

THE LIZARD



Kynance Cove



Cadgwith



Lizard Point Lighthouse

The Lizard peninsula: quite different to Penwith (see page 7): not wild; very varied. Down its west side are sandy coves (**Kynance**, with towers of serpentine rock, is stunning). In the middle, **Goonhilly Downs** are flat, little cultivated, with their very own wild flower species and a satellite tracking station (interesting and visitable). **Lizard Point** (lighthouse) is the English mainland's southernmost. The south and east coasts are also of coves between cliffs and one bigger, child-friendly beach, **Kennack Sands**, and the pretty thatch-roofed villages (not many in Cornwall) of **Cadgwith** (see left) and **Coverack**, and handsome **St Keverne** (Roskilly ice cream is made nearby), and off-shore The Manacles, which sank many sailing ships. Then, approaching the Helford River's mouth, you come to **Gillan Harbour** and **St Anthony-in-Meneage** and all that is soft and dreamy, lush, sub-tropical and wonderful about south-west Cornwall; and so it continues up the wide river to **Helford** village, **Frenchman's Creek** and, up another creek, **Port Navas** (see Cornwall's 'Med', page 49). **Helston** is the base town; **Mullion** has a golf course with great views; **Porthleven** (see page 16) is the fishing village (quite big); **Gweek** has a seal sanctuary; from **Culdrose** airbase, sailors of all kinds (and occasionally tourists) are rescued.



THE LIZARD: between north and south coasts . . .



Porthleven: large village with harbour now full of fishing and pleasure boats (it was built for exporting tin and copper 200 years ago). Pubs, cafés, shops and several art galleries around its harbour. Dive centre and advanced surfing. Good bus service. Immediately south begins a 2½ mile stretch of sand and shingle (Nat. Trust coast path), at one point separating scenic freshwater **Loe Pool** from the sea. **Helston** (see page 17), 2½ miles.

... on the hillside above **Porthleven** harbour, a **semi-detached 'upside down' cottage** with **gorgeous sea views** (next row back from the front). Nine steps lead down from the road to a tiny gravelled patio (table/chairs) with a glimpse of the sea between rooftops. Hall; on one side of it, a roomy **double bedroom** (5'3" bed), on the other, the bathroom (suite plus bath-shower, **washer-drier**); stairs up to stylish living/dining/kitchen (**dishwasher, microwave**) with **open fire** and sofa bed (for alternative sleeping), folding table/chairs and big bay window with **sea views. No smoking.**



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Bedrooms: 1	Bath/shower: 1			



Godolphin Cross: small village (pub), 3 miles from the **South Cornwall coast/sandy beach** at **Praa Sands**. Just outside it, Godolphin House (setting for several TV period dramas) is worth visiting (frequently open and a footpath passes close). Lots of local footpaths, including to Godolphin Hill (Nat. Trust), fine viewpoint. **Porthleven** and **Helston** (see page 17), both 5 miles; **St Michael's Mount**, about 5½. **Penzance**, about 8; north coast beaches (surfing), 6 miles.

... 1½ miles north-west of **Godolphin Cross**, a **Grade II listed cottage** attached to the owners' house. Immediately outside, gravelled enclosed patio (table/chairs, barbecue) and, a little beyond, 3½ acres of fields, river and woodland for you to enjoy. Inside, hall and comfortable living room with comfy seating for 5 (CD player) from which a glazed door leads to the patio. Smallish fitted kitchen/dining room (**dishwasher, microwave, fridge-freezer**). From the hall, stairs (stairgate) up to landing off which glazed door to a good-sized balcony, shower-room (suite) and **three bedrooms** - pretty double in lilac and cream with TV and washbasin, single, and room with double bed plus 2'6" bunks, TV and en suite shower-room (suite). Just outside the cottage, laundry room with **washing machine, tumble drier** (extra). **Spring water. Sleeps maximum 5 adults.** North and south coasts with big sandy beaches, both 4 miles.



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Bedrooms: 3	Bath/shower: 2			

. . . higgledy-piggledy hamlet



Trescowe: tiny village/large hamlet of maybe 20 houses, higgledy-piggledy alongside a country lane which leads down to the coast and good sandy beach at **Praa Sands**, 1½ miles. **Marazion** and **St Michael's Mount**, 5 miles; **Penzance**, 8. Three pubs and shop, 1½ miles; Godolphin House and Gardens, 1 mile; fishing, ½ mile.

... in **Trescowe**, a **pretty, little granite cottage** built in 1860, with lovely, sun-all-day, almost tropical garden (table/chairs, barbecue). Living/dining room with inglenook fireplace (**woodburner**), comfy sofas, strong exposed granite walls. Shaker fitted kitchen (**dishwasher, microwave**) and, outside, a little heated boot room, ideal for storing walking gear and housing the **washing machine and freezer**. Upstairs, **two bedrooms** - a double and a twin, both pretty - and bathroom (suite plus bath-shower). **Nice cottage; all fuel included** from October to March. **No smoking. Arrival after 4pm.**



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Bedrooms: 2	Bath/shower: 1			



... also in **Trescowe**, an **old chapel converted into a comfortable house**; you have **half of it** (see arrow). It looks out over hedgerow-meadows with a neat, enclosed garden (table/chairs and a few steps up to the lawn) at the back, and fields beyond as far as the eye can see. Inside, thoroughly well done with good modern fabrics and décor. Porch for coats/boots, with **washing machine**; attractive living room (books/games) with French windows to garden; fitted kitchen (**microwave**) with table/chairs. Stairs up to **two bedrooms** - a double and a twin, both with lovely long rural views. Bathroom (suite plus bath-shower). **No smoking. Quiet spot, only 1½ miles from beach and pub.**



★ ★ ★	Sleeps: 4	Fri	Price: F	Ref: T3
Bedrooms: 2	Bath/shower: 1			

... 'Furry Dance' festival ...



Helston: small old market town, the **Lizard's** biggest, with plenty of shops, indoor swimming pool, boating lake, popular Flambards 'theme park' and 'Furry Dance' festival in May. A mile away is **Loe Pool**, a large and beautiful lagoon, separated from the sea by a shingle bar - lovely walks around it. **Gweek** (seal sanctuary), 1½ miles. **Porthleven** (fishing village, see page 16), 4 miles. **Church Cove, Gunwalloe** with sandy beach and pub, and the **Helford River** estuary, also about 4 miles.

... 3 miles west of **Helston**, deep in flower-filled hedgerow lanes, a **very private detached stone cottage** with origins in the early 1800s, facing out over its large, pretty lawned garden which has been planted for all-year-round interest. It is approached over about 100 yards of gravel track, so virtually no passing traffic. The nearest shop/pub/beach and the gardens of Trevarno and Godolphin (Nat.Trust) are about 2 miles.

Inside is comfortable, light and stylish with good use of fabrics. From side garden, entrance to large sun porch with **washing machine**, games and toys, through to the kitchen (**dishwasher, freezer**, big range cooker) with beech worktops, butler sink and slate floor; dining room with table big enough for ten, and a sweet little decorative fireplace; a sunny south-facing living room (door lintel 5'9", beams 6'4") with views and door to garden. From the living room, stairs up to **four bedrooms** - two double (one with 5' bed), both with pretty garden views, a linkable twin also with pretty garden views, and another twin (2'6" linkable beds); bathroom (suite with spa bath plus separate shower), and shower-room (suite). **No smoking. Cautionary Deposit £100. A good relaxing place to return to after a day messing about on the beach or exploring the area.**



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Bedrooms: 4	Bath/shower: 2			

... bluebell copse and barn owls

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... and 1¼ miles east of **Helston**, set in delightful gardens with large duck pond and tumbling mill leat, a **semi-detached stone cottage**, formerly barns to the 17th cent. mill house. The 7 adjoining acres include an orchard, large lawned area for ball games, and a boating lake. The cottage has its own lawned area with picnic table and benches. Inside, a spacious, comfy living/dining room (games/books, CD player), kitchen area fitted with pretty lilac blue units, **dishwasher, washer-drier, microwave**. Downstairs cloakroom (loo, washbasin). Upstairs (stairgates), **three bedrooms:** large double with en suite shower-room (suite), smaller double with good views of garden, and a room with two single beds. Bathroom (suite plus bath-shower). **Payphone** for outgoing calls.

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Bedrooms: 3	Bath/shower: 2			

Crowan: hamlet of ancient church and granite cottages, in the middle of Cornwall, steeped in the history of tin and copper mining and close to the newly designated 'World Heritage Site'. The stunning beach at **Gwithian Towans** (see page 19) 5 miles to the north, with popular **St Ives** (see page 10) a little further, and to the south **The Lizard and Helston** (see left), 5 miles. Nearest shops (excellent bakery) and pub at **Praze an Beeble**, 1 mile (less by footpath).



... in **Crowan**, by the church (bells 10.30am Sunday mornings/Thurs evenings) and set back from the quiet lane, **two little detached thatched stone cottages** thoughtfully converted from old barns. Both have their own little sitting out area with tables and chairs, shared grassed garden area (barbecue) and there are **ten acres of grounds** and **bluebell copse** for you to quietly enjoy with footpaths from your door. Watch quietly during dusk and you will see the barn owls hunting from their roost in the owners' barn. The friendly owners' home is adjacent and they are happy to talk wildlife, rare-breed chickens (free-range eggs) and help you make the most of your stay if you wish. **No smoking.**

East Barn (see above right): inside, similarly furnished but a little larger than West Barn with stable doors into open-plan living/dining/fitted kitchen (**washer-drier, microwave**) with cream Shaker-style cabinets, wooden floor/rugs, exposed ceiling beams and sofa bed; **double bedroom** with en suite shower-room (suite).

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★★★½	Sleeps: 2/3	Fri	Price: CC	Ref: T6
Bedrooms: 1	Bath/shower: 1			

West Barn (see right): inside, fresh, comfortable and stylish. Stable doors into open-plan living/dining/fitted kitchen (**washer-drier, microwave**) with cream Shaker-style cabinets, wooden floors/rugs, exposed ceiling beams; **double bedroom** with en suite shower-room (suite).



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★★★½	Sleeps: 2	Fri	Price: C	Ref: T5
Bedrooms: 1	Bath/shower: 1			