



## IN SEARCH OF THE CORN WALL

### ADVENTURES IN THE WEST COUNTRY

APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> - MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 2023

Back in the sixties, every July, my mum and dad would make up two beds on the back seat of their Ford Zephyr for my sister and me to 'sleep' on, and, in the dead of night, we would drive across London and head off down through Hampshire, Wiltshire and Devon to glorious Cornwall for our annual summer holiday. The excitement was unbearable!

The idea was that Michèle and I would sleep soundly for at least seven hours, by which time we would be comfortably near our destination, the little cove of Millendreath, and, although tired, my parents would not have had to endure the daytime traffic and the interminable calls of, "Are we there yet?" from the back seat.

Well, as always, the parental plans were only half successful! We knew that we were supposed to be asleep but with our hearts pounding and our imaginations racing with thoughts of golden beaches to play on, endless scary two foot waves to surf in, treacherous cliffs to climb, rock pools to go crabbing in and a constant supply of scones with strawberry jam and clotted cream, sleep was well nigh impossible!

For me, part of the problem was my fascination with, and eagerness to see, the great 'Corn Wall' (in England corn is wheat) which we somehow had to get across in order to reach the cornucopia of pleasures that awaited us. In my small boy's mind, the 'Corn Wall' had taken on mythical status.....as long as the Great Wall and as much a barrier between the grim world and the world of fun as the Berlin Wall, both of which my dad had informed me of from his travels abroad. What did this strange wall made of wheat look like? Perhaps, an endless line of enormous haystacks or a mountain of loose wheat, piled like gravel in the builder's yard, or maybe just a line of wheatsheafs, like on the pub sign back home.

Inevitably, after several hours of trying not to make a sound - while sneaking furtive glances through the car's side windows, like an intrepid soldier peering over the trenches - I would finally succumb to sleep and never got to see that mysterious 'Corn Wall' or show my handmade passport to the border police, who, by the way, only allowed the very best behaved children to cross over to their land of an infinity of fun! So, when Discover Europe suggested that I lead a tour there next April, a child's voice called out, "Hooray, another chance to hunt down that pesky wall"!

We are going to need all the help we can get! So why not join us on the hunt for the great Corn Wall this spring? There's no guarantee that we will find it but the fun will be in the searching! There are only two conditions, your eyes must be peeled at all times and no shouting out, "Are we there yet?"

-Gavin



ST. MICHAEL'S MOUNT

#### THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY:	\$5290
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$1090

*Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.*

#### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

<b>HOTELS:</b>	9 nights' accommodation in first class hotels including all hotel taxes, service charges.
<b>BAGGAGE:</b>	Porterage of one large suitcase per person.
<b>COACHING:</b>	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
<b>MEALS:</b>	Breakfast daily, 6 dinners
<b>GUIDES:</b>	Discover Europe tour guide, Gavin Miller, throughout
<b>ENTRANCES:</b>	Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.  
Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>** - Departure from your chosen US gateway city for your overnight flight to London Heathrow. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>** - Upon arrival at London's Heathrow airport, you will be met and transported to our hotel in nearby Windsor. After time to unpack and relax, the rest of the day is free to unwind and explore your surroundings. This evening we gather for a welcome dinner. **(D) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>** - Leaving Windsor, our first stop is at Highclere Castle, the setting for *Downton Abbey* (subject to availability). We'll visit the castle and gardens and continue to Stourhead Garden- flagship garden of the National Trust. Continuing southwest, we'll arrive at our hotel in the county of Devon, just on the edge of Dartmoor National Park. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: DARTMOOR**

**MONDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>** - Our visit this morning is to Castle Drogo, set high above the Teign gorge. The collaboration between, the margarine magnate Julius Drewe and the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens resulted in this extraordinary castle home which fuses the grandest of medieval gothic with all the ease of modern (Victorian) living. After we return to our hotel, the rest of the afternoon and evening are free. The adventurous can explore the heather strewn vastness of Dartmoor, known for the granite 'Tors' sitting atop the rugged hilltops. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to stroll to a local pub for dinner. **(B) OVERNIGHT: DARTMOOR**



**TUESDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>** - Heading up to the north Devon coast, we will stop at the charming Cherubeer hamlet, set in quintessential rolling Devon farmland, where the owners open their gardens to private viewing under the National Garden Scheme. There will be time to wander the gardens and talk to the owners. Next stop is the charming fishing village of Clovelly.



Battered and bruised by the sea, its fourteenth-century jetty still provides shelter for the fishing boats which ply the turbulent Atlantic waters for crab and mackerel. After time for a fisherman's lunch, we will head out towards Hartland Point and take a walk along the cliff tops with views of saw-toothed rocks, and spectacular waterfalls tumbling over the cliffs. We reward ourselves at Wick Farm where we can sample the delights of a "cream tea" - scones laden with clotted cream and strawberry jam. Tonight you have a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: DARTMOOR**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>** - Today we head towards Cornwall to the picturesque fishing village, Port Isaac (also known as Portwenn from the TV series *Doc Martin*). On our way there, we will visit Tintagel Castle, birthplace of King Arthur. Set proud on a rocky headland, detached from the mainland, Tintagel instantly inspires images of knights, magicians and phantoms shrouded in mist. Lunch in a smuggler's inn will prepare us for our afternoon journey south to the 'toe' of Britain and the heartland of toothless pirates and heartless wreckers! Remember, eyes peeled for that great Corn Wall! Dinner tonight will be at our hotel, in the charming little port of Mousehole. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: MOUSEHOLE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we visit St Michael's Mount, a rocky island, set a few hundred yards off the coast in Marazion Bay. The first chapel here was built in the fifth century, later expanded to accommodate an abbey, and eventually transformed into a home for the local St. Aubyn family. This afternoon, we will cross the Cornish peninsula to St. Ives, once a center of the pilchard fishing industry - they say the stench was so powerful it could stop the church clock! During the second half of the 20th century, St. Ives became a recognized artists' colony. We will walk the promenade and visit the home of Barbara Hepworth, England's most celebrated female sculptor. We will also visit the Minack theatre, created by the very private eccentric, Rowena Cade. This spectacular open-air summer theatre is perched above the rocks with a jaw dropping backdrop of Porthcurno bay. Free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: MOUSEHOLE**

**FRIDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>** - Today is a free day. Time to enjoy the tiny village of Mousehole or take an optional trip by helicopter to the Isles of Scilly (supplement). The Scilly Isles are one of the sunniest spots of the British Isles. Known for their temperate climate, they are an ideal region for growing plants and flowers, indeed there is an abundance of wild flowers along every hedgerow and down every pathway. Landing on St Mary's, you will have time to stroll out to Porthcressa bay, visit the museum in Hugh Town and have lunch. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: MOUSEHOLE**



**SATURDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning, we begin our journey home. Our first stop will be the Mayflower Steps in Plymouth. Next, we will pay a visit to Montacute House. With its walls of glowing, honey colored stone and elaborate gardens, Montacute is a masterpiece of Elizabethan Renaissance architecture. We will continue to wend our way through the lovely Somerset and Wiltshire countryside, to our hotel, where dinner awaits. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SALISBURY**



**SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>** - We'll pay a morning visit to beautiful Salisbury cathedral, generally considered to be one of England's finest, with the tallest spire (404 feet) of any cathedral in the country. Our afternoon drive takes us to the majestic and mysterious World Heritage site of Stonehenge on Salisbury Plain, where we'll spend some time before driving the short distance to our last stop, Chawton, home to Jane Austen between 1809 and 1817. Here, she wrote or revised all her six books, including *Sense and Sensibility* and *Pride and Prejudice*. Returning to Windsor, we will enjoy our farewell dinner at our hotel.



KYNANCE COVE

**(B, D) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR**

**MONDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>** - Morning transfers to Heathrow Airport for return flights to the US. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **L** - lunch, **D** - dinner

# REGISTRATION FORM

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on this form.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person, if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

**DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS**

**NAME(S).** Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Please also include your "Known As" or preferred name, if applicable.

**PASSPORT DETAILS.** This information is required by airlines and having it helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

**ADDRESS.** If you have a temporary address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.** Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.

**HEALTH INFORMATION.** It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

**TRIP DETAILS**

Please fill in the name of the trip you wish to register for, the departure and return dates and your departure airport or city.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

This information is essential.

**INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS**

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour, or if you wish to deviate from the group flights, Discover Europe will be happy to make your flight arrangements for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost. It is essential that we receive your complete flight information at least 90 days prior to your trip departure.

**ROOMING REQUIREMENTS**

A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please use this section to let us know your preference. We will always book non-smoking rooms when available.

If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

**PAYMENT PROTECTION PLAN**

Please indicate here if you would be interested in applying for our Payment Protection Plan. Please see website or brochure for instructions and terms & conditions.



**TRIP DETAILS FOR IN SEARCH OF THE CORN WALL 230428OCW**

**PASSENGER DETAILS**

Passport Name:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title First Middle Last

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Passport 1#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport 2#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Requirements or Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

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Health Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.

6. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and laws of the countries in your itinerary, including local health and safety regulations, and following the directions of the tour guide. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your health, condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

- 1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).
- 2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure. A late fee of \$100 per person may be added to balances still outstanding 60 days prior to departure.

**TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS**

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

- 1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
- 2. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.
- 3. Group size. Discover Europe tours are generally based on a group size between 5 and 15 participants, custom-designed or sponsored tours sizes can vary (see your trip organizer for details). Should we

end up with fewer than the minimum number, you will be given the option of cancelling with full refund, paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.

4. Late registrations (received within 60 days of departure) may also incur extra fees and charges as discounted rates for hotels and airfares may no longer be available so close to departure. Participants will be made aware of any such charges before their registration is accepted.

**REFUND POLICY**

- 1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person\*.
- 2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
  - 90 - 61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person\*
  - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person\*
  - 30 or fewer days prior to departure: no refund\*
- 3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the payment schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
- 4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
- 5. Trip cancellation insurance is *not* included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
- 6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
- 7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
- 8. Your place on this tour is not transferable.

\* Unless enrolled in our payment protection plan

**INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

- 1. All inclusions are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
- 2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.



**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**FLIGHT INFORMATION (Please check one)**

Departure Airport or City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights:  Yes  No  
If self-arranged, please provide us with the full details by mail or email at least 90 days prior to departure.

**EXTENSION INFORMATION**

I/we plan on extending before or after the tour:  Yes  No  
If yes, I would like to extend to: \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOMING REQUIREMENTS (Please check one)**

- I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
- I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_  
We would like a  double  twin-bedded room

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.  
 Yes  No  
I would like to enroll in the Payment Protection Plan.  
 Yes  No

**SIGNATURES**

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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