

Welcome

Explore Fowey's narrow winding streets, historic buildings, and stunning views whilst enjoying the charming mix of independent shops, art galleries, and eateries all within a short distance of the tender landing.

For history enthusiasts, Fowey boasts an impressive medieval past, with landmarks such as St. Fimbarrus Church and the 14th-century Place House. The town's literary connections add an extra layer of attraction, as it was once home to renowned author Daphne du Maurier.

The local culture and landscapes also inspired writers such as Rosamunde Pilcher and Kenneth Grahame and the popular Poldark series. Explore the inspiration behind their works by taking a boat trip along the estuary or hiking the scenic Hall Walk, offering panoramic views of the coastline and countryside.

Fowey's vibrant maritime heritage is evident in its bustling harbour and working Port, colourful boats sail in the gentle tide, ferries crossing to Polruan and ships laden with china clay transit the harbour bound for Europe and beyond.

The town's quays and beaches are the perfect place to soak up the Cornish atmosphere. There's a host of local delicacies to enjoy from the traditional Cornish pasty, Clotted Cream Fudge or Cornish Cream Tea to locally produced ales and spirits.

There are a variety of excursion destinations located within a short drive from the port including the world-famous Eden Project and Lost Gardens of Heligan, period properties such as the National Trust's Lanhydrock House and the Bodmin heritage steam railway.

With its blend of natural beauty, cultural richness, and warm hospitality, visitors to Fowey will find themselves immersed in an unforgettable Cornish experience.



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Local Transport Information

Taxi

Taxi pick up point from the tender landing
Albert Quay, Fowey PL23 1AJ.

KP Cabs Fowey	+44(0)1726 815415
Yeo's Taxis	+44(0)1726 814095
Spot on Cabs	+44(0)1726 77877
A2B Taxis	+44(0)1726 66600

Bus

Bus stop: New Road Hill, Fowey PL23 1EU



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Harbour Office, Albert Quay, Fowey PL23 1AJ
01726 832471 | reception@foweyharbour.co.uk

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Located on the south coast of Cornwall and within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the picturesque Fowey Estuary delights visitors with its timeless charm and beautiful scenery.

Eden Project



A living theatre of plants and people, the Eden Project is a global garden, educational charity and social enterprise all in one. Eden is a feast for the senses and can be experienced in so many different ways, whether you're looking for calming immersion in nature or a fun-packed day of adventure. We aim to provide a great experience for all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Length of visit: 3-4 hours for individual, 4.5 hours for a group.
Opening times and more information at www.edenproject.com

7 Miles

Bodmin Jail



Built in 1779, Bodmin Jail is a landmark historical site in the heart of Cornwall.

Bodmin Jail is a world class experience offering immersive history at its finest.

Length of visit: 2 hours approx.
Guided or Self-Guided.
Open daily 09:30-16:00 (last entry)
www.bodminjail.org/

12 Miles

Bodmin Railway



Discover the nostalgia of steam travel with a journey on Cornwall's leading full-size railway operated by steam locomotives. Step back in time and relax in style, enjoying a leisurely 13-mile round trip, taking in the sights, sounds, and smells of a bygone age.

Opening times vary, for more information visit:
www.bodminrailway.co.uk

12 Miles

Fowey Valley Cidery and Distillery



This small family-run cidery and distillery are artisan makers of a range of exquisitely handcrafted fine spirits and ciders. They offer a free one-hour tour, showing you how they make their ciders and spirits. With the opportunity to sample their delightful Cornish products.

Open 10:00-16:00 Mon- Fri
More information visit:
www.foweyvalley.co.uk

8 Miles

Bodmin Keep: Cornwall's Army Museum



Bodmin Keep stands in the heart of Bodmin on the site of Victoria Barracks, which was home to the Army in Cornwall for over 150 years. The museum collection covers more than 300 years of military history between 1702-2007.

Opening times vary, for more information visit:
www.bodminkeep.org.uk

12 Miles

The Lost Gardens of Heligan



In February 1990, The Lost Gardens of Heligan were rediscovered from the brambles of time. Today, Heligan remains one of the most loved and romantic gardens in the UK, appreciated for their beauty and mystery.

Explore over 200 acres and lose yourself in a world of gardening inspiration, ancient woodlands, a sub-tropical Jungle, rare breed livestock and an abundance of wildlife.

Opening times vary, for more information visit: www.heligan.com

15 Miles

Lanhydrock House and Gardens



Owned by the National Trust this magnificent late Victorian country house, located near Bodmin, is surrounded by gardens, parkland and woodland. House tours, riverside walks and woodland cycle trails (bike hire available).

Open daily 11:00-17:30 **More information visit:**
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/lanhydrock

11 Miles

Restormel Castle



Standing amid beautiful countryside, Restormel is one of the most remarkable castle ruins in Britain. The present circular structure was built in the late 13th century and was a luxurious retreat for its medieval owners. Today, it is a picturesque spot for a stroll or picnic, with fantastic views across the valley.

Open daily 10:00 - 17:00
More information visit website:
www.english-heritage.org.uk/restormel

8 Miles

Colwith Farm Distillery



Enjoy a Guided Distillery Tour and Tutoed Tasting, a Gin or Vodka School Experience, or Gin/Vodka Masterclass. Learn how they make their own plough to bottle vodka and gin, and then have a go at mastering it yourself.

Opening times vary, visit website for more information:
www.colwithfarmdistillery.co.uk

6 Miles

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HARBOUR & LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Traditional Cornish Pasty



The traditional recipe for the pasty filling is beef with potato, onion and swede, which when cooked together forms a rich gravy, all sealed in its own pastry packet!

The wives of Cornish tin miners would lovingly prepare these all-in-one meals to provide sustenance during gruelling days down the dark, damp mines.

More information:



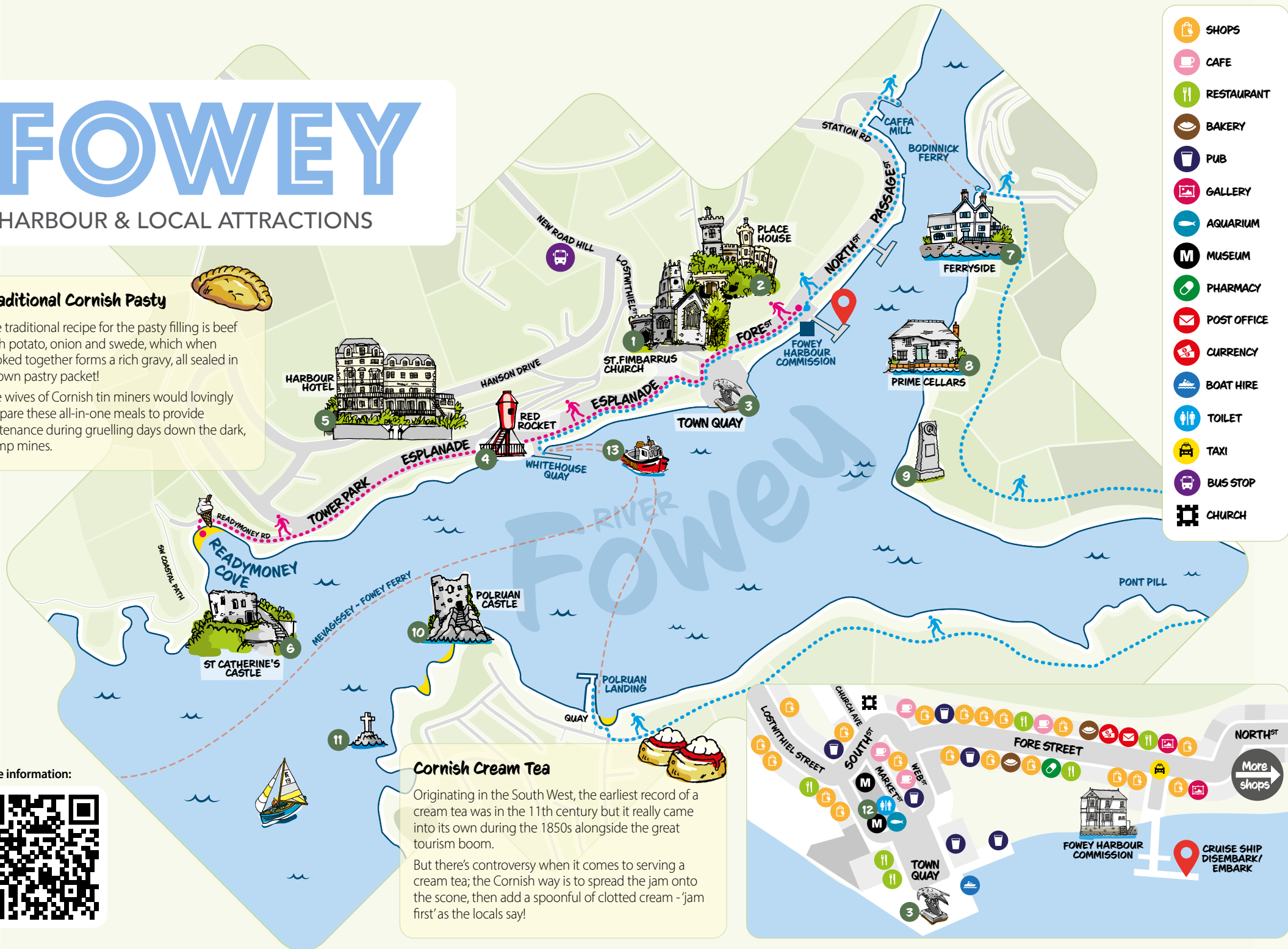
Cornish Cream Tea



Originating in the South West, the earliest record of a cream tea was in the 11th century but it really came into its own during the 1850s alongside the great tourism boom.

But there's controversy when it comes to serving a cream tea; the Cornish way is to spread the jam onto the scone, then add a spoonful of clotted cream - 'jam first' as the locals say!

- SHOPS
- CAFE
- RESTAURANT
- BAKERY
- PUB
- GALLERY
- AQUARIUM
- MUSEUM
- PHARMACY
- POST OFFICE
- CURRENCY
- BOAT HIRE
- TOILET
- TAXI
- BUS STOP
- CHURCH





1 St Fimbarrus Church

The parish church of Fowey dates from 1460 and has the second highest tower in Cornwall. It contains a Norman font, a 500 year-old wagon roof and a pulpit made from the panelling of a Spanish Galleon.

The church marks the end of the Saints' Way, originally a drovers' route from Padstow to Fowey, taken by merchants and pilgrims travelling from Ireland and Wales to France.

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2 Place House

Its grounds are positioned in the heart of Fowey, behind the church and have been the private family home of the Treffry family since the 13th Century.

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3 Rook with a Book

Du Maurier's literary connection to Fowey was celebrated in the commissioning of a sculpture on Fowey Town Quay named 'Rook with a Book' inspired by her short story 'The Birds'.

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Walking time from tender landing

4 Red Rocket

The Red Rocket is an important navigational aid for safe entry to the harbour. The iconic red structure houses a sector light which is visible for 13kms.

15 min

5 Harbour Hotel



Modern feeling hotel in a period building, ideally located with stunning views over the estuary.

Please allow an hour minimum to make the most of your visit for a cream tea.

See website for more details:
www.harbourhotels.co.uk/fowey

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6 St Catherine's Castle



Positioned at the Harbour entrance, the castle was built in 1542 as part of Henry VIII's chain of harbour defences which ran along the English Channel coast. The site has fantastic views of the harbour and sea beyond. Open all year, free admission, Steps and slopes on site.

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7 Ferryside



Ferryside is a distinctive property on the eastern shore near Bodinnick. It was the former home of the famous writer Daphne du Maurier, with Fowey and the surrounding coast being inspiration for many of her much-loved novels.

8 Prime Cellars

Prime Cellars is the little building with the crooked roof which lies on the eastern bank of the river. This was once a fish cellar and would have been used during the 17th and 18th centuries when Fowey thrived on the fishing and processing of pilchards. It has recently been sympathetically restored as a home.

9 Q Memorial

Viewed from the Hall Walk, this is a memorial to Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, who published under the pen name of 'Q', and was born in Bodmin in 1863. After studying at Oxford University, he moved to Fowey in 1879 and penned over 20 novels in his lifetime.

He referred to Fowey as 'Troy Town' in his writing. He was an active member of the local community holding many prominent positions including Mayor of Fowey and was also a Cornish Bard.

10 Polruan Blockhouse



Referred to locally as Polruan Castle, this was one of a pair of defensive structure built in 1380 to defend against foreign invasion. The second tower is on the Fowey side but is in a ruined state. The two blockhouses were once linked by a metal chain, which could be raised during an attack, preventing vessels from entering the harbour. Open to the public.

11 Punches Cross

Punches Cross is a white cross marking the eastern side of the harbour entrance, it is said to date from the early medieval period.

12 Fowey Museum

The building dates back to the 1500s and the lower part was once the town jail. The museum is filled with paintings, photographs, ancient documents and exhibits that bring Fowey's extensive maritime past to life.

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13 Ferry Trip to Polruan

Discover the delights of this waterside village by taking the 10 minute ferry trip across the harbour. Visit the ancient Polruan Blockhouse which was once part of the harbour's defences against foreign invasion and enjoy a beer in one of its pubs. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

Daily ferry services from Whitehouse Quay (every 15 minutes) 07:00 - 19:00

Local Walks

2 hr 30 min - Miles: 4

Hall Walk

By far the most popular of Fowey's estuary walks, it offers stunning views of the estuary and out to sea.

It is a circular walk that follows the banks of the river and utilises both ferries, via Bodinnick, Pont Creek and Polruan or vice versa. You can also divert to St Wyllow Church from Pont. It is not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs and in places it is steep.

Guided walks available with Lucy Daniel Guide:
www.lucydanielguide.uk

30 min - Miles: 0.75

Walk to Readymoney Cove



Take in the stunning harbour views on the walk to Readymoney Cove.

The beach café is perfect for drinks, snacks, ice cream and souvenirs.

If you've packed your swimming costume, take a refreshing dip in the sea within this dedicated swimming area.

Although there are a few slopes on the walk, it is wheelchair and pushchair friendly.

www.readymoneybeachshop.com

Birds of Prey Encounter



Enjoy a fascinating close-up handling experience with the Bird Lady of Fowey and her hawks and owls, in her field on the outskirts of Fowey. Pre-booking required.

1 mile walk from town
www.birdladyoffowey.com

Boat Hire and Watersports



Enjoy the beautiful harbour from the water by taking a guided boat trip or hire a boat, kayak or paddleboard to explore it for yourself. Wildlife watching RIB rides also available.

Departure points from Fowey Town Quay and Albert Quay.

More further information visit:
www.foweycruise.co.uk
www.foweyboathire.com
www.foweyriverhire.co.uk
www.encountercornwall.com

Ferry to Mevagissey

Take the 40 minute ferry ride to the fishing harbour of Mevagissey. Seasonal service and weather dependent. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

Departs from Whitehouse Quay
Departure times vary, visit website for more information:
www.mevagissey-ferries.co.uk