

CULTURE + WALKING

ENGLAND

Cornwall Coast to Land's End



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“Classic Journeys provides unbeatable access to experiences around the globe.”

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Quiet Coves, Cream Tea & King Arthur

When the British decide to stride out on a country walk, they're likely to head for Cornwall. Who are we to disagree? Well-established footpaths here offer some of the finest walking in the civilized world. The sea is Mediterranean blue. The headlands offer fine trails with terrific views punctuated by lighthouses. This is, after all, the neighborhood of Land's End where quiet coves once harbored infamous pirates and smugglers. You'll find history and legend around every Cornish corner. There's Tintagel, according to legend the birthplace of King Arthur. Like an offshore mirage, St. Michael's Mount rises above the bay, drawing pilgrims (and us). And everywhere, cozy villages, warm friends and—we confess—the occasional cream tea with scones and jam and clotted cream always leave us feeling very at home.

DAY 1

MOUSEHOLE

- Exploration of a cobblestoned village
- Walk a scenic causeway to St. Michael's Mount—the famous monastery now in the care of the National Trust

Penzance is the train's last stop from London before the Atlantic and just a short cab ride from Mousehole. On our first afternoon, we enjoy a walking exploration of this vibrant Cornish community, with its cobbled alleyways and maze-like streets.

We set out to explore St. Michael's Mount—the famous monastery now in the care of the National Trust. Depending on the tides, we either ferry or walk across the causeway dating back to the reign of Henry V. The grandeur of St. Michael's Mount and its glorious setting in the northeastern corner of Mount's Bay has made it a place of pilgrimage since the Middle Ages. Once the Iron Age site of the Ictis, it's said that in 495 A.D. the archangel St. Michael appeared to a group of fishermen on the seaward side of the Mount, thus guaranteeing its sanctity and fame forever. Edward the Confessor granted the Mount to the Benedictines of Mont St. Michel in Normandy, and in 1133 A.D., a priory was founded on its summit.

Returning to our seaside hotel, we have time to relax before a festive welcome dinner.

OVERNIGHT: MOUSEHOLE
MEALS: D

DAY 2

CARN EUNY / LAND'S END

- Visit a preserved Iron Age village
- Take in an evening performance at a classical amphitheater overlooking the sea

This morning, we set out to explore the Iron Age sites that are abundant in this part of England. Our first stop is the Merry Maidens stone circle, one of just a few true stone circles in Cornwall. Also known as the "dancing stones", these 19 ceremonial stones rise out of Cornwall's Neolithic and Bronze Age landscape.

We journey a short distance to Land's End—the most westerly point of land in England. Heading north and east along the coast, we walk past magnificent cliff-side scenery of wildflowers and turquoise water. On the horizon are the Isles of Scilly—legend has it that the body of water between Land's End and Scilly hides the Lost Lands of Lyonesse.

This evening - in season - join our guide to take in a performance at the Minack Outdoor Theater, carved out of the rock to resemble a classical amphitheater and situated with spectacular views out to the ocean.

OVERNIGHT: MOUSEHOLE
MEALS: B, D

DAY 3

ZENNOR / ST. IVES

- Enjoy a coastal walk that displays Celtic Cornwall at its best with bracken-covered cliffs and turquoise sea

- Revel in stories shared with us by a local ecologist and surfer

Our morning walk follows a magnificent stretch of coast from Botallack to Zennor. This area is Celtic Cornwall at its finest, with granite tors sloping down to the bracken-covered cliffs and the sea. Weather permitting, a local ecologist meets us for a walk along the coastline regaling us with Cornwall's renowned copper and tin mining past, renowned for its submarine mining in the 19th century.

The cottages, inns and shops of St. Ives hug the golden sand of the gently curving crescent shaped beach, and overlook the harbor with its brightly painted fishing boats bobbing with the tide. The village is a haven for fishermen and artists alike, where the light is clear and golden, and the sea a Mediterranean blue. Here we can admire the glorious views across the water to Godrevy Lighthouse, which so inspired Virginia Woolf. We spend time exploring the Barbara Hepworth Gallery, home and garden of the famous 1930's European artist.

OVERNIGHT: MOUSEHOLE
MEALS: B, D

DAY 4

TRURO / HELIGAN

- Wander with your guide through the mysterious and ancient Lost Gardens of Heligan

Truro, which derives its name from the Cornish *Tri-veru*—which means three rivers—originally developed as a tin port between the Truro, Kenwyn and Allen Rivers. This cathedral city is also the seat of Cornwall's government and considered by some as the London of Cornwall. Our choices for an afternoon exploration are numerous, and include views of the flowing rivers, ambling along picturesque Georgian streets and visiting the magnificent Victorian Cathedral.

We stop for lunch today at Heligan, seat of the Tremayne family for more than 400 years, where we explore its mysterious lost gardens and ancient woodlands on foot. From here we travel along the coast road to Fowey and take a leisurely stroll along the Esplanade to Readymoney Cove. We follow the Saint's Way from St. Catherine's Castle and take in the picturesque views afforded by Fowey Harbor.

OVERNIGHT: FOWEY
MEALS: B, D

DAY 5

FOWEY

- Follow in the footsteps of acclaimed writers through charming fishing villages
- Enjoy a river cruise to experience the trade and wildlife firsthand

If we assigned a topic to this morning, we'd call it "writers of Cornwall". Described by many as a first-rate storyteller, Daphne du Maurier claimed that her novels were inspired by her love of Cornwall, where she spent much time visiting and writing. We explore Fowey (pronounced Foy), considered a haven for yachtsmen and the major port on the Cornish coast for the export of China clay. Later in the morning, we ferry across the bay to the neighboring village of Bodinnick. Ambling along the famous "Hall Walk" brings us to Polruan, a quaint fishing village surrounded by cottages clinging to hillsides. This is also a site where many local fishing boats were constructed, and we may have the

opportunity this afternoon to enjoy a river cruise to experience the region's trade and wildlife firsthand.

OVERNIGHT: FOWEY
MEALS: B

DAY 6

TINTAGEL CASTLE

- Explore Tintagel Castle, where according to legend, King Arthur was born

Today we visit Tintagel Castle, where according to legend, King Arthur was born. When the conquering Normans reached the westernmost land of England, they heard that the ancient seat of Cornwall's kings had stood atop this soaring headland, surrounded on three sides by the ceaseless surge of the Atlantic. Earl Richard of Cornwall, younger brother of Henry III, decided to build a castle on the spot where his legendary predecessors had held court. There are many reasons to stay in the village of Tintagel, but we can also walk further along the dramatic coast, or follow in Thomas Hardy's footsteps to Boscastle, where he found his true love.

OVERNIGHT: FOWEY
MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 7

LANHYDROCK HOUSE / BODMIN

- Enjoy a final morning visit to spectacular Lanhydrock House, surrendered to Henry VIII in 1539

Our last morning together, we make our way along typically narrow Cornish lanes with their high-banked hedges to Lostwithiel, the capital of the Duchy of Cornwall during the 13th century. We enjoy a short walk to the remains of Restormel Castle, a medieval stronghold of Edward the Black Prince.

From Lostwithiel we continue on to visit spectacular Lanhydrock House. Surrendered to Henry VIII in 1539, the grounds are a mass of color in the spring and summer. We explore both the 17th century mansion and the formal gardens, before we end our trip at Bodmin Railway Station, where trains leave hourly to London.

MEALS: B



Tour Hotels



The Old Coastguard

In the fishing village of Mousehole, this seaside hotel has impressive views of Mount Bay and St. Michael's Mount. The sounds of the sea make for a good night's sleep in the comfortable rooms.

OVERNIGHT: MOUSEHOLE | NIGHTS: 3



Fowey Hotel

This is the quintessential Cornish hotel, sitting majestically above the River Fowey estuary. Comfortable rooms offer great views. The property is known and loved for its friendly, relaxed atmosphere, and the food from its award-winning restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: FOWEY | NIGHTS: 3

Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
May 10-16, 2020	\$4,895	\$5,790
June 14-20, 2020	\$4,995	\$5,890
July 12-18, 2020	\$5,095	\$5,990
September 13-19, 2020	\$5,095	\$5,990
May 9-15, 2021	\$4,995	\$5,890
June 13-19, 2021	\$5,095	\$5,990
July 11-17, 2021	\$5,195	\$6,090
September 12-18, 2021	\$5,195	\$6,090

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Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH: 7 Days, 6 Nights

START: 3:30 PM Lobby of The Old Coastguard Hotel, Mousehole, England

END: 2:30 PM Bodmin Parkway Rail Station, Bodmin, England

TERRAIN: Easy to moderate on good trails and coastal paths; with mini-van support.

What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 6 nights
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

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THE Classic Journeys Difference



HANDCRAFTING TRIPS OF A LIFETIME.

At the end of the day, we fundamentally believe that every guest on every departure of every trip should have a trip of a lifetime. We're fortunate to play the role of well-connected friend, linking our guests with amazing guides, artisans, winemakers, hoteliers, restaurateurs, naturalists, and too many others to list here.

That's what motivates me and our team — in our La Jolla HQ and around the world — every day. Join Us!

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You can expect the highest standards:



Luxurious Lodgings:

Ours include coveted properties that appear in "World's Best" and "Gold List" rankings.



Included Activities:

You'll never be surprised with add-on fees on your activities that include snorkeling to cooking lessons.



Local Guides:

Your guides are locals who are always at your side like well-connected friends.



Small Group Travel:

With an average of just 10-12 guests, it's a small footprint that guarantees you access that's off-limits to larger groups.



Amazing Cuisine:

From Michelin-starred restaurants to lunch in a farmhouse kitchen, you'll have a seat for the region's signature dishes.



Unmatched Value:

"Excellent value" and "unbeatable access" are two of the reasons that Travel + Leisure has consistently voted us a World's Best Tour Operator.

You'll enjoy these handcrafted travel experiences in the Cornwall Coast...

- Attending an evening performance at the outdoor Minack Theatre
- Exploring bronze and stone age villages
- Walk scenic coastal paths along Land's End with a local ecologist and surfer
- Watching the sailboats from your riverfront hotel in Fowey
- Unraveling the mysteries of Cornwall with expert local guides who share the area's legends about King Arthur and pirates

"We loved the well-organized days, the wonderful hotels, and having a guide that cared about each one of us. On each Classic Journeys trip we have taken, we experienced what it is like to live in that country."

—Paul and Barbara S., Stone Mountain, GA

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“Enthusiasm is Contagious”

AS TRAVEL + LEISURE NAMES CLASSIC JOURNEYS THE WORLD'S BEST TOUR OPERATOR FOR 2019, FOUNDER EDWARD PIEGZA REVEALS HOW IT FEELS. ENTHUSIASTICALLY.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Just before publication of this issue, Travel + Leisure magazine announced that its readers have voted Classic Journeys the World's Best Tour Operator for 2019. It's the second time Classic Journeys has won that recognition and the 14th consecutive year the company has been in the Top 10.

Congratulations! How did you get the news?

I received a top-secret email and phone call from the editor of *Travel + Leisure* a few weeks ago with orders not to tell ANYONE. Friends and neighbors must have wondered why my smile has been so extra big lately. Now they know.

And how does it feel to be the World's Best Tour Operator again?

Awesome. Humbling. So, so satisfying. Deeply gratifying to learn that we have achieved what we set out to do which is to handcraft trips of a lifetime for every guest who travels with us. I'm known as long-winded, so I could probably come up with 10 or 15 more ways to describe it if you want me to keep going.

Why do you think *Travel + Leisure* gave you this recognition?

Actually, it isn't the *T+L* editors who make the decision. That's the best part. Their readers cast the votes. So the people who do the traveling, the guests who explore the world with us and our competitors — they are the ones who raised their hands to tell *T+L* that Classic Journeys is the World's Best Tour Operator based on their own experiences. Let me say it right here: "To all of you who voted for us, you are the World's Best Guests!"

What do you think makes your guests the World's Best Guests?

That's easy. They are curious. They care about connecting with people of different cultures and immersing themselves in the world. They treasure experiences more than things. Like the old ad slogan went, they go for the gusto and crave the chance to have one-of-a-kind moments. They are incredibly interesting and interested people, and all of us at Classic Journeys count it as a real privilege to share in their passion for travel. And we feel that way on the

other 364 days of the year when we're not celebrating recognition like this.

I guess this is what you meant when you told me that "Enthusiasm is contagious."

Absolutely. That's not our official motto, but it could be. We love what we do. We enjoy helping guests figure out how to invest their precious time and budget. I can honestly say that all of us feel that way — the Guest Services folks who interact with you while you're planning your trip, the Tour Operations team members who plan all of the logistics, the local guides who lead each one of our trips full time. There's just a huge amount of positive energy in what we do, and I think it truly is hard to resist. We'd climb into every one of our guest's suitcases and go along with them if we could. Because we can't, we call each guest while they're on tour just to be sure they are having a trip of a lifetime.

Has anyone ever called Classic Journeys obsessive?

I hope so, because we are. Everything is in the details. For instance, we've created a special tour for the total eclipse of the sun which is going to pass over parts of South America in 2020. We've already analyzed likely traffic patterns in the most remote areas and figured out how to structure our itinerary so that our guests will be in place in the path of totality while the people who don't plan ahead will be stuck in jams on remote dirt roads. We enjoy obsessing about details like that so that our guests never have to.



How can you top this?

Oh, we never let ourselves think of it that way. We just continue to approach every single guest on each and every departure like the most important guest we've ever had. It seems to be working! Of course, we keep looking for new ways to win more converts. For 2019, we've launched a new series of Classic Journeys that are based from

"I voted for you!"

We've heard that expression so many times lately from guests who registered their votes with *Travel + Leisure*. Given the results, we know it's true ... and you know that your votes really count!

STAFF AND GUIDES

"I always feel like I'm traveling with a best friend. I prefer your local guides to the ones that other companies fly in."

ITINERARIES AND DESTINATIONS

"If it's on my bucket list, you always seem to go there. Of course, with so many options you always seem to make my list longer and longer!"

ACTIVITIES

"On your trips, I've cooked with Michelin chefs, sung songs with Quechua schoolchildren, and walked on glaciers with the descendants of Vikings. Fun doesn't begin to describe it."

ACCOMMODATIONS

"How you manage so many 5-star properties on these trips shocks me. But please, please, please keep it up!"

FOOD

"I have never eaten so well so often so happily. When you people claim that you are foodies, you aren't kidding."

OVERALL VALUE

"We have never had a better vacation at any price."

river cruise boats. On a different note, seeing how many travelers can't always find as much vacation time as they really want, we have developed a series of 6-day or shorter quick trips that go as far afield as Iceland, the Galápagos and Morocco.

Final thoughts?

It's always an honor to win recognition. But, for all of us at Classic Journeys, the biggest privilege is to share the dreams of our guests and make those dreams come true. That connection is the best feeling of all.