

Holiday
on the
islands
without going abroad.

WELCOME
to the magical
Isles of Scilly

ISLES OF SCILLY
Travel





RELAX. THERE'S PLENTY TO DO.

The spectacular Isles of Scilly are just 28 miles off the coast of Cornwall; close enough to visit for a short break, but with enough to keep you entertained for much longer.

These majestic, sand-fringed islands are the most south-westerly point of England and have long been loved as a beautifully wild and unspoilt place to get away from it all.

With white sand beaches and implausibly clear blue seas, you could be forgiven for thinking you had flown long haul rather than a short hop across from the mainland.

There are five inhabited islands and countless deserted ones to explore; each has its own allure and all bask in a warmer climate than anywhere else in the UK.

It's true that island life moves at a slower pace, but there is plenty here to make your days memorable. You might try snorkelling with seals, paddleboarding between islands or go kayaking to an untouched sand bar. You could catch a tripper boat between islands, hire a bike or go horse riding along empty beaches.

After all that activity, why not experience a picnic of local produce or a winery tour? You might taste a glass of locally distilled gin or enjoy a plate of the freshest seafood.

Whatever you enjoy, Scilly has something for everyone – from foodies to walkers, wildlife enthusiasts to watersports fanatics. And it goes without saying, peace can be found around every corner.

Constantly changing, dependably remote and beautiful, the Isles of Scilly draw people back time after time. Perhaps this is the year for you to come and take part in the island's story.

However you choose to travel, by Skybus from Land's End, Newquay or Exeter airports or sailing on the Scillonian III ferry from Penzance, the journey will be as memorable as the destination.





FLYING WITH SKYBUS

The Isles of Scilly in 15 minutes - it's that simple

Skybus flights operate from Exeter, Newquay and Land's End Airports and takes as little as 15 minutes to reach Scilly.

There are stunning aerial views of the Cornish coastline whichever route you take, and when the islands come into view you'll have a unique opportunity to see the Isles of Scilly from the air as you come in to land at St Mary's Airport.

Flights leave year-round from Land's End Airport (15 minutes), Cornwall Airport Newquay (30 minutes), and Exeter Airport (60 minutes) operating six days a week between March and October.

Skybus services from Exeter and Newquay connect with flights to London Heathrow and Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham, Belfast, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow and more, as well as GWR rail services to local stations.

You can buy one combined ticket from www.loganair.co.uk for your trip.

There is also a dedicated shuttle bus running between Land's End Airport and Penzance train station, enabling



connections from Skybus flights to GWR rail services to London Paddington and other regional railway stations.

Secure car parking is available at all three airports. Isles of Scilly Travel's dedicated Land's End Airport is small and friendly with no long waits and helpful staff on hand to help you check in just one hour before your flight.

Enjoy a coffee and admire the sea views from full length windows looking out over the coast, with no need to worry about rushing or queuing in a busy terminal.

When you walk out to board your plane, you'll be greeted personally by your pilot before enjoying a truly memorable flight.



SAILING WITH SCILLONIAN

Start unwinding with a relaxing sail along the Cornish coast

The Scillonian III ferry takes a gentle two hours and 45 minutes to sail to the Isles of Scilly from Penzance, creating a truly peaceful start to your Scilly break.

Sailings leave Penzance up to seven days a week from spring until late autumn and offer a scenic boat trip along the Cornish coastline before arriving at St Mary's Quay.

You'll pass by famous landmarks like St Michael's Mount, Porthcurno beach and the Minack Theatre as well as quaint fishing villages and towering cliff tops before the islands themselves come into view.

Look out for pods of dolphins playing in the ferry's wake or try to spot rare birds and marine wild-life; there is plenty of time for wildlife spotting from the deck.

There are comfy, reclining seats inside and you can enjoy hot and cold drinks and a range of snacks from the on-board cafe, Western Rocks Coffee Company. Log onto our free on-board WiFi and browse our digital guide, S-Magazine.

Dogs are welcome on board too with designated areas for your four-legged friend.



Travelling to the ferry departure point is an easy process too. Penzance Quay is just a short walk from the town's train station, with its direct rail services to London Paddington.

If you're driving, there is ample car parking just 1.7 miles away at the Scillonian Ferry Car Park and Ride, with quick six minute transfers to and from the quay, or a large pay and display public car park opposite the main harbour.

If you're torn between flying and sailing, you can do both with a Fly+Sail option offering the chance to book a Skybus flight to Scilly with a Scillonian return journey - an especially memorable way of enjoying a day trip to Scilly from the Cornish mainland.

An aerial photograph of a blue and white boat with a white cabin, filled with people, sailing through a vast, turquoise lagoon. The water is crystal clear, revealing sandy and rocky bottoms. Numerous small, low-lying islands and peninsulas are scattered across the lagoon, some with sparse vegetation. The sky is a deep blue with wispy white clouds. The boat is moving from the bottom left towards the center, leaving a white wake behind it.

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Watch the gig crews on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Spectator boats leave from St Mary's Quay to get you into the heart of the action



Watch or join in the ÖTILLÖ Swimrun



Get out on the coast with Walk Scilly



Walk Tresco to Bryher at the Low Tide event



WHAT'S ON 2022

Every activity comes with a stunning view.

Officially recognised as an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the islands have a growing reputation for activity holidays. If a livelier holiday is what you're after, Scilly has lots to keep you busy whatever time of year you choose to visit.

Fly or sail to the islands, then you can peddle, paddle, swim, ride, row or walk.

From the annual gig races that attract contestants from all over the world to food and drink festivals, arts events and walking tours, there are adventures to be found around every corner.

Whatever you choose, you'll be in the middle of one of the most beautiful landscapes the country has to offer.

Scilly's famous **Low Tide events** are not to be missed, with a chance to walk between Tresco and Bryher across the sand banks during dramatic Spring tides and visit pop-up food and drink stalls set up on the sandbar usually 20ft underwater. There are two opportunities to take part in 2022: April 18th and September 11th.

Walk Scilly will return from April 12th to 18th, covering the five inhabited islands and some of the deserted ones too. This popular event has something for everyone, and all abilities, and is guided by local experts.

The **World Pilot Gig Championships** are an annual gig racing event held on the islands, this year from April 29th to May 1st after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. More than 150 crews from all over the world will compete in the iconic annual event, which is as gripping to watch from land or sea as it is to take part in.

The incredible endurance event that is the **ÖTILLÖ Swimrun World Championship** will be taking place on June 3rd and 4th. A true sight to behold, athletes from around the world challenge themselves to run across each island and swim between them against the clock.

Taste of Scilly food festival takes place in September, with beach BBQs, supper safaris, vineyard tours and gin tastings showcasing some of the finest food and drink the islands have to offer.

There's always a lot going on in Scilly – from outdoor cinema, guided walks, tours and talks, live gigs and island fetes to supper boats, rockpool safaris, pelagic boat trips and visiting theatre.

For the most up-to-date information on what's on in 2022 visit www.visitislesofscilly.com



FACT BOX

Skybus flights operate year-round from Land's End Airport, taking just 15 minutes, between Monday and Saturday. Scheduled flights from Exeter Airport (60 minutes) and from Newquay (30 minutes) run six days a week between March and October.

Standard return fares start from £210 from Land's End, £294 from Newquay and £407 from Exeter.

From spring through to late autumn, the Scillonian III passenger ferry sails up to seven days a week between Penzance and St Mary's. Standard return ferry crossings start from £131.90.

To book your journey, phone 01736 334220 or visit www.islesofscilly-travel.co.uk

In the light of Covid-19, Isles of Scilly Travel is offering transferable bookings with free amendments and cancellations on both Skybus and Scillonian crossings.

Skybus, Scillonian and Land's End Airport are all operating in a Covid-secure manner with a number of measures put in place that are in line with Government best practice to ensure the safety and protection of all passengers, crews and islanders.

These include social distancing, mandatory mask wearing and hand sanitising stations. You can find out more about Covid-secure measures at www.islesofscilly-travel.co.uk/covid-19



BOOKING A PRESS TRIP

Enjoy a Scilly staycation in 2022

Isles of Scilly Travel can offer a select number of journalists, travel bloggers and social media influencers the chance to visit Scilly on a press trip.

Your trip includes complimentary travel, accommodation, and a selection of meals and/or activities during your stay, chosen to complement your publication, feature angle and audience.

In addition, we put together a suggested itinerary, tailored to suit your needs.

Travel can be either return Skybus flights from Land's End, Newquay or Exeter Airport, or return ferry travel via the Scillonian III passenger ferry; mode of travel is based on availability and publication suitability.

Travel and accommodation is complimentary for one journalist and a guest. Decisions on discounts for further press trip companions are based on the angle of the feature.

Complimentary places can only be provided for children if the feature will be strongly focused on family-friendly holidays.

Journalists will be asked to post on social media throughout their trip, with links to Isles of Scilly Travel's channels, and to include the hashtag #ScillyStaycation.

Overall, we would require at least one review in print media, two blog posts online, or an agreed set number of social media posts both during and following your trip.

Any review must include the Isles of Scilly fact box below as a minimum, along with the URL for the company's website www.islesofscilly-travel.co.uk

Travel to and from the Isles of Scilly is weather dependent, and journalists should note that both sailings and flights can sometimes be affected by poor weather conditions, such as low lying clouds or strong winds. If bad weather is forecast, it may be advisable to reschedule your press trip.



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