

The Cornish Peninsula
Autumn Migration & Eden Project
“Birding in Comfort & Style”

Oct. 6-10

The Habitat? Wild, rocky cliffs & headlands, estuaries & marshes, beautiful sheltered valleys, sweeping bays, surf and golden sands – and a highly inventive, world famous global garden – Cornwall beckons!

The birds & itinerary? Searching out autumn migrant seabirds, waders, raptors & passerines including unusual species from both Asia & North America. All the classic birding “hotspots” will be visited including Marazion Marsh, Hayle Estuary, Porthgwarra, Land’s End, The Lizard, Cot Valley, Pendeen & Nanquidno. With SW/NW winds sea-watching can be very productive with Gannets, Guillemots, Kittiwakes & Fulmars moving offshore along with skuas & shearwaters, often accompanied by Sabine’s Gull, Leach’s Petrel & Grey Phalarope. Transatlantic vagrants are annually recorded on the peninsula such as White-rumped Sandpiper or Red-eyed Vireo. When high pressure prevails winter thrushes inc. Redwing, Fieldfare & Ring Ouzel arrive from Scandinavia and Asia, along with warblers, pipits, larks, buntings & finches, especially Brambling & Siskin. Each autumn Firecrest, Red-breasted Flycatcher & Yellow-browed Warbler are regularly recorded, along with possible Tawny or Richard’s Pipits, Dusky or Radde’s Warblers, Lesser Yellowlegs or Spotted Sandpiper. Commoner migrants should include Water Rail, Golden Plover, Grey Wagtail, Black Redstart & Northern Wheatear, together with resident Little Egret, Peregrine, Buzzard, Rock Pipit, Cetti’s Warbler and possibly even Chough. With a day’s excursion visiting the excellent Eden Project with it’s superb Rainforest and Mediterranean Biomes. A thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing Tour.

The Accommodation? 4 nights based at the delightfully tasteful *Mount Haven Hotel*, Marazion overlooking St Michael’s Mount, with an enviable reputation for offering excellent local cuisine and personal, attentive service. Just super!

Cost: £775 [s/s £85]

Deposit: £200

B/L due: Aug. 6

Included in the cost: 4 nts. dinner, bed & b/fast at the *Mount Haven Hotel*, entrance to Eden Project, all transportation & full guidance throughout.

Not included in the cost: Travel insurance, lunches, drinks, gratuities & items of a personal nature. [NB: Since only small distances are involved and with limited space in the vehicle, guests may be requested to assist in driving on a rota basis].