

ISLES OF SCILLY

Spring Migration, Flowers & Butterflies
“In Comfort & Style” April 30 - May 5



Birding Areas & Highlights

The Scilly Isles: An idyllic paradise with spectacular white sandy beaches surrounded by beautiful turquoise-blue waters, rugged moorland, ancient woodland & sheltered bulb fields.

Migrant birds to look for will include Great Northern Diver, Common & Sandwich Tern, Whimbrel, Golden Plover & Dotterel, Hobby, Osprey & Marsh Harrier. Also Sedge, Reed & Grasshopper Warblers, Northern Wheatear, Tree Pipit, Spotted Flycatcher & Common Redstart, whilst regular Spring “overshoots” inc. Purple Heron, Red-rumped Swallow, Woodchat & Golden Oriole. Offshore, Razorbill, Guillemot, Shag, Fulmar, Kittiwake & Puffin all nest on outlying islets.

The world-famous Abbey Garden boasts King Proteas along with Tree Echiums & Madeiran Geraniums, whilst the rare Dwarf Pansy & Orange Birdsfoot top the wild flower list. Butterflies may well include Speckled Wood, Red Admiral, Small Copper or Holly Blue, whilst inquisitive Atlantic Seals frequent the off-shore islands.

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, this must be the ultimate venue to escape and re-charge!



Cost: £1445 (s/s £185)

Deposit: £200

B/L due: Feb 28

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 throughout.

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.)