

Hotel Tresanton

Hotel Tresanton opened in the summer of 1998 and was an immediate success. It was the first hotel of its kind in Cornwall. Tresanton was bought and designed by Olga Polizzi and its originality lies in the chic and understated decorative style she used while staying true to its location.

The hotel is a cluster of five houses on the edge of St Mawes, one of the prettiest fishing villages in Cornwall. It was originally created as a yachtsmen's club, and all rooms have stunning views across the sea towards St Anthony's lighthouse. Olga Polizzi spent two years redesigning all 30 bedrooms with antiques and Cornish art, the bathrooms and restaurant have tongue and groove walls and mosaic floors.

In the last ten years Cornwall has established itself as the best dining scene outside of London. Aside from a constellation of Michelin starred chefs there are also surprises like The Hidden Hut on Porthcurnick beach making quite a name for itself. Our restaurant at Tresanton specialises in fresh fish prepared simply. Lunch might be a crab and dandelion salad or a wild garlic soup, followed by a whole Dover sole and homemade ice cream and sorbet.

Pinuccia, our magnificent 8 metre classic yacht, was built in 1939 to race for Italy. She is the most beautiful boat in St Mawes. From Easter to the end of September our skipper can take you sailing around Falmouth Bay searching for empty, unspoilt beaches in one of the safest sailing areas of Britain.

Past St Mawes castle there is a delightful stroll to the 14th Century church of St Just-in-Roseland, which John Betjeman called 'to some the most beautiful churchyard on earth'. A regular ferry during the summer months will take you to the other side of the harbour where there are longer walks past the lighthouse, and there are miles and miles of coastal footpath to hike.

The particular light of Cornwall has always inspired artists; Work from the St Ives and Newlyn colony are exhibited at the Tate Gallery. Adjacent, Barbara Hepworth's studio is preserved exactly how she left it in 1975. Also in Penwith, The Minack Theatre is carved into the cliffs above Porthcurno.

The great gardens of Trelissick and Caerhays are very close and are known for their magnolias, azaleas and rhododendrons, which are at their best in March and April. Trewithen and The Lost Gardens of Heligan, Glendurgan and Trebah are a short drive away.

The elegant surroundings of Tresanton make the perfect base for walking, sailing, eating well and exploring Cornwall.

Our sister hotel Endsleigh in Devon is set in 100 acres of gardens created by Humphry Repton the last great English landscape designer of the eighteenth century. Endsleigh is now one of the best rural retreats in the country and well worth a visit en route to Tresanton.



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Key facts

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- Opened 1998
- 5 hour by car or 4 hours
by train from London
- 30 rooms and suites
- From £210 per night in
Winter, from £270 per
night in Summer
- Three family suites
- All rooms have sea views,
many have terraces
- Dogs welcome
- 60 cover restaurant
- 120 cover terrace
- Bar and dogs' bar
- Sitting room
- Cinema
- Playroom/garden
- 8 metre classic private
yacht designed by
Baglietto, Varazze
- Hotel and fashion
boutique in the village

Olga Polizzi

Olga Polizzi is the eldest daughter of the late Lord Forte, arguably the world's best-known hotelier. She is the Deputy Chairman and Director of Design at Rocco Forte Hotels, a company she created with her brother Rocco Forte, which owns hotels worldwide including Brown's in London and the Hotel de Russie in Rome.

Olga is married to the author William Shawcross. She has two daughters, Charlie who owns and runs Onda, a boutique in St Mawes, and Alex who is Channel 5's Hotel Inspector.