



**THE ISLES OF SCILLY IN SPRING**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

A warm Scillonian welcome awaits you on The Isles of Scilly, a small beautiful archipelago, geographically close to mainland Britain, yet in a world of its own. White sandy beaches, big skies, azure seas, peace and tranquillity are right here on the edge of the Atlantic. Relax and take time to discover the island's unique flora and fauna. Whether you are a sailor, a walker, a birdwatcher, an artist, a connoisseur of sunsets, a lover of good food and real ale or someone who simply appreciates stunningly beautiful and ever-changing seascapes, then Scilly is for you.

**The Atlantic Hotel**

A friendly and informal hotel in the heart of St Mary's over-looking the sea the Atlantic combine's old world charm with all the amenities of the present day. All en-suite bedrooms are beautifully appointed, comfortably furnished and equipped with every facility. The Tides Reach Restaurant, where a full English breakfast and evening meal will be served every day, is quite simply unique; dining here is akin to dining aboard a luxury liner, while the Ocean Bar, serving great ales, wines and spirits, enjoys a spectacular panorama across the harbour and beyond. With a relaxing lounge and roof terrace garden, the Atlantic Hotel ensures an unforgettable stay.



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Day 1**



We depart the Nottingham area early this morning and make our way to Penzance Heliport, with comfort and refreshment breaks en-route. At the Heliport, following check in, we board our Helicopter for the short flight to St Mary's. **N.B. The maximum permissible weight for luggage aboard the Helicopter is 15 Kilos per person.** On arrival we are met by local buses and transferred to The Atlantic Hotel, located in Hugh Town on the waterfront, with impressive views across the harbour. This evening we are greeted by our hosts with a welcome drink before dinner.

Whilst on the Isles of Scilly, we have a full programme for your enjoyment, because this can be affected by many island elements, it may not necessarily be in this order and cancellations can occur at short notice due to adverse weather conditions and tides.

**Day 2,3,4,5 and 6**

A free day, with optional tours available on St Mary's, the largest of all the islands and although only two and a half miles by one and three quarters, there are between thirty and forty miles of coastal path and nature trails to explore.

Hugh Town, the small, thriving capital of The Scillies nestles on an isthmus between two beautiful bays, with the granite garden walls fairly sagging under the weight of flowering, succulent plants. Take a stroll down the main street where you will find restaurants, pubs, cafes and shops and the only rush hour is when the tourists are dashing to catch the inter-island boats from the quay.



Today we take a cruise for a guided tour of the extraordinary island of Treco and visit the world famous Abbey Gardens, known as "Kew with the roof off". The vast terraced Abbey garden is bursting with plants from the Mediterranean and dry regions of the world, as the climate here is a perfect place for their growth.

A full day guided tour on the island of St Martin's, the island guards the north eastern perimeter of the Isles of Scilly with its crescent shaped slopes and virtually untamed coastline. The opposite side of St Martins is snugly sheltered by the central high ground and a contrasting patchwork of small

fields, which are home to cattle, goats, ducks and geese, commercially grown flowers and even a vineyard. The glorious beaches are visible from many of the other islands, the Great Bay being the most perfect beach in all of the Scillies. Birdwatchers here have seen such rarities as a pair of Nightjars, a buff breasted Sandpiper, two White Storks and many other rare species of birds. . (Weather and tides permitting)



A full day guided tour to the peaceful island of St Agnes, where you will find time really does stand still. This small community live a traditional island life, farming, growing flowers, fishing and caring for visitors, many of whom return year after year. (Weather and tides permitting)

A full day guided tour on St Mary's, including the old town and Peninnis Head. The church and the fascinating graveyard are dominated by an extravagant memorial to Augustus Smith, founder of The Abbey Gardens and also the burial place of former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March Day 7**

Sadly, we leave St Mary's this morning and are transferred by local buses to the Heliport for our return flight to Penzance. **N.B. The maximum permissible weight for luggage aboard the Helicopter is 15 Kilos per person.** On arrival and following Heliport formalities, we board our coach for the return journey home, arriving in the Nottingham area in the evening, with comfort and refreshment breaks en-route.



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Clients wishing to book this tour must be aware of the following facts:-

There are no lifts or ground floor rooms in the Atlantic Hotel.

Walking around the islands can be strenuous and access to and from the off island boats may not be suitable for people with limited mobility. However, walks of about a mile, mostly on level ground with breaks at local hostleries for optional lunches, are usually the programme for the day. Good walking shoes and water proofs are essential.

Due to the possibility of adverse weather conditions resulting in changes to itineraries and cancellation with no notice,

**Note:** All guided tours are subject to local tides and weather conditions and may be changed or even cancelled at short notice. Sharpes of Nottingham cannot be held responsible for these issues therefore no monetary refunds can be made in these circumstances.

**Tour includes:-**

Door to door taxi, executive return coach travel with hostess service to Penzance Heliport, return helicopter flights, local bus Heliport/hotel transfers, 6 nights dinner, bed and full English breakfasts at The Atlantic Hotel, guided walking tours of St Mary's, Tresco and the Abbey Gardens, St Agnes and St Martins including boat trips and entrance fees.

**N.B. The maximum permissible weight for luggage aboard the Helicopter is 15 Kilos per person and a passport or driving licence will be required. Any fees, fares, lunches or refreshments en-route are not included in the above tour**

<b>Tour costs from:</b>	£789.00 per person
<b>Single room supplement:</b>	£84.00
<b>Sea View Supplement</b>	£10.00 per person per night
<b>Deposit:</b>	£60.00 per person
<b>NB. Due to the rises in aviation fuel there could be a supplement on the return flight cost.</b>	