also perfectly positioned for visits to world-famous visitor attractions, with the Eden Project, Lost Gardens of Heligan and Bodmin Jail all within a short distance of this historic port.

Our recent Seatrade Cruise award focussed on Fowey's bespoke excursion options and how our community has worked together in collaboration with local businesses to develop a multilingual destination map and online resources to provide passengers with inspiration of what they can see and do in the local area.

We look forward to welcoming you to Fowey and helping to create a unique and special experience for passengers.

[View our virtual tour here](#)

[View our visitor information here](#)

Top Five Facts about Fowey

1. Nestled within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the Fowey Estuary is treasured for its unspoilt natural beauty. The creeks and coves are home to a diversity of wildlife which are protected by a Marine Conservation Zone, which can be explored by boat or SUPs. Steeped in maritime history, the buildings of Fowey tell the tales of its past. The ancient castles at the deep-water entrance once guarded the harbour from Spanish fleets and, in the heart of the town, the towers of the 14th-century St. Fimbarrus Church and 15th-century Place House stand proud.
2. Your ship will truly take centre stage on its mooring right in the heart of Fowey – passengers can immerse themselves in the Cornish lifestyle whilst the ship will be the 'talk of the town'. Passengers will be welcomed by the Town Crier and multilingual maps will guide your passengers around the diverse range of attractions and experiences that Fowey has to offer, which has made Fowey the Seatrade Cruise Awards 'Destination of the Year'.
3. Fowey was the home of the famous writer Daphne Du Maurier and you'll live and breathe the inspiration for her novels. Fowey also has literary links to Rosamunde Pilcher, Kenneth Grahame's 'Wind in the Willows' and the Poldark series.
4. The world-famous Eden Project and Lost Gardens of Heligan are just a short journey away. Enjoy the sub-tropical paradise of these gardens which thrive in our mild Cornish climate or in contrast, discover the nostalgia of steam travel with a journey on Bodmin Railway, Cornwall's leading full-size railway operated by steam locomotives. Located in close proximity is Bodmin Jail, built in 1779, it provides a world class experience offering immersive history at its finest.
5. A diverse range of shore excursions are available including distillery and culinary experiences. A Guided Distillery Tour and Toured Tasting, a Gin or Vodka School Experience, or Gin/Vodka Masterclass at Colwith Farm Distillery is a must! Learn how they make their own plough to bottle vodka and gin on this family-run, award-winning sustainable farm and then have a go at mastering it yourself!

Experience Fowey

Eden Project

Just 7 miles from Fowey, the Eden Project is a living theatre of plants and people. Its biomes house the largest rainforest in captivity, stunning plants, exhibitions and stories serve as a backdrop to the striking contemporary gardens, summer concerts and exciting year-round family events.

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

Lost Gardens of Heligan

Explore over 200 acres and lose yourself in a world of gardening inspiration, ancient woodlands, a sub-tropical jungle, rare breed livestock and an abundance of wildlife. Heligan remains one of the most loved and romantic gardens in the UK, appreciated for their beauty and mystery.

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

Lanhydrock House & Gardens

Owned by the National Trust, Lanhydrock is one of the most fascinating and complete late 19th-century houses in England and is full of period atmosphere. The garden has a stunning collection of magnolias, rhododendrons and camellias, and offers fine colours right through into autumn. All this is set in a glorious estate of 364ha (900 acres) of woods and parkland running down to the River Fowey, with an extensive network of footpaths.

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

Bodmin & Wenford Railway

Discover the nostalgia of steam travel with a journey on Cornwall's leading full-size railway operated by steam locomotives. Step back in time and relax in style, enjoying a leisurely 13-mile round trip, taking in the sights of the Cornish countryside, sounds and smells of a bygone age.

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

Fowey's Creeks and Coves

Using ship's boats, embark on an expedition to explore the peace and tranquility of the Upper Fowey Estuary on this guided tour. Discover the variety of wildlife and birds that can be found here, if you watch carefully you may see a blue flash as a kingfisher flies by. Meander upstream through the saltmarshes to the ancient stannary town of Lostwithiel to visit the 13th Century Restormel Castle and the town's eclectic mix of shops.

Link: <https://foweyharbour.co.uk/360/>

Fowey's Hall Walk & Heritage Tour

Fowey's Hall Walk and Heritage Tour - The Hall Walk is a favourite circular 4 mile walk with breath-taking views of Fowey Harbour, through the woodland around the tranquil Pont Creek. You'll get a birds-eye view of the ship on its moorings from the many vantage points along the walk. Explore the heritage of the historic port of Fowey on a guided tour of the town.

Link: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/fowey-estuary/trails/fowey-hall-walk>

Charlestown Harbour

Just to the west of Fowey, this 18th Century Georgian Harbour is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site and has been the backdrop for a number of film and TV series including 'Poldark' and BAFTA award-winning film 'Bait'.

Link: <http://www.charlestownharbour.com/>

Bodmin Jail

Unlock Cornwall's dark history. Built in 1779 Bodmin Jail is a landmark historical site in the heart of Cornwall. Showcasing the rich and darkly fascinating legacy of Georgian and Victorian crime and punishment, the jail is an immersive, world-class experience. Award-winning Guided Tours and Paranormal Experiences provide a unique pathway to the past via the one-of-a-kind Dark Walk.

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

Colwith Farm Distillery

This bespoke experience introduces the 'plough to bottle' ethos, and when it comes to provenance,

authenticity and quality, it doesn't get better as the potatoes are grown in the fields surrounding the Fowey Estuary. Enjoy a Guided Distillery Tour and Tutored Tasting, a Gin or Vodka School Experience, or Gin/Vodka Masterclass.

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

Cornwall Seafari Wildlife Tours

Explore the beautiful and rugged Cornish coastline and discover the diversity of marine wildlife and seabirds that call this place home, on a specialist sea safari RIB tour.

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

Port Info

Time zone : GMT

Operational hrs : 24 hrs

Enquiries & reservations : reception@foweyharbour.co.uk

Lat & Long : 50° 19' N 004° 38' W

Prevailing weather : South Westerly

Distance to landing stage in nm : 0.1nm

Berth information : Mooring - Anchors/Buoy

Vessel length : up to 250m inside / unlimited outer anchorage

Vessel width : 35m inside / unlimited outer anchorage

Air draft restrictions : Nil

Vessel draft : 8.5m inside / unlimited outer anchorage

Depth on berth : 8m but can be increased depending on tidal conditions

Largest cruise ship : Spirit of Adventure

VTS Channel : 12

Max ship dimension : 250m inside / unlimited outer anchorage

Pilotage : Complusory

Tugs : 2 Tugs (1 x 32T BP, 1 x 23T BP)

Security facilities : ISPS Compliant

Gangway : N/A

Fresh water : No

Power suppy : No

Fuel supply : No

Hot works/painting/lifeboats : Possible with permission of Harbour Authority

Waste handling : Yes, by prior arrangement

Facilities

Terminal building : No

Currency exchange : Local Post Office

Internet access : Yes and 5G network

Telephones : Yes

Mailbox : Yes

Taxi rank : No but taxis can be arranged via the Harbour Office (booking in advance advised)

Distance to railway station : 5 miles/8 kms

Distance to airport : 22 miles/35 kms

Banks/ATM : ATM Barclays Bank, cash withdrawals at local Post Office

Restaurant/cafe : Wide variety of restuarants and cafes available

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