These *islands* offer you an *unforgettable experience*.

welcome to the magical Isles of Scilly





RELAX. THERE'S PLENTY TO DO.

The spectacular Isles of Scilly are just 28 miles off the coast of Cornwall; close enough to visit for a short a break, but with enough to keep you entertained for much longer.

These majestic, sand-fringed islands are the most south-westerly point of England and enjoy a unique climate, both warmed by the Gulf Stream but also battered by winter gales.

They have long been loved as a beautifully wild and unspoilt place to get away from it all.

With white sand beaches and implausibly clear blue seas, you could be forgiven for thinking you had flown long haul rather than a short hop across from the mainland.

There are five inhabited islands and countless deserted ones to explore; each has its own allure and all basking in a warmer climate than anywhere else in the UK.

Nature flourishes here in many different ways, from the sub-tropical beauty of Tresco's gardens to the wild and untamed landscapes of Bryher, St Agnes and Gugh. Incredibly beautiful as the Isles of Scilly are, it's the people who live on the islands year-round that make the visitors' experience so memorable. The islanders have a love of nature, a love of the sea, of wild food and wild swimming; in-fact the whole view of life that being an islander brings.

The islands are shaped by the people, but the people are shaped by the islands; just as your experience of visiting these islands will affect you.

Whether you visit for the day or stay a little longer you will never forget your time on Scilly. The island life becomes a part of you, and you become a part of the island's story.

However you choose to travel, by Skybus from Land's End, Newquay or Exeter airports, or sail on Scillonian III ferry from Penzance, the journey will be as memorable as the destination.











EXPERIENCE SCILLY IN JUST ONE DAY.

Spending one day on the Isles of Scilly is an experience that you will never forget. These beautifully wild and unspoilt islands are easily close enough to visit for the day.

With secluded beaches, stunning scenery and wonderful wildlife, Scilly is the perfect place for a day trip you'll never forget.

If you want to unwind, island life moves at a slower pace. But if you prefer adventure, there's plenty to keep you entertained. Try island-hopping on the famous tripper boats, discover secluded beaches or swim with seals. Go kayaking or paddleboarding, take a vineyard tour or experience lunch with a difference. You may want to explore by bike or by foot, play golf or ride across the beach on a horse. The choices are abundant, and all can be achieved in a day. Whatever you decide, the scenery will take your breath away and you won't believe you're still in the UK.

All of Scilly's five inhabited islands can easily be explored in one day, so you'll be spoilt for choice.

Travel to the islands by Skybus, or sail on board Scillonian III. We can design an itinerary to suit your needs, on dates of your choice.

So for the perfect introduction to these spectacular islands, why not consider a day trip to the Isles of Scilly in 2023?



DID YOU KNOW? Pets are welcome on board both Skybus and Scillonian III but space is limited so booking early is advised.



















FLYING WITH SKYBUS

The Isles of Scilly in 15 minutes - it's that simple

Skybus flights operate from Exeter, Newquay and Land's End Airports and take as little as 15 minutes to reach Scilly.

There are stunning aerial views of the Cornish coastline whichever route you take, and when the islands come into view you'll have a unique opportunity to see the Isles of Scilly from the air as you come in to land at St Mary's Airport.

Flights leave year-round from Land's End Airport (15 minutes). Cornwall Airport Newquay (30 minutes), and Exeter Airport (60 minutes) operating between March and October.

Skybus services from Exeter and Newquay connect with flights to London Heathrow and Gatwick, London Stansted, Manchester, Birmingham, Belfast, Dublin, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, East Midlands and more, as well as GWR rail services to local stations.

You can buy one combined ticket from www.loganair.co.uk for your trip.

There is also a dedicated shuttle bus running between Land's End Airport



and Penzance train station, enabling connections from Skybus flights to GWR rail services to London Paddington and other regional railway stations.

Secure car parking is available at all three airports. Isles of Scilly Travel's dedicated Land's End Airport is small and friendly with no long waits and helpful staff on hand to help you check in just one hour before your flight.

Enjoy a coffee and admire the sea views from full length windows looking out over the coast, with no need to worry about rushing or queuing in a busy terminal.

When you walk out to board your plane, you'll be greeted personally by your pilot before enjoying a truly memorable flight.



SAILING WITH SCILLONIAN

Start unwinding with a relaxing sail along the Cornish coast

The Scillonian III ferry takes a gentle two hours and 45 minutes to sail to the Isles of Scilly from Penzance, creating a truly peaceful start to your Scilly break.

Sailings leave Penzance up to seven days a week from spring until late autumn and offer a scenic boat trip along the Cornish coastline before arriving at St Mary's Quay.

You'll pass by famous landmarks like St Michael's Mount, Porthcurno beach and the Minack Theatre as well as quaint fishing villages and towering cliff tops before the islands themselves come into view.

Look out for pods of dolphins playing in the ferry's wake or try to spot rare birds and marine wild-life; there is plenty of time for wildlife spotting from the deck.

There are comfy, reclining seats inside and you can enjoy hot and cold drinks and a range of snacks from the on-board cafe, Western Rocks Coffee Company. Log onto our free on-board WiFi and browse our digital guide, S-Magazine.

Dogs are welcome on board too with designated areas for your four-legged friend.



Travelling to the ferry departure point is an easy process too. Penzance Quay is just a short walk from the town's train station, with its direct rail services to London Paddington.

If you're driving, there is ample car parking just 1.7 miles away at the Scillonian Ferry Car Park and Ride, with quick six minute transfers to and from the quay, or a large pay and display public car park opposite the main harbour.

If you're torn between flying and sailing, you can do both with a Fly+Sail option offering the chance to book a Skybus flight to Scilly with a Scillonian return journey an especially memorable way of enjoying a day trip to Scilly from the Cornish mainland.

Fly or sail to the *islands* then you can paddle, peddle, ride or row.

Experience the unexpected on Scilly...

On holiday, it isn't enough these days to lie on a beach or swim in a pool. We look for experiences. If we are going to travel somewhere and spend time there, we want to learn something or feel something new, we want to add to the experiences that life has given us.

Spending even just on day on the Isles of Scilly is an experience that you will never forget.

Most visitors to the islands will arrive on St Mary's either by Skybus or on Scillonian III from Penzance. Having crossed the sea on their journey, many people take immediately to the water and can't wait to be gliding along in a kayak or balanced on a paddleboard. The calm, clear seas around the islands make this the ideal place to practice your skills or dip a toe in the water for the first time.

But the Isles of Scilly have a raft of other experiences just waiting for you.

Wild swimming, diving and snorkelling. The power of the Gulf Stream warms the waters around the Isles of Scilly making them a delight for swimmers. Not only that, but the water itself is crystal clear allowing you to enjoy the marine life that teems here. Every time you walk down the beach towards the waves you are embarking on a natural sea safari.

Beachcombing and rockpool safaris.

There are more than 1,000 wrecks dotted along the islands' coastline. The earliest sank in 1555, the most recent in 2005. It's probably reasonable to expect that what could be found, has already been found. But then again, it wouldn't hurt to take a look and sometimes a piece of sea glass or particularly rare seashell can be as rewarding as any doubloon could possibly be.

The rock pools become mini aquariums at low tide and from them, you can learn a great deal about life under the sea.

Boat trips. So many different boat trips.

It comes as no surprise that boats play an important part in island life. They are the best way to get from one island to another; they are also an excellent way to see seals, seabirds and wildlife. Sailing around the whole archipelago, from the Eastern Isles to the Northern Rocks, the boats are skippered by people who grew up on the sea. It's their spiritual home and they will share their knowledge of its treasures, moods and magic with you on each journey.

Vineyard visits and gin schools.

On south facing slopes, overlooking the sea you will find the vineyard of a unique winery. Wine buffs will know that fine wine is all about the terroir and these granite soils, once used for growing bulbs, are now home to German and French grape varieties that are pressed on site in an ancient barn.

Take a tour through the vineyard before returning to the winery and celebrating with a tasting flight of unique island wines.

If something stronger is your tipple, then the gin school on the islands is where you will learn about botanicals and flavour profiles - as well as a chance to make your very own bottle of gin.

Fresh lobster and crab, pollack and mackerel.

The clear, unpolluted waters around the Isles of Scilly produce some of the best fish and shellfish in the world.

The bounty of the sea has been an important part of the islanders' diet for generations. Now, with an increased interest in fresh, local produce cooked simply with locally sourced ingredients, the possibility of enjoying artisan and wild food while visiting the islands has increased enormously.

From fish and chips to gourmet lobster, you'll find the seafood restaurants and cafes to be not so much better than one another but rather, different. Whatever your personal taste, there will be something to suit you.

All these experiences take place in one of the most beautiful and unspoilt parts of the world you will ever see.

Many of these experiences can be enjoyed in just one day but there is so much to see and feel and do on the islands that for an awful lot of people, one day is simply not enough.



FACT BOX

Skybus flights operate year-round from Land's End Airport, taking just 15 minutes, between Monday and Saturday.

Scheduled flights from Exeter Airport (60 minutes) and from Newquay (30 minutes) run six days a week between March and October.

The best prices are usually available in advance by booking online. Visit our website for timetables and fares www.islesofscillytravel.co.uk/fares

From spring through to late autumn, our Scillonian III passenger ferry sails up to seven days a week between Penzance and St Mary's.

The leisurely 2 hour 45 minute sail is perfect for wildlife spotting along the way.

To book your journey, phone 01736 334220 or visit www.islesofscilly-travel.co.uk

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BOOKING A PRESS TRIP

Enjoy a Scilly staycation in 2023

Isles of Scilly Travel can offer a select number of journalists, travel bloggers and social media influencers the chance to visit Scilly on a press trip.

We can custom-design a day trip to Scilly to suit your needs, either flying from Exeter, Newquay or Land's End airports or on Scillonian III passenger ferry from Penzance, Cornwall, on dates of your choice.

If you'd like to stay a little longer, we can also organise complimentary accommodation, along with an itinerary of activities and meals to suit the focus of your publication, feature angle and audience.

In addition, we can put together a suggested itinerary, tailored to suit your needs.

Travel can be either return Skybus flights from Land's End, Newquay or Exeter Airport, or return ferry travel via Scillonian III passenger ferry; mode of travel is based on availability and publication suitability.

Travel and accommodation is complimentary for one journalist and a guest.

Decisions on discounts for further press trip companions are based on the angle of the feature. Complimentary places can only be provided for children if the feature will be strongly focused on family-friendly holidays.

To organise your press trip, please contact: **ZOE BOURDEAUX** zbourdeaux@issg.co.uk Journalists will be asked to post on social media throughout their trip, with links to Isles of Scilly Travel's channels, and to include the hashtags:

#Scilly2023 #MyScillyExperience #Skybus #Scillonian #ExperienceScilly #IslesOfScillyTravel

Overall, we would require at least one review in print media, two blog posts online, or an agreed set number of social media posts both during and following your trip.

Any review must include the Isles of Scilly fact box opposite as a minimum, along with the URL for the company's website.

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Travel to and from the Isles of Scilly is weather dependent, and journalists should note that both sailings and flights can sometimes be affected by poor weather conditions, such as low lying clouds or strong winds. If bad weather is forecast, it may be advisable to reschedule your press trip.



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