



# Devon-Cornwall 2017

■ June 5 - 17 • Group capped at 16

- Comfortable hotels and charming inns – all with en-suite bath
- Transportation in small coach • Outstanding seafood cuisine & wines
- Garden visits – Eden Project, Trelissick, Heligan • shopping opportunities
- Some of England’s loveliest villages – Mousehole, Mevagissey, Fowey
- Grand manor homes – Coleton Fishacre, Antony, Lanhydrock, Longleat
- Fishing village of Port Isaac, where TV’s ‘Doc Martin’ is filmed
- Chic resort of St. Ives • St. Michael’s Mount, topped by a castle
- Ancient Wells, in Somerset, considered England’s smallest cathedral ‘city’
- Historic Plymouth • Tate Gallery and Hepworth Museum, St. Ives

Tour cost – \$4,495 per person sharing for land arrangements (airfare not included) • Singles add \$750

<b>TOUR SUMMARY</b>	FLY FROM U.S. – Leave June 3, arrive June 4 (overnight, <b>Renaissance Hotel Heathrow</b> )
Tour begins, ends Heathrow Airport	TOUR BEGINS – At 9 a.m. Monday, June 5, Renaissance Hotel Heathrow TOUR ENDS – June 17, in the morning, at Heathrow Airport (you will fly home June 17) 12 NIGHTS • TOUR MEALS – Breakfast daily and eight other meals (lunches & dinners)

## ■ Day 1 (Monday, June 5)

From our hotel meeting point, we are off to **Devon**. By 1 p.m we have arrived in pretty, historic **Exeter**. After a break we resume our journey, arriving around 4 p.m. in the delightful fishing village of **Brixham**. After checking into our seaview hotel, let’s visit the full-scale replica of the *Golden Hind*, the galleon **Francis Drake** sailed around the world in 1577-80. Late in the day, we’ll find a traditional pub for a **WELCOME DRINK**, followed by **DINNER. OVERNIGHT – BRIXHAM**

## ■ Day 2 (Tuesday, June 6)

Today, after an orientation to the historical lands of **Devon and Cornwall** and to our tour, we visit our first two grand country manors – **Coleton Fishacre**, a 1920s retreat with luxuriant gardens by the sea, and **Greenway**, the holiday retreat of writer **Agatha Christie**. It’s a delightful house, frozen in the early 20th century. After our visit, we head back to Brixham, which is a delight to explore on foot. **DINNER tonight. OVERNIGHT – BRIXHAM**

## ■ Day 3 (Wednesday, June 7)

Today we travel by steam train, ferry and boat. First up, a train ride from the resort of **Paignton to Kingswear**, rising in tiers above the **River Dart**. We take a ferry across the river to gorgeous **Dartmouth**, one of the gems of **Devon**. You’ll delight in its twisting streets and crooked

buildings. Then, following a one-hour river cruise, we return to Paignton and Brixham for free time.. **OVERNIGHT – BRIXHAM**

## ■ Day 4 (Thursday, June 8)

The legendary seafaring town of **Plymouth** is our first port of call today. Our visit gives us plenty of time to stroll the historic port area, long associated with **Sir Francis Drake**, and to tour the impressive **National Marine Aquarium**, one of the largest in England. In the afternoon, we arrive at **Antony**, a superb early 18th-century mansion. Near day’s end we come to **Fowey** (say “Foy”), a delightful riverside village and our home for two nights. **DINNER. OVERNIGHT – FOWEY**

## ■ Day 5 (Friday, June 9)

The **Eden Project** is one of the most amazing horticultural achievements in the world – a former clay pit transformed into a marvel of biodiversity. Two immense domes set on a dramatic, plunging 34-acre site allow the park to display plants from all corners of the globe in what is said to be the world’s largest greenhouse. After our visit, it’s on to charming **Charlestown**, at one time a busy port but today so quaint that it’s used as film locations. Back in Fowey, enjoy free time, followed by **DINNER. OVERNIGHT – FOWEY**

## ■ Day 6 (Saturday, June 10)

Our byways take us to the delightful fishing village of **St. Mawes**, then to the 13th century

church of **St. Just in Roseland**, nestled on a wooded site, surrounded by a picturesque cemetery and overlooking the **Carrick Roads** waterway. Via the **King Harry Ferry** we next come to **Trelissick Gardens**, a lush, undulating park sloping down to the **Fal River**. In the afternoon we arrive at **St. Ives**, possibly the most picturesque Cornish town on the Atlantic, and settle into our castle hotel. **OVERNIGHT – ST. IVES**

### ■ Day 7 (Sunday, June 11)

We enjoy a quiet day in St. Ives, making all visits on foot. First we tour the newly remodeled **Tate Gallery St. Ives**, featuring a changing exhibition of 20th century art from the **Tate Gallery London**. Then it's on to the **Barbara Hepworth Museum**, featuring sculpture from the seminal 20th century artist. Finally, take time to stroll through the lively harborside of St. Ives, poking into the boutiques, cafes and pubs of the lively resort. Have an ice cream while watching the tide fill and empty the harbor, but watch for marauding seagulls. **DINNER and OVERNIGHT – ST. IVES**

### ■ Day 8 (Monday, June 12)

On a day trip out of St. Ives, we first visit the remarkable cathedral at **Truro**. This Gothic revival church impresses with its 13th century "Early English" style, its soaring vaulting and its tall arcades. Next up: the **Lost Gardens of Heligan**, 80 acres of vegetable garden, fruit orchards and, most remarkable of all, a woodsy ravine sheltering a profusion of exotic plants. Finally we visit one of Cornwall's most enchanting fishing villages, **Mevagissey**, whose maze of twisting streets and steps lead to whitewashed houses rising above a sheltered harbor. **OVERNIGHT – ST. IVES**

### ■ Day 9 (Tuesday, June 13)

We depart St. Ives today for the charming English Channel village of **Mousehole** (say "mauzull) for a stroll around its granite harbor and breakwater dating from 1393. After **LUNCH** we come to amazing **St. Michael's Mount**, a tiny, rocky island (at high tide, that is) crowned by a castle. St. Michael's Mount, a twin of **Mont St. Michel** in France, was for many years a pilgrimage site. Today, a visit to the castle allows us to admire displays of weaponry, period furniture and paintings. Later we arrive at our country hotel. **OVERNIGHT – PORT QUIN**

### ■ Day 10 (Wednesday, June 14)

A walking tour of the pretty fishing village of **Port Isaac** revolves around sights featured in the popular television series "*Doc Martin*," whose seven seasons have been filmed here. In the after-

noon, we visit magnificent **Lanhydrock**, one of Cornwall's most absorbing country houses. This High Victorian home will amaze you – 50 rooms of mementoes of the time the owners, the **Robartes** family, lived in grand style. **DINNER and OVERNIGHT – PORT QUIN**

### ■ Day 11 (Thursday, June 15)

We make the short drive to the seaside village of **Tintagel** to see its **Old Post Office**, a wobbly manor house dating from the 1300s. Then we enjoy a special **LUNCH** at the **Eliot Arms**, a creeper-clad inn with excellent food. In the afternoon we arrive in **Wells**, whose medieval ambiance and stunning cathedral will amaze you. **OVERNIGHT – WELLS**

### ■ Day 12 (Friday, June 16)

In the morning we visit sights in **Wells**, including its lovely cathedral and 800-year-old **Bishop's Palace**. Moving on, we arrive at **Longleat House**, an enormous high Elizabethan manor home dating from 1580. Finally, we come to the vicinity of **Heathrow Airport** and check into our comfortable hotel, convenient for early flights tomorrow. **OVERNIGHT – HEATHROW AIRPORT**

### ■ Getaway day (Saturday, June 17)

It's time to say goodbye to England with a flight home from **Heathrow Airport**.

## Notes

**MEALS** – Tour includes breakfast every day, as well as eight other meals (lunches and dinners), as indicated in **BOLD CAPS** on the itinerary.

## OUR HOTELS

**Quayside Hotel**, Brixham  
**Fowey Hotel**, Fowey  
**Tregenna Castle Hotel**, St. Ives  
**Longcross House**, Port Quin  
**Beryl B&B**, Wells  
**Renaissance Hotel**, Heathrow Airport

**HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS** – Subject to change according to availability.

**ITINERARY** – Details of this preliminary itinerary could change. An updated itinerary will be issued closer to tour departure.

**TOUR PRICE** – Price quoted is for land arrangements and does not include airfare.