

WATERGATE BAY

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SKATE BY THE SEA: CORNWALL'S FIRST BEACHSIDE ICE RINK COMES TO WATERGATE BAY

Imagine gliding across ice to the sound of waves – festive lights overhead, the scent of woodfired pizza and mulled spices drifting on the salty sea breeze. This winter, experience alpine vibes on the coast, as Watergate Bay Hotel opens Cornwall's first ice rink beside the Atlantic, in an invitation to Skate by the Sea.



Set above the two-mile surf beach, just a few short steps from the hotel's oceanview restaurants, Swim Club, hot tub and sauna, the ice rink will add a bold new twist to the festive season by the sea – and to winter breaks, Christmas stays and New Year celebrations in Cornwall.

From 17 November to 11 January, locals, guests and visitors alike can lace up and glide just seconds from the sand. Skating sessions will run daily, with family-friendly, accessible and adults-only hours – as well as seasonal packages including Skate & Stay. Skating is also included in the four-night Christmas and three-night New Year breaks.

These festive breaks will see sea dips, cliff path walks, carols, cocktails, Father Christmas and (hobby) reindeer racing on the beach. Clifftop Champagne, hot tubs, DJ sets, dancing, low tide strolls, laser light displays and rockpool treasure hunts... and new for 2025, ice skating all round.

A new winter experience in Cornwall

Watergate Bay's active lifestyle meets winter's festive spirit in this one-of-a-kind experience that brings even more reason to take in Cornwall off-season.

Winter in Cornwall means empty beaches to explore, consistent swells for surfing, and dramatic skies to watch at Watergate Bay. The ice rink will offer another exhilarating way for all ages to enjoy winter beach life, connect with the elements and celebrate the festive season with friends and family.

After a skate session, warm up with Extreme hot chocolates, mulled wine and woodfired pizzas served rinkside. For a full après-skate experience, burgers and winter menus in The Beach Hut and Zacry's will include a nod to the mountains – all with front-row ocean views.



Will Ashworth, founder and executive director of Watergate Bay Hotel:

"This is Cornwall's first beachside ice rink. Whether you're here to skate, surf, stay or simply soak up the atmosphere, it will create a rare new experience right on the shoreline."

Get your skates on by the sea

The rink will be open daily, with family sessions, accessible skating, school visits, private hire for groups and Christmas parties, and adult-only hours – ensuring everyone gets a chance to glide their way. Penguin and polar bear skate aids will help younger skaters and beginners find their feet.

It's likely to get booked up fast – so the best way to guarantee a glide is to stay at Watergate Bay Hotel, from £280 a night, with a skate session included in every night of your stay.

Book ice skating online at watergatebay.co.uk/ice-skating-cornwall

Book your winter break at watergatebay.co.uk/stay-and-skate

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The ice rink is open every day from 17 November to 11 January, except Christmas Day.

Monday & Tuesday 3-8pm

Wednesday & Thursday 12-8pm

Friday & Sunday 10am-8pm

Saturday 11am-9pm

Peak £20 adult / £15 child

Off-peak £17 adult / £12 child

Christmas four-night house party

Sea dips, cliff path walks, carols, cocktails, Father Christmas and (hobby) reindeer racing on the beach. The four-night Christmas break includes breakfast and dinner, Christmas Day lunch, an ice skating session, supervised [Kids' Zone](#) sessions, festive activities and all the trimmings so guests don't have to lift a finger this Christmas. From £2,560 for four nights based on two people sharing a room.

23-27 December

New Year three-night house party

Swap sequins for sea air and see in 2026 at Watergate Bay. Clifftop Champagne and hot tubs. DJ sets and dancing. Low tide strolls and rockpools. And this year, ice skating adds another layer to the celebrations. A three-night break including New Year's dinner, laser light displays and supervised children's activities. From £1,818 for three nights based on two people sharing a room.

30 December — 2 January

Watergate Bay Hotel

Set on a two-mile surfing beach on the north Cornwall coast, Watergate Bay Hotel sets the scene for contemporary beach holidays. It's a place that's about the balance in life – being active, getting among the elements, eating and drinking well, chilling out and getting cosy. Most of all, it's about having a good time.

Watergate Bay Hotel is committed to using its business as a force for good, both environmentally and socially. On the journey to become B Corp certified – balancing profit with people and planet, and reaching the highest environmental and social standards – the team at Watergate Bay Hotel is transforming the way it does business.