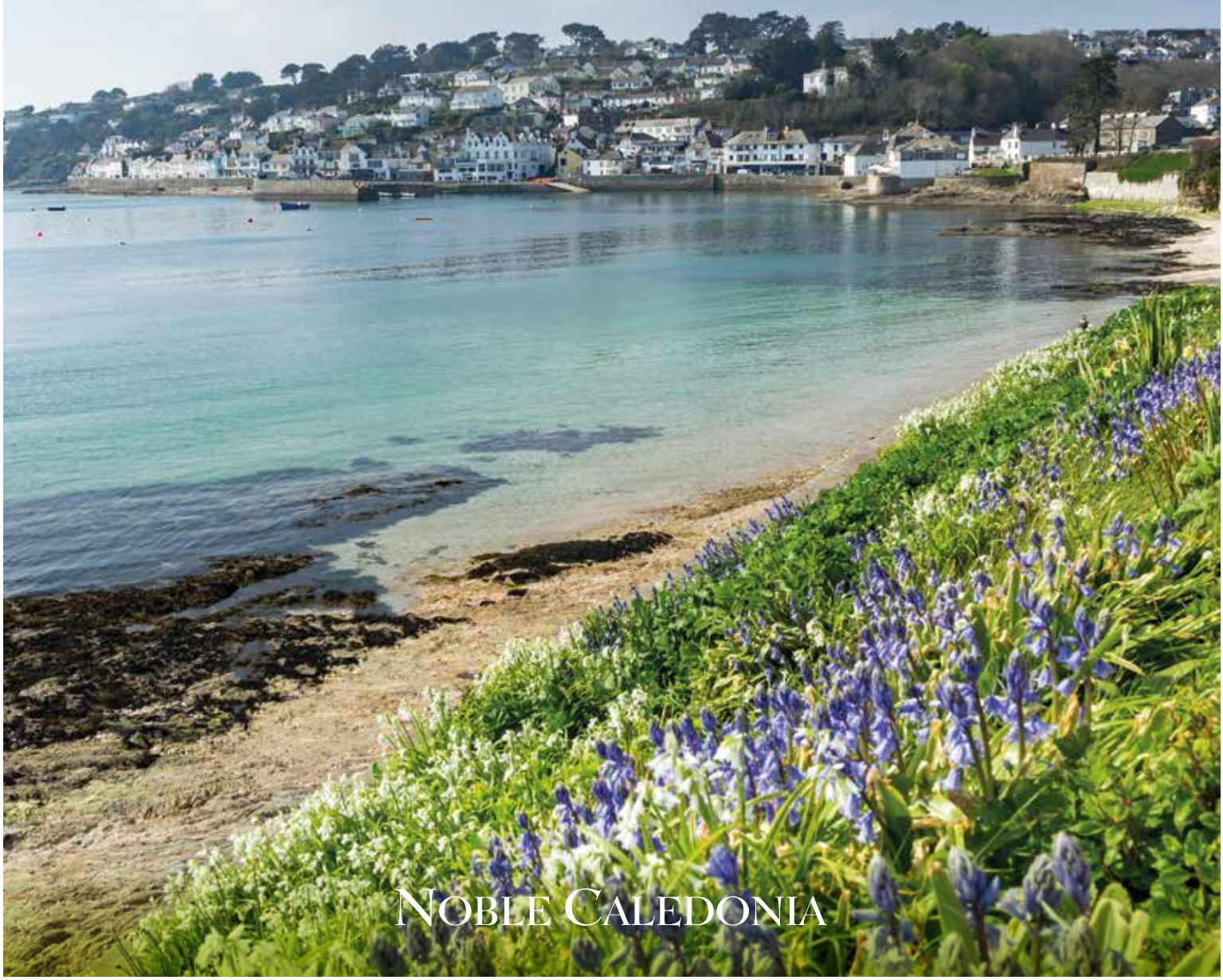
THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING

A six day tour to enjoy the cream of Cornish Gardens and the Music of

London Festival Opera

25th to 30th April 2027



NOBLE CALEDONIA

St Mawes

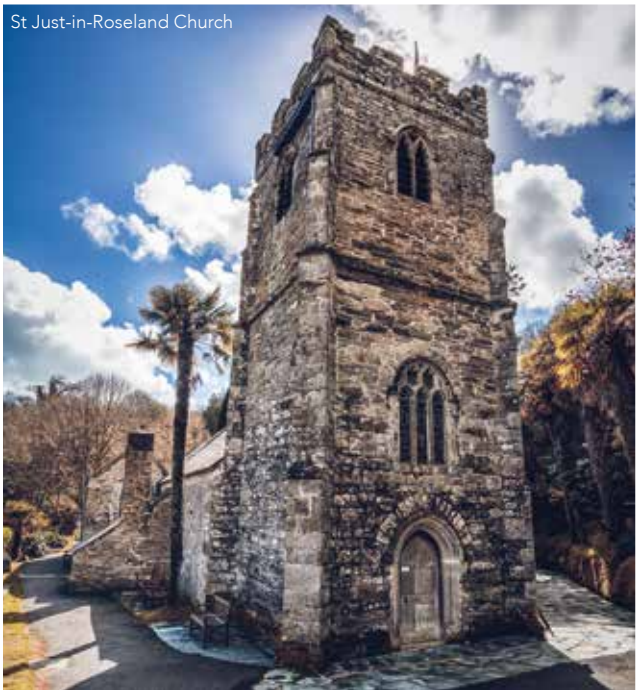
Where better to enjoy the arrival of spring than in Cornwall. The county has more than its fair share of marvellous gardens, in part thanks to the warmth brought to its shores by the Gulf Stream. From our central base, the stylish and unique Hotel Tresanton in the lovely small port of St Mawes, we will explore some of the finest and most beautiful gardens, and always close by will be the sea, providing the most dramatic of backdrops to the botanical wonders.

For us one of the most important rules in organising a botanical tour is that it should not be rushed. So, apart from a guided tour of the gardens there will also be free time to explore individually, take in the vistas and sit and wonder at what nature and man have created. Nowhere, is this more important than at the Lost Gardens of Heligan. The extensive work carried out here over the last twenty years is truly phenomenal and cannot be appreciated in a fleeting visit. Likewise, the extensive ravine and cliffside gardens of Glendurgan need time to appreciate as you make your way down to the sea.

A highlight for many will be our day at Caerhays Castle and Garden. Designated by Kew as being a garden of outstanding importance and covering some 120 acres, the unique microclimate here at this private garden has produced something rather unique. As you explore it helps to imagine you are halfway up a mountain in the Chinese province of Yunnan, some hundred years ago. It was from this region in the early 1900s that the ancestors of the current owners sourced many new species formerly unknown in Western Europe. To enhance our stay further, we will enjoy performances by our good friends London Festival Opera in St Mawes and at the Caerhays Estate.

Lost Gardens of Heligan

Caerhays Castle


St Just-in-Roseland Church

Helford River

LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA

We are delighted that London Festival Opera will be joining us for our stay and presenting two entertaining programmes of opera and operetta including the celebrated works of Mozart, Verdi, Bizet, Puccini and the lighter repertoire of Gilbert & Sullivan. We have long been associated with London Festival Opera and each year our music themed tours grow in popularity. London Festival Opera has achieved a considerable reputation for presenting opera in the UK and overseas and has performed for Presidents, Prime Ministers and senior members of the British and European Royal Families. Recent appearances have been in London, Rome, Paris, Hamburg, Brussels, Monte Carlo, Marrakech, Mumbai, Barbados and Hong Kong. The company has performed at 10 Downing Street, the British Embassy in Paris, the President's Palace in Malta and as a guest company in one of Italy's greatest opera houses, La Fenice in Venice. Bringing together artists from the major British opera companies including the Royal Opera, English National Opera and Glyndebourne the programmes presented include a wide and varied range of repertoire, performed in formal evening dress and authentic period costume for an added visual impact.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mike Nelhams

Mike has been associated with Noble Caledonia for over 20 years and has welcomed our vessels to the Isles of Scilly and, more recently, accompanied our tours in Cornwall, where he now resides. He first went to Tresco on a Studley Trust Scholarship as a student in 1976 before training for three years at the Royal Horticultural Society Garden, Wisley. After managing a woodland garden in Sussex for five years he returned to Tresco Abbey Garden in 1984 as Head Gardener and then in 1994 took the post of Garden Curator which was established for him. He is an RHS judge on the Tender Plants Committee, judging regularly at Chelsea Flower Show and is a frequent lecturer throughout the English-speaking world. He has published a book, *Tresco Abbey Garden* and has made many appearances on national TV and radio, as well as having written many articles for the horticultural press. Mike has a particular interest in plants from the Mediterranean and associated coastal regions of the world.

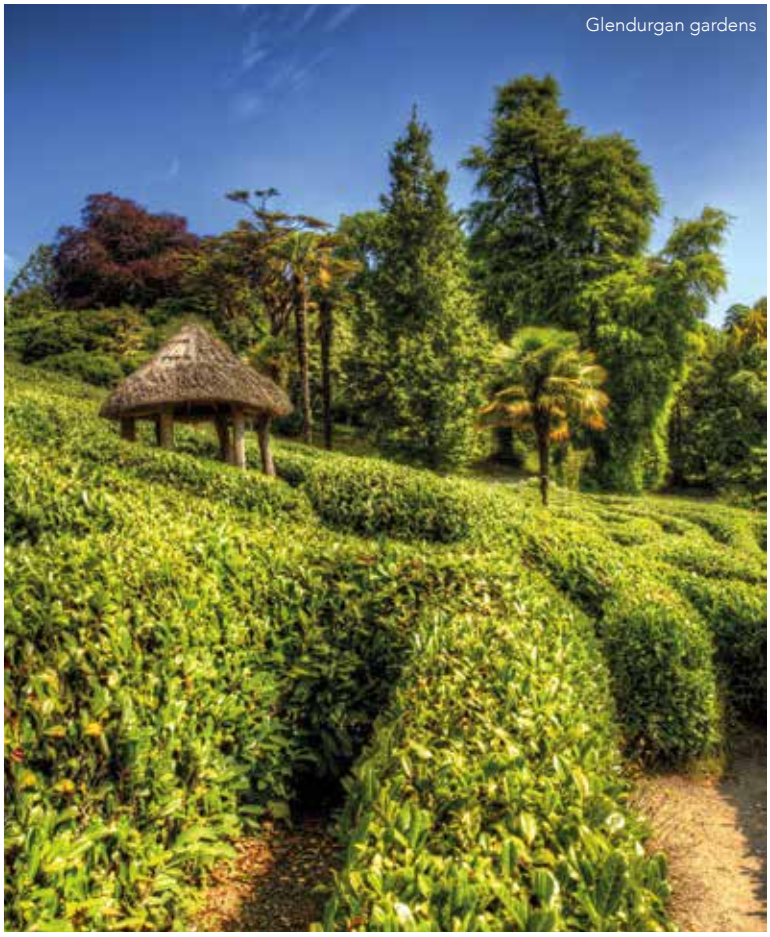
TOUR LEADER

Chantal Cookson

Chantal was born in Suffolk very near the sea and now lives in Northumberland where her husband farms. Chantal has been associated with Noble Caledonia since the company was founded in 1991 and has led tours, be it cruising or land, all over the world. Chantal's initial experience of cruising in British waters was in 1991 when Noble Caledonia undertook its first cruise around the British Isles, which was a groundbreaking voyage and led to a very successful and popular concept. Though her main job over the last 25 years has been working for Sotheby's, she is now a Travel and Fine Art Consultant intertwining in her busy life still working periodically as part of the Noble Caledonia field staff team. From the Arctic to the Antarctica, South America to Australia, the UK, Africa, India, the Seychelles, and many other destinations she has been able to pursue her love of the oceans, travel and photography. Chantal is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Bluebells, Cornwall

St Mawes Castle


Glendurgan gardens

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 St Austell to St Mawes. Transportation will meet the late afternoon arriving trains at St Austell Station and provide a transfer to the Tresanton Hotel at a designated time. Those arriving by car will be met at the hotel by a porter who will arrange valet parking in the hotel's car park. Meet for drinks followed by dinner at the hotel.

Day 2 Lost Gardens of Heligan. After a leisurely breakfast drive to the Lost Gardens of Heligan, Europe's largest garden restoration project. There will be a range of short and comprehensive guided tours, including the historic glasshouses, Melon Yard and the Pineapple Pit, and the glorious Pleasure Gardens. Excellent facilities are available for snacks and lunch. Enjoy free time before we return to our hotel for afternoon tea and a presentation from our horticultural expert. Dinner will be included at the hotel this evening.

Day 3 Lamorran House Garden & St Just in Roseland. This morning we visit the private garden at Lamorran House, an inspiring subtropical, Italianate four acre garden in St Mawes. It is certainly a star garden having appeared on both the BBC's Gardeners' World and listed in the top ten of the BBC's Nation's Favourite Gardens. Later, a short drive will take us to the 13th century Church at St Just in Roseland. The church and lush garden setting by a tidal creek is beautiful. So beautiful it led Sir John Betjeman to describe it "to many people the most beautiful churchyard on earth". There will be time here to explore the church and surrounding natural landscape. Late afternoon drinks will be served on the Tresanton Terrace followed by a performance from London Festival Opera at the charming St Mawes Chapel. Dinner will be at the hotel this evening.

Day 4 Glendurgan Estate, Helford River. A short walk through St Mawes brings us to a jetty where we board the ferry for the 30 minute sailing to Falmouth Harbour. Continue by coach to Glendurgan for a guided tour of the woodland gardens created by the Fox Family in the 1800s. Not one, but three valleys to explore at their springtime best with thousands of wild flowers carpeting the slopes amid fabulous displays of camellias and magnolias. Later, enjoy a tour of the Fox family home which is not usually open to the public and a light lunch. Drive back to Falmouth and board the ferry to St Mawes. Return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure and dinner this evening will be at the hotel.

Day 5 Caerhays Estate. After a leisurely breakfast we will make a short drive to the Caerhays Castle and Garden. Situated between St Mawes and Mevagissey in a secluded valley above Porthluney Cove, this is one of the great gardens of Cornwall. The estate is one of the oldest in the country and home to a National Magnolia Collection. The origins of the historically important collection of magnolias can be traced back to the work of the great plant hunters, Ernest Wilson and George Forrest and the 120 acre woodland gardens are a springtime wonderland. During the morning there will be guided tours of the garden and after lunch a guided tour of the castle, still inhabited by the Williams family who in the early 20th century sponsored plant hunting expeditions in Asia. Prosecco and canapés will be served prior to a performance by London Festival Opera in the Main Hall of the castle. Return to the hotel for our Farewell Dinner.

Day 6 St Mawes to St Austell. Linger over breakfast enjoying the stunning sea views for one last time before boarding the coach which will depart for St Austell.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Category	Price
Small Room	**£3395**
Medium Room	**£3595**
Spacious Room	**£3795**
Favourite Room	**£3995**
Two Bed Suite	**£4395**
Forte Suite	**£4595**
The Lamorran Suite	**£4795**
Small Room for sole use	**£4495**
Medium Room for sole use	**£4695**

PRICE INCLUDES: Five nights hotel accommodation at Hotel Tresanton on a breakfast and dinner basis • Lunch on days 4 & 5 • Afternoon tea on day 2 • Excursions as described • Two London Festival Opera performances • Tour Leader • Guest Speaker • Group transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance, meals other than those detailed.

Terrace

Bar

Terrace

Restaurant

HOTEL TRESANTON, ST MAWES

Chosen for its ideal location, but mostly because it is one of Cornwall's loveliest hotels. Hotel Tresanton is situated on Cornwall's picturesque southern shores and commands stunning views across the sea of the Roseland Peninsula. Formerly, a yachting club and a cluster of old houses which in 1997 was purchased and transformed by one of the worlds' foremost designers, Olga Polizzi. The hotel has recently been upgraded and from the minute you enter her wit and great sense of style are evident everywhere both in and outside.

Everything you could possibly want from a luxurious Cornish hotel is here, stylish rooms with sea views, elegant public spaces, flower filled terraces and gardens with amazing sea views. Here you will also find some of the best food in Cornwall and a first class and friendly service that only a small hotel can provide.

For our five night stay we will take over all 29 rooms and suites allowing us to plan the perfect schedule. The Tresanton, like many of Cornwall's best hotels has a cliff side location. Some elevated rooms are accessed by numerous steps, but the reward is breathtakingly beautiful.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

The rooms are located across the following five areas of the hotel;

Little Tresanton: Situated at the front of the property with only a few steps to negotiate, the building has two floors and is also home to the hotel bar, The Dogs' Bar.

Main Tresanton: The main building comprising of three floors. The ground floor is the public area level with the reception, sitting room, cinema/function room and the restaurant with a large terrace. The first and second floor are the accommodation levels.

Upper Tresanton: This two storey building has an elevated position behind the main building of the hotel. There are a few more steps to climb however all rooms have balconies and command stunning uninterrupted views over St Mawes Bay.

The Nook: Separated from the main hotel and located at the front of the property, this sweet little coastal house has three bedrooms over two floors.

Rock Cottage: Located behind The Nook and adjacent to the main building, this three storey building is accessed by sloping paths from the main terrace and road.

Favourite Room

Favourite Room (Room 5)

Small Room

Two Bedroom Suite

ACCOMMODATION CATEGORIES

SMALL ROOMS

Room 17, Main Tresanton (14.5 m²): This small but perfectly formed room has a sea view and a king size bed*.

Room 20, Main Tresanton (14 m²): This room has a sea view and a king size bed.

Room 21, Main Tresanton (14 m²): This room has a sea view and a king size bed*.

Room 26, Upper Tresanton (14 m²): This room is on the first floor with a small balcony with a sea view and a king size bed*.

MEDIUM ROOMS

Room 11, Main Tresanton (16 m²): This room has a sea view, a king size bed* and seating area.

Room 12, Main Tresanton (16 m²): This room has a sea view and a large double bed. It boasts a large outside terrace with seating and loungers.

Room 14, Main Tresanton (17.5 m²): This room has a sea view and a large double bed.

Room 15, Main Tresanton (17 m²): This room has a sea view and a large double bed*.

Room 18, Main Tresanton (16 m²): This room has a sea view and a king size bed*.

Room 19, Main Tresanton (16 m²): This room has a sea view and a king size bed*.

SPACIOUS ROOMS

Room 2, Little Tresanton (24 m²): This sea view room has a spacious sitting area and a king size bed.

Room 3, Little Tresanton (24 m²): This sea view room is a split-level room with a separate sitting area on the lower level and a king size bed.

Room 8, Main Tresanton (20 m²): This room has a sea view and a king size bed* and seating area.

Room 10, Main Tresanton (20 m²): This room has a sea view and a king size bed* and seating area.

Room 16, Main Tresanton (20 m2): This room has a sea view and a king size bed*.

Room 24, Upper Tresanton (19 m²): This room is on the ground floor and has a sea view with a balcony and a king size bed*.

Room 27, Upper Treasnton (19 m²): This room is on the first floor with a balcony with a sea view and a king size bed*.

FAVOURITE ROOMS

Room 1, Little Tresanton (38 m²): This room has a sea view and a king size bed* as well as a private terrace.

Room 5, Main Tresanton (22 m²): This room has a sea view and a king size bed as well as a 3.6 m² terrace with seating and loungers.

Room 6, Main Tresanton (26 m²): This room has a sea view and a king size bed* as well as a 3.6 m² terrace with seating and loungers.

Room 7, Main Tresanton (25 m²): This room has a sea view and a king size bed*. The room is spacious and boasts one of the largest window apertures giving you great light and views over the bay.

Room 9, Main Tresanton (23 m²): This room has a sea view and a king size bed* and seating area.

Room 28, The Nook (28 m²): This sea view room has a king size bed*.

Room 29, The Nook (24 m²): This sea view room has a king size bed*.

Room 31, Rock Cottage (21 m²): This room has a king size bed* and is the only room in the hotel with its own private garden.

TWO BEDROOM SUITES

Room 25, Upper Tresanton (37 m²): This two bedroom suite boasts spectacular sea views from the balcony. Both bedrooms have a king size bed*.

Room 32, Rock Cottage (37 m²): This two bedroom suite boasts spectacular sea views. It has a small self-catering kitchen, wood-burning stove, sitting room and a balcony with seating. Both bedrooms have king size beds*.

FORTE SUITE

Room 33, Rock Cottage (39 m²): The hotel's Master Suite has a king size bed*, a separate sitting room, wood burning stove, and crow's nest terrace overlooking St Mawes Bay.

THE LAMORRAN SUITE

Room 22, Upper Tresanton (50 m²): Tresanton's largest suite on the ground floor of the building features one master bedroom with king size bed* and one bedroom with a king size bed*. There is also a large sitting /dining area and a long terrace overlooking St Mawes Bay.

**Please note that these rooms can also be configured with twin beds upon request.*

Please note: Due to the layout of the hotel and grounds, we do not recommend this holiday for those with walking difficulties. Although small, the hotel is spread out and many rooms are only accessible by climbing a number of steps. There are 29 steps from the road to reception. Room-specific accessibility information is available upon request.

NOBLE CALEDONIA

2 Chester Close, Belgravia, London, SW1X 7BE
+44 (0)20 7752 0000 | info@noble-caledonia.co.uk | www.noble-caledonia.co.uk

Our current booking conditions apply to all reservations and are available on request.
Cover image: St Mawes.