

ITINERARY FOR SCILLIES CRUISE 25TH TO 31ST AUGUST 2018

TIDES AT PENZANCE / NEWLYN

25 th August (BST)		30 th August		31 st August	
0510	5.0	0210	1.0	0240	1.1
1130	1.2	0740	5.1	0810	5.1
1720	5.3	1420	1.1	1500	1.2
2350	1.1	1950	5.3	2030	5.2

THE ISLES OF SCILLY AN INTRODUCTION

This itinerary as are all for sailing trips is, of course, dependent on the weather. Many of the anchorages and harbours amongst the Isles of Scilly are very weather dependent and whilst we have taken care to choose stopping places and routes that are best in the “expected “weather as you know it is impossible to predict the weather in the UK, so we will need to be somewhat flexible in our plans.

The Isles of Scilly (which is the preferred name, rather than 'Scilly Isles' or 'Scillies') lie 28 miles from Lands End - the most South-Westerly point of the UK.



Scilly consists of 5 inhabited islands; [St. Mary's](#), [Tresco](#), [St. Martin's](#), [Bryher](#) and [St Agnes](#), with a combined population of about 2000, and many smaller uninhabited islands and rocky islets.

The islands' position produces a place of great contrast - the ameliorating effect of the sea means we rarely have frost or snow, which allows local farmers to grow flowers well ahead of those on mainland Britain while the exposure to the Atlantic winds means spectacular winter gales lash the islands from time to time.

This is reflected in the landscape, for example on Tresco where the lush Sub-Tropical Abbey Gardens on the sheltered Southern end of the island contrast with the low heather and bare rock sculpted by the wind on the exposed Northern end.

Scilly has been inhabited since stone-age times and its history has been one of subsistence living until this century with people living from the land and the sea. Farming and fishing continues today, but the main industry now is tourism. Obviously the sea has always played a huge part in Scillonian history but it was in the nineteenth century that Scilly had its maritime heyday. Beaches which are now enjoyed by sunbathers were then factories for shipbuilding, the harbours now full of pleasure boats were once packed with local and visiting fishing and trading boats.

24TH AUGUST

NEWLYN HARBOUR



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Newlyn Harbour, a busy bustling fishing harbour. It should be an exciting start to the trip that will be a great contrast to the laid back atmosphere of the rest of the Scillies. We ask that you join Celtic Star by 1730 hours for dinner and safety briefing. When you arrive just call Richard on 07976 604297.

We will of course get out the charts and maps after dinner! Dinner will be a sample of the superb fresh fish available in Newlyn

Parking in Newlyn is difficult but long term parking is available in private car parks, search for parking for Scillonian ferry for best prices.

25TH AUGUST

NEWLYN HARBOUR TO THE COVE, ST AGNES & GUGH

The first job is to get out to the islands, so we will make a reasonably early start (0900) to catch the tides running in our direction to the Isles of Scilly, roughly 40NM from Newlyn. We will then find our way into "the Cove" on St Agnes, dinner onboard and anchor overnight

26TH AUGUST



FROM THE COVE, ST AGNES & GUGH

We hope to spend the morning exploring St Agnes and/or Gugh. Then after a lunch onboard we plan an afternoon passage to Watermill Cove on St Mary's. Dinner at the Turks Head on St Agnes. Plain food but great setting.

27TH AUGUST



FROM WATERMILL COVE, ST MARY'S

Sail to St Martins to anchorage in NE cove for lunch. Then passage to Tean Sound moorings. We'll enjoy a Pimm's on the beach at the Karma hotel. Dinner on board.



28TH AUGUST



FROM TEAN SOUND

We will take the opportunity to have a bit more of a look at St Martins by spending the morning ashore. Then we'll take the long but safe route around the outside of the islands then weave our way through the rocks into the most sheltered anchorage in the Scillies at New Grimsby Sound, Tresco. Dinner on board

29TH AUGUST

NEW GRIMSBY SOUND, TRESCO

Tresco offers some of the most interesting sites in the islands. So we suggest spending a whole day here. There are a couple of castles to explore and then the jewel of the Isles of Scilly the Abbey Gardens. Then back to Celtic Star for dinner



30TH AUGUST



NEW GRIMSBY SOUND, TRESKO

From Tresco in the morning weather permitting, we will once again pass back out into the Atlantic and find the safe route round the outside then back amongst the rocks and shoals again to anchor off Hugh Town, the capital of St May's and the biggest settlement in the islands. Dinner will be at the Galley Restaurant in town!

31ST AUGUST



HUGH TOWN , ST MARY'S TO NEWLYN

On the 31st we will make an early start to get ourselves back to Newlyn with the tide in our favour, it's a 6 hour passage so a 0600 start should see us tied up by 1200hrs.

The charge will be £1050 per person and will include accommodation on board for 7 nights, all food and drink on board.