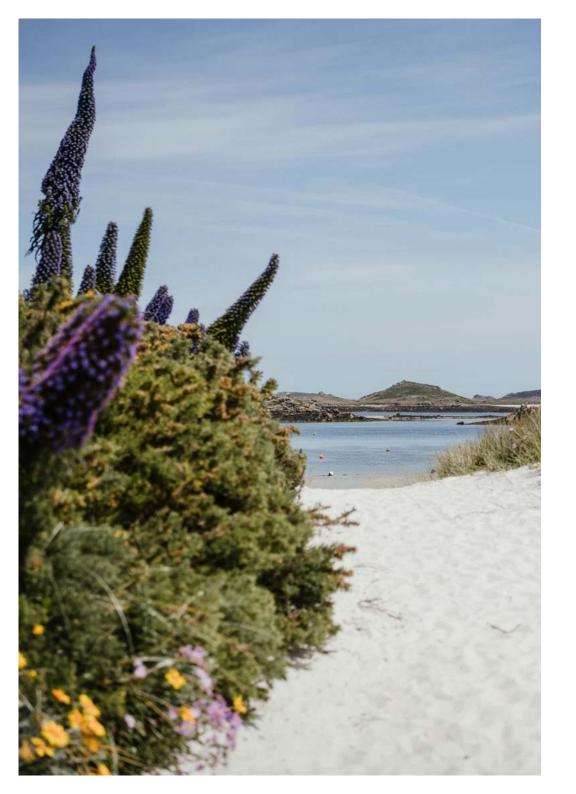
# **Group Travel**

# We make the journey as memorable as the destination







### **Discover the Isles of Scilly**

A group of sand-fringed islands lying just 28 miles off the coast of Cornwall, where spring comes early every year.

Warmed by the Gulf Stream, the Isles of Scilly enjoy an especially mild climate along with a natural wildness which is utterly relaxing. Live life at a slower pace and escape everyday stresses with a return to a gentler way of life where old-fashioned values are championed.

There are five inhabited islands connected by inter-island ferries, as well as a host of uninhabited islands to explore at your leisure, all surrounded by clear, turquoise waters.

Find yourself leaving the first footsteps on a beach of tide-washed sand, ramble from beach to bar, or take part in Walk Scilly, a festival of guided hikes and strolls.

All of Scilly is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with miles of coastal footpaths and near-deserted stretches of white sandy beaches to stroll along.

If you are looking for an adventure hire a kayak or paddle board to seek out hidden coves, try snorkelling and swimming with seals, or board a wildlife safari boat to look for rare birds and wildlife.

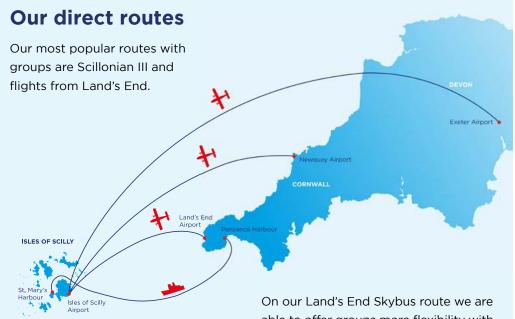
Eat and drink the best local produce, with fresh fish and seafood caught that morning by local boats and enjoy seeing the bright and colourful exotic plants which thrive in Scilly's subtropical climate.

Or simply relax and enjoy a quieter pace of life as you take your time to explore the islands, catching a boat to island-hop between St Mary's, Tresco, St Martin's, Bryher and St Agnes.

Find out why Scilly is famous for enticing its visitors to return again and again and be captivated by its charms wherever you go.

Isles of Scilly Travel can connect you with the islands by air with flights from Land's End, Newquay or Exeter, or you can sail on the Scillonian III ferry, departing daily from Penzance.

However you choose to make the crossing, the journey will form a unique part of your memories, and your unforgettable trip to Scilly.



able to offer groups more flexibility with their flight times and group numbers, as well as free parking for coaches.







## Getting to the islands

We can connect you by sea or air. Sail on the Scillonian III, departing daily from Penzance or fly by Skybus from Land's End, Newquay or Exeter.

#### Scillonian III

Scillonian III sails from Penzance up to seven days a week between spring and late autumn. The scenic journey takes just under three hours, which provides plenty of time for wildlife-spotting from the deck.

It's not unusual for Scillonian III to be joined by a pod of dolphins playing in the ferry's wake, and passengers also regularly spot marine wildlife and rare birds. You'll also be treated to some superb views of the Cornish coastline as you leave Penzance and sail past quaint fishing villages, impressive light houses and towering cliff tops.

Look out for famous landmarks like St. Michael's Mount, Porthcurno beach and the Minack Theatre, then it won't be long before the beautiful archipelago that is the Isles of Scilly rises from the horizon.

#### Skybus

Skybus flights operate from Land's End, Newquay and Exeter Airports and offer a memorable start to your Scilly journey with breathtaking aerial views of this unique cluster of islands.

Flights from Land's End take just 15 minutes to reach St. Mary's and operate year-round.

Our dedicated Land's End Airport has friendly, helpful staff on hand to help

you check in just one hour before your flight.

When you board your plane you'll be personally greeted by your pilot, who you'll be able to watch through the cockpit as they fly the aircraft to Scilly.

You'll look out over the Cornish coastline, before the islands come into view as you come in to land at St Mary's Airport.

## **Day Trip Ideas**

Here's some inspiration to help you make the most of your time on the Isles of Scilly, from coastal walks to food & drink experiences and boat trips.

Suitable for a day trip using these transport methods:





#### Hire a golf buggy - St. Mary's

A golf buggy is a fun and easy way to explore the island in comfort.

- 1. Hire a cart from The Scilly Cart Company.
- Drive your cart towards the centre of the island to Holyvale vineyard for a vineyard tour and wine tasting.
- After lunch take a tour down to Pelistry Bay then onto Porthelick before finishing at Old Town and heading back to the centre.



#### **Tresco Abbey Gardens**

The 19th century garden is home to some 20,000 sub-tropical plants.

- Take a boat from St. Mary's Quay to Tresco. From the landing quay it's a short walk to the gardens.
- Explore the gardens, sculptures and Valhalla museum. Look out for the red squirrels and golden pheasants.
- Before catching the boat back stop off at the visitor centre for a bite to eat.







#### Foodies day out on St. Agnes

This trip is all about food and views on the unspoiled island of St Agnes

- Take a transfer boat to St. Agnes, on arrival go to the famous Turks Head pub for hearty pub meal.
- After lunch take a short stroll to the sandbar, at low tide you can walk across to the island of Gugh.
- 3. For a treat head to Troytown Farm for some of their creamy ice cream.

#### Snorkel with seals - St. Martin's

For nature lovers it doesn't get any better than snorkelling with seals.

- Once on St. Martin's head for Scilly Seal Snorkelling opposite Higher Town quay to change into a wetsuit.
- 2. They'll take you to the Eastern Isles to swim & snorkel with the seals.
- Afterwards if you need something to eat there's a great bakery in Higher Town which bakes renowned pasties.

#### Walk the coast of Bryher

Although the smallest inhabited island, there's plenty to see and do on Bryher.

- 1. Pick up homemade produce for your picnic at the local store on Bryher.
- 2. Start your walk up Samson Hill and follow the coastal path.
- At Shipman Head stop for your picnic for stunning views across to Tresco.
- 4. Continue your venture to Watch Hill before heading back to the quay.

### **Events**

Scilly has lots to keep you busy whatever time of year you choose to visit. From major sporting events to food and drink festivals, arts events to walking tours, there are a variety of events and adventures to be found in every corner of the five inhabited islands.



Celebrate the great local produce found on Scilly at the annual Taste of Scilly Festival, it runs throughout the month of September every year.

The World Pilot Gig Championships are held every May with teams from across the UK competing in this iconic event.







During Dark Skies week in October join organisers for twinkly stargazing nights under Scilly's amazing, unpolluted dark skies, listen to guest speakers and more.



The best way to explore the beautiful islands, both inhabited and deserted, is on foot, and many enjoy doing so during the popular twice-yearly Walk Scilly festivals held in April and October. There's a host of guided walks to join led by local experts.



Scilly's famous Low Tide events are not to be missed with a chance to walk between Tresco and Bryher across the sand banks with food and drink stands set up on the beach.



The annual Scilly Folk festival in May offers a programme full of music, song, dance and entertainment.



## **Group Bookings**

## Groups bookings will receive a 5% discount on our brochure fares.

Our group discount applies to 15 or more adults sailing on Scillonian III together and 8 or more adults travelling together on Skybus.

#### 2023 Single & Day Trip Fares

	Scillonian III Penzance	<b>Skybus</b> Land's End	<b>Skybus</b> Newquay	<b>Skybus</b> Exeter
<b>Adult</b> Single	£74.34	£117.56	£166.49	£228.95
Adult Day Trip Return	£47.98	£139.18	N/A	N/A
Dogs can be booked for an additional cost on Scillonian and Land's End & Newquay Skybus flights.				

We offer a special rate for organised coach parties traveling on Scillonian day trip returns, please contact us for these rates.



#### To make a group booking

- 1. Email: groups@islesofscilly-travel.co.uk
- Simply provide our team with your group name, the group's leader contact details and the expected number of people travelling.
- You'll need to provide names for the individual passengers and preferred dates of travel at least 6 weeks before your date of travel.
- 4. Then all you need to do to secure the booking is provide us with a small, non-refundable deposit:

Deposit required per person				
Scillonian III	£10.00			
Skybus - Land's End	£20.00			
Skybus - Newquay	£25.00			
Skybus - Exeter	£35.00			

#### Parking & Transfers

#### Scillonian III - Penzance

- Cars day trips: Park in the Harbour and St Anthony's council car parks
- Cars Longer Stays: Pre-book parking from £7.00 a day at the Scillonian Park & Ride
- Coaches: Free roadside drop-off
  and pick-up along Battery Road

#### Skybus - Land's End

- **Cars:** £7.50 per a day (pay in advance or on exit via JustPark app or payment machine)
- **Coaches:** Free parking (subject to availability)
- Shuttle bus: £8.25 per a person each way between Penzance Station and Land's End Airport

The full balance must be paid 8 weeks before departure. If the booking is made at shorter notice the full balance must be paid. Any changes to passenger names made after 6 weeks will carry a £10 administration cost. For group terms & conditions and cancellations policy please visit our website - **www.islesofscilly-travel.co.uk** 

