

An Art Lovers Tour of St Ives

Cameras at the ready!

Start your trip in the Cornish village of Lelant, where you can board the branch line train to St Ives – perhaps the most picturesque rail journey in the British Isles.





Tate St Ives

St Ives' place in art history is most commonly identified with painters and sculptors working in the modernist tradition. Modernism became "de rigueur" in St Ives during the Second World War when Barbara Hepworth settled here, attracting a circle of other like-minded artists. Since then, the opening of the Tate in 1993 has drawn some 240,000 visitors to view the innovative, contemporary art and soak up the unique cultural atmosphere of this seaside town.



The Barbara Hepworth Museum

Visiting the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Garden is a unique experience, offering a remarkable insight into the life and work 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. She lived and worked in Trewyn studios, now the Hepworth Museum, from 1949 until her death in 1975. The Studio and much of her works remaining there were given to the nation and placed in the care of the Tate Gallery in 1980.

Lunch with a view

After all that culture one might have developed an appetite and there is no better place to rest and refresh than a beachfront cafe with a chilled glass of wine or a good old cup of English tea. The Tate and the Barbara Hepworth Museum are both close to the sea so it would be no more than a gentle stroll to the beach and it's plethora of eateries.





Afternoon at leisure

St Ives has so much to offer and one can easily find oneself quickly immersed in the artistic atmosphere. Discover cobbled streets full of history, legend and tradition, lined with galleries, artists at work and craft shops. One afternoon might not be quite enough.



Transportation to and from Lelant can be arranged with The Nare's chauffeur car and driver. Alternatively driving directions and tips for the journey can be provided. Additionally if a picnic on the beach is more your style, Chef Brett Camborne-Paynter can whip up a delightful hamper with just a little notice.

