

## National Maritime Museum Cornwall

Here's the story of Cornwall's incredible maritime heritage, with over 15 galleries, a boatbuilding workshop, The National Small Boat collection, interactive exhibits, maps and charts and plenty more.

Plunge down to the dark murky depths of the ocean to discover monsters that lurk beneath, become a 19th-century pioneer scientist aboard HMS Challenger and understand what it felt like to be an explorer aboard a floating laboratory.

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The National Maritime Museum Cornwall is a 10 minute walk from the Prince of Wales Pier stop.



## Gyllyngvase Beach

Enjoy this sheltered, safe Blue Flag beach with a broad sweep of sand and crystal clear turquoise waters. You get to it through the peaceful Queen Mary Gardens. Do pop into the Gylly Beach Café for tempting treats and refreshing drinks.

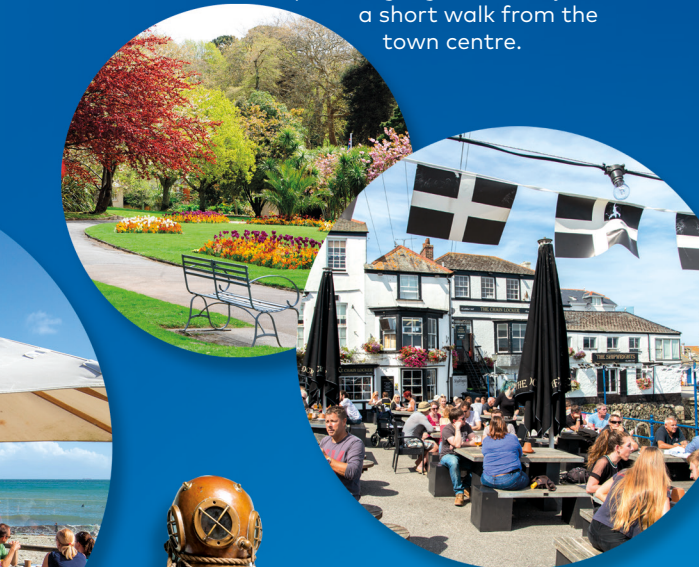
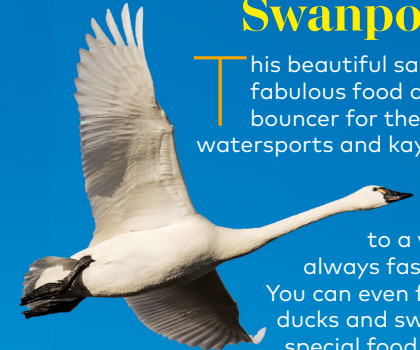
This beach is the perfect place to get a bit adventurous with water sports from WeSUP and Gylly Adventures. Or just laze about and paddle in the lovely waters.



## Swanpool Beach

This beautiful sand and shingle beach has fabulous food at the outdoor café, a fun bouncer for the kids, crazy golf course, plus watersports and kayak hire.

The Nature Reserve behind the beach is home to a vast array of wildlife that is always fascinating to observe. You can even feed the ducks and swans with special food sold on site.



## Pendennis Castle

Built by Henry VIII in the 16th century to defend the country against invasion, this castle has kept watch over the Fal estuary and the emerging port of Falmouth for over 400 years.

It's one of a small group of artillery forts with a distinctive circular shape. Learn about its Tudor origins through to its role in the First and Second World Wars.

Some of its impressive guns can be seen and very much heard in action on firing days.  
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## Pendennis Point

Enjoy amazing views across the estuary to St Mawes and its sister castle to Pendennis. Southwards is the Lizard and the treacherous Manacle Rocks.

There are all manner of seabirds to watch, and keep your eyes peeled for seals and even occasional dolphins and basking sharks in the waters out to sea.



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## Falmouth



Admiral Nelson's death was first heard at the steps of Fishstrand Quay and was carried to London by stagecoach.

the news of Britain's victory in the Battle of Trafalgar and

Although Pendennis Castle, and on the opposite side of the River Fal, St Mawes Castle, were built by King Henry VIII in the 16th century to guard the estuary, the town of Falmouth came into being slightly later, in the early 17th century.

After the new church was consecrated in 1665, the town grew.

It was at Falmouth in 1805 that



Robin Knox-Johnston left Falmouth in 1968 to become the first person to sail single handed and non-stop around the world in 1969.

which led directly to the sinking of the Bismarck.

Work began on Falmouth Docks in 1858, and the railway reached the town five years later, bringing prosperity and tourism to the town.

During the Second World War, Falmouth was the launching point for Operation Chariot, the famous Commando raid on the heavily defended docks of St Nazaire in France,



## the Falmouth Oyster

Oyster dredging has gone on for more than a century in Falmouth, with many of the oyster boats, known as Falmouth working boats, built at boatyards around the Fal. Some date back to 1860.

Sail power and hand-pulled dredges are used, making this oyster fishery the only one in Europe where such traditional methods must still be used.

The Falmouth Oyster Festival celebrates the start of the oyster season and takes place in October each year.



## Art & Falmouth

The Falmouth area has a rich artistic heritage. Turner visited Falmouth in 1811 and is thought to be the first artist to capture the special Cornish light that has continued to inspire artists ever since.

Artists such as Charles Napier Hemy, Henry Scott Tuke and William Ayerst Ingram were Falmouth based, attracting others to visit, like James McNeill Whistler and the society portraitist, John Singer Sargent.

Surrealists stayed at Lambe Creek on the Fal river in the 1930s and today international artists such as Tacita Dean, Kurt Jackson, Richard Long and David Nash have all visited.



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Falmouth Moor	1000	1500
Prince of Wales Pier	1015	1515
Pendennis Rise for Falmouth Docks stn	1024	1524
Pendennis Point	1029	1529
Pendennis Castle	1030	1530
Cliff Rd opp Royal Duchy Hotel	1033	1533
Gyllyngvase Beach Queen Mary Gdns	1037	1537
Swanpool Beach	1040	1540
Swanpool Beach bus shelter	1049	1549
Western Terrace Sports Club	1051	1551
Kimberley Park Rd opp Kimberley Prk	1054	1554
Falmouth Moor	1058	1558

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