

Inspire your art students in St Ives

I have gained very great inspiration from Cornish land – and sea – scape, the horizontal line of the sea and the quality of light and colour which reminds me of the Mediterranean light and colour which so excites one's sense of form; and first and last there is the human figure which in the country becomes a free and moving part of a greater whole.

This relationship between figure and landscape is vitally important to me. I cannot feel it in a city.

Barbara Hepworth



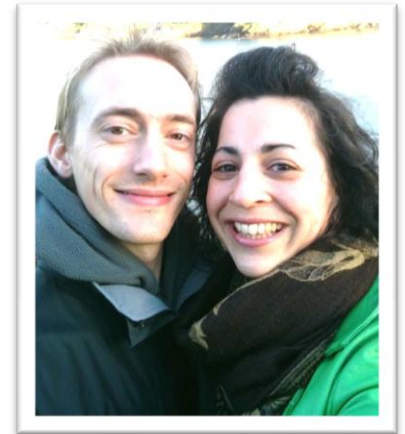
Hi.....

... we're Lee & Danny, owners of Cohort Hostel and St Ives enthusiasts. Since opening the hostel in April 2015 we have delighted in sharing our experiences with schools looking for inspirational trips:

St Ives draws artists and art students from all over the world; people are attracted by its famous light, iconic art institutions and sheer beauty; to that end we feel pretty lucky to be situated right in the centre of town, not only can we walk everywhere but we are also just steps to the nearest beach. It's a great place to be any time of year.

Educational art trips are hugely diverse and we appreciate that every art class will have different requirements, however we have put together a list of workshops and activities in St Ives that can all be customised to meet the needs of your students and focus of your curriculum.

We hope this eBook illustrates how an art trip to St Ives can be truly relevant and inspirational, as well as helping you with your art trip planning.



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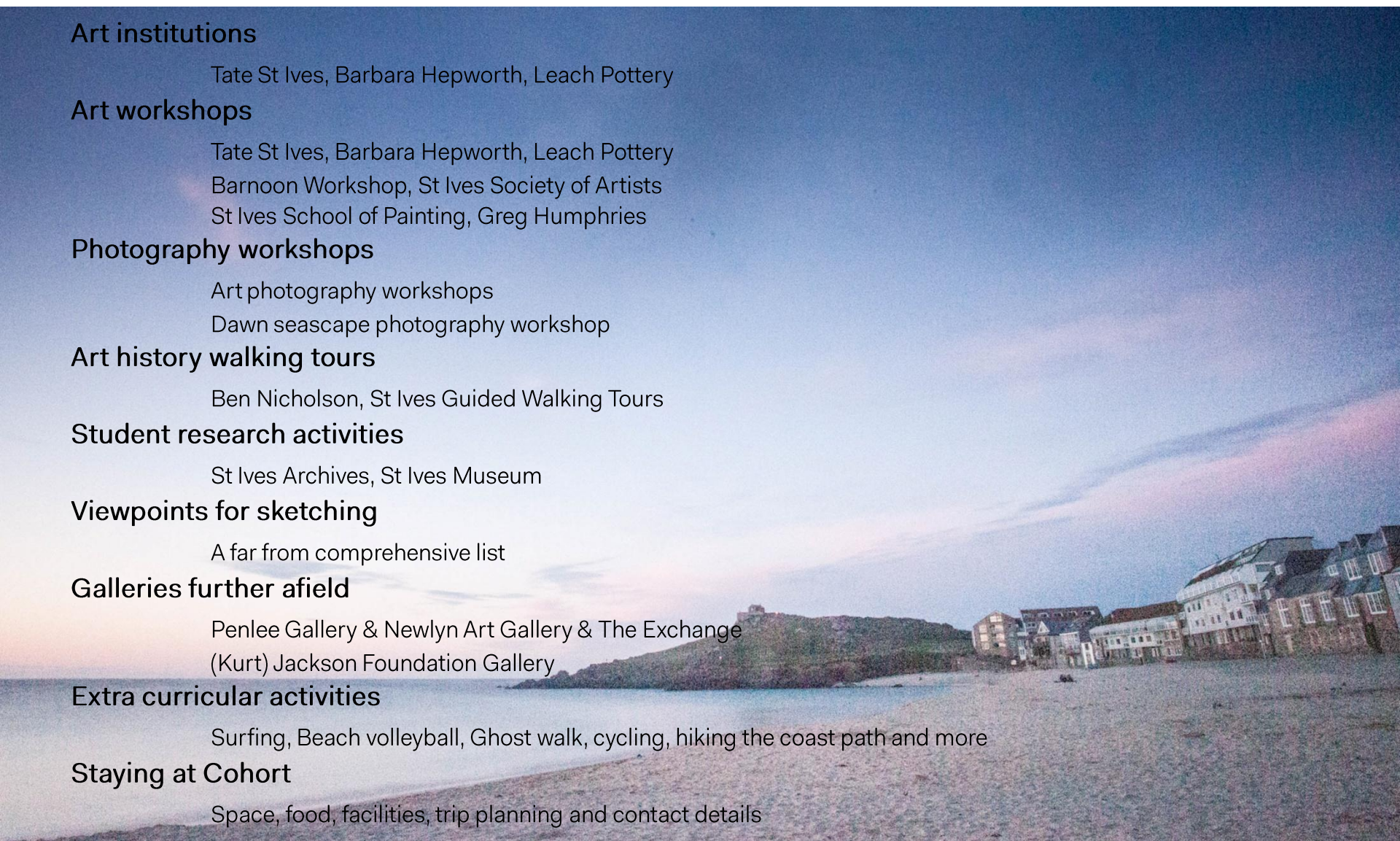
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Art institutions in St Ives



Tate St Ives, Barbara Hepworth & Leach Pottery

- Tate St Ives** The new Tate St Ives is housed in a purpose-built building on the site of an old gas works. In prime position overlooking Porthmeor Beach the Tate houses challenging, contemporary exhibitions, a beautiful café and art shop.
- Barbara Hepworth Museum & Sculpture Garden** Visiting the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Garden in the heart of St Ives offers a remarkable insight into the work and outlook of one of Britain's most important twentieth century artists. Sculptures in bronze, stone and wood are on display in the museum and garden, along with paintings, drawings and archive material.
- The Leach Pottery** Considered by many to be the birthplace of British studio pottery, one of the great figures of 20th century art, Bernard Leach played a crucial pioneering role in creating an identity for artist potters across the world. The restored Leach Pottery site includes a museum, created to celebrate the life, work, influences and legacy of Bernard Leach. Exhibition, gallery and shop spaces provide regular shows throughout the year.

Art workshops in St Ives



Tate, Hepworth & Leach workshops

Tate St Ives & Barbara Hepworth (BHM)

The Tate & BHM run a selection of sessions and workshops for school groups which can be booked in advance of your visit. They offer introductory sessions (30 minutes); guided tours (60 minutes); sketchbook tours (90 minutes) and sculptural practice workshops .

They also offer a huge selection of free online resources for teachers in St Ives including notes on exploring the Barbara Hepworth Museum & Sculpture Garden. You can find all the information you need on their [website](#).

The Leach Pottery

The Leach Pottery offers workshops across all key stages. Their full educational workshop runs for 2 hours (10am – 12pm) and includes a hands-on pottery workshop in their education room. Firing is charged as an optional extra and work can be sent on to your school so you don't have to worry about collecting it within the time frame of your trip.

All workshops can incorporate a specific theme if relevant to your curriculum. More information can be found on their [website](#).

Barnoon Workshop & St Ives Society of Artists

Barnoon Workshop

Barnoon Workshop are a dedicated space for arts & craft activities in the heart of St Ives. The workshops are led by a collective of arts and craft professionals with the aim of inspiring creativity for all ages, through traditional arts and craft skills.

They currently offer a wide variety of workshops from handmade paper making through to environmental beach sculpture and painting based around some of the more well known St Ives artists, e.g. Alfred Wallis, Terry Frost & Patrick Heron. All workshops can be customised and more information can be found on their [website](#).

St Ives Society of Artists

St Ives Society of Artists offer tailor made workshops for schools which can be conducted by any one of their members – all professional artists working with a variety of media and most with a background in education. Their approach is collaborative allowing teachers to dictate themes around particular course(work) requirements. Artists include Tracey Oldham, Ges Wilson, Lee Stevenson (printing) and Ria Polle. See more on their [website](#).

St Ives School of Painting & Greg Humphries

St Ives School of Painting

St Ives School of Painting has been running art classes since 1938. Tutors are practising artists with many years teaching experience. They offer unique and flexible workshops for school and college groups.

From life drawing to landscapes these tailor-made workshops let you decide on your subject, select any mediums or materials you wish to work with and ensure that certain techniques or relevant areas of interest beneficial to your group are covered. See more on their [website](#).

Greg Humphries

Greg Humphries is an artist educator with years of experience teaching outside of the classroom. He will take groups for either a day or half day and ensure that relevant elements of the curriculum are covered. Covering all key stages his workshops include sand sculpture, sketching techniques and creating art from found materials.

He can be contacted on gregh@futuretracks.co.uk.

Photography workshops in St Ives



Art photography workshops

Josie Purcell

Josie Purcell is a local photographic artist specialising in the delivery of participatory photography workshops.

With a passion for nature, she uses alternative and historic photographic processes in the 'outside darkroom' to encourage discussion, learning and a sense of adventure.

Josie has a range of courses available from making the most of your Smartphone camera to creating camera-less photo-art can; however she can also tailor a photography workshop to suit your students and curriculum objectives.

Prices are dependent on the course, timings and materials used and start from £8 per person (based on 15 participants over 2 hours). Josie can be contacted via her [website](#) or on jepurcell@btinternet.com.

Dawn seascape photography workshop

Chris Webber

St Ives is renowned for its unusual quality of light – what better way to capture it than be up at dawn to watch the sunrise.

Chris will pick up students from the hostel just before dawn for a photography workshop they are unlikely to forget – covering some of the most picturesque spots in the area.

During the workshop students will learn about aperture and how to achieve it in their images. Chris will cover shutter speed, ISO, using cameras in manual mode and image composition. By the end of the workshop students will be more confident of using their cameras manually as well as having gained a greater insight into balancing light.

Chris became involved in photography at an early age. After developing his photographic skills and darkroom techniques he went on to take his love of photography professional and loves sharing his passion for dawn shoots.

Contact him via his [website](#) or on chris.webber@me.com.

Art history walking tours



Guided walks & Downloadable tours

Ben Nicholson

Ben Nicholson (1894–1982) was one of the most radical British artists of the twentieth century and has long been recognised as a leading exponent of the modern movement in Britain. Nicholson began his career as a figurative painter and developed a deep and enduring relationship with the English landscape.

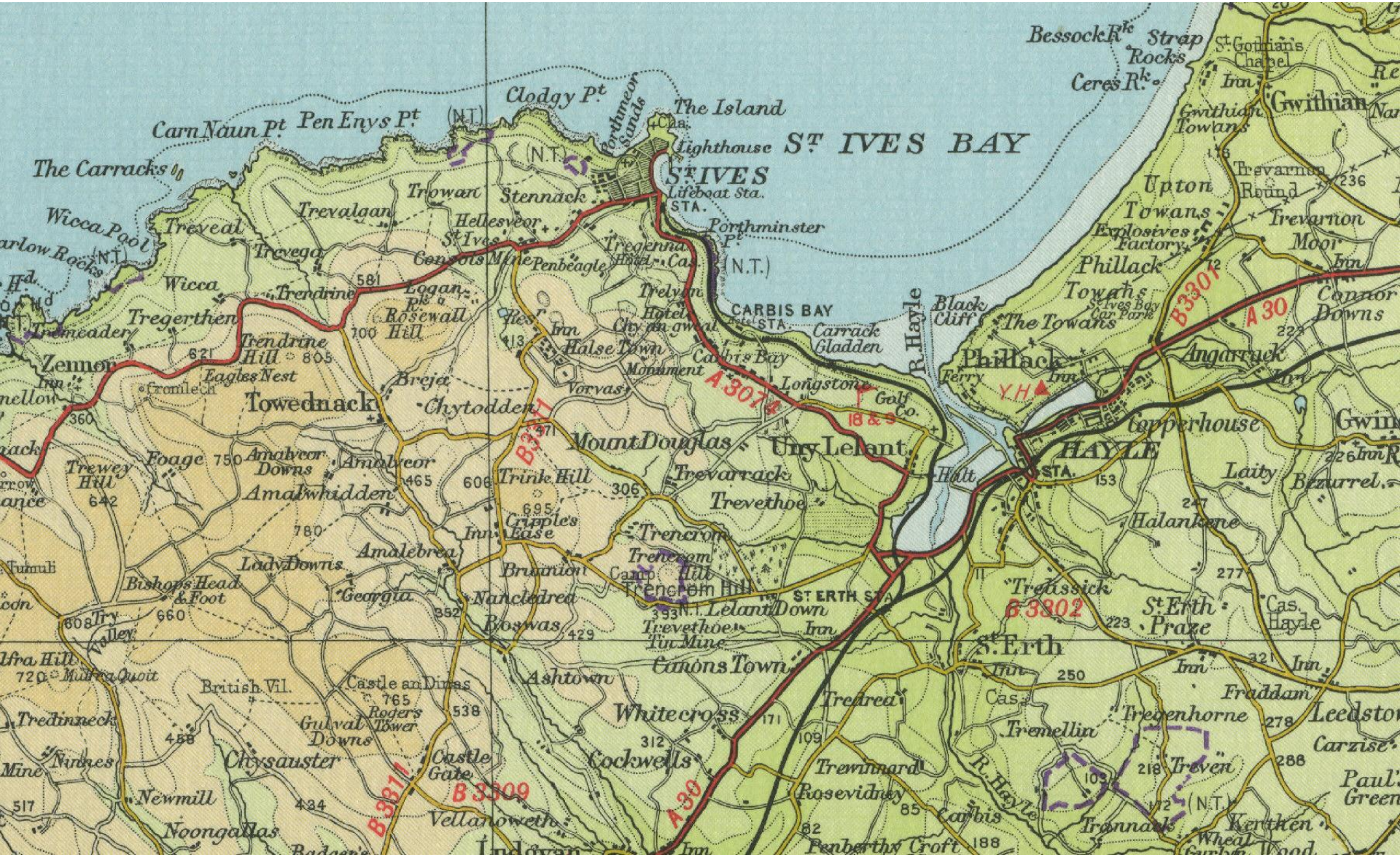
Download the Tate walking tour [here](#) which will take you through St Ives, connecting places and spaces in and around the town to Nicholson, his work and his life.

St Ives Guided Walking Tours

Book a private walking tour of St Ives and gain an insight into the lives of the artists who came to this small remote fishing village during the twentieth century, establishing its reputation as one of the world's foremost centres for modernist art.

The tour will take you to all the notable places of interest around the town and provide an intimate insight into the lives of the artists living and working in this unique colony. Find out more [online](#).

Student research activities



St Ives Archives & St Ives Museum

St Ives Archives

St Ives Archive is a community archive. The Archive holds a wide range of records relating to the history of St Ives and neighbouring parishes, including an extensive collection of photographs.

They will happily accommodate small groups of students looking to research a particular artist or genre. Call in advance to make an appointment, all visits are free and will provide a fascinating insight into the history of St Ives and its communities – past and present.

Contact details can be found on their [website](#).

St Ives Museum

The building at Wheal Dream which now houses the St Ives Museum is a reflection of the history of the town; once a pilchard fishery then a steam laundry then a cinema then a British Sailor's Club it is now eight rooms over two floors containing collections of all facets of the town's history; the original fish curing cellar can still be seen.

View points for sketching



List of viewpoints for sketching & painting

It is a well known fact about St Ives that you only have to **look up** to see a view worth painting as the ocean can be seen from almost everywhere you walk in the town. That said there are some phenomenal vistas and we've compiled a short list of notable viewing points.

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| The Malakoff | Just north of the bus station this area is off the road and has a large number of benches allowing a relatively big group to work safely |
| The Island | All grass area providing a variety of different views looking either into town or out to sea |
| Clodgy Point | About 5 minutes along the SW coast path towards Lands End, views toward Godrevy Lighthouse and Lands End |
| Trenwith Leisure Centre | Right at the top of St Ives this spot provides birds eye views of the town and has the advantage of being right next to a great café. |
| St Ives beaches | Porthminster Beach, Porthmeor Beach, Harbour Beach, Porthgwidden Beach |

Galleries further afield



Penlee & Newlyn Art Galleries

Penlee House Gallery & Museum

Penlee House has a permanent collection of paintings which is actively being developed. Some of the best known works from the renowned Newlyn School include *The Rain it Raineth Every Day* by Norman Garstin, *School is Out* by Elizabeth Forbes, *Among the Missing* by Walter Langley and *On Paul Hill* by Stanhope Forbes.

All school visits to Penlee House are free but must be booked in advance. See more on their [website](#).

Newlyn Art Gallery & The Exchange

Newlyn Art Gallery exists because of a long history of contemporary art making in the far west of Cornwall and has celebrated contemporary art and supported the artists that produce it more than 120 years.

Newlyn Art Gallery & The Exchange present contemporary work in all media by regional, national and international artists, with a supporting programme of events for schools.

See more on their learning programme [here](#).

Jackson Foundation Gallery

Kurt Jackson Foundation

Housed within a massive ex-industrial building in the centre of the thriving former mining town of St Just-in-Penwith, the Foundation was set up by leading contemporary artist Kurt Jackson and his wife Caroline and hosts an annual programme of quality contemporary exhibitions working in partnership with a variety of environmental and non profit organisations.

The Jackson Foundation aims to provide a space, open to one and all, to reflect on our symbiotic relationship with the natural world, and the rewards to be found by taking a step back and looking around; to see the world through Kurt Jackson's eyes.

If you're interested in visiting get in touch with them as they are keen to work with schools and other educational establishments.

Found out more information on their website [here](#).

Extra curricular activities



Give your students a totally unique break

With the ocean and SW coast path on our doorstep there are fabulous opportunities to break up a heavy schedule with some unique activities, we've listed just a few below.

Surfing

St Ives Surf School are one of the best surf schools in the UK, all instructors are DBS checked with lots of experience taking out groups of young people. A 2 hour (beginner) surf session with all equipment included (wetsuits, boards, etc.) will cost around £20/person.

Water sports

St Ives Surf School also offer kayak tours, coasteering (for the adrenalin chasers) and stand up paddleboarding.

Beach volleyball

If you book any of the above St Ives Surf School will lend you all the equipment you need for beach volleyball completely free.

Hiking the SW coast path

The SW coast path is one of the most spectacular walking routes in the UK, from St Ives you can do a gentle 4 miles to Lelant Saltings and get the train back or a more rigorous 6.5 miles to Zennor and jump on the bus back to St Ives.

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Cycling

Lands End Cycle Hire will drop off as many bikes as you need to the hostel and pick them up at the end of the day. Take advantage of the quiet roads and head over towards Lands End by bike. It's a tough but rewarding route.

Boat trips

Take a boat trip from St Ives Harbour out to Seal Island and get up close and personal with the local sea life. Seeing St Ives from the water is also a great photography opportunity.

Horse riding

There are 3 stables within a few miles of St Ives (one within walking distance of the hostel) which offer pony trekking and horse riding for beginner to advanced riders. There is also the opportunity to do horseback archery at the Old Mill Stables in Lelant.

Ghost Walk

Join Shanty Baba on his famous Ghost Walk around the back streets of St Ives, leaving at dusk this highly entertaining and engaging walk will take you down streets you wouldn't know existed and introduce you to the darker side of St Ives history.

Staying at Cohort Hostel



Staying at Cohort

Cohort Hostel was newly renovated in 2015 and resides in a Grade II listed building in the centre of St Ives. We recently won **Gold for Tourism Innovation** at the Cornwall Tourism Awards, **Gold for Best Accommodation** at the British Youth & Travel Awards and were awarded a **Silver Green Tourism award** at the end of 2017.

Plenty of Space for class activities

Our large lounge (pictured on previous page) allows groups plenty of space to conduct seminars, deliver one-on-one tutorials or just hang out to discuss the days' activities.

We also have a small dining room which is a peaceful space students can use during the day and our TV area is perfect for chilling. We also have a big screen and projector for awesome movie nights!

Food at Cohort

We can provide all your food - **breakfast**, **packed lunch** and **evening meals** as well as all the facilities you need to do your own catering.

Alternatively pick and choose from a great selection of options in town including a number of cafes and restaurants who can cater for groups, some offering private dining options.

Staying at Cohort

Ideal facilities

Superfast WiFi through to laundry facilities; cinema screen and projector through to comfortable beds; clean, modern shower & toilet blocks through to a private courtyard; unique dorm rooms and private rooms for teachers through to professional, friendly staff and clear health & safety policies.

Free planning trip

Once a trip is booked we offer a free stay for staff to come down and check us out prior to the visit; it's also a good opportunity to talk to us about any specific requirements you might have.

Kitchen



Dorms



Bathroom



Staying at Cohort: You're in good hands



GOLD



Tourism
Excellence
Awards
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Cohort Hostel



We would love to work with you to organise a fabulous trip so do get in touch if you have any questions or think we can help.

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