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The Nare, Cornwall's five star country house hotel, is considered by many to be the most comfortable hotel in the West Country.



I am particularly proud to introduce you to The Nare which has been in our family's ownership for over 30 years. Acquired by my grandmother, Bettye Gray, The Nare continues a century long family tradition of running hotels. Determined to provide luxury and elegance hitherto unknown in the South West she set about upgrading The Nare to become what it is today, a comfortable country house for discerning guests. We continue to improve the luxurious style, yet are careful not to spoil the quintessential English quality and charm. Long-term caring staff give unobtrusive traditional service, where guests' comfort really does come first. With your first glimpse of the bay as you wind your way to this unspoilt, quiet corner of Cornwall I do hope you will be drawn to the come-home feel of The Nare, the country house hotel by the sea, so beloved by the many, many guests who return.

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Toby Ashworth, Proprietor

The Nare offers the comfort and elegance of a country house by the sea in a secluded tranquil setting. It combines the highest standard of traditional service with a pleasant, relaxing atmosphere.



The hotel's comfortable interiors are beautifully furnished with antiques, an abundance of fresh flowers and Bettye Gray's life-long collection of modern pictures, many of which are by well-known Cornish artists. The drawing room and sitting rooms have fantastic views over the bay. So with the log fires roaring in the winter, really snoozy armchairs and sofas, plenty of magazines and books, one can expect a warm and cosy atmosphere throughout the year. All 37 bedrooms and suites have been enlarged over the years and each has been individually decorated. Most rooms are now very spacious and many have sea view balconies or patios though the country view rooms tend to be smaller. There are also ground floor rooms. All are charming and comfortable with the refinements one usually finds in a well run country house; armchairs, books, flowers, valet and full evening turndown service, hot water bottles in winter, proper shoe cleaning, daily in-house laundry and of course 24-hour room service. The lift gives easy access to the indoor pool from the first floor.



Guests have the luxury of choosing where to dine, the traditional Dining Room or the more relaxed style of The Quarterdeck.



The Dining Room, with its magnificent sea views on three sides, offers a formal five course Table d'Hôte menu of English fare which changes every evening. Many guests appreciate the classic silver service including The Nare's renowned hors-d'œuvre trolley, flambés and homemade puddings. Portloe lobster is on the menu every night alongside an abundance of the freshest seafood and the finest local produce, and of course generous helpings of Cornish clotted cream. The Nare has an extensive wine cellar with classic and interesting wines from around the world selected and laid down with proprietorial whimsy and care.

The Quarterdeck Restaurant, with its classical yachting décor and teak panelling, is less formal and serves light lunches, afternoon cream teas and an à la carte menu in the evening. There are spectacular views over the bay and the terrace affords a delightfully sheltered suntrap, especially for breakfast in the summer. The Dining Room and The Quarterdeck Restaurant have panoramic sea views stretching from Nare Head to The Lizard.

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The Nare welcomes guests of all generations and with such a great position there is plenty of fun for children. Carne Beach is easily accessible from the hotel's gardens. The sheltered bay is perfect for safe swimming and, with an expanse of golden sand, shallows, and rock pools, it is a child's paradise. Children's early supper is served on The Quarterdeck since young guests are not expected in the Dining Room in the evening. Families often dine together on The Quarterdeck and, in case nanny has been left at home, there are baby-sitting and listening services which can be arranged. The outdoor swimming pool is well heated from May to October and the indoor pool is always warm and inviting. The outdoor hot tub, sheltered in a beach hut, is perched in a commanding position overlooking the bay. Together with the steam room, sauna and indoor spa-pool there is more than enough to satisfy all members of the family whatever the weather. The Nare is ideal for family holidays and perfect for gatherings of several generations. It genuinely offers seclusion away from the madding crowd. With an extensive range of leisure facilities, including indoor and outdoor heated pools, a traditional motor launch and a sailing boat, there is plenty to please everyone at The Nare.



Alice Rose is an elegant 38' gentleman's motor launch dedicated for guests' private use, and perfect for exploring the Fal and Helford Rivers, both stunning Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Guests may enjoy either scheduled or private charter sailings for a day on the water with The Nare's coxswain and steward as hosts. There is also the hotel's yacht, a classically designed Cornish Crabber. Maggie O'Nare is ideal for mackerel fishing, exploring creeks, swimming from and gentle sailing on Carrick Roads.

Likewise, kayaking and lobster potting are fun things to do from Carne Beach. For those wanting a little more adventure sea fishing trips and canoeing expeditions set out from St Mawes on the Percuil river.



In addition to the swimming pools and boats there is a tennis court, a gym and a croquet lawn. Within the Nare's Country House Arrangements there are bespoke activities suitable for everyone, such as painting lessons with the artist in residence, tennis lessons, riding, etc.

Those seeking relaxation can spoil themselves in the Carne Bay Spa, which offers an extensive range of therapies and beauty treatments. Though best of all for fresh air and exercise are invigorating walks on the lovely sandy beach and along miles of undulating coastal footpath starting at the bottom of the garden all just perfect for dogs who are very welcome at The Nare.

The boot and drying room is there for any wet clobber, and the working-dog kennels for those with muddy paws.

The magnificent location and sub-tropical climate make The Nare a happy choice in any season. The hotel is open throughout the year for summer holidays, spring and autumn breaks, with traditional house parties at Christmas and New Year.



Although The Nare is a superb spot for a classic English summer holiday by the sea it is also an idyllic retreat for a quiet getaway break during the spring or a cosy romantic escape during the winter. The noticeably milder climate makes visiting gardens or walking the coastal path and beaches very agreeable at any time of the year. Daffodils from the garden are in the dining room for Christmas since the gulf stream ensures that spring arrives much earlier here than the rest of mainland Britain. Cornwall's world famous sub-tropical gardens burst into life from February onwards and private guided visits are easily arranged. From November to March The Nare's classic four-day breaks make a totally relaxing out of season sojourn. Join in with wine tastings, shooting parties, art classes, friendly rubber bridge, or simply just come and unwind. The log fires are always lit and there is always a warm welcome. The Christmas and New Year house parties are the climax of The Nare season and are the epitome of traditional festive celebrations.



The Roseland, still undiscovered by many, is one of Cornwall's special places. Secluded creeks, stunning gardens, spectacular coastal scenery, and hidden churches are some of the delights to be found in this rural and unspoilt landscape.



The Roseland Peninsula is one of the most beautiful locations in Cornwall full of historical and horticultural interest. There are many beautiful gardens within a 10 mile radius including the Lost Gardens of Heligan, the national magnolia collection at Caerhays Castle, the Trewithen Estate's Champion Trees and Tregothnan, the largest private botanical garden in Britain. February and March are the best time to see amazing displays of camellias and magnolias. Equally close is the world famous Eden Project. The Nare's position, right on the coastal footpath and surrounded by National Trust land, is perfect for walkers wishing to explore the attractive Roseland coastline. St Just-in-Roseland Church, nestling by the creek, is up river from St Mawes with its picturesque harbour, castle and sea views. Ferries sail to Falmouth with its colourful waterfront and The National Maritime Museum. Crossing the Fal River by the King Harry Ferry are St Michael's Mount, Tate and other St Ives galleries. "...golden and un-peopled bays, the shadowy cliffs and sheep worn ways..." John Betjeman's Delectable Duchy



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