



# South Cornwall

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## Why Go?

It might lack the rugged granite cliffs and seablow grandeur of the north coast, but Cornwall's southern side has ample charms of its own: gentle creeks, green meadows, quaint harbours and world-renowned gardens such as Trebah, Trellisick, Heligan and Glendurgan, as well as the futuristic biomes of the Eden Project. It feels more pastoral than the craggy beauty of Penwith or the wild emptiness of Bodmin Moor: this is a place for quiet adventures, whether that's touring the back lanes and beaches of the Roseland, mooching around Mevagissey Harbour or kayaking on the Fal and Fowey Rivers.

The remote Rame Peninsula is particularly exploration-worthy. It's a fairly long drive from anywhere, so most visitors never make the effort to explore it, which means its lovely countryside and country houses are relatively quiet. It's also an easy trip from Plymouth thanks to the Torpoint Ferry, which chugs across the scenic Tamar Estuary.

## When to Go

- ➔ **May** The Fowey Festival brings book readings, poetry events and live music to the town.
- ➔ **Jul** Spectacular gigs light up the biomes during the Eden Sessions, which have become one of the county's top annual music events.
- ➔ **Sep** The Great Cornish Food Festival, the county's largest food fair, takes place on Truro's Lemon Quay.
- ➔ **Oct** Falmouth celebrates the mollusc at the annual Oyster Festival with chefs' demos and tasting sessions.
- ➔ **Dec** Wicker lanterns parade round Truro's streets during the City of Lights procession in the run-up to Christmas.



## South Cornwall Highlights

- 1 Eden Project** (p171) Admiring the world's flora in three sci-fi biomes.
- 2 Trebah Garden** (p164) Marvelling at the horticultural episode of *Poldark*.
- 3 Falmouth** (p156) Exploring the seafaring past of this harbour town with a visit to the National Maritime Museum.
- 4 The Roseland** (p169) Trekking the coast path in search of a quiet patch of sand.
- 5 Trelissick** (p168) Walking the riverside trails of this fabulous country estate.
- 6 Fal River** (p157) Catching an evening cruise past secret creeks and riverside villages.
- 7 Fowey** (p173) Stopping for a pint on the quayside.
- 8 Mevagissey** (p173) Continuing the time-honoured pastime of fishing for crabs.
- 9 Charlestown** (p172) Pretending you're in an episode of *Poldark*.