



PLYMOUTH	●
DEVONPORT	○
DOCKYARD	○
KEYHAM	○
ST BUDEAUX FERRY ROAD	○
SALTASH	○
ST GERMAN'S	○
MENHENIOT	○
LISKEARD	○
BODMIN PARKWAY	○
LOSTWITHIEL	○
PAR	○
ST AUSTELL	○
TRURO	○
REDRUTH	○
CAMBORNE	○
HAYLE	○
ST ERTH	○
PENZANCE	●

Diesel trains for the scenic, switchback line to Penzance follow the same route as the day trip to Looe (see page 15) as far as Liskeard. Trains leave Liskeard in a westerly direction to cross the valley of the East Looe River on the imposing Moorswater Viaduct (147 ft high and 954 ft long). To the north lie the former granite quarries on Bodmin Moor while to the south the single-track branch line wends its way down the valley to Looe. After climbing to Doublebois, trains begin their descent of the wooded Fowey Valley to call at Bodmin Parkway station, junction for the steam-operated Bodmin & Wenford Railway. The heavily engineered section from Doublebois to Bodmin Parkway features no less than 7 viaducts. Originally designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel in the 1850s with timber spans supported on masonry piers, the timber spans were later replaced by masonry arches. From here, the line heads south, continuing down the valley to Lostwithiel, junction for the freight-only line to Carne Point, near Fowey.

From Lostwithiel, the railway climbs away from the valley to pass through Treverran Tunnel before descending to Par station, junction for the Newquay branch line (see page 14). Leaving Par behind, the line heads along the Carlyon Bay coastline before climbing inland to St Austell, Cornwall's largest town and centre of the china clay industry. Westwards from here, the railway follows a switchback route to Truro, crossing steep-sided river valleys on 8 viaducts and boring through the hills in two tunnels. West of Truro (junction for Falmouth), it climbs steadily up through the hills to Redruth before descending to call at Camborne, Hayle and St Erth (junction for St Ives). The line then cuts across the Cornish peninsula to follow the shore of Mount's Bay past Long Rock depot to reach Penzance station.

DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Art Deco Jubilee Bathing Pool; Morrab Gardens; Golowan Festival (June); Newlyn Art Gallery; Penlee House Art Gallery & Museum; St Michael's Mount (by bus to Marazion)

FREQUENCY OF TRAINS

1 per hour

79½ MILES
2 HOURS

Owned by the National Trust, St Michael's Mount near Penzance can be reached via an ancient causeway at low tide.

