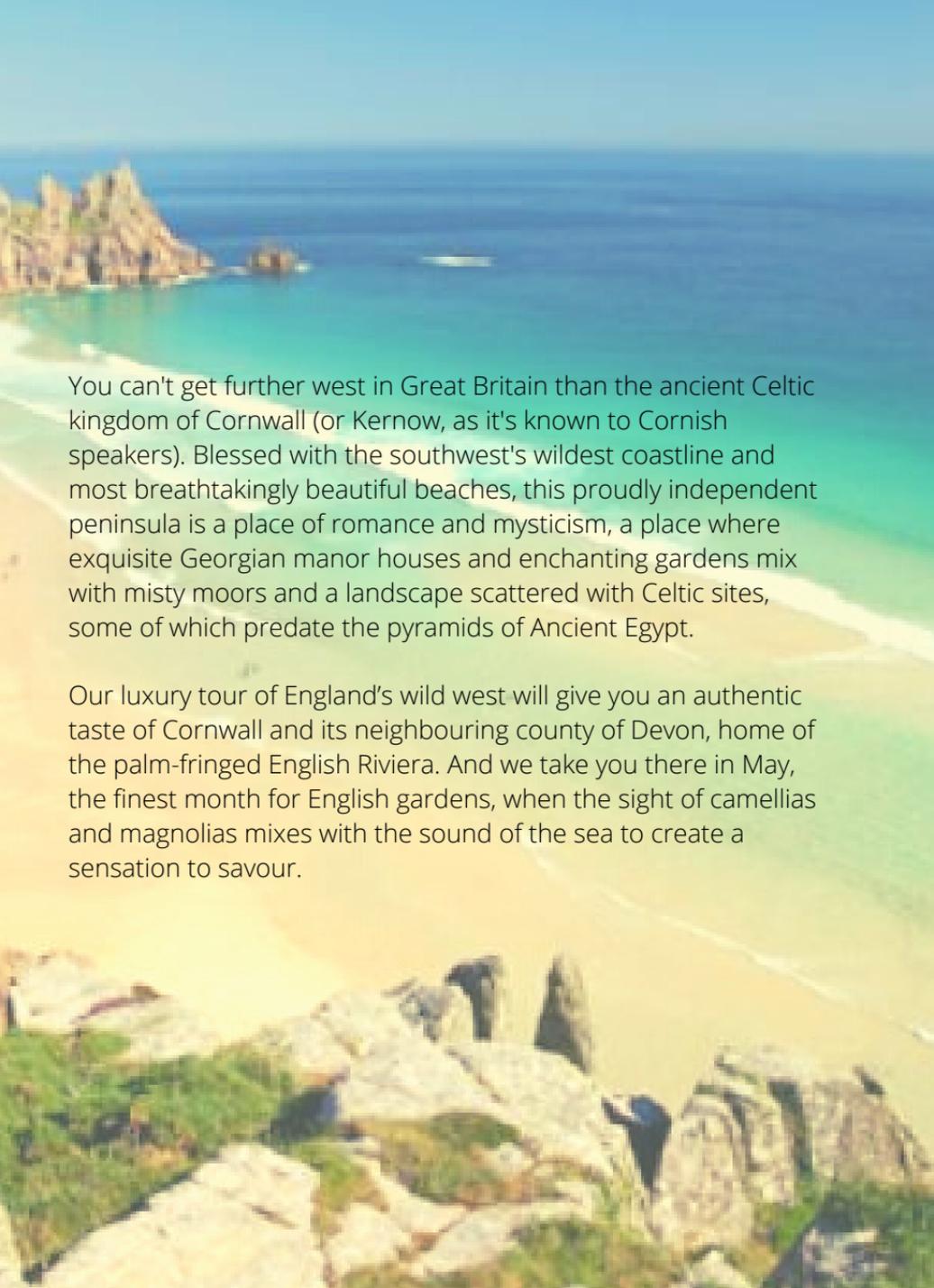




AMERICAN GEORGIANS COUNTRY HOUSES OF DEVON & CORNWALL



You can't get further west in Great Britain than the ancient Celtic kingdom of Cornwall (or Kernow, as it's known to Cornish speakers). Blessed with the southwest's wildest coastline and most breathtakingly beautiful beaches, this proudly independent peninsula is a place of romance and mysticism, a place where exquisite Georgian manor houses and enchanting gardens mix with misty moors and a landscape scattered with Celtic sites, some of which predate the pyramids of Ancient Egypt.

Our luxury tour of England's wild west will give you an authentic taste of Cornwall and its neighbouring county of Devon, home of the palm-fringed English Riviera. And we take you there in May, the finest month for English gardens, when the sight of camellias and magnolias mixes with the sound of the sea to create a sensation to savour.

Be our guest as you enjoy the luxury hospitality of Boconnoc, home of the Fortescues and one of the finest private estates in Cornwall. And come with us as we lunch with the Cliffords at Ugbrooke, listen to the tales of the Cornish explorer Robin Hanbury-Tenison, marvel at the classical splendour of Robert Adam's Saltram and revel in the romance of secluded Menabilly, home of the Rashleighs since the sixteenth century and the inspiration for Manderley in Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca*.

Interspersed with these highlights will be private visits to some of the quietly magnificent country houses in which Devon and Cornwall specialise, among them Newton Ferrers, the earliest and purest example of Cornish classicism, and Mothecombe, a Queen Anne delight with Lutyens additions, approached through its own magical hamlet of thatched cottages.

We look forward to welcoming you on this exclusive tour that will leave you with a treasure trove of memories of England's most enchanting corner.

