

There are literally dozens of boat trips for you to choose from - scheduled passenger sailings, jet boats, inter-island ferries and smaller, water taxis. You can't miss the chalk boards on St. Mary's Quay, with the day's schedules, as well as notice boards on each of the off-islands, too.

Ten of the islands' bigger independent boats work together under the banner of St. Mary's Boatmen's Association. Like so many things on Scilly, the approach to scheduling is relaxed and practical - the boatmen meet each morning to plan the day ahead, based on the weather, tides and demand, then update Facebook and tell the local hotels. From May until September, though, their schedule generally looks a good deal like this...

INTER-ISLAND TRIPS

The journey from St. Mary's to Carn Near on Tresco takes around 10 minutes. Travelling to St. Agnes is about 15 minutes, and other destinations, including other landing points on Tresco, are around 20 minutes.

CIRCULAR TRIPS

As well as public transport, the boatmen provide pleasure trips to see some of the islands' other highlights – like spotting puffins and seals on the uninhabited Eastern Isles. The choice of trips varies, and is greatest during high season, so keep an eye on the boards (or Facebook) before making your plans.

DIRECT TRIPS

St. Mary's Boatmen's Association provide the services shown below daily throughout the main season. However these may have to be varied because of tide, weather and numbers.

Tresco

Depart St. Mary's	Return from Tresco
10:00	14:15
10:15	15:45
11:15	16:45
12:15	
14:00	

St. Agnes

Depart St. Mary's	Return from St. Agnes
10:15	14:15
11:45	16:00
14:00	16:45

St. Martin's

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Depart St. Mary's	Return from St. Martin's
10:15	14:30
14:00	15:45
	16:45

Bryher (& Samson)
Depart St. Mary's
10:15
14.00

Return from Bryher 14:30 16:45

ISLAND HOPPING (TWO ISLAND TRIP)

Whilst the most relaxing way to enjoy the Islands is to spend a day on each one, several multi island combinations are possible. These include Tresco and Bryher, Samson and Bryher, and Tresco and Samson. Availability of these trips will vary so please come and ask on St. Mary's Quay when on the Islands.

Please note

The times shown above are to illustrate the service provided and should not be taken as a timetable, as return times in particular, will vary. You will always be told the return times on the outward journey.

