

Walking Cornwall, Cotswolds and Channel Islands

Friday 6 - Friday 27 September 2024
21 nights

TOUR OVERVIEW

Embark on a walking holiday through three stunning locations, all with their own unique culture, history, and scenery. In Cornwall you will discover a magnificent stretch of coastline that boasts miles of stunning sea views and centuries-old stories of smugglers, piracy and plunder, and more hours of sunshine than anywhere else in England! Daily walks through the pristine beaches, rugged headlands, hidden coves and postcard-perfect villages will be a treat.

Take a ferry to the Channel Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, and Sark. The islands are graced with an intriguing blend of British and French influences and you will walk through a wide array of exquisite landscapes that inspired the Impressionists from golden sandy beaches and high cliffs to hidden valleys and woodlands, Listen to the quirky local dialect and enjoy excellent local food. Described as "not quite Britain and not quite France" these unique islands are a walker's paradise, with miles of coastal paths and lots of interesting history. During World War II these islands were the only parts of British soil to be occupied. The many museums on this topic highlight the fortitude of the islanders, who to this day, still govern themselves.

Then to top it all off you get to finish in the Cotswolds, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that never fails to enchant with honey-colored villages, old-fashioned tearooms, historic attractions, and a wealth of walking delights around the Windrush Valley, the Slaughters, and parts of the Cotswold Way.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Walking coastal paths and soaking up views of imposing cliffs, headlands, and sandy coves in Cornwall
- Stay at charming country houses and small hotels
- Discovering the gorgeous Cotswolds countryside on foot, exploring postcard-pretty villages with thatched cottages
- An island-hopping walking adventure on the Channel Islands with incredible coastlines, pretty ports and shaded lanes with hedges of wildflowers.
- Enjoy walking on the car-free island of Sark.
- Sample the traditional fruit loaf with lashings of golden Guernsey butter.
- Explore the Jersey War Tunnels, a spooky, yet captivating WWII museum.
- Free time in Cornwall to visit the New Tate Museum and maybe catch a play at the Minack Theatre.
- A visit to the iconic Eden Project biodomes.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- The services of an experienced New Zealand based Calder & Lawson Tours tour manager
- 21 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily and meals as specified in the itinerary
- All group transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Luggage transfer between accommodation on the walks
- Admissions as detailed in the itinerary
- All tips for local guides and other service providers
- Pre-tour material

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Airfares and airline taxes to Europe
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Beverages during included meals, unless specified
- Hotel portorage

IS THIS TOUR FOR ME?

There will be walks almost every day and on most days there will be options of easier or more challenging walks. The first part of the tour in Cornwall has the most challenging walking with sometimes steep ascents and descents although there will be options each day. You can always choose to rest or explore the local area if you want a break from walking. On the second and third sections of the tour in the Channel Islands and the Cotswolds the walking is easier and there will be sometimes options for easier and more challenging walks each day.



TOUR PRICE

Share twin per person	NZD \$12,590
Single supplement	NZD \$1,490

Please contact us if you are interested in a single occupancy place.

GROUP SIZE Minimum 10, maximum 18

VARIATIONS IN TRAVEL We can make arrangements for any travel you would like to do before or after this tour, or book business class flights. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

FLIGHTS

The price of this tour does not include international flights from Auckland to London. We expect best options will be on Emirates, Singapore Airlines, Qatar Airways or perhaps Air NZ and Star Alliance partners via the US or Hong Kong.

We will have a group departure traveling with your tour manager available to book once the tour is confirmed. You are very welcome to make your own arrangements and meet the group in London at the start of the tour.

Options for upgrades to premium economy or business class will be available.

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TOUR MANAGER: Peter Carter

Peter grew up in the UK and spent many summers on walking holidays. In 1988 whilst on a round-the-world trip Peter arrived in New Zealand with a bicycle and cycled from Cape Reinga to the Bluff - and managed to find a wife along the way. Most of his working life has been spent starting businesses in the UK and New Zealand. Latterly he has taken to writing and has now written six books. He is an experienced tour leader and has a genuine love of the outdoors and enjoys sharing this love with enthusiasm.



DAILY ITINERARY

Friday 6 September

London

Meals: D

Overnight: London

Meet at your London hotel mid afternoon, and check in. Enjoy a welcome dinner with the group and your tour manager this evening. Note that flights to London are not included in the tour package.

Saturday 7 September

Portsmouth to St Ives

Cornwall

Meals: B/D

Train: 5 hours

Overnight: St Ives

Transfer by train from Paddington Station, London to St Ives with the group. Timetable and duration of train to be advised when schedules are available.

Check into your hotel for the next seven nights. Your accommodation is a well-appointed country property a skip away from the cobbled streets of St Ives. It has a lounge, bar, on-site restaurant and heated outdoor pool.



DAILY ITINERARY

Sunday 8 - Friday 13 September Cornwall Walking

Meals: B/L/D each day

Walking: Various options - see itinerary notes

Overnight: St Ives

There are different walks to choose from in Cornwall and your tour manager will choose walks based on the group's interests and prevailing conditions. There will also be a free day in the middle of the week to explore the local area.

Options could include:

Lelant and Carbis Bay

Head up to Knill's Monument and enjoy glorious views over St Ives Bay, then drop down to join the coast near Lelant church. You will follow the coastal path back to St Ives, passing through the dunes beside Porthkidney Sands, Carrick Gladden, and Carbis Bay.

St Loy to Lands End

A 14km walk along the coast from St Loy to Land's End. This is coastal walking at its best; an opportunity to stride out and soak up the sea views with the highlight of reaching Land's End at the end of the walk standing on the very tip of Britain.

Beaches and Cliffs of North Cornwall - Porthtowan To Perranporth

A fantastic coastal walk from Porthtowan to St Agnes Head and Perranporth. A day of mining history, superb wildlife, and extensive sea views throughout. Treat yourself for all your exercise with a 'hedgehog' ice cream at Chapel Porth Cove (heaps of Cornish ice cream topped with clotted cream and coated with chopped hazelnuts). You'll also see the much-photographed Towanroath engine house of Wheal Coates mine.

Rugged cliffs of St Ives - Mussel Point and River Cove

This inland section of the walk crosses prehistoric fields, passing the hamlets of Trevega, Boscubben, and Treveal. You reach the coast at Mussel Point then follow the undulating rugged path over the cliffs and headlands back to St Ives.

Mounts Bay

Head to the South Coast and explore the history of mining, shipwrecks, and smuggling in Mounts Bay. Several walking options to choose from along the Coast Path where you can see St Michael's Mount where a medieval castle, garden, and island community can be found on the top of a tidal island off the coast of Marazion. From the mine buildings of Wheal Prosper at Rinsey Head, you join the Coast Path to the mile-long beach of Praa Sands, and then on to the historic town of Marazion via Prussia Cove and Perranuthnoe.

DAILY ITINERARY

Cornwall Free day

In the middle of the Cornwall section, you will have a free day to explore the local area with your tour manager. The town of St Ives is delightful and one of the highlights is the Tate St Ives, an art gallery exhibiting work by modern British artists with links to the area. The Barbara Hepworth sculpture garden is another gem or just soak up the cafes, shops, and beaches of Porthmeor, Porthminster, Harbour, and Porthgwithden. It may also be possible to attend a show at the famous open air Minack Theatre (subject to schedule and ticket availability).

Saturday 14 September St Ives to Bournemouth

Meals: B

Coach: 4 hours

Overnight: Bournemouth

Depart Cornwall today and head to Bournemouth, a popular UK seaside resort with sandy beaches and a traditional pier. On the way, you will make a visit to the Eden Project, renowned for its massive biome domes. These stunning structures house a diverse range of plant species from around the world. Explore several ecosystems including lush rainforests, arid deserts and learn of the conservation and research projects at this unique installation. Your hotel for the night is located a few minutes walk from the long strip of beach and promenade. Bournemouth has an up-and-coming dining scene and you will have a free night to explore this lively town.

Sunday 15 September Jersey

Meals: B/D

Ferry: 4 hours

Overnight: St Helier, Jersey

Take the ferry today from Poole to Jersey, the largest and southern-most of the Channel Islands. Upon arrival in St Helier, Jersey's capital, settle into your hotel and begin to explore. St Helier's ancient quarter exposes the horrors of the Reformation. You can also visit the Maritime Museum and Occupation Tapestry Gallery which gives you much historical information about the island.

Monday 16 September La Rocque Harbour loop walk

Meals: B

Walking: 13km with
ascent/descent 108m

Overnight: St Helier, Jersey

Today's walk not only takes in some fascinating sights but it can also be considered a "foodie walk", as it is focused in the parish of Grouville, where much of Jersey's home-grown food is produced. Take a local bus to La Rocque Harbour, where the French last attacked Jersey in 1781 and from the North Tower you can see (at low tide) many oyster farms. Pass a couple of farm shops and spot migrating birds as you walk. Explore Gorey Castle, built in 1204 before heading inland again to the small village of Gorey and then back via quiet country lanes to La Rocque.

Tuesday 17 September Jersey war tunnels

Meals: B/D

Walking: 8 km, with
ascent/decescent 95m

Overnight: St Aubin, Jersey

A short transfer brings you to the Jersey war tunnels, a fascinating museum, which tells the story of the German occupation of the island in WWII. Today's walk takes you through St Peter's Valley which has wooded areas but also crosses the high ground between them. The final part of your walk leads you to the coast and from here you can walk around the bay to the pretty harbour of St Aubin, your next overnight stop

DAILY ITINERARY

Wednesday 18 September

Jersey Walking

Meals: B

Walking: 10.5 km with ascent/descent 115m

Overnight: St Aubin, Jersey

A wonderful day of walking awaits. Begin in St Aubin and follow trails to Noirmont, which was heavily fortified during the German occupation. Pass a wetland nature reserve located in Ouaisné and the Cotte de St Brelade Cave where Neanderthal remains have been found. This walk is interesting, varied, and relatively easy.

Thursday 19 September

Guernsey sightseeing

Meals: B/D

Walking: sightseeing

Ferry: 1 hour

Overnight: St Peter Port, Guernsey

After your one hour ferry ride to St Peter Port, Guernsey's capital, drop your bags at your hotel before exploring this picturesque port which has been busy since Roman times! Stroll down its quaint cobbled streets and through the multitude of colourful sub-tropical gardens. Constantly on view is Castle Cornet which has stood guard over the town for 800 years. Note that today's program will be subject to change based on ferry schedules.

Friday 20 September

Walking La Rousse Tower to St Peter Port

Meals: B

Walking: 10.5 km

Overnight: St Peter Port, Guernsey

After a short local bus ride to La Rousse Tower begin walking along the wild and beautiful northern coast of Guernsey, which is the island's heartland of WWII history. La Rousse Tower and several other fortifications en route were actually built to protect the island from an invasion by Napoleon. Amble around crescent bays, edged with reeds and nature reserves before making your way down the east coast where, on a clear day, you can see views over to Herm, Sark, and even to the shores of France.



DAILY ITINERARY

Saturday 21 September

Sark

Meals: B/D

Walking: 7.5 km with
ascent/descent 85m

Overnight: St Peter Port,
Guernsey

Board your ferry in St Peter Port and be transported to Sark in about one hour. Sark is one of the few remaining places in the world where cars are banned from the roads and only tractors and horse-drawn vehicles are allowed. Your walk leads you to some of the most popular spots, such as La Coupé, a natural isthmus, joining Little and Big Sark. Also, view the stunning scenery from the elevated central plateau. This afternoon board your ferry back to Guernsey and enjoy your final evening in St Peter Port.

Sunday 22 September

Ferry Guernsey to Poole

Meals: B

Overnight: Poole

A free morning before taking a ferry back to the mainland. Depending on the ferry timetables it may be possible to take a quick side trip in the morning to the pretty little island of Herm, just 3 miles off the coast of Guernsey. Ferry timetables will be confirmed closer to departure. You will overnight in Poole this evening.

Monday 23 September

Bourton on Water

Meals: B/D

Coach: 3.5 hours

Overnight: Bourton on the
Water, Cotswolds

Drive from Poole to Bourton on the Water in the Cotswolds. You will have time for lunch and a visit to the historic town of Bath on the way.

Stay for the next four nights in a stately country home that records show was first built in 1662. Your hotel is a short distance from the heart of Bourton on the Water the impossibly pretty Cotswold town with chocolate box cottages, old-fashioned tea rooms, and stone bridges spanning the River Windrush. You will be within walking distance of the Cotswold Motoring Museum, model village, and Birdland wildlife park and gardens.



DAILY ITINERARY

Tuesday 24 to Thursday 26 September

Cotswolds Walking

Meals: B/L/D each day

Walking: Various options - see itinerary notes

Overnight: Bourton on the Water

There are lots of different walks to choose from in the Cotswolds. Your tour manager will choose walks based on the group's interests and prevailing conditions. Options could include:

Broadwell to Bourton

A walk along the Monarch's Way from the village of Broadwell to Bourton-on-the-Water. You will stop to explore Stow-on-the-Wold and the delightful village of Lower Slaughter which was voted the 'most romantic street in Britain' with its idyllic cottages and watermill.

Moreton-in-Marsh To Bourton

Follow the Monarch's Way through gently rolling countryside. Starting from Moreton-in-Marsh your route takes you through Stow-on-the-Wold and Lower Slaughter back to Bourton. The Monarch's Way was named after the escape route of Charles II to Shoreham and France after his defeat at the battle of Worcester in 1651.

Stoke Hill To Chipping Campden

Starting with an exhilarating climb over Stoke Hill, your walk takes you to the pretty village of Ilmington, then follows paths and tracks to Ebrington before continuing to the pleasant market town of Chipping Campden. At the end of your walk, there is plenty of time to explore Chipping Campden. Enjoy a pint in one of the pubs, have a look around the shops, or visit the magnificent 15th-century St James Church.

The Slaughters And Lower Harford

Visit both Upper and Lower Slaughter and the medieval village of Lower Harford, before a riverside walk beside the Windrush takes you back to Bourton-on-the-Water. Highlight: The twin villages of Upper and Lower Slaughter are just a couple of miles' walk from Bourton-on-the-Water. The River Eye flows through these most picturesque of villages, creating a picture-postcard scene.

Naunton & The Windrush Valley

Follow a clockwise loop from Bourton along the tranquil valley of the River Windrush to Lower Harford and the village of Naunton. Your return route takes you over the fields via the Slaughters with time for refreshments in the Black Horse Inn at Naunton and/or the charming mill shop at Lower Slaughter. Keep a lookout for herons on the riverside section of this walk.

Check out of your Cotswolds country house and transfer back to London for your homebound flight to New Zealand or for further travel in Europe. If you need post-tour accommodation to match your flights, the Calder & Lawson Tours team will be able to assist.

Friday 27 September

Homebound

Meals: B

HOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE ON THIS TOUR

A deposit of \$1,000 is required to secure your place on the tour. When minimum numbers are reached the tour will become a 'confirmed departure' and your deposit will be non-refundable.

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