



## **A8 & S8 UK Owner's Group Annual Meet 2019**

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### **Venue:**

The Penmere Manor Hotel,  
Mongleath Road,  
Falmouth,  
Cornwall TR11 4PN

### **About Penmere Manor**

Originally known as Penmere House, Penmere Manor was built by a Captain of one of the Cornish Packets – ships that transported mail around the world and played an important role in Falmouth's history. The doors to the Library are said to be from one of the packet ships of that era.

The house remained in private occupation for most of its life.

During the Second World War the then owners, members of the well-known Cornish Bolitho family, vacated the house and it became a home for injured officers, followed by a spell as a teaching convent for girls.

Penmere House was transformed into a hotel in the late 1950s and has always been very much a family owned and run hotel.

The comfort of guests and feeling of welcome is paramount; the Moore family along with their friendly staff offers you a very warm welcome.

The hotel is in a residential area so please take care to arrive and leave quietly if you have a loud exhaust. There are manageable speed bumps on the road to the hotel.

When you arrive at the hotel please park in the car park on the right immediately as you turn in to the entrance. There are disabled spaces up by reception – continue up the driveway to the left.

### **Falmouth**

Falmouth boasts the world's third largest natural harbour, and has grown into a busy port over the last 400 years. Falmouth is a hugely popular sailing and leisure destination, rich in history, great atmosphere and beautiful scenery.

## Travel info

Driving in Cornwall is a cruise, not a sprint ☺ Everywhere takes twice as long to get to as you would think, so timings are quite relaxed to accommodate this. Enjoy the scenery, hopefully the sunshine, and you'll get there dreckly (soon, no rush).

We will leave the hotel in three groups, led by MJ, Neil and Mike. You will be allocated a group for convenience so that we don't get too split up on the journey, although satnav destinations are provided in case you get lost.

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary operate a number of unmarked patrol cars during the summer. These patrols are looking for mobile phone use, seatbelts, and speed as usual. They are particularly fond of giving fixed penalties to tourists so we will of course be displaying exemplary driving standards at all times.

For those travelling from the North, the variable speed limit cameras around Bristol are normally active even without the signs being on so take extra care here. There are no fixed cameras Westbound on the A30, but two Eastbound, and often unmarked cars and camera vans during the summer. You have been warned!

## Local Facilities

There is a Coop supermarket within walking distance of the hotel – turn left out of the car park, down to the bottom of the road, and right at the roundabout.

Nearest fuel is Gulf – turn left out of the car park and left at the roundabout. There is also an Asda supermarket with fuel station on the A39 as we head towards the hotel.

If you need super unleaded there is a Shell station at Playing Place junction on the A39 after we leave Truro.

There are **no safe car washes** in the immediate area. There are two signposted on the way in to the hotel – we advise against using either if you value your paint or aluminium trim! Weather permitting, we will have power and water at the hotel and will bring a pressure washer.

## Parking

We have arranged discounted parking at Land's End, and reserved parking at the Eden Project. Please buy a parking sticker from Neil or MJ on Friday or Saturday morning with your Guest Pack and display this in / on your windscreen. The sticker is vinyl and designed to go on the outside. If you prefer not to stick it to the car acetate sheets are provided so you can stick it to those, or simply leave it on its backing paper and attach it to the sun visor. The stickers will be used to identify us to the car park attendants.

## **Agenda:**

### **Friday**

Check-in at the hotel on Friday is from 2pm. The restaurant opens at 7pm – dinner is at our leisure.

### **Saturday**

#### **Land's End**

After a hearty Cornish breakfast, we will leave the hotel at 10am, heading out of Falmouth and picking up the A394 Westbound towards Helston and then continuing to Penzance where we take the A30 to Sennen and Land's End.

This journey will take about an hour so we expect to arrive at Land's end at 11am. We will have a reserved parking area, and discounted parking requires the windscreen sticker from MJ. We will stop at Land's End for roughly an hour for coffee and cake and sight-seeing.

There will be a group photo by the famous Land's End signpost at 12pm (cost tbc). Please be at the signpost in time – we will leave after this.

Travel notes:

Set satnav for Sennen if you wish. Around Helston follow the signposted route for the A394, ignoring satnav instructions to go through the town centre.

#### **Porthcurno – The Minack Theatre and Telegraph Museum**

From Land's End, we head South on the B3315 to Porthcurno. On arrival in Porthcurno we will park in the Telegraph Museum car park which is pay and display. This journey takes about 15 minutes.

The Minack is a fairly steep walk from the car park, however the road is quite narrow so we are only taking 2-3 nominated cars up here per the list on the forum. If you need a lift up please let us know beforehand so we can make sure you have a ride.

From here the afternoon is yours. Visit the Minack, the Telegraph Museum, the beach, or all three. Lunch is at your leisure – both the Minack and the Museum have nice cafes. There is also a beach café, and a pub, all of which serve traditional Cornish fayre of pasties and cream teas, plus the usual sandwiches & pub grub.

Note: if you have a cream tea, remember the Cornish way is jam first, **cream on top!** The other way is the Devon way and will not do!

Minack entry fees:

Adult: £5  
15 & under: £2.50  
11 & under: 50p  
Under 2: free

Please pay individually on entry to the Minack.

Museum entry fees:

Adult: £9.00  
Under 18: £5.50  
Under 5s: free  
Family: £26.00 (2 adults and up to 3 children)  
Senior: £8.00  
Student: £8.00

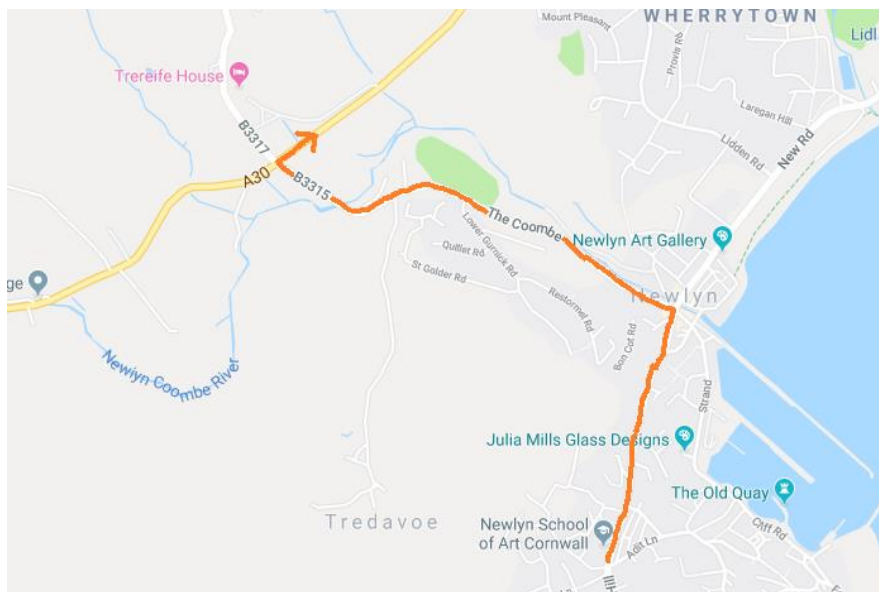
The Museum will log all visitors in our group and will invoice us separately to allow quicker entry. Please pay Neil or MJ when you pick up your Guest Pack on Friday or Saturday.

Travel notes:

Set satnav for Porthcurno. You can't really go wrong here unless you miss the right turn out of Sennen, but it is signposted.

### St Michael's Mount

We will aim to leave Porthcurno at around 4pm. From Porthcurno, we turn right, back on to the B3315 and head for Newlyn. In Newlyn centre, we turn left staying on the B3315, and then right on to the A30.



This turn on to the A30 will likely split the groups up but we will re-group at Marazion. Following the A30 out of Penzance, we turn towards Marazion where the A30 and A394 meet. We will park in the public Marazion Station car park (pay and display) where we can get ice creams and photos of the Mount before heading back to the hotel.

Travel notes:

From Porthcurno, set satnav for Marazion. Ignore instructions to turn off the B3315 through Buryan as this is extremely narrow! Instead continue on the B3315, turning left at the junction in Newlyn (satnav may want to go straight on), and then pick up the A30.



From Marazion, set satnav for the hotel.

Interesting route: turn right out of the car park through the village, and pick up the A394 on the other side of Marazion.

Faster route – turn left out of the car park and head back to the A30 / A394 roundabout and pick up the A394 from there.

### Saturday Evening

We aim to be back at the hotel for around 5:30pm in time to freshen up for the group dinner at 6:30pm, after which we have awards and entertainment.

## Sunday – the Eden Project

After another hearty Cornish breakfast, we check out and leave the hotel at 10am, again in three groups. We take the A39 back to Truro, and then take the A390 Eastbound to St Austell and then the A391 to the Eden Project. The journey will take about an hour, and on arrival at Eden we head for 'Banana' car park to our reserved parking area. We will congregate at the meeting point directly in front of the parking area where our hosts will meet us and take us on to the Visitor's Centre (a 5 minute walk downhill). Wheelchairs or buggy ride are available at this point for those who have requested them.

Once we are booked in at the Visitor's Centre we will split in to two groups and head towards the biomes with our two tour guides. The site is quite large and deep as it is a former China Clay pit, so there is a land train available if required. The tours of the biomes will take roughly an hour, after which we can take lunch at our leisure in any of the on-side facilities. Note the pasties here are very good. If you got a cream tea on Saturday, have a pasty at Eden. After lunch, the afternoon is free to explore the other biome (recommended) or the outdoor gardens if the weather is nice, or indeed head off home.

The two biomes are rainforest and Mediterranean. Both are equally amazing so the two guided tour groups will be arbitrary unless anyone specifies a preference.

Eden entry fees:

Adult: £15

Senior: £13

Child (5-15): £7.50

Under 5: free

Travel notes:

Satnav to 'Eden Project' will get you as far as St Austell but then go a bit haywire and try to take you down tiny lanes and in the back entrance. Instead follow the A390 and then follow the brown tourist sign posts on the A391. These will take you directly to our car park. If there's no sign, go straight on until there is one.



These signs take precedence over satnav.