



# Cornwall



Arranged for the Friends of York Art Gallery by Travel Editions

Minack Theatre

**21st - 27th September 2025 - 7 days from \*£1,475pp**

This wonderful tour based in Truro, explores the art and gardens of England's most isolated county, beginning with a stop at Tewkesbury Abbey and an overnight stop in Cheltenham en route. As we venture into Cornwall, we explore the stunning gardens of Hestercombe House which span three centuries, and the artistic treasures of St Ives, including the Barbara Hepworth Museum and the Tate Gallery. Discover the rich history and vibrant art scene at Penlee House and Tremeneere Sculpture Garden, and be inspired by the Jackson Foundation Gallery. Explore the architectural marvel of Truro Cathedral, the beauty of Coleton Fishacre, and immerse yourself in the life and legacy of Sir Edward Elgar at his birthplace. All this plus a performance at the breathtaking Minack Theatre, this tour offers a perfect blend of historical, artistic, and natural attractions.



Hestercombe House



Tremeneere Sculpture Garden

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To secure your place a deposit of £200 will be required by 28th February 2025. Please call Travel Editions on 020 7251 0045 to book.

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\*Based on minimum 25 passengers and 2 people sharing a twin/double room.





### Itinerary

#### Day 1: Tewkesbury Abbey and Cheltenham.

Departure from York for Cheltenham with stop en-route at the historic market town of Tewkesbury, famous for its medieval streets and Tewkesbury Abbey with its stunning Norman architecture. We have time to explore the town and perhaps a light lunch in the Touching Souls Tea Room at the Abbey (own expense). Continue on to Cheltenham for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 2: Hestercombe House and Truro.

After breakfast we depart for Cornwall stopping at Hestercombe House for a visit to the gardens - A unique combination of three centuries of garden design: Coplestone Warre Bampfylde's Georgian landscape garden, the Victorian terrace and shrubbery and the stunning Edwardian design by Sir Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll. After lunch (own expense) we continue on to our hotel near Truro where we stay for four nights. Group dinner this evening.

#### Day 3: Barbara Hepworth Museum & Sculpture Garden, Tate Gallery and Leach Pottery.

This morning following breakfast, we head west to St Ives for the day. First we visit the Tate Gallery, which was specially created to show a collection of work by twentieth-century painters and sculptors associated with St Ives. The collection includes work from 1925 to the present day based around major figures of mid twentieth-century art in Britain such as Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth. We then visit the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Garden in St Ives. Dame Barbara Hepworth lived and worked in Trewyn Studio from 1949 until her death in 1975. The small house, her working studios and the lush and secluded garden she created are open to the public as a museum devoted to her life and work. Lunch is available locally today (own expense). Following our time in St Ives, we conclude our afternoon by heading slightly out of town to the famous Leach Pottery, founded in 1920 by Bernard Leach and Shoji Hamada. It continues as a pottery studio and also houses an exhibition featuring

the work of its founders and other celebrated potters. Return to the hotel for dinner.

#### Day 4: Penlee House and Gallery and Tremenheere Sculpture Garden.

Today we head south, first of all to the Penlee House, a museum and art gallery in Penzance, set in a gracious 1865 Victorian home, which is home to a great many paintings by members of the Newlyn School, including such luminaries as Stanhope Forbes, Norman Garstin, Walter Langley and Lamorna Birch. After free time for lunch (own expense) we visit nearby Tremenheere Sculpture Garden featuring a dramatic landscape with exotic plants that provide a stunning backdrop for contemporary art installations by internationally renowned artists (including five members of the Royal Academy of Arts). We enjoy a free flow visit so you can explore at your own pace and enjoy everything this garden has to offer. Return to the hotel for dinner.

#### Day 5: Jackson Foundation Gallery and Minack Theatre.

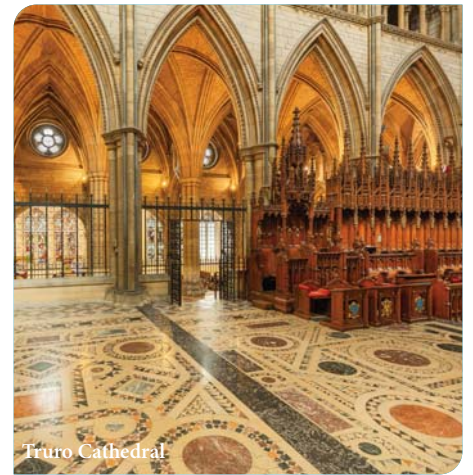
Voted 'Best Art Gallery in Cornwall' for three consecutive years, this morning we visit the Jackson Foundation Gallery which celebrates the connection between art and the natural world. Situated in an ex-industrial building and set up by leading contemporary artist Kurt Jackson, this unique gallery boasts displays of pottery, sculpture, paintings, installation and film. We have time for lunch (own expense) in the town of St Just then we travel to the open air Minack Theatre, in an impressive cliff-side location overlooking Porthcurno Beach. We have time to enjoy the landscape of the theatre and surrounding sub-tropical gardens then watch a performance here before returning to the hotel for dinner. (Please note: performance schedule to be advised in 2025).

#### Day 6: Truro Cathedral and Coleton Fishacre.

Today we must start our journey home and will first head to nearby Truro Cathedral, a magnificent example of Gothic Revival architecture. Designed by John Loughborough Pearson, one of Sir Tatton Sykes four architects, and completed in 1910, it is one of only three cathedrals in the UK with three spires (the other two are Edinburgh and Lichfield). Next we head east to National Trust's Coleton Fishacre, the 1920s country home of the D'Oyly Carte family. featuring an Arts and Crafts style house and a 24-acre garden. We have a free flow visit with time for lunch (own expense) before driving on to Cheltenham to check in to our overnight hotel.

#### Day 7: Elgars Birthplace – The Firs.

We bid farewell to Cheltenham today and return to York with a stop en route in Worcestershire to visit composer Sir Edward Elgar's Birthplace. This charming cottage, known as The Firs where he was born in 1857,



is dedicated to Elgar's life and work and is now managed by the National Trust. Continue on to York for arrival early evening.

### Where you stay

#### Holiday Inn Express Cheltenham

With modern, en suite rooms and a bar, lounge and courtyard, this newly renovated hotel, is just a five minute walk to central Cheltenham and is the perfect base to break our journey.

#### The Alverton Hotel, Truro

The Alverton is perched on the outskirts of Truro city centre. A magnificent, grade II listed building steeped in history, boasting original architecture dating back to the nineteenth century. Tradition meets contemporary, as you walk through the oak door, past ivy-draped stone walls and mullioned windows, to be met with sparkling service, award-winning food, and charming bedrooms.

### Included in the price

- Two nights bed and breakfast at the Holiday Inn Express, Cheltenham based on shared occupancy in a twin or double room
- Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast at The Alverton Hotel, Truro based on shared occupancy in a twin or double room
- Admissions and touring as per the itinerary
- Coach from York and daily touring as per the itinerary

### Not included

- Single supplement - £410
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Non NT member entry supplement of approx Coleton Fishacre £16.50pp and The Firs £11.00pp
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips and gratuities