





**The End of England – the Penwith peninsula**: a wild land, but much inhabited since long, long ago; and very beautiful in its wildness. The equal-top coastal drive in the West Country is along its north coast from **Pendeen** to **Zennor** to **St Ives** (Exmoor's seaview road is its rival): gorse and bracken hills, granite-topped and bouldered, above you; below, small drystone-walled fields sprinkled with sheep, granite farmhouses and barns, spectacularly rocky headlands (to walk), and – if you're lucky and it's evening – a deep, deep blue sea beyond. There are Stone Age burial quoits, Bronze Age hut circles, two remarkably preserved Iron Age villages.

On the softer southern coast, **Mousehole** is Cornwall's prettiest fishing village, **Newlyn** the West Country's busiest; built into the cliffs above **Porthcurno's** sandy cove is the **Minack Theatre** – a 'must go', but wrap up warm. **Sennen Cove's** huge sandy beach is wonderful for children and sunsets, as well as surfing. The tall chimneys of extinct tin-mining stand strangely romantically above the sea at **Botallack**, the mining landscape now designated a '**World Heritage Site'**. All this and the light bring painters, especially to St Ives. **Penzance** is a good, sensible town and base with fine prom for strolling. A ship will take you to the **Scilly Isles**; the mainline railway to and from the world you left behind. Your first glimpse of **St Michael's Mount** is one of travelling's thrills. Go to **Land's End** if you must (only). All round the peninsula goes the Coast Path, of course – one of the very best stretches of it.



Rosudgeon - Acton Castle **END OF ENGLAND** 





... John Stackhouse Apartment (all ground floor of the left wing, arrow above) has stunning sea views. Slate-floored hall; cloakroom (loo). Marvellous huge living/dining/kitchen (38' x 17') with two mullioned windows looking seaward, slate floor (rugs) with hexagonal wooden centre, big stone fireplace with electric fire, TV/DVD. Well-equipped kitchen area - lovely kitchen sink sea views (across Mount's Bay to Mousehole) - with dishwasher, washer-drier, microwave, freezer, fridge, electric cooker. Two bedrooms a double (footboard), and a twin (limited clothes-hanging space). Bathroom (suite plus hand-shower).

Rosudgeon: hamlet (pub, shop) a mile from the sea (beaches), 6 miles from Penzance (see page 208) and 3 from St Michael's Mount. Sandy beaches at Perran Sands, Marazion and Praa Sands, 2½ miles. Spectacular cliff walks via Prussia Cove (once a smugglers' favourite), 1½ miles. North coast surfing beaches and **St Ives** (see page 211), 8. Golf nearby.

.. one mile seaward of Rosudgeon is Acton Castle, commanding the peninsula between Stackhouse Cove (200 yards walk away, low-tide sand) and Prussia Cove, in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. While on St Michael's Mount in 1772, the romantic but rheumatic seaweed expert, John Stackhouse, spotted the site for his wedding present to his betrothed, Susanna Acton. Built of granite, Grade II listed, it has formal shared gardens and lawns, slate terraces, sunken garden with pond (unfenced) and sensational sea views, including of St Michael's Mount. Rough private drive to it. Farmland all round. Coast Path. The castle is now divided into apartments. We let three.





Courtyard Apartment (arrow 2, left), also on the ground floor, has lovely right-down-the-coast-and-out-to-sea views and its own sheltered courtyard (table/chairs). Entrance from the back of the castle into large hall with slate floor and utility cupboard (washing machine, tumble drier, sink); very large open-plan living/dining/kitchen (dishwasher, microwave, fridge-freezer, electric cooker) with slate floor in a split-level arrangement with 2 steps dividing the comfy sofa area (TV/DVD) from the dining/ kitchen area, lovely mullioned windows (window seats), electric stove and French windows to courtyard. Two bedrooms - a double with narrow door to en suite shower-room (suite), and a twin; bathroom (suite, shower over bath plus hand-shower).

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Bedrooms 2

Bathrooms 2

Saturday

Price:





Susanna's Apartment (arrow 3, above left), on the first floor, is named after the wife of Acton Castle's eccentric creator. It is approached by external slate steps at the back. Slate-floored hall to large, light, airy living/dining/fitted kitchen (TV/DVD) with mullioned windows, window seat and cushions to enjoy stunning views along the coast to St Michael's Mount. Wellequipped kitchen area (dishwasher, washer-drier, microwave, freezer, larder fridge, electric cooker). Two steps down to two bedrooms - a double, and a twin (2'6" beds). Pretty bathroom (suite plus hand-shower) and loo. Unbeatable views and beautiful sunsets.

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Sleeps 4

Bedrooms 2

Price:









Bathrooms 1

Saturday

Price:

























## **END OF ENGLAND:** Penzance



Penzance: town/resort on a beautiful bay in which is St Michael's Mount. Seafront promenade; entertainments, cinemas, theatre; good shops; museums, galleries; harbour (boats to Scilly Isles); railway. **Newlyn** (fishing village, famous gallery), and Nat.Trust gardens (Trengwainton), 1 mile; Mousehole (see page 209), 2; St Ives (see page 211), 7; Land's End, 10. Marazion (nearest beach), 2 miles.

.. a mile from Penzance, Trereife is a beautiful, familyowned estate with its Queen Anne manor house surrounded by formal gardens and rolling parkland. The house and grounds host B&B guests and occasional events and welcome visitors during summer months. Behind the manor house, the old stable yard has been lovingly converted to accommodation and a seasonal café (summer/events opening) and we let two first-floor apartments here. They

are both accessed via shared steps from the courtyard (table/chairs) up to a landing and their front doors. You are welcome to sit out at the front of the manor house to enjoy lovely views and wander the gardens and surrounding grounds, and the owner will be pleased to give you a free tour of the house. Breakfast available in the manor, by arrangement. Transport available to/from Penzance railway station on arrival/departure, by arrangement. Welcoming accommodation in a fabulous, historic setting, equally suited to summer beach breaks or cosy winter getaways and suitable for a car-free break.

Corbiere: inside, bright and airy with spacious open-plan living/dining/kitchen (microwave, fridge, electric oven/gas hob, TV) looking over the courtyard which was used as a set for the movie 'Summer in February'. Two double bedrooms with courtyard views, one with 5' bed and en suite shower-room (suite) and the other with 6' zip-linked bed (or twin); shower-room (suite).







Sleeps 4

Bedrooms 2

Bathrooms 2









Arkle: a light, comfortable apartment for two with open-plan living/dining/kitchen (microwave, fridge, electric cooker, TV). Large bedroom (6' zip-linked double or twin) and bathroom (suite, shower over bath).









... in Penzance, 100 yards back from the 'prom' and round the corner from a pub with beautiful big garden, a semi-detached, 200-year-old cottage tucked into a residential area. All has been completely renovated over the past few years, most rooms have wood floors (rugs). Tiny walled garden to the front and an enclosed high-walled, sunny courtvard (table/chairs) at the back.

Hall with original tiled floor; little living room with open fire and TV/DVD; surprisingly roomy dining room with slate floor, woodburner and two little fireside rocking chairs; 5'6" lintel to galley kitchen (microwave, larder fridge, electric cooker) with stable doors to courtyard; washer-drier in courtyard shed. From hall, stairs up to two spacious bedrooms - a double, and one with a single and day bed; bathroom (suite, shower over bath). Parking possible outside, but not guaranteed. Convenient for walking everywhere and do-able without a car.



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Bedrooms 1









Price:















Bathrooms 1









Penzance

Mousehole **END OF ENGLAND** 





Mousehole: perhaps the prettiest Cornish fishing village; horseshoe of granite cottages, shops, good restaurant, cafés, pub round its harbour. Little sandy harbour beach. Good walks. Newlyn (busy fishing harbour), 1 mile. Penzance (see page 208), 2; Porthcurno (see page 210), 8; Sennen (good sandy beach, surf school), 10; Land's End, about 12.

... in the heart of Mousehole, 100 yards from the pub, shops and harbour, a split-level, terraced, 18th cent., Grade II listed, fisherman's cottage with a tiny, traffic-free lane at the back

Front door from tiny no-through road to hall; cosy living room (TV/DVD) dominated by a fun mural (scene of Mousehole's past) and good pictures; on the same floor, a single bedroom. Stairs (stairgate) down to large fitted kitchen/dining room (dishwasher, washer-drier, microwave, fridge-freezer, electric cooker, TV/DVD); bathroom (suite, shower over bath); loo; and back door to lane. From the hall, steep stairs (stairgate) up to two more bedrooms with window seats - a double (5' bed), and one with two singles, washbasin and view of the sea over rooftops. Sleeps maximum of 5, including babies. Loading and unloading outside only; car park, 100 yards. A quirky little cottage, excellent for exploring Mousehole and west Cornwall.

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Bedrooms 3

Bathrooms 1 Saturday

Price:













... and on a quiet road on the edge of Mousehole, within 350 yards of pubs and shops, a smart split-level detached house with stunning sea views, surrounded by landscaped, manicured, shrub-filled enclosed garden (steps leading to different levels, patio, garden seat - not suitable for toddlers).

Inside, a comfortable, roomy, light-filled home. From garden, door to big hall (for coats/ boots) with loo; through to inner hall and large open-plan living/dining/smart fitted kitchen (dishwasher, microwave, fridge, electric cooker) with oak floor, picture windows, 'living flame' electric fire, TV/Sky/DVD/video and patio door to balcony (brilliant views of village and coastline). At this level, two bedrooms - a double (5' bed), and a twin, both with superb sea views. Bathroom (suite with separate shower). Steep stairs down to third bedroom - a double with pretty views of the garden reached via its own little sitting room with TV and glazed door to the garden. Shower-room (suite). Integral garage (washing machine, tumble drier, fridge-freezer). Driveway parking. No children under 3. A home-from-home with amazing views - you may even spot dolphins.









Inner porch (coat hooks/boot space) into living room with big inglenook (woodburner), slate floor, TV/DVD; kitchen/dining room (dishwasher, washing machine, microwave, freezer, larder fridge, electric cooker) with tiled floor; sun room with comfy sofa/chairs and door to garden; loo. From the living room, steep, half-spiral stairs (stairgate) up to three bedrooms - two double (one with 5' bed, the other with limited clotheshanging space), both with great views, and a single; bathroom (suite, shower over bath). A unique cottage; lane walk to pub 1/2 mile away at Paul; great walks along the Coast Path, 34 mile.





Mousehole

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Sleeps 6

Bedrooms 3

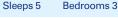
Bathrooms 2

Price:

Friday



















## END OF ENGLAND: Lamorna, Porthcurno, Carbis Bay





Lamorna: captivating cove and former fishing village (hotel, pub, seasonal café/boat rentals), made famous by film-makers, authors, such as Derek Tangye, and artists, including S.J. 'Lamorna' Birch and other Newlyn School of Art founders. Stunning 2 mile coastal walk to Mousehole (see page 209). Penzance (see page 208) and Porthcurno's Minack Theatre (see below and right), 5 miles. St Ives (see page 211), 15 miles.

... down the deeply wooded lane towards Lamorna cove, past its pub and 200 yards from the cove, nestling along the banks of the valley stream, a little detached cottage, once the studio of the artist 'Lamorna' Birch, from where he drew his inspiration. From the privately owned lane, a sloping path leads through a natural garden (terrace, table/chairs) on various levels beside the valley stream (unfenced), surrounded by mature woodland; it's worth just sitting and enjoying the timelessness and calm of the

From the garden, step up into open-plan living/dining/kitchen (microwave, fridge-freezer, electric cooker) with high beamed ceiling and big skylight letting in lots of natural light, terracotta-tiled floor (carpet), woodburner, sofa and day bed (no TV). From living room, 3 steps up to curtained-off double bedroom (access to one side of bed only) with hooks for clothes-hanging and en suite shower-room (suite). No children under 10 due to stream. Best for maximum of 2 adults, 1 child. Loading/unloading outside only; parking, 100 yards. Pub and hotel, 350 yards; beach and Coast Path, 200 yards. A balm-to-the-soul idyll.

**Bedrooms 1** 

Bathrooms 1

Friday













Porthcurno: small village (pub, beach café) with gorgeous, fine, soft, white sand beach washed by a sea that turns turquoise in the sun, sheltered by high cliffs either side: an oasis of stunning natural beauty. On the cliffs, the internationally renowned Minack Theatre and the Telegraph Museum telling the story of Cornwall's pioneering role in global communication. Penzance (see page 208), 10 miles.

... a mile inland from Porthcurno, in the hamlet of Trethewey, a large home-from-home detached bungalow. To the front, a level lawned garden sheltered by mature hedgerow/tree; at the back, a safe, enclosed lawned garden (table/chairs, barbecue).

From the garden, door to hall with cupboard for coats/boots; spacious living room with TV/DVD and patio doors to garden, big kitchen/dining room (slimline dishwasher, microwave, fridge-freezer, electric cooker); utility area (washer-drier) and back door, Three bedrooms - a double (TV/DVD) with en suite shower-room (suite), and two twin, one with TV/DVD and the other with TV; bathroom (suite, shower over bath). Bus service almost on the doorstep (summertime open-bus round-peninsula service). A comfy, convenient home in the heart of Poldark country.

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Bedrooms 3

Bathrooms 2

Price:











Carbis Bay: resort village (pub, two shops, supermarket) with big sheltered sandy beach, 1½ miles from St Ives (see above right). On railway (single track branch line to St Ives from main line at St Erth).

... 1½ miles inland from both Carbis Bay and St Ives but peacefully in farmland, a single-storey cottage, semi-detached from the owners' house. Plenty of space outside; own patio and garden area looking on large courtyard with fishpond and fountain. Beyond are the friendly owners' 7 acres of fields with cattle and geese, which you are welcome to wander.

Inside, well-decorated in pastel shades. Good-sized living/dining room (ceiling to apex, French windows to courtyard, TV/DVD/video). Fitted kitchen (dishwasher, washer-drier, microwave, fridge-freezer, electric cooker); back door, Two bedrooms – a double plus single bed and en suite shower-room (suite), and a twin. Bathroom (suite, shower over bath). A very comfortable homefrom-home in a quiet location, yet within easy reach of interesting towns, villages and beaches.

Bedrooms 2

Bathrooms 2

Saturday

Price:















Saturday

























St Ives, Pendeen **END OF ENGLAND** 







St Ives: popular, attractive old harbour fishing town, surrounded by four superb beaches. Narrow, cobbled streets, splendid Tate Gallery and Barbara Hepworth's studios. Leisure centre (indoor pool). On the railway. Superb cliff/ headland walks to Zennor (good pub), and beyond. Golf, 2 miles; Penzance (see page 208), 9; Land's End, 16. Carbis Bay (see below left), 11/2 miles.

... in the historic heart of St Ives, a short walk from Porthawidden and Porthmeor beaches and from the harbour, a ground-floor apartment for two, once the pilchard cellar of an early 19th cent. fisherman's house. Neatly renovated; small, but an excellent base.

Entrance from Teetotal Street into fitted kitchen (microwave, fridge, electric cooker) with breakfast bar, beyond which the living area with comfy sofa, nice pictures, TV/Blu-ray. Double bedroom (access to one side of bed only). Shower-room (suite). No children, except pre-crawling babies. Sleeps maximum of 2, including baby. A brilliant base for a car-less holiday: railway station, 1 mile, and space for bicycles in front of apartment; excellent, award-winning restaurants within easy walking distance.

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**Bedrooms 1** 

Bathrooms 1

Sunday

Price:











and 350 yards from the Tate Gallery in St Ives, with lovely long views over Porthmeor Beach and 'the island', a modern house on a quiet no-through road ending in a footpath to the Coast Path, and 400 yards from shops, pubs and restaurants. On the seaward side is an open piece of lawned garden with seats and great views, and, at the back, a neat enclosed little paved courtyard (table/chairs, barbecue) with potted plants.

Inside, stylish, uncluttered and comfortable. Entrance porch (for coats/boots/boards/ wetsuits); small hall and open-plan living/dining/fitted kitchen (slimline dishwasher, washer-drier, microwave, fridge, electric cooker) with laminate floor, sofa bed, 'living flame' gas fire, TV/DVD and sea/beach views through patio door. From the hall, stairs (stairgate) up to two bedrooms - a double (footboard) with super views, and one with two singles; smart bathroom (suite, shower over bath) with tiled floor, Best for maximum of 4 adults, 2 children. Unusually for St Ives, parking is possible on the quiet road, otherwise public car park (350 yards). A great position for enjoying St Ives, the beach and Coast Path, without the need for a car.









... on the seaward edge of Pendeen, known as Lower Boscaswell, a semidetached cottage blending in with its 18th cent. neighbouring cottages, but with the benefit of 21st cent. insulation and comfort. At the front, a neat gravelled parking area, and, at the back, small, enclosed, mostly lawned garden (table/chairs).

Inside, very contemporary with more than a hint of its architect owner's style. Hall with tiled floor; depth-of-house living/dining room with woodburner, laminate floor, TV/DVD and glazed door to garden; fitted kitchen (dishwasher, microwave, fridge-

freezer, electric cooker) with table/chairs, tiled floor and door to garden; back lobby with washing machine, tumble drier and room for wetsuits, outdoor gear/ boots. Loo. Stairs (stairgates) up to three bedrooms - a double (5' bed), a twin, and a bunk room (3' beds); bathroom (suite, shower over bath). More stairs up to an attic double bedroom (5' bed) with wardrobe on landing and bathroom (suite plus hand-shower). Best for maximum of 6 adults. A good family house within 1/2 mile of a pub, good shop and the rugged, spectacular Coast Path.



Bedrooms 2

Bathrooms 1





















Saturday



























## **END OF ENGLAND:** Brane, Dowran, St Just-in-Penwith







Brane: hamlet (stone cottages, working farm, Iron Age settlement) at the end of a no-through road, deep in lanes with footpaths in all directions. Lovely walk (11/2 miles) to Drift Reservoir (fishing). Sennen (sand/surf beach) and St Just (see right), 3 miles. More sandy beaches at Porthcurno (see page 210), Porthchapel, Pedn Vounder, 7 miles.

... in Brane, snuggling amongst its sister cottages, a sturdy, detached, 19th cent. cottage. A neat garden, safely enclosed by a wall, with lawn (good for ball games, table/chairs) surrounds it.

Inside, 20' depth-of-cottage living room with wood floor, beams (6'2") and TV/DVD (woodburner not for use); dining area with huge granite inglenook (woodburner) and neat fitted kitchen (dishwasher, larder fridge, electric cooker); utility room (washing machine, microwave, freezer). Steepish stairs (5'6" beam) up to four bedrooms - two double, one with en suite shower-room (suite) and the other with limited clothes-hanging space, and two single, all with rural views; bathroom (suite, shower over bath). Useful outhouse for surfboards/bicycles. Easy access to good restaurants. Brilliant for walkers/families in an almost trafficfree situation.





Dowran: hamlet of farms and ancient cottages deep in granite hedgerow lanes, 2 miles from St Just (see below), and 4 from the magnificent sand/surf beach at Sennen Cove. The Minack Theatre (open-air, cliffside), 7 miles. Land's End, about 6 miles. Moorland with many prehistoric remains, footpaths and pony-trekking nearby.

... in Dowran, a Grade II listed, 17th cent. cottage, 30 yards of hardcore track from the lane. Enclosed, sheltered, mature lawn/shrub garden (barbecue) back and front, good for energetic youngsters or relaxing.

Inside, lots of pine floors, flagstones and guirky character. Front door (low lintel) from garden into large hall with beams,

huge granite inglenook and folding snooker table; 4 steps up to living room (woodburner, TV/DVD/video), and gallery (access by ladder steps) with roof timbers, toys, sliding glazed doors to patio (table/chairs, barbecue) and back garden; tall stone archway through to kitchen (dishwasher, microwave, fridge-freezer, electric cooker) with large table/bench/chairs and door to dear little inner courtyard. Still downstairs, two bedrooms - a twin, and a single, both with clothes-hanging space in splendid granite inglenooks; shower-room (suite). Stairs from hall up to small landing and two more bedrooms - a very roomy four-poster double with en suite bathroom (suite), and a bunk room (3' beds). Outhouse with washing machine and tumble drier. Arrival after 4pm. A smashing, relaxing family house, best for maximum of 5 adults and 2 children.





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St Just-in-Penwith: England's most westerly town - tiny, with interesting shops, cafés, pubs, galleries - a mile from the sea. Sennen Cove's magnificent sand/surf beach, 4 miles, other beaches/coves nearer. Wild, beautiful surroundings: cliffs (Coast Path), prehistoric remains, ruined mine buildings, golf course. Land's End, Pendeen lighthouse and Geevor Mine (museum) within 5 miles. Minack Theatre and Penzance (see page 208), 6.

... 5 minutes' walk from the centre of St Just, a double-fronted, terraced cottage. Enclosed front garden and small, walled back garden (barbecue) on two levels with original outside loo.

Inside, comfortable with lots of ornaments, pictures and homely touches. Hall: living room with Victorian open fireplace and TV/DVD: granite-floored sitting/dining room with electric 'flame effect' fire and beams; large, well-equipped pine kitchen (washing machine, microwave, fridge-freezer, electric cooker) with beamed ceiling,

original fireplace (ornamental), tiled floor, pine table/chairs and back door to small conservatory (tables/chairs). Steepish stairs up to three bedrooms double (5' bed) with wood floor, original pine ceiling and washbasin, another double, and a twin. Bathroom (suite with separate shower). Tumble drier





(low lintels) - 2 steps down to the master in garage (no cars). Smoking permitted in conservatory only. A very sweet cottage, surprisingly roomy.













Bedrooms 4





Bathrooms 2





Friday



Price:













Sleeps 6







Bedrooms 3











Price:

Saturday

