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DISCOVER AND PLAN: HISTORY AND HERITAGE

Although Penzance only became a town in the 1600s, people have lived in the Penwith area for thousands of years.

Around Penzance, you'll find many ancient sites of burial, worship and settlement. Visit the dramatic coastline of the western Land's End peninsula. From Penzance, it's around 20 minutes by car to the World Heritage Site landscape of Pendeen and Botallack. Here you can see historic workings and learn more about Cornwall's mining past, within a celebrated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

CHYSAUSTER ANCIENT VILLAGE

This remarkably well-preserved settlement actually dates back 2,000 years to the Iron Age. Now cared for by English Heritage, Chysauster once housed local farmers, who grew crops and kept livestock in the surrounding area.

LANYON QUOIT

Once thought to sit on top of buried treasure (a myth that has been disproved), Lanyon Quoit was actually designed as an ancient burial chamber or mausoleum. The stones were first erected in the Neolithic period (3500-2500BC)

MÊN-AN-TOL

Mên-an-Tol is distinctive for its holed central stone; its Cornish name actually meaning 'the hole stone' or 'stone with a hole'.

MÊN SCRYFA

Named Mên Scryfa, 'stone with writing', this standing stone bears the name of an early Cornish king or leader.

CARN EUNY ANCIENT VILLAGE

Occupied from the Iron Age to the late Roman period, Carn Euny contains the remains of ancient stone houses.

GEEVOR AND LEVANT UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

If you only have a few hours to spend on the Tin Coast, you'll probably want to visit Geevor Tin Mine and Levant Mine and Beam Engine. Start out at Geevor, which is easily found on the main road through Pendeen – just look for the evocative seven-foot statue of a miner guarding its entrance.

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WHERE TO STAY?

There is a wide variety of accommodation in Penzance and surrounding area, something to suit all tastes and budgets.

lovepenzance.co.uk/stay

WHERE TO EAT?

Described as 'Cornwall's new gourmet capital', Penzance is well known for its fantastic food and Drink which has been built around local and ethical sourcing of ingredients delivering some of the region's most exciting Pubs, bars, cafes, delis, and restaurants.

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HOW TO GET HERE?

Excellent connections from major destinations across the UK and Europe.

Mainline Train services and Sleeper services to London Paddington.

Daily National Coach Services.

Passenger Ferry & Helicopter Service to Isles of Scilly.

A30 road service. Serviced by Newquay and Land End Airports.

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