

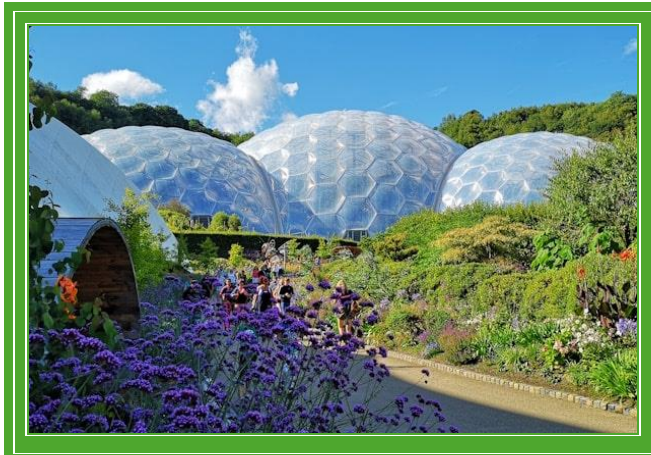


Tour Information



The Gardens of Cornwall





The tour starts and finishes at The Alverton Hotel in Truro.

The Alverton Hotel

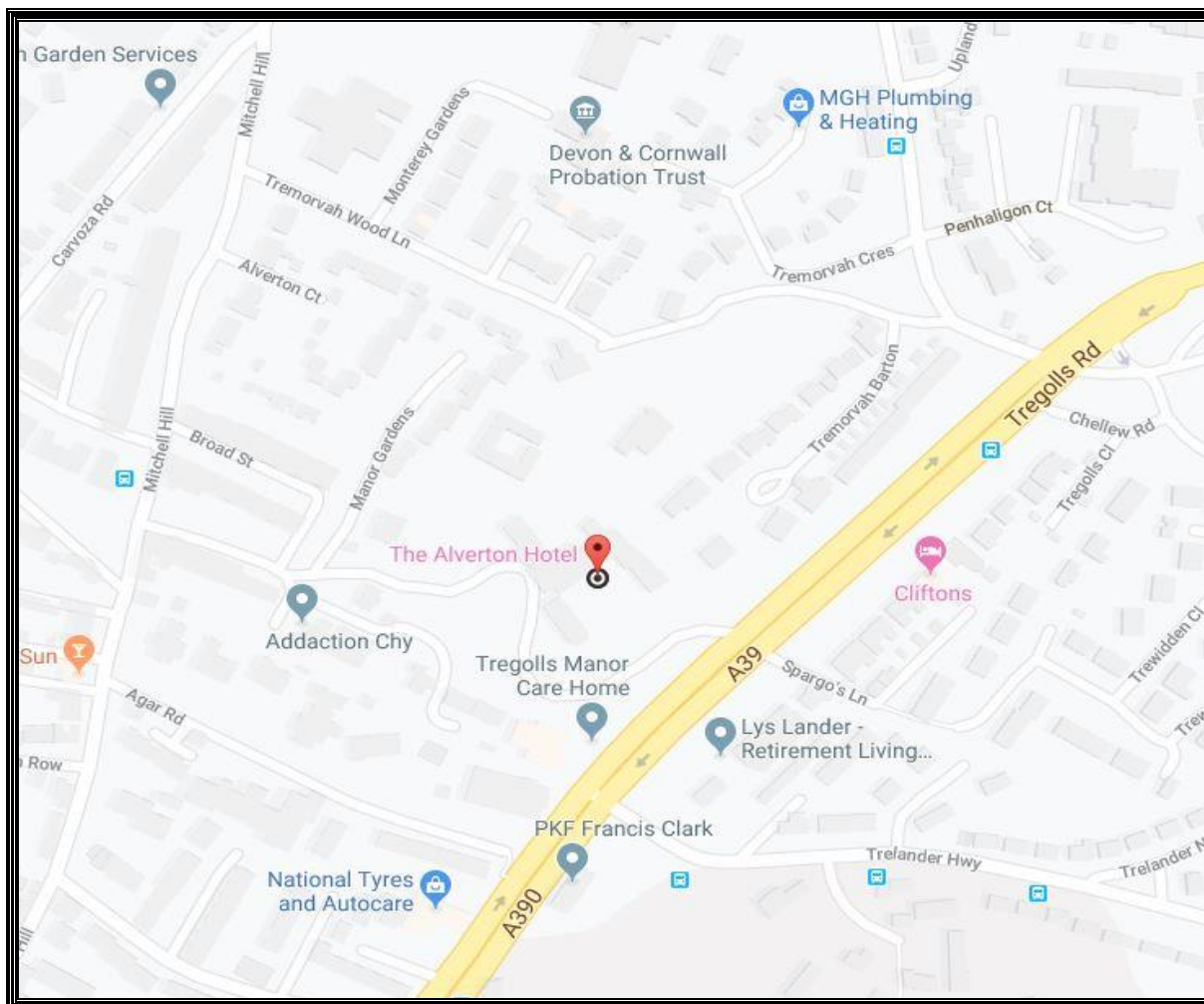
Tregolls Road

Truro

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Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

Travelling by car: Follow the A30 towards Truro, and at Carland Cross, take the 2nd exit onto the A39. At the roundabout take the 1st exit onto A39 and then turn right onto Tregolls Road (A39). At Trafalgar Roundabout, take the 5th exit and stay on the A39. After ½ mile, turn left and your destination will be in the right.

There is a large car park at the hotel and is complimentary for hotel guests.

Travelling by train: The closest railway station is Truro which is 2 miles away from the hotel.



Accommodation

Alverton Hotel, Truro

This beautifully unique, 4* Grade II listed hotel has stood on its hillside setting since 1830 within the Cornish capital city of Truro. The Alverton features a restaurant and bar, an al fresco terrace and charming private gardens. The spacious comfortable rooms all have TV, hairdryer, DAB radio, tea and coffee making facilities and telephone.

For more information, please see the hotel website:

<https://thealverton.co.uk/truro-hotel>

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival, you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 15.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day of the tour, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on a bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 12.00.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

Dining

On the first night of your stay, a welcome reception, private three-course dinner with wine and talk is provided. During the second evening of the tour, dinner is provided at the hotel restaurant. On the third evening of the tour, dinner is provided at the hotel restaurant. On the final evening of the tour, dinner is provided at the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on each day of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.

Places Visited

Marsh Villa Gardens

Marsh Villa is a magical three-acre water and woodland garden, which lies in a former tidal creek and is rich in variety and conservation significance. With the first plantings in 1988 the garden is now well-established boasting extensive herbaceous borders and mixed beds, amongst a charming network of waterways which drain the Treesmill marsh levels.

[Marsh Villa Gardens](#)

Eden Project

Once a barren landscape, this former clay mine, with no soil or plants, has been transformed into a beautiful global garden, which sets the stage for an extraordinary visit. The Eden Project, opened in 2001 and is described by The Guardian as “a mind-boggling feat of architecture and biological engineering”. Its eye-catching “Biomes” house one of the world’s largest indoor rainforests and a Mediterranean garden with cacti, gnarled olive trees, fruits and herbs.

[Eden Project](#)

The Lost Gardens of Heligan

These award-winning gardens, asleep for more than seventy years, are the scene of the largest garden restoration project in Europe. In the spring of 1991, the Gardens of Heligan lay under a blanket of bramble, ivy, rampant laurel and fallen timber. A year later the restoration team opened the gardens to enable the public to share in the excitement of their discovery, which thousands have been doing ever since.

[The Lost Gardens of Heligan](#)

Caerhays Castle

Caerhays has an international reputation for camellias and rhododendrons and is home to a world-famous National Magnolia Collection. The castle itself was designed by renowned architect, John Nash around 200 years ago and both the building and its occupants have played significant roles in the history of Cornwall.

[Caerhays Castle](#)

Trebah Garden

Trebah is a wild and colourful Cornish garden with something for everyone. The garden was laid out originally in the 1840s and flourished to become one of England’s great gardens by the 1930s. The garden was sadly neglected for many years following the death of the original owner, until it was taken over by the Hibbert family, who still run it today. Wander down the “Zig-Zag”, a slope where a rare collection of exotic Mediterranean plants has been recently planted. You will also see Rhododendron Valley, a huge amphitheatre of sixty-foot-high rhododendrons, many of which were imported as seed in the 1890s.

[Trebah Garden](#)

Penjerrick Garden

Penjerrick, often referred to as “Cornwall’s true jungle garden, was established in the 19th century by Robert Were Fox. Fox’s brother was responsible for Trebah - so there is a family connection between these two sights. Penjerrick is a peaceful 15 acre, sub-tropical, spring-flowering garden with considerable historical and botanical interest. Rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas and magnificent trees all grow in this sub-tropical valley, in which ponds, bamboos, gunnera and immense tree ferns abound. Wildlife and birds take full advantage of the semi wild garden.

[Penjerrick Garden](#)

Trewithen

Trewithen means “house of the trees” and the name truly describes this early Georgian house in its wood and parkland setting. The 30-acre garden is an International Camellia Society Garden of Excellence (1 of only 5 in the UK) and is also renowned for its rhododendrons, magnolias and Champion Trees. It is truly a beautiful place to visit, with something to discover at every turn of its level gravelled pathways.

[Trewithen](#)

Trelissick House and Gardens

This welcoming country house and garden, now run by the National Trust is set in an estate with stunning maritime views and lovely woodland walks. Trelissick is set on its own peninsula, with panoramic views over the Fal estuary. There are plenty of meandering paths through the garden, leading to exotic plants and herbaceous borders bursting with colour. The house has a friendly and inviting atmosphere with a rolling

programme of exhibitions that reveal stories from its diverse history. Trellissick also has its own renowned art gallery with a wide range of work from local Cornish artists.

[Trellissick House and Gardens](#)



Your Guide

David started gardening as a young child and has been growing plants for more than 40 years. He has worked in gardens and nurseries, growing on a range of different soils and in different types of microclimate. His extensive knowledge and practical experience of plants, crops and growing techniques is founded on a thorough botanical and scientific training, complemented by an in depth understanding of garden design, wildlife, geology and climatology. He also trained as a teacher and has taught a huge diversity of subjects from botany, soil science and plant identification, to propagation, garden design and crop production, and from City & Guilds through to Degree level. He is also a popular speaker with local gardening groups.

As a journalist, David has spent more than 20 years writing for and editing the nation's crop of garden magazines, currently as Associate Editor for BBC Gardeners' World Magazine. He has also written for a number of websites and appeared both as a regular contributor and an expert commentator on TV and radio. David is a popular figure in the horticultural world, well liked and respected for his knowledge by nurserymen, professional gardeners, journalists and the gardening public. He has designed, built and planted show gardens and display stands at most of the major garden shows in the UK, including the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show, and is now a Designate Judge for the Royal Horticultural Society.

He has also travelled to every continent, with the exception of Antarctica, to discover plants and gardens, both independently and on more than 50 trips accompanying groups of gardeners

David will give one introductory talk during the tour.



Practical Information

Tour manager - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions, please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.






Tipping – To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services, but for your guidance about £2-3 per person per day for the

tour manager is the norm. We would like to reiterate that tipping is an entirely optional payment and this information is given purely to answer any questions you may have about it.

Walking Content – This tour has been graded a 4 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key below for an explanation of the footprint symbols:

Very little walking involved	
Relaxed easy pace, mainly walking from coach to site	
Some walking between sites, good, flat walking surfaces	
Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewings	
On your feet all day, uneven terrain (cobblestones etc)	



Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

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