



A world away from everyday life...

Easy to reach but impossible to forget, the Isles of Scilly are a world away from every-day life.

These spectacularly beautiful islands, lying just 28 miles off the coast of Cornwall, are surely the jewel in the UK's crown. Wild and unspoilt, each of the five inhabited islands that make up the archipelago has its own touch of magic.

You could be forgiven for thinking you had flown long haul rather than a short journey from the mainland – in fact you can reach the Isles of Scilly in as little as 20 minutes.

The islands, fondly known as "Scilly" by locals, are easily close enough to visit for a day, as thousands of people do each year. But with a few days, you can truly immerse yourself in island life.

There's no mass-market tourism here; this is what local looks like. It's as authentic as travel gets.

Sometimes, you don't need to travel far to expand your horizons. Sometimes the best experiences aren't that far from home.

However you want to immerse yourself in Scilly, we've got it covered.



Travel by Skybus...

You could travel on our very own airline, Skybus, which has been serving the islands for 40 years. Flying gives you unmatched views of the Cornish coastline and islands below.

The flight takes just 20 minutes from Land's End Airport (year-round), 30 minutes from Newquay and an hour from Exeter (May to October).

Your experience starts as soon as you step into the airport. Small and friendly with no long waits at checkin and no passport control, you only need to be there an hour before your flight. It's about as stress-free as air travel gets.

Relax before you're called to board your Skybus flight to Scilly and take the short stroll across the Tarmac to meet your pilot. Take in the breathtaking aerial views of Cornwall and prepare yourself for the islands coming into view for the first time. That's an experience you'll never forget.

There is a dedicated shuttle bus running between Land's End Airport and Penzance train station, enabling connections from Skybus flights to GWR rail services. Secure car parking and electric vehicle charging is available at Land's End Airport.

Travel by Scillonian III...

Travelling onboard Scillonian III is a special experience.

Not only are the views of the Cornish coastline incredible, but the opportunities for spotting wildlife are second-to-none and make for a truly memorable journey.

In fact, it's been named the UK's best ferry route for wildlife spotting for the third year in a row. Think whales, dolphins, sharks, fish, seals and birds. It's a nature-lovers' dream.

The crossing takes two hours and 45 minutes from Penzance, creating a truly peaceful start to your experience.

You'll pass famous landmarks including St Michael's Mount, Porthcurno Beach and the Minack Theatre as well as Land's End itself, before the islands come into view.

Sailings leave Penzance up to seven days a week from spring until late autumn.

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 island 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 nearby.

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.











Something for everyone...

You don't need to go abroad to discover something new and adventurous. On Scilly, you can view your own country with fresh eyes and realise that, even close to home, people often live differently to you.

Take yourself away from what you know and throw yourself into a whole new place. The Isles of Scilly is somewhere different, somewhere new, somewhere unique. Somewhere unforgettable.

As far as activities are concerned, these small islands really pack a punch.

Do you like to immerse yourself in your destination? Then try the quintessential – possibly all-time favourite – activity of island-hopping. Just jump on board an iconic inter-island boat from St Mary's Quay and head off to the off-island communities, where you'll be welcomed with the emptiest of beaches, swathes of coastal paths, the freshest local seafood, tiny honesty stalls, pubs with views to-die-for, watersports in the clearest of clear

seas and so much more.

Or do you prefer hands-on experiences? How about snorkelling with Scilly's resident seals? Or making your own island gin? Perhaps you fancy trotting across the white sands of Pelistry Bay on horseback? Or joining a wildlife spotting boat trip?

You could explore the coastline by paddleboard or kayak, try coasteering or join a wild swimming excursion. Then there's familyfriendly rock pool safaris or perhaps the favourite pastime, beachcombing.

If water-based activities aren't your thing, you could explore by pedal power or golf buggy, or play golf at the UK's most southerly golf course, with 360-degree island views in every direction.

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How about activities that ignite the senses?

Scilly is home to not one, but two vineyards where you can tour the vines, raise a glass and even enjoy a lobster lunch. If something stronger is more your tipple, you could make your own island gin, or tour the first and only rum distillery on the islands.

Then there's the food. Scilly takes pride in its fresh local produce – and so it should. We're talking food metres, not miles, when it comes to how far the ingredients have travelled here. Whether it's a celebration meal, or picnic on the beach, the islands have much to offer every taste.

If it's nature you're after, Scilly is a true natural playground with mile upon mile of coast path, inland trails and, of course, beaches where yours could be the only footprints in the sand. The world-famous Abbey Gardens on Tresco live up to the hype, a sanctuary for 2,000 exotic plants.

Perhaps it's a focus on personal wellbeing. There's wild yoga or guided trail running, Thai massage and art classes.

Why not engage in an island way of life? You could visit the weekly farmers' market or meet up with island residents for a guided swim. Then there's the many island makers, whose galleries and workshops are the highlight of a visit for so many.

For a special occasion, you could go all-out with a yacht charter, complete with decadent picnic, to explore the archipelago at your own pace.

All of these experiences, and many more, can be enjoyed in just a day in one of the most beautiful and unspoilt parts of the world.









Let us take you to paradise in 2025

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.

Travel can be either return Skybus flights from Land's End, Newquay or Exeter.

We can custom-design a trip to Scilly to suit your needs, either flying with Skybus or on Scillonian III passenger ferry from Penzance, Cornwall, on dates of your choice.

We can also organise an itinerary of activities and meals to suit the focus of your publication, feature angle and audience.

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

Travel can be either return Skybus flights from Land's End or return ferry travel via Scillonian III passenger ferry; mode of travel is based on availability and publication suitability. Travel is complimentary for one person and a guest. You could even take your four-legged friend; both modes of transport are dog-friendly.

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 family focused.

Travel to and from the Isles of Scilly is weather dependent, and you 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 trip.





Experience the Isles of Scilly in a day...

Spending just one day on the Isles of Scilly is an experience that you will never forget.

Lying 28 miles off the coast of Cornwall, these beautifully wild and unspoilt islands are easily close enough to visit for the day.

Forget crowded tourist attractions, busy beaches, nose-to-tail traffic. We're offering secluded beaches, stunning scenery and wonderful wildlife. Scilly is the perfect place for a day trip you'll never forget.

If you want to unwind, island life moves at a slower pace. But if you prefer adventure, there's plenty to keep you entertained. The choices are abundant, and all can be achieved in a day.

Whatever you decide, the scenery will take your breath away and you won't believe you're still in the UK.

All of Scilly's five inhabited islands can easily be explored in one day, so you'll be spoilt for choice.

Travel to the islands by Skybus, or sail on board Scillonian III. We can design an itinerary to suit your needs, on dates of your choice.

So, for the perfect introduction to these spectacular islands, why not consider a day trip to the Isles of Scilly in 2025?

In return for your visit...

To organise your press trip, please contact: **ZOE BOURDEAUX** zbourdeaux@issg.co.uk

During or following your trip, you will be asked to post on social media throughout your trip, with links to Isles of Scilly Travel's channels, and to include the hashtags:

#Scilly2025 #ExperienceScilly #MyScillyExperience #Skybus #Scillonian #IslesOfScillyTravel

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 as a minimum, along with the URL for the company's website. www.islesofscilly-travel.co.uk

Factbox

SKYBUS

Fly from Land's End

OPERATES: All year round

JOURNEY: 15 minutes

SCILLONIAN III

Ferry from Penzance

OPERATES: March - November **JOURNEY:** 2hours 24minutes

BOOK: www.islesofscilly-travel.co.uk/book











