



Falmouth Harbour

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### The UK's Atlantic Gateway



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Falmouth is the UK's first and last major Port, conveniently located at the entrance to the Western Approaches. As the third deepest natural harbour in the world, Falmouth offers services to vessels of all sizes all taking place within an unrivalled natural environment.

Flanked by Henry VIII's two castles (Pendennis and St Mawes), the Harbour has been providing a comforting welcome to seafarers since well before the town's creation in the early 1600s.

Built around the packet ship trade, Falmouth was the first landfall for sailing ships returning to Britain from distant shores. Reminders of this golden age can still be seen throughout the town and forms a central part of its unique character.

Framed by Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) along the Helford and Fal Rivers and Roseland Peninsula and located on the outstanding Southwest Coast Path - the area is a magnet for walkers, and a

world leading location for water sports, sailing and other active pursuits.

The bustling town of Falmouth boasts world class beaches, a diverse high street and a thriving café / restaurant culture. Combined with the relaxed atmosphere that Cornwall is famous for, it's no wonder that Falmouth is renowned as the one of the UK's premier holiday destinations and a must-see for many.

The town offers easy access to the wide selection of attractions on offer in Cornwall: the Eden Project, St Michaels Mount, the sub-tropical gardens of Trebah, Lands' End, the Lost Gardens of Heligan and many more.

Falmouth Harbour is well placed strategically to support a wide variety of cruises - whether this is shorter round Britain and Ireland cruises or as part of a much longer trans-Atlantic cruise. It is just a short steam to or from the Isles of Scilly, another must see Cornish destination.

The commercial Port, operated by A&P Falmouth, can accommodate ships alongside up to 240m, or the largest cruise ships in the world can comfortably anchor in the Harbour approaches or the sheltered waters of Falmouth Bay. A&P operate a dedicated passenger landing facility where vessels can expect to be welcomed by the Falmouth Cruise Ambassadors. Ships berth only a 10-minute walk away from the town, with access for coach trip services directly next to the berth.

The Port offers a full range of marine services, including bunkering, all of which can be organised via our highly experienced local Port Agents. This combined with the areas unique offer to tourism, makes Falmouth Harbour a key destination for many cruise lines and passengers alike.

## Top Five Facts about Falmouth Harbour

1. Falmouth Harbour and the Carrick Roads form the third deepest natural harbour in the world and the deepest in Western Europe
2. Falmouth was the start and finishing point for both Robin Knox-Johnston and Ellen McArthur's voyages around the world (Knox-Johnston in 1969 and McArthur in 2007) - sailing non-stop single handedly
3. Operation Chariot, a famous Commando raid on the heavily defended docks of St Nazaire in France during World War Two, which helped to shape the war at sea was launched from Falmouth
4. Falmouth was made the Royal Mail Packet Station in 1688. In 1805 the news of Britain's victory and Admiral Nelson's death at Trafalgar was landed here and taken to London by stagecoach
5. Falmouth is home to one of only 8 Blue Flag beaches in Cornwall

## Experience Falmouth

### Eden Project

Our home in Cornwall used to be a barren landscape - a former clay mine with no soil or plants. We transformed this huge crater into a beautiful global garden, which sets the stage for an extraordinary day out where you'll rediscover the natural world as you've never experienced it before. Explore massive covered Biomes to trek through the world's largest indoor rainforest and immerse yourself in the calm fragrance of the Mediterranean Biome. Enjoy extensive Outdoor Gardens, contemporary artworks, performance and storytelling. Discover places to rest, play and eat, and pick up inspiring ideas to take home on how to care for the planet that cares for you.

**Link:** <https://www.edenproject.com/>

### Lost Gardens of Heligan

Heligan is one of the most mysterious estates in England. Lost to the brambles of time since the outbreak

of WW1, this Sleeping Beauty was re-awakened in 1990 to become Europe's largest garden restoration project. Today Heligan's 200 acres are a paradise for the explorer, wildlife, plant lover and garden romantic.

**Link:** <https://www.heligan.com/>

### Lands End

Land's End is the legendary Cornish destination that has inspired people since ancient Greek times when it was referred to as 'Belerion' - Place of the Sun. One of Britain's best loved landmarks, famous for its unique location at the westernmost point of Cornwall and beautiful scenery. Cliff top trails, breathtaking views, pay-as-you-go family attractions, shopping village, restaurant and cafés.

**Link:** <https://landsend-landmark.co.uk/>

### St Ives and the Tate Gallery

The dazzling jewel in Cornwall's crown. A picturesque fishing harbour and seaside town. Voted best family holiday destination by Coast magazine and one of TripAdvisor's top 10 European beaches. Wander through a maze of narrow cobbled streets, independent shops and fisherman's cottages. Surf at the blue flag-rated Porthmeor beach or set off on an inspiring walk along the coastal path towards Land's End. Inspiring art and breathtaking scenery meet at Tate St Ives. The iconic gallery overlooks the Atlantic Ocean, and showcases some best-loved 20th century British artworks alongside an ever-changing programme of world-class British and International modern and contemporary art.

**Link:** <https://www.stives-cornwall.co.uk/>

### Falmouth Town

Falmouth is gateway to the beautiful Fal River which runs through an Area Of Natural Beauty. The town is famous for its creative buzz with art galleries displaying contemporary works and venues showcasing independent films and live bands. The many reasons to visit include, the fascinating maritime heritage; the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty along the Helford and Fal Rivers; watersports; boat trips; and plenty of family friendly attractions. Falmouth is surrounded by fantastic beaches and has a year-round events calendar. The maritime legacy and coastal culture is a huge part of its charm: world-class watersports on its sheltered waters including gig rowing, kayaking, diving and regularly hosting sailing events such as Falmouth Regatta, and the Pendennis Cup.

**Link:** <https://www.falmouth.co.uk/>

### National Maritime Museum Cornwall

15 galleries over five floors explores the influence of the sea on history and culture. The museum is located on aptly named Discovery Quay, and is a vast, iconic building, home to exciting exhibitions and a wide range of galleries taking visitors on a discovery journey. The building was custom designed and built on land that was once covered in the sheds of boat builders. These sheds inspired the design of the building which is covered in green oak. The building has the most fantastic, breathtaking views over Falmouth harbour.

**Link:** <https://nmmc.co.uk/>

### St Michael's Mount

This iconic rocky island crowned by medieval church and castle, is home to a living community and to the St Aubyn family, with the oldest buildings dating from the 12th century. Immerse yourself in history, wonder at the architecture and discover the legend of Jack the Giant Killer. Look down on the subtropical terraced garden and enjoy the breathtaking views of spectacular Mount's Bay. Accessed by a short evocative boat trip to the island, or at low tide, by walking across the causeway.

**Link:** <https://www.stmichaelsmount.co.uk/>

### St Mawes and the Roseland peninsula

The Roseland Peninsula has been designated part of Cornwall's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for the quality of the landscape and unrivalled coastal scenery. Here you will find secluded coves, delightful creeks, wooded countryside, pretty fishing and rural villages, tranquil beaches and scenic cliffs and headlands. Its a haven for walkers, wildlife and beach lovers, watersports enthusiasts. Take a boat trip rounded off with a cream tea or a pint in a character pub.

**Link:** <http://www.stmawesandtheroseland.co.uk/>

### Surfing Experience at Newquay

Newquay is the self-proclaimed capital of the Cornish surf scene and one of the best surf towns in the whole of the UK. It's a veteran of major competitions, has fantastic exposure to the west Atlantic swell channels, good vibes and oodles of surf schools and surf camps. As one of the nation's favourite seaside towns, Newquay exudes the laidback atmosphere you would expect from a town perched on Cornwall's Atlantic cliffs and bordered by seven miles of glorious golden sandy beaches - toes in the sand, ice-cream in hand! There's a different beach for every day of the week and glorious open spaces looking out to sea.

**Link:** <https://www.visitnewquay.org/>

### Trebah Gardens

Trebah is a sub-tropical paradise with a stunning coastal backdrop and is the result of 180 years of inspired and dedicated creation. Discover the magic of this beautiful valley garden, explore under canopies bursting with exotic blooms and follow vibrant tunnels of colour that cascade down to our very own secluded beach on the Helford River.

**Link:** <https://www.trebahgarden.co.uk/>

## Port Information

**Time zone :** GMT

**Operational hours :** 24/7, 365 days a year

**Latitude & Longitude :**

**Prevailing weather :** Oceanic / Temperate

**Anchorage position :** Multiple locations in the Harbour Entrance and Falmouth Bay

**Distance to landing stage in nm :** Approx 1 nm

**Berth information :** County Wharf

**Vessel length :** 240m

**Vessel width :** No restrictions

**Air draft restrictions :** None

**Max ship dimensions :** Unlimited at anchor

**VTS channel :** VHF ch 09 (Falmouth Pilots)

**Pilotage :** 24/7

**Tugboat :** Yes

**Security facilities :** Yes

**Gangway :** Yes

**Fresh water :** Yes

**Power supply :** Yes

**Fuel supply :** Yes

**Hot works/painting/lifeboats :** Yes

**Waste handling :** Yes

## Passenger facilities

**Taxi rank :** Yes

**Distance to railway station :** 0.5 miles

**Distance to airport :** 30 miles

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