



# Places to Visit within 1 hours Drive of Looe



**Tregoad**  
HOLIDAY PARK



Tregoad Holiday Park is the newest addition to the Waterside Holiday Group family just moments away from Cornwall's breath-taking beaches and rolling countryside, near Looe. Tregoad Holiday Park, offers all the amenities you need for a five-star family holiday, from the Stargazy Bar & Grill Restaurant, heated swimming pool and Wildlife Lakes, all whilst keeping sustainability at the heart of everything we do.

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# Adrenaline Quarry

Lower Clicker Road, Menheniot, Near Liskeard, PL14 3PJ  
Approx. 16 mins



Unique gravity park, water park & race track with spectacular views, picnic spots and wild swimming.

Free entry, parking and playpark.

## WIPE OUT AT AQUAPARK 6 YRS+

Climb, jump, slide & bounce in our huge inflatable playground.

## GO KARTING AT KARTWORLD 7 YRS+

Arrive & drive adult, youth & junior karts on the 800m all weather track.

## FLY DOWN THE ZIP

Get thrown off a cliff on the UK's maddest zip wire.

## RIDE THE GIANT SWING

Go from sky high to freefall on our clifftop swing 150ft above the lake.

## TRY AXE THROWING 12 YRS+

Like darts, but with axes. Unleash your inner savage and get busy hurling.

<https://www.adrenalinquarry.co.uk>

# Bodmin Jail

Berrycoombe Road, Bodmin,  
PL31 2NR Sat Nav please use PL31 2PL  
Approx. 38 mins



Discover Cornwall's most haunting and dark history at Bodmin Jail's brand new world-class immersive experience.

Delve into the depths of the state-of-the-art 'Dark Walk', where your perceptions between the past and present will be blurred and provoked.

Join us, on one of our award-winning heritage tours or brave the prison on a paranormal experience. There is something for everyone at this leading visitor attraction.

[www.bodminjail.org](http://www.bodminjail.org)

# Bodmin and Wenford Railway

Bodmin General Station, Bodmin, PL31 1AQ

Approx. 33 mins



Discover the nostalgia of steam travel, with a journey back in time on Cornwall's leading full-size railway operated by steam locomotives.

Relax in style and enjoy a leisurely 13-mile round trip, taking in the sights, sounds and smells of a bygone age, as the era of a Cornish branch line in the 1950s reveals itself during the course of your journey.

Trains operate from Bodmin General, the principal station where free coach and car parking is available, to both Bodmin Parkway station – where connections can be made directly with main line railway services – and Boscarne Junction, which is situated directly adjacent to the Camel Trail recreational footpath and cycle way.

Passenger train services operate throughout the year, and regularly from late March to early October.

Just a 10-minute walk from the town centre, we are proud to be one of Cornwall's dog-friendly attractions!

Website: [bodminrailway.co.uk](http://bodminrailway.co.uk)

# Cardinham Woods

Cardinham, Bodmin PL30 4AL

Approx. 33 mins



From adventure and exercise to peaceful strolls and stunning scenery, share moments of relaxation and exertion alike at Cardinham Woods.

The perfect location to recharge and relax, Cardinham Woods is in central Cornwall and has everything you could want from an outdoor woodland adventure. The diverse woodland is full of secret glades, allowing you to take a step back from the hustle and bustle of life into a haven of natural beauty.

Stream-side paths, fresh air and stunning viewpoints make Cardinham Woods a wonderful spot for all. If you're a thrill seeker searching for your next adrenaline rush, our mountain bike trails are not to be missed.

Cafe open daily. Dog friendly.

Bookable mobility hire available.

Website: [forestryengland.uk/cardinham](https://forestryengland.uk/cardinham)

# Dairyland Farm Park

Tresillian Barton, Newquay TR8 5AA

Approx. 49 mins



We are now one of the oldest farm parks in the UK and we are proud to continue growing our animal family including our expanding Bug Zone and small animals and fun family activities.

Outside you'll find trampolines, a play area for small children, Digger Zone, the Animal Ark, Flying Fox zip wire, Nature Trail and lakes which you can take a gentle stroll around, or jump on a Tractor Ride.

Inside you will find The Bull Pen, 12,000 sq ft of unlimited climbing and sliding, with ball pools for all the family to enjoy. The opportunity to visit a bygone age in the museum of Cornish Heritage to see how past generations lived and worked with an exhibition loaned by Newquay Old Cornwall Society.

The Hay Barn will give you the chance to get close and friendly with our farm animals either in a Pat-a-Pet session or a bottle-feed.

It's sure to be a jam-packed day!

Website at [dairylandfarmpark.com](http://dairylandfarmpark.com)

# Fowey Aquarium

Town Quay, Fowey, PL23 1AT

Approx. 43 mins



The Aquarium is situated on the historic Fowey Town Quay, and gives a fascinating glimpse into the marine life found around the Cornish coast. Although the aquarium is small in size, our visitors are constantly amazed by the variety of marine creatures on display.

In addition to a wide range of fish from the tiny gobies and shannies from the shallows up to conger eels which inhabit deep wrecks, there are various types of crabs and lobsters lurking in the corners!

Children will especially enjoy the touch pool where they can pick up a shore crab or have their fingers tickled by prawns.

First established in 1952, the aquarium still retains many of the original tanks. Fresh sea water is pumped in daily at high tide and the filtration is minimal.

This is a mixed blessing as keeping the clarity of the water acceptable is difficult at times but on the plus side are the various creatures such as sea-squirts, sponges and tube worms that arrive as plankton in the water and grow on in the aquarium.

Website: [www.foweyaquarium.co.uk](http://www.foweyaquarium.co.uk)

# Kidzworld Adventure Play

Stadium Retail Park, Par Moor Road, St Austell, PL25 3RP

Approx. 39 mins



Conveniently located on the outskirts of St Austell, Kidzworld is the region's No. 1 Adventure Play Centre – where the emphasis is on family fun.

As an all-year-round venue, we've established a great reputation amongst the local Cornish people, just as much holidaymakers and visitors to the area.

Our indoor and outdoor activities are designed for toddlers through to young teenagers – adults are encouraged to join in too!!

Kidzworld's superb range of activities will keep you entertained for hours – from Soft Play, Slides & a Cannon Arena to our Interactive Games Zone, Roller Skating & Trampolining indoors then outdoors we've got climbing frames & play houses, dodgems & Mini-Golf – we've got the lot!

Your kids will love it, you'll love it, so why not bring the whole family along – there's fun and entertainment for everyone. With unlimited play during your indoor play session, free parking, food available on site, whatever the weather Kidzworld is the place to go!

Pre-booking online is preferred as the venue gets very busy.

Website: [kidzworldcornwall.co.uk](http://kidzworldcornwall.co.uk)



# Lammana Chapel

Hannafore, West Looe

Approx. 20 min Walk



At the end of Marine Drive, Hannafore, go through the gate and follow the South West Coast Path.

On the hillside to your right are the remains of St Michael of Lammana Chapel, a medieval chapel.

To reach the site, you must follow a steep incline up the hill. As you begin to climb, look to your right and you will see the remaining wall of a monk's house that was part of the original settlement. At the site you will have an uninterrupted view across the bay to its sister site on Looe Island. The first known documentation about the chapel was in 1144, in a papal confirmation.

In 2008, Time Team visited Looe and undertook an excavation of this site that showed that there was human habitation here before Roman Times as well as some pottery from the 13th century. It was originally believed that this chapel was built to replace one on Looe Island, but during the excavation it became clear that at one point in their history they operated at the same time. It was also established that both chapels are built at the same height. The chapel was Benedictine, and belonged to Glastonbury Abbey until 1290, when it became a private chantry chapel belonging to a local family.

During its time as part of Glastonbury Abbey, it was popular with pilgrimages for Michaelmas. The chapel was demolished in 1549, in Henry VIII's Dissolution of the Monasteries.

# Lappa Valley

St. Newlyn East, Newquay TR8 5LX

Approx. 53 mins



Lappa Valley is the only attraction in Cornwall that transports families on an exciting, nostalgic train ride into a secret world of traditional fun and family adventures.

There's a wealth of family-friendly activities to enjoy here at Lappa Valley.

From our boating lake to our crazy golf course, from outdoor adventures to our exciting new indoor multi level soft play area, from our musical trail to our woodland walks, there's plenty of fun to be had on our 35-acre site.

The Engine Shed, located right in the heart of Lappa Valley, offers a range of excellent light bites, lunches, snacks and drinks all year round.

We offer homemade comfort food which all the family can enjoy, using a range of local suppliers. With hot meals, sandwiches, soups and a tempting array of cakes available, there will be something for everyone.

Find out more and book at [www.lappavalley.co.uk](http://www.lappavalley.co.uk)

# Looe Island Trips

Boats from the quay, East Looe

Approx. 10 mins. Walk



Looe Island (or St Georges Island to give it its official name) is off the coast of Looe. This island was once the site of a Benedictine Chapel belonging to Glastonbury Abbey, with a sister site opposite the island at the start of the South West Coast Path.

In the 1950's, two sisters Barbara and Evelyn Atkins, brought the island to live on. Barbara taught at the local secondary school while Evelyn wrote two books about living on the island. Upon their deaths, the island was bequeathed to the Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

Looe Island is a marine nature reserve and the waters around it are teeming with life. The island provides a quiet haven for wildlife, with a variety of habitats.

Looe Island is part of the Whitsand and Looe Bay Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) and has a variety of precious wildlife habitats including woodland, maritime, grassland, sand, shingle and rocky reef.

Looe Island can only be reached by boat and only authorised boats are allowed to land.

For more details on visiting the island, go to their website at:

[www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/explore/visit-looe-island](http://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/explore/visit-looe-island)

# Looe Harbour Heritage Centre and Climbing Wall

The Quay, West Looe PL13 2BX

Approx. 10 min Walk



A visit to the Heritage Centre offers a unique experience immersing you in the stories of maritime Looe; the story of the harbour, river and bridges.

Plus, all about Sardines!

You can also enjoy a table inside or out at the coffee shop with one of the most relaxing views of Looe River in West Looe.

For more information visit their website at [www.looeharbourheritagecentre.uk](http://www.looeharbourheritagecentre.uk)

## Climbing Wall

There are 6 roped climbs, and a low level traversing wall. These are suitable for beginners and the more experienced climber, looking for a quiet indoor wall to practice and enhance their skills.

There are automatic belay units on 3 climbs, including a chimney climb.

Advance booking online via the Adventure Fit SouthWest website (occasional walk-in slots may be available):  
[www.adventurefitsouthwest.co.uk](http://www.adventurefitsouthwest.co.uk)

# Looe Valley Line

Station Road, East Looe PL13 1HN  
Approx. 10 min Walk



Why not take a trip on the Looe Valley Train. It is said to be one of the most picturesque lines in the country.

The track follows the estuary for part of the journey, before going through some of the small villages along its route.

This is a good way to enjoy the scenery without having to drive. The train takes you from Looe to Liskeard where you can take a stroll into town for some shopping.

It takes approximately 10 minutes to get to the town centre with its variety of shops, bars and restaurants.

If you are not feeling that energetic, just remain on the train for its return journey to Looe.

For more information and train times visit their website at:

[www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)

# National Trust

Cotelele House - Approx 42 mins

Lanhydrock House - Approx. 33 mins

Antony House - Approx. 29 mins

Trevice Manor - Approx. 53 mins



We've been running for over 125 years. We've come a long way since Octavia Hill, Sir Robert Hunter and Canon Hardwicke Rawnsley founded the National Trust on 12 January 1895.

Our founders believed that everyone needs nature, beauty and history, so they set up the National Trust to look after the nation's coastline, historic sites, countryside and green spaces.

With 5.37 million members, over 50,000 volunteers and 10,000 staff we are now the biggest conservation charity in Europe, caring for over 250,000 hectares of farmland, over 780 miles of coastline and 500 historic properties, gardens and nature reserves, for everyone, for ever.

Take a look below to learn about some of the key moments in our past, and the people who have supported us.

Website at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

# Newquay Zoo

Trenance Gardens, Newquay, TR7 2LZ

Approx. 56 mins



Discover hundreds of the world's most amazing animals, living among beautiful gardens at Newquay Zoo.

One of Cornwall's most exciting visitor attractions in the heart of Newquay. Newquay Zoo is a registered charity and supports a number of projects in the UK and overseas that aim to conserve wildlife and protect rare and endangered species.

Come rain or shine, Newquay Zoo is a fun filled inspiring adventure for all the family!

Book on line for best prices.

Website: [www.newquayzoo.org.uk](http://www.newquayzoo.org.uk)

# Old Guildhall Museum and Gaol

Higher Market Street, East Looe PL13 1AA

Approx. 15 mins Walk



The Old Guildhall Museum and Gaol is contained in a 15th century listed building with a fascinating display of the history of Looe.

The building itself is a marvellous exhibit on its own, as it retains many of its medieval features, with ancient cells and the original raised magistrates bench, complete with the Royal Coat of Arms, from when the local court was held there.

You can enjoy an Augmented Reality experience , a pilgrimage to Looe Island game, the Court and Gaol, stories of Court cases from the past which you can act out at the Magistrates Court. Plus regalia and stories of WWI and WWII, a display of the canal and railway in Looe, RNLI artefacts and an ancient smuggling cabinet.

The museum is spread over two floors, and you enter via the upper floor of the building, which from 1587 to 1878, was the East Looe Town Hall and Magistrates Court. Beneath the magnificent timber-framed roof, laws were made and enforced, and the town was administered by the Mayor and Corporation, known as Burgesses.

Downstairs, you will find the two cells used to hold the criminals of Looe in the past. This really was a case of 'send them down' from the court above!

For more information visit [www.looemuseum.co.uk](http://www.looemuseum.co.uk)



# Pinetum Gardens

Holmbush, St Austell PL35 3RQ

Approx. 41 mins



Pinetum Gardens is a place of tranquility, peace, spectacular garden scenery.

The largest modern garden created in Cornwall, and family owned, the gardens offer an intimate experience with a personal touch rarely found in our busy world.

Lovingly created over the past four decades, this idyllic 30-acre garden is home to one of the largest plant collections in the county spread over ten individual themed garden rooms within a breath-taking landscape.

The gardens are also home to some of the county's 67 most spectacular Champaign trees.

Idyllic holiday cottages also available for rent for a complete unwind. One can also take part in regular spiritual and wellbeing activities held at the garden.

Website at [pinetumgardens.com](http://pinetumgardens.com)

# Polperro Heritage Museum of Smuggling and Fishing

The Warren, Polperro PL13 2RB

Approx. 13 mins



A small museum located right on the harbourside of the beautiful fishing village of Polperro.

The museum contains a fascinating insight into the history of fishing and smuggling from the late 18th century to date. It houses a remarkable collection of photos dating from around 1860. The collection is complemented by a wonderful collection of model ships.

Family history is also well catered for with records available for viewing.

The museum is housed in what was the Old Pilchard Factory until the early 20th century.

For more information about the museum visit their website at:

[www.polperroharbourtrust.org/harbour-museum](http://www.polperroharbourtrust.org/harbour-museum)

# Polperro Model Village

Mill Hill, Polperro PL1 32RP

Approx 13 mins



No visit to Cornwall would be complete without a visit to the famous Polperro Model Village and Land of Legend.

As you pass through the gates into the Model Village, you enter a true village in miniature. Feel like a giant, as the village spreads out at your feet and you will see many of the features which have made Polperro so famous.

Unlike many model villages, here you will see the reproduction of the actual village of Polperro reduced to scale, which enables you to appreciate an arial view of this beautiful, quaint, ancient fishing village.

As you walk the narrow winding streets with ancient buildings, following in the footsteps of smugglers who moved under the cloak of darkness, the past envelopes the visitor unashamedly.

The Polperro Model Village has been entertaining visitors to Polperro since the late 1940's. Having survived fire and floods, this famous Cornish attraction continues to delight families of all ages.

Well-behaved dogs are welcome too!

For more information visit their website at:

[www.polperromodelvillage.co.uk](http://www.polperromodelvillage.co.uk)

# Porfell Wildlife Park & Sanctuary

Trecangate, Porfell, Liskeard PL14 4RE

Approx. 17 mins



Visit Cornwall's biggest exotic animal sanctuary!

Porfell Wildlife Park is a great family attraction. It offers sanctuary to many different animals from around the world. They might be neglected, injured, imported illegally or simply no longer wanted. For whatever reason they come to the sanctuary - they're always welcome.

Since 1989, Porfell has created homes and habitats designed to suit each species' individual needs. The result is a living attraction quite unlike a zoo. Here children (and adults!) can get up close to wildlife, feed the animals, touch them and learn all about the natural world.

Sorry NO DOGS allowed in the park.

To find out more and about available facilities go to their website at [www.porfell.co.uk](http://www.porfell.co.uk)

# Tamar Valley Pony Farm

St Ann's Chapel, Gunnislake PL18 9HW

Approx. 38 mins



Fun for all with our donkeys, goats, sheep, pigs, rabbits and guinea pigs to feed and pet.

Winners 2004 - 2007 of the best group of working donkeys in the Southwest.

Visit Holly's Cafe for hot and cold meals and Cornish cream teas.

Pop into the Donkey Bazaar Gift Shop for donkey gifts.

With our huge indoor play barn, you can visit us whatever the weather to meet the donkeys and other animals, as well as well as soft play area and much more.

[www.donkeypark.com](http://www.donkeypark.com)

# Wheal Martyn Mine and Museum

Wheal Martyn, St Austell, PL26 8XG

Approx. 47 mins



China clay mining has shaped the landscape, lives of people and economy of mid-Cornwall for over 250 years.

A visit might include: wandering around our interactive Discovery Centre, exploring historic trails, woodland walks in grounds teeming with wildlife, and spectacular views of a modern working clay pit.

Immerse yourself in the atmospheric grounds of the original Victorian clay works, bursting at the seams with tools, machinery, artefacts and stories. Discover Wheal Martyn's past life at the heart of this global industry. Hear real life tales of the industry which shaped the landscape and iconic 'Cornish Alps', and of the people in mid-Cornwall and beyond, whose lives were shaped by this 'white gold'.

Find out about Cornwall's largest mining industry, past and present, and catch a glimpse of modern machines in the working clay pit.

Website: [www.wheal-martyn.com](http://www.wheal-martyn.com)

# Wild Futures Monkey Sanctuary

Murrayton House, St Martins, Looe, PL13 1NZ

Approx. 15 mins



The Monkey Sanctuary is home to a large number of monkeys, each one with their distinct characters and personalities.

The sanctuary is an active rescue centre dealing with individuals that have often not had a very happy start to life, the needs of the monkeys always take priority.

As you can appreciate, not all areas of the sanctuary are open to the public but you will still have the opportunity to visit these fascinating animals.

The Monkey Sanctuary has lots for children to do, including a wildlife room that allows everyone visiting to find out more about the flora and fauna of the area.

There is also a large south facing garden for you to explore while supporting this very worthwhile cause.

All visits must be pre-booked online and a valid booking confirmation taken with you.

For more information visit their website at:

[www.monkeysanctuary.org](http://www.monkeysanctuary.org)

