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[00:00:00.520] - Tracy

Hi, and welcome to Episode 44 of the UK Travel Podcast. In this week's episode, Doug and I are going to chat about our road trip around Cornwall, which we took in July 2022. So if you are planning a road trip around the beautiful English County of Cornwall, this is the episode to listen to. We're going to talk about our road trip itinerary with destination information, some travel tips and more, which will help you to plan your own perfect trip to Cornwall. Obviously, there's so much to see and do in Cornwall, isn't there, Doug?

[00:00:32.260] - Doug

It was. It was more of a question of what things to leave out as much as it was what to include.

[00:00:38.520] - Tracy

Absolutely. I will stress that if you are planning to visit Cornwall, think about booking tickets, checking tides, making reservations, and really planning ahead of time so that you make the best of your road trip around Cornwall, specifically and especially if you are visiting during the busy summer season, which is when the weather is just gorgeous. It was lovely last year. We had a wonderful time. But really, anytime in the year Cornwall is busy and it's popular. But obviously, over the summer months, a lot of Brits will travel down from London and from England, further down from Scotland, from all over the place.

[00:01:15.500] - Doug

From everywhere.

[00:01:16.160] - Tracy

Down the Cornwall. So it's worth remembering. Obviously, we visited in the summer, so we had the long, long hours of daylight, didn't we? Which was great. We did.

[00:01:26.150] - Doug

Then we had the issue of where are we going to base ourselves. We'll come to that in a minute.

[00:01:31.010] - Tracy

Yeah. So we'll start off with basically just we'll talk through each of the different places we visited. This is a seven day road trip itinerary for Cornwall. We're going to just, I guess, go into some a little bit of details on some places, but you can get the full itinerary on the website. So uktravelplanning.com. So if you're planning a road trip around Cornwall, you can get the full itinerary, including travel distances, times, all the nitty gritty will be in that actual article and on the show notes for this episode, which will be uktravelplanning.com/episode-44. But anyway, can I talk about the trip.

[00:02:11.420] - Doug

Okay, so we started in Exeter, which is in Devon. That's a good stop. We went by train from Salisbury to Exeter. The main reason we started there was I wanted to do a train line which is just reopened from Crediton to Oakhampton in North Devon. So that's why we started there.

[00:02:33.080] - Tracy

And we also ended, didn't we? We also ended in Devon.

[00:02:35.760] - Doug

Well, we planned to end in Exeter, didn't we? Yeah. Again, I'll come to that as well later.

[00:02:43.030] - Tracy

Yes, because we did another train trip as well, didn't we, in South Devon? But anyway, okay. So if you are thinking about the road trip, but you're a little bit worried about driving on the roads in Cornwall, there are obvious options of being able to get yourself down to Cornwall and then taking a private driver guided tour. So there is a link to a podcast episode that we did with Doug from Meneage Tours, which I will also link to. So if you're a little bit concerned about doing the driving down there, that is something worth considering.

[00:03:14.280] - Doug

Most definitely. So we picked the car up in Exeter in the morning and then we headed to North Devon initially to a place called?

[00:03:23.040] - Tracy

Clovelly.

[00:03:24.500] - Doug

And this is a beautiful little coastal village. But on the way to Clovelly, we actually stopped off at a little dairy shop. We stumbled on this. We didn't know it was.

[00:03:35.680] - Tracy

There, did we? No, we didn't. We're driving in these little country lanes because that's what you're going to find in Devon and Cornwall. And we saw this like a it wasn't a hut but it had sign for milk and milk shakes. So being a total milk shake freak, we had to stop there. And basically you went and it was all automated. You put your money in and you could make a milk shake to take away. So it was fantastic. Or just buy your milk. You could buy milk as well.

[00:04:04.000] - Doug

We could see the cows actually just a few hundred yards in front of us. So the ladies were nearby.

[00:04:09.810] - Tracy

So that was our first lovely experience of something really different. But do that. I will put some photos of that because I can imagine people thinking, what did that look like?

[00:04:18.080] - Doug

We only found that because the sat nav had sent us off the main road.

[00:04:21.600] - Tracy

Yeah, that's right. Yeah, absolutely. But we did eventually get to Clovelly after we had our raspberry milk shake. I think we settled on in the end. So Clovelly is a absolutely stunning little village which is on the side of a hillside on the Coast. It really is picture postcard. And absolutely worth a visit. It's privately owned, doesn't allow any vehicle transport through its steep, cobbled streets. And you'll see why, because it's very steep. So you have to actually pay for entrance to the village, which last year, well, no, February 2023, because we checked the price, was £8.50 for an adult. It's really important if you're going to Cavally to wear comfortable shoes because the path is steep, cobbled, and it can be a little bit slippery when you're walking. And you will see as you're walking down the hill, there's all these sledges, which is what people use to bring their shopping up to their cottages.

[00:05:21.350] - Doug

It's definitely worth seeing. The one thing to note with that little village is if you want someone to eat and drink, there's a nice pub at the bottom. There's little museums to see the famous author Charles Kingsley wrote his famous book there, The Water Babies.

[00:05:39.260] - Tracy

The pub at the bottom is called the Snug and Harbour, so you can have a drink and some lunch. Then there is a Land Rover which operates to take you back up the steep hill. Because if you're anything like us, you won't want to walk back up it, because we didn't.

[00:05:50.800] - Doug

No, we didn't. We're not going to mention any of the times and distances because that's on the website.

[00:05:56.070] - Tracy

Yeah, absolutely. So after Clovelly, we went to?

[00:06:00.030] - Doug

Tintagel. So we'd drive on the North Devon Coast down into Cornwall. And it's just a leisurely drive. Some of it is against the coastline, some of it is not.

[00:06:10.820] - Tracy

And then it was a park and display car park. We parked in it, Tintagel. So we did have some cash for that. We were then July, so the car parks are busy, but we did find quieter a car park through the village. So if you're going to visit Tintagel Castle, obviously it's very famous associated with King Arthur and Merlin's Cave is there as well. So again, it's a bit of a steep hill in places, so make sure that you're wearing good footwear. And also there's a transport service to get you back up the hill again, which is brilliant. I'm so glad they had that because I think there's no way I would have wanted to walk up both of those from Tintagel or Clovelly.

[00:06:48.340] - Doug

And it was hot as well.

[00:06:49.710] - Tracy

Yeah, it was.

[00:06:50.600] - Doug

So after that, we decided we're going to head to our accommodation. And for this, we chose a shepherd's hat. Neither of us had stayed in one before. So it was something a little bit different. And this was on Bodmin Moor.

[00:07:04.030] - Tracy

Yeah. So again, I'll put a link to it, which is where we based ourselves for our entire week in Cornwall. Just made sense for us to do it that way because we were doing visits to North Cornwall and Southern Cornwall and just based ourselves in the middle.

[00:07:20.850] - Doug

Seen like a best fit for us.

[00:07:21.810] - Tracy

Yeah. And it did work really well, actually. And Bodmin Moor was absolutely fantastic. The wild horses, just the wild ponies that live on Bodmin Moor was fabulous.

[00:07:31.120] - Doug

And the sunrises and sunsets were stunning.

[00:07:34.590] - Tracy

Yeah. So that was day one. So then on day two, I'll just give you a quick overview of what we did. Day two, we went from the shepherd's hut on Bodmin Moor to St. Michael's Mount, to Mousehole to Porthcurno, which is where you'll find the Minack Theatre. And then we went to Land's End, and then to St Ives. And that was our day. So we managed to fit all of that in the day. Remember, again, it's summer, so it was light mornings and it was late into the evening as well. So you could get a whole day out.

[00:08:06.540] - Doug

So we set out early, didn't we, to Penzance, where St. Michael's Mount is, because we had to check the tides of the Bay there, because if you wanted to walk across, obviously, you need the causeway to

be clear.

[00:08:20.650] - Tracy

Yeah. So you go to Marazion in West Cornwall for St. Michael's Mount and you will actually see that from the stand on the beach, and you can see St. Michael's Mount. So depending on how you time it, you can take... Which is what we did, we took a boat over, and then by the time we wanted to come back, the causeway was free and we could walk over the causeway. But I must stress, you absolutely have to check the tides and also what's open at certain times of year, because I know we absolutely love the garden, but I believe that shut from October onwards. So you have to check these things. And we did need cash again to pay for that pay and display car park at St. Michael's Mount. Give yourself a few hours to enjoy the castle and the gardens. To be honest, I just loved the gardens. They were just stunning, absolutely stunning. And then you walked up the castle.

[00:09:16.500] - Doug

Didn't you? Yes, I had a walk around the castle and that's pretty steep as well to walk up and through there. It's not much more than I can say. It's a beautiful old historic house.

[00:09:27.220] - Tracy

And you took some lovely photos of Marazion. And so I put those in the show notes as well. I was a bit lazy and just sat on the grass after the garage, after the garden and just enjoyed the views. It was lovely. So after that, after St Michael's Mount, we went off to... Our intention was to go and park at Mousehole, but that didn't work out, did it?

[00:09:47.300] - Doug

Yeah, it was Mouse-Hole, pronounced Mausole. It was just so busy. It's a one way traffic system through there and there's only a few car parks and we couldn't park. And that was that was just that. We couldn't.

[00:10:02.090] - Tracy

Yeah, we couldn't. I mean, there's very narrow streets. You've got beautiful village cottages and fishing village cottages. And it is a lovely place to drive through. And it would have been nice to park. But again, we struggle with that. So we're headed past Mousehole to Porthcurno, which I have some photos of the beach called Porthcurno Beach. And you would not think it was taken in the UK. It was just the most beautiful beach. Golden sand. Yeah, golden sand, beautiful blue seas. And you also have the Minack Theatre there, which is a open air theatre, which is built into the granite cliffs, which again, if we arrived and there was actually a production on when we didn't have tickets, we could get parked, but all the tickets have been sold out. They do sell out in advance. So if you want to go to the Minack Theatre, which I'd highly recommend, I think we did feel we'd missed out about that. You need to check the programme for live performance dates and get that booked. But you can park and walk down the cliffs down onto the beach, which you did. Again, I was a bit lazy and didn't. I just took nice photographs from there. Then I would probably spent an hour or so just wandering around there because it was so pretty. And then we went on to Land's End. Now, we had been to John O'Groats, so for us, it was natural on that trip last year that we wanted to go to the Land's End. So we did that whole end to end to the UK.

[00:11:33.080] - Doug

And John O'Groats is the top end, the tip of Scotland.

[00:11:35.770] - Tracy

Yeah, and far North Scotland. So I don't know what to say about the Land's End. It has become quite commercialised. So I think this is the opinions about it. You can have your photograph taken at the signpost, which gives a distance to where you come from on the globe. And it is a very popular... It's a very popular people to do that whole end to end from John O'Grotes Land's End. We did actually have a very nice Cornish pasty there.

[00:12:05.740] - Doug

Oh, we did. And the truth, we actually had two.

[00:12:09.390] - Tracy

Yes, we did. Well, I did. We did an ice cream. So it's nice. But it is nice. But it's become a little bit more commercialised. You actually have to pay the park to get in.

[00:12:19.510] - Doug

It was a very big car park there even in the summer with plenty of space.

[00:12:26.140] - Tracy

Absolutely. The next thing we did that day was we drove to St Ives. It was late afternoon by that point and we drove the coastal B 3306 road to St Ives to have a bit of a leisurely drive, really.

[00:12:40.230] - Doug

We planned that because on that North Cornwall coastline, you've got, throw back to the Cornish tin mine, the tin mine's history. So there's two particular ones.

[00:12:49.510] - Doug

There's the Levant mine and Beam Engine, and that's owned by the National Trust. And then there's the Geevor Tin mine, which is privately owned. They are guided tours only, and you need to check the opening times for those because they only open a few days a week. Monday and Wednesday for the Levant, and Sunday to Thursday for the Geevor. We drove straight past it this time because we were not going to have enough time. We did not programme that in. On the website, when we've written about this, we've given you the two different options, but you just need to include the time for that in your schedule.

[00:13:27.990] - Tracy

Absolutely. And people might recognise the Levant mine from the BBC series Poldark because it doubles up as a mill in the series. So you'll see it now. We went to St Ives. This was not the only time that we were away that week that we went to St Ives. And actually, we couldn't get parked. Again, July, extremely busy. And I was saying that we did get parked, but we did not have any cash for parking. So that was something that we had, we learned from that trip, I around Cornwall, to have some cash with you. Some of the machines as well worked via an app which we struggled to use and we just couldn't get any change for the actual parking metre. So we decided that day to abandon St Ives that day and add it into the schedule later on in the week, which turned out to be actually the best way to do it.

[00:14:22.060] - Doug

Yeah, it made me a good point to say because we planned this trip very well, but we also left flexibility in there for the change in the plans, didn't we?

[00:14:32.390] - Tracy

Yeah, we did.

[00:14:32.950] - Doug

We made a conscious effort to do that.

[00:14:34.590] - Tracy

So after St Ives, we drove back to Shepherd's hut for the evening and then on to day three. So day three, we went from the Shepherd's hut and Bodmin Moor to the Lost Gardens of Heligan, Looe, and we went to Jamaica Inn. So that was our itinerary for day three. So we booked the Lost Gardens of Haligan quite a long way in advance. I'd recommend that if you want to go, that you do that. They are 19th century Victorian restored gardens set in 200 acres, and they are absolutely stunning. The whole story around the Lost Gardens of Haligan as well. I'm not going to share that with you because you need to have it read on our website. And actually, if you like gardens, absolutely, you need to go and visit the Lost Gardens of Haligan because they're really stunning.

[00:15:20.080] - Doug

Some of the features of the gardens, we will tell you, is the giant's head, the mud maid, the grey lady,

and then woodlands walk. Won't tell you any more than that. You need to go and visit.

[00:15:31.320] - Tracy

Yeah, absolutely. And then there are photographs on our Instagram channel as well, UK Travel Planning. So you can find some photos on there. There are other things that you can do in that area as well. It's not too far from the Eden Project. You got Mevagissey the Bay around there. So you have got some options, but I would highly recommend the Lost Gardens of Heligan. It's a long time since I've been in the Eden Project. I think I went first when it first opened, so a long time ago.

[00:15:59.350] - Doug

And then after we've been there, we decided we wanted a bit of a seaside trip.

[00:16:04.790] - Tracy

We did, yes.

[00:16:06.060] - Doug

So what we decided to do, we went to Liskeard train station. There's two parts of Liskgard train station. One is for the main line and one is for the branch line down to the little fishing village of Looe.

[00:16:18.220] - Tracy

Yes, and that's spelled LOOE, not L00.

[00:16:22.050] - Doug

That's right. It's a very picturesque little train line, picturesque little village. And we did the very typically British thing. We sat there and had ice creams on the pier.

[00:16:34.450] - Tracy

Yes, we did. Just be careful with the seagulls. I will say that because the seagulls in any part, really any coastline in the UK and Cornwall, they're huge. And they will try and take the food out of your hands. Chips or fish or hot dog or ice cream. They'll go for anything. They don't really care.

[00:16:52.010] - Doug

That's another picturesque postcard type village. It's a Victorian village.

[00:16:58.120] - Tracy

So is Looe the village that is the site of the new BBC series? That's right, Beyond Paradise.

[00:17:06.250] - Doug

That's filmed in Looe. Yeah.

[00:17:07.900] - Tracy

So if anybody watches that new series, what's it called again?

[00:17:11.050] - Doug

Beyond Paradise.

[00:17:12.410] - Tracy

Beyond Paradise. So that's a spin off from the Death and Paradise? Death and Paradise. Yes. Tv series. So yeah, we did explore the Harbour and the Pier and just it was really lovely, wasn't it?

[00:17:27.730] - Doug

It's called the Banjo Pier.

[00:17:29.060] - Tracy

Banjo Pier. Okay. We did that. After that, we drove, we got the train back. Back to the...

[00:17:37.160] - Doug

Because it's very important when you're thinking of using some of these little small branch lines that you check in the train times back so you can actually get back to the car.

[00:17:46.330] - Tracy

Yeah. After we did get back to the car, we drove to Jamaica Inn, which is famous from the 1936 book by Daphne du Maurier. The inn dates back to 1750. It was a coaching inn at that point. We actually had dinner and a drink there, didn't we?

[00:18:07.200] - Doug

We did. It's favored by smugglers then, not now.

[00:18:10.080] - Tracy

Yes. I've got a picture of Doug in the stocks there because it's actually stocks at Jamaica Inn. There's also a museum there as well that you can pop in and find out a little bit more of the history and the smugglers and everything that was going on in Cornwall.

[00:18:22.320] - Doug

And that Jamaica Inn is actually on the edge of Bodmin Moor as well, close to where we're staying.

[00:18:27.420] - Tracy

That was a very easy drive back across the moor, passed again. We just saw the wild ponies all the time, didn't we? Oh, did we? Yeah.

[00:18:35.100] - Doug

Do you remember when we just drove really carefully around the moor? But we just turned this corner and there was a whole bunch of them right in the middle of the road in front of us.

[00:18:42.510] - Tracy

Yeah. So we just slowed down. But it was lovely to see them. And there was sheep wandering around and cows wandering around and horses and the ponies. Yeah, just lovely. And again, the sunsets and sunrises on Bodmin Moor were pretty amazing. I think it's pretty good. I don't know if it's classed as dark skies, but it might be. I need to check that. But it was absolutely stunning. So day 4, we went to St Ives. So we decided we were going to have the whole day in St Ives. But instead of driving, we did what we'd highly recommend anybody does, which is...

[00:19:13.650] - Doug

We took the train. Yes. Which is not unusual for me. If there's a train option there, I do try and look at it, don't I? Yeah, absolutely. But on the website in the article, we put two options down. One is to drive and one is to catch the train.

[00:19:27.380] - Tracy

Yeah. But we went from St Austell to St. Isles by train. So how do you do that again? Because you have to change trains.

[00:19:34.580] - Doug

Yeah. Just outside St Ives, there's another little place called St. Erth. And you can either park your car there and catch the train to St Ives, which is a good idea from what we've already said about the parking. But we caught the train from St Austell, St Erth and then the little branch line to St Ives.

[00:19:52.950] - Tracy

And it's a really scenic little train ride that as well because you see Carbis Bay as you come around. It's really pretty. Really pretty.

[00:20:01.380] - Doug

Another steep hill.

[00:20:02.200] - Tracy

Yes, it's steep. If you get off of Carbis Bay, you're going to go down to the hotel there. It's pretty steep. But yeah, you sit on the right hand side in the direction of travel when you're going from the train from St. Erth to St. Ives and you just get stunning views. It is. It's absolutely stunning views. Then there's plenty of things to do in St Ives. I've got an entire article. I've got a travel guide for St Ives. I've got 10 things to do in St Ives. You've got fantastic fish and chips there at the Harbour Fish & Chip Shop. You can go to the different beaches.

[00:20:29.730] - Doug

In fact, we said they were the best fish and chips we had on the trip.

[00:20:32.990] - Tracy

Yeah, we did. We really enjoyed them. There's the Tate St Ives. There's the Barbara Hepworth Museum and sculpture garden. But just St Ives, just wandering around is beautiful. The whitewashed different cottages and the nicely coloured doors. I took some beautiful photos. Some of my favourite photos from St Ives last year. And again, you've got a choice. Beautiful beaches in that area. So we spent the entire day there and then took the train back to Bodmin Moor where we parked the car at St. Austell. So the next day we decided, as fans of Doc Martin, that we would need to go to Port Isaac. So we went to Port Isaac and then on to Padstow.

[00:21:16.950] - Doug

So it wasn't a long drive, about 45, 50 minutes from Bodmin Moor to Port Isaac. Now, what we decided to do, we do this from past visits, we parked at the top of the hill at Port Isaac. There's several car parks there and you can walk down the main street or you can walk down the steps overlooking the Bay.

[00:21:38.450] - Tracy

And you'll recognise all the different... The school and the chemist shop and it's just fabulous recognising all the places. So if you're a Doc Martin fan, there are also tours as well that you can book around Port Isaac. But yeah, give yourself maybe, I would say, maybe an hour and a half, two hours to explore, really. And then after that, we went to Padstow because it's really because of fans, I suppose, of Rick Stein. And he owns a restaurant in Padstow. So we decided we wanted to try some of the fish and chips at the Rick Stein's restaurant there, which we did, which were very nice. We sat and enjoyed those. No complaints.

[00:22:21.410] - Doug

Those are Rick Steins, the TV chef in the UK.

[00:22:27.480] - Tracy

And then that was a really nice day. And then then we went to day six. So the next day we went to Paignton and Dartmouth.

[00:22:36.980] - Doug

Yeah. So I wanted to do the Dartmouth steam train, which is one I've always wanted to do, but I've never actually got around to it.

[00:22:46.630] - Tracy

So we actually left Cornwall. I have to just stress on day six of this, we actually went to South Devon to take the steam train. But I was pleasantly surprised because I had never visited Dartmouth before and I was a bit like, it was gorgeous. Absolutely gorgeous. And being able to take the train and then catch in the little ferry across, it was magical. It was fantastic.

[00:23:11.370] - Doug

It was. You've got various options as to how far, how many steam trains you do or if you do a river cruise as well. We did what was basically called the steam train option. But unfortunately, because it was the middle of the summer and it was very hot, hot and dry. It was not safe for me to put a steam train on it, unfortunately. So it was a diesel locomotive.

[00:23:37.040] - Tracy

Yeah, but it was amazing. I thought Dartmouth was so pretty. And it's from Dartmouth that the Pilgrim Fathers departed for the New World in 1620. So historically, very important. But yes, if you can definitely include Dartmouth into your itinerary. And then we drove back to it wasn't too far. I mean, 65 miles, 91 kilometres from when we actually went through Dartmoor National Park. So it was a slightly longer route.

[00:24:08.330] - Tracy

Yeah, just to get the views of that. And then that was the next day was our last day, and we headed from... We were really sad to say goodbye to our shepherd's hut because we absolutely loved it. Somewhere I would highly recommend staying. It was so much fun and different. A bit like the Glamping Pod we stayed at in far north Scotland. It was just nice to have different experiences of accommodation. So the next day, we drove back to Exeter.

[00:24:34.980] - Doug

With an intention of dropping off the car. However...

[00:24:39.540] - Tracy

That didn't happen because it turned out that next day was going to be the hottest day of the summer last year. So it ended up being 42 degrees, which I think is about 107 degrees Fahrenheit, so hot that we had planned to meet my mum at Highclere Castle. And unfortunately, Downtown Abbey, as you may know, unfortunately, it was too hot for her, so we couldn't meet them. So we decided instead of taking the train, we'd actually drive the car up to Highclere. But that's for another whole other episode to talk about that. But I have to say it was amazing. And actually sitting there and playing the Downtown Abbey music was just so much fun. Yeah. So that's our itinerary for seven days in Cornwall. I'm trying to think of any tips that we would share.

[00:25:32.010] - Doug

The one mainly just reinforce what I said earlier, we did plan each day, but we didn't over plan and we didn't over pack the days. Yeah, that's true. Because even though I've looked on the AA for the route planner for the time, the distance between places, obviously that does not include if you want to stop off and take pictures, if you want to stop off and just have a look around, or you can't park the car, to which case your plans are changed. We have that flexibility in there, didn't we?

[00:26:03.390] - Tracy

Yeah, we did.

[00:26:03.920] - Doug

Even though there was lots of traffic, we weren't stressed and it was very relaxed, wasn't it?

[00:26:09.670] - Tracy

It was really good. So I think I'd say a few tips is allow plenty of time to park because sometimes you might not get parked. That's just the reality, especially in the summer. Carry some change for parking metres. They're not all except cash, but you just need to have that option. Again, just talking about driving. I did no driving in Cornwall. Doug did all the driving. I did drive when I took my daughter down there when she was five and drove the entire time. But roads are narrow, single file, and you can get livestock on the roads. High hedges, so you can't actually see what's coming around the corner. So you have to be really careful. I'd recommend if you are not used to driving in the UK that you look at our episode or listen to our episode about Tripiamo which I think is episode 11, which is a way to prepare yourself for driving in the UK. It's resources. We had a medium SUV, don't get a huge car. You don't want to be driving a huge car around those roads in Cornwall, that's for sure. Another thing that's worth considering as well, if you're going in high season is to book meals, even at pubs, especially for evenings at weekends, because we did struggle a little bit so it is worth considering it. In terms of tickets before we arrived, we bought the tickets for the steam railway, we bought the tickets for St Michael's Mount and for the Lost Garden. So we knew we were definitely going to do those on those days. So that was worth it.

[00:27:35.560] - Doug

We didn't book the boat across the St Michael's until a week before, did we?

[00:27:40.150] - Tracy

I think we checked the tides and we were debating about what day to do it. But we did get the boat, but we did manage to get the boat booked. But I probably wouldn't recommend leaving it as late if you were planning a visit.

[00:27:52.680] - Doug

Another little tip, as you heard from what we did, just to break up the drive and if you can incorporate a little bit of a train trip, it does make a big difference as well because it's fun. Places like St Ives, we'd already found out it's not so the easiest place to park. The train from St. Erth to St. Ives is a matter of minutes. It's not far, and there's big car park in St. Erth. It's far easier to do that.

[00:28:16.010] - Tracy

It's actually just less stressful. I think that's it. I think that's given everybody a round up of our seven day Cornwall road trip itinerary. There's lots of resources on the website about Cornwall Travel Guide, where to stay in Cornwall, things to see and do in Cornwall, more information about St Ives. There's lots of photographs on the website which will illustrate all the different places we mentioned. And obviously, this actual full itinerary is written up and available on the website. So you can find those at uktravelplanning.com But the show notes for this episode are uktravelplanning.com/episode-44. So I think that's a wrap for this week. So I guess that leaves us both to say until next week, happy UK travel planning.