



# ISLES OF SCILLY

## Autumn Migration, Flowers & Butterflies "In Comfort & Style" September 24-29



### Birding Areas & Highlights

**The Scilly Isles:** An idyllic paradise some 30 miles west of Land's End with spectacular white sandy beaches surrounded by beautiful turquoise-blue waters, rugged moorland, ancient woodland & sheltered bulb fields. It's stunningly beautiful!

Internationally famous for migrants including raptors, waders, warblers, pipits & wagtails, chats & flycatchers to name just a few! Arriving from Scandinavia, Russia, southern Europe & North America, regular scarce visitors include Great Northern Diver, Spotted Crake, Pectoral Sandpiper, Dotterel, Wryneck, Tawny Pipit, Oortolan, Lapland Bunting, Barred Warbler, Red-backed Shrike & Firecrest. In windier weather, Kittiwakes, Fulmars & Gannets often pass by, sometimes accompanied by skuas, terns & shearwaters.

Botanically, King Proteas surely steal the show, together with fields of Belladonna Lilies & Bermuda Buttercups admixed with wild Cornflowers. Atlantic Seals prepare to "pup" whilst butterflies may well include, Speckled Wood, Small Copper and the rare Clouded Yellow.

### Itinerary

Morning departure via *Skybus* (or *Scillonian* if preferred) to **St Mary's** and transfer by boat for short crossing over to Bryher for 5 nt. stay. Exploring **Bryher** & neighbouring **Tresco**, inc. the Great Pool and the famous Abbey Garden, plus cruising over to **St Martins** and **St Agnes** for more exciting migrant birds, wild flowers & butterflies. Late morning return flight from St Mary's or *Scillonian*.

### Accommodation

On Bryher lies the contemporary *Hell Bay*, the highest rated hotel on Scilly, with 3 AA Rosettes, offering beautiful rooms & excellent fresh, local cuisine, with stunning views over the Pool to the Atlantic Ocean beyond. A fabulous Hotel from which to enjoy Spring birding in a totally relaxed manner, the ultimate venue to escape and re-charge!



**Cost:** £1495 (s/s £195)

**Deposit:** £200

**B/L due:** Jul. 24

**Included in the cost:** 5 nts. dinner, bed & b/fast at *Hell Bay*, boat excursions to Tresco, St Agnes & St Martins, entrance to the Abbey Garden and full guidance.

**Not included in the cost:** Return flight from Land's End to St Mary's via *Skybus* (flights also available from Newquay & Exeter) & return transfers from St Mary's to Bryher (approx. £195), lunches, travel insurance, drinks, & items of a personal nature.

**(NB: Cost based on 6 pax min.)**