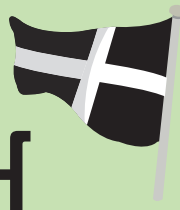


Welcome to SALTASH



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Discover the charm of Saltash, a vibrant Cornish town set on the beautiful banks of the River Tamar. Enjoy spectacular views of Brunel's iconic Royal Albert Bridge and stroll beside the striking Tamar Road Bridge, which is a memorable way to cross into England if you have a head for heights!

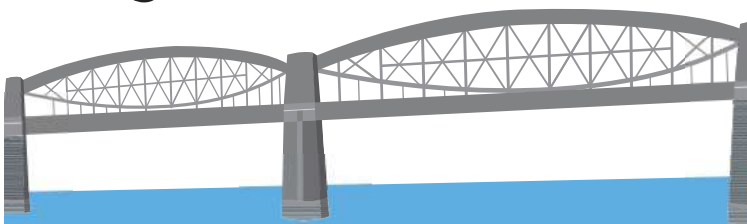
Stroll through our bustling town centre, where you will find independent shops, cosy cafés and warm hospitality.

Explore the town's museums and historic sites, or unwind with riverside walks through stunning countryside.

Whether you're here for the history, the shopping, the views or simply to relax, Saltash offers something special for every visitor.



Explore a thriving high street



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Getting to SALTASH

By Car

After crossing the Tamar Road Bridge from England, the immediate first exit leads straight into the heart of the town centre. If you're travelling from the west or north, at Carkeel Roundabout follow signs to 'Town Centre'.

There are four car parks conveniently located in the town centre.

By Bus

Regular buses connect Saltash with Plymouth, most stopping on Fore Street in the town centre. Saltash has a direct service to Derriford Hospital and is around 25 minutes from Royal Parade, Plymouth. There are also direct buses from places like Liskeard.

By Train

On the main Paddington to Penzance rail line with regular services from Plymouth and Truro, Saltash has a good mix of long distance and local rail services and is approximately 10 minutes from Plymouth and 60 minutes from Truro. Saltash Station is just a short walk from the town centre and Waterside. There are no ticket facilities at the station itself but tickets can be bought on board or online.

By Ferry

A summer ferry service operates seven days a week between Saltash and the Royal William Yard in Plymouth. Please check with the operator, Plymouth Boat Trips, for schedules and fares. The ferry arrives and departs from the Jubilee Pontoon, just north of the bridges, offering a commanding perspective of these engineering marvels as you sail beneath them.

Suggested Round Trip from Plymouth

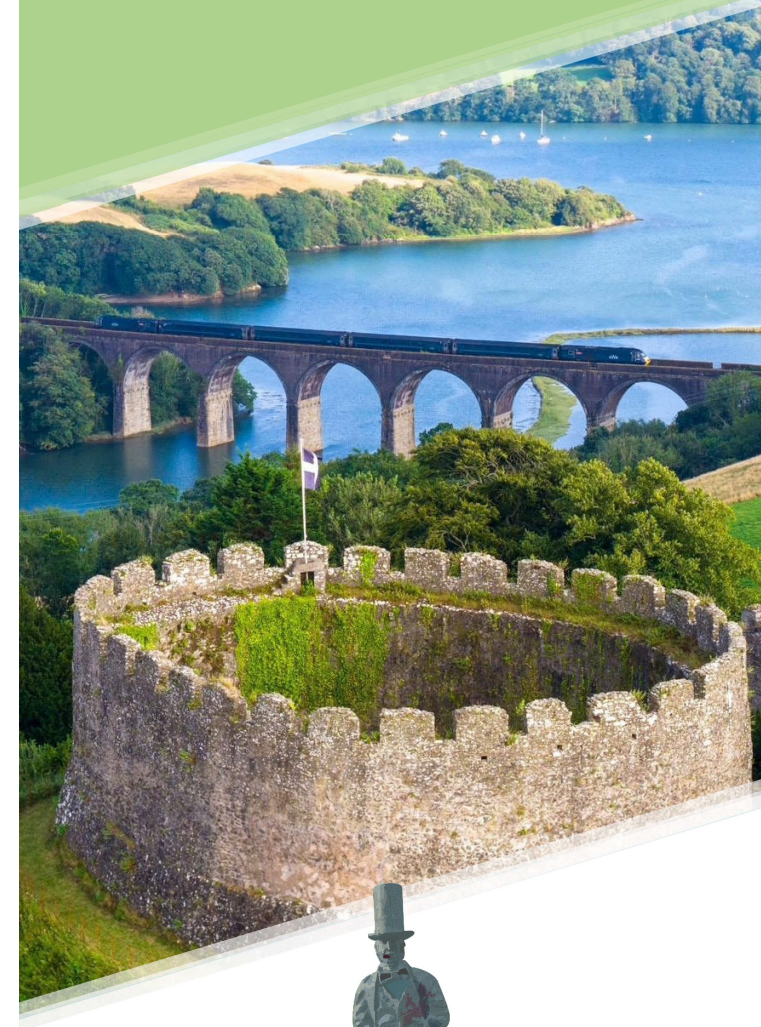
From Royal William Yard, a lively destination with plenty to see and do, catch the Saltash Ferry for a delightful 30-minute cruise up the River Tamar to Saltash.

Explore the historic Waterside area, then make your way up the hill to discover the town centre.

Return by river to enjoy stunning views, or take the train to cross it!

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Discover
The rich history
of Saltash



Admire
Breathtaking
views

Saltash, a Thriving Town



Saltash is a welcoming town, its lively main street lined with independent shops, cafés and local businesses. Whether you are browsing for unique gifts, enjoying a freshly baked Cornish pasty or relaxing with a coffee, Fore Street offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

The town hosts a vibrant programme of community events and festivals throughout the year, including the May Fair, Regatta and Christmas Festival. Many of these take place in the town centre, bringing the whole community together and creating a warm, friendly atmosphere for residents and visitors.

To discover more about upcoming events in Saltash

- Visit the Town Council website www.saltash.gov.uk
- Follow Saltash Town Council on Facebook @SaltashTownCouncilOfficial
- or simply scan this QR code to view our Town Visitor Guide – packed full of information you don't want to miss!



Culture, Leisure and the Outdoors

The town centre has a vibrant creative scene. Just off Fore Street, Saltash Social Club regularly hosts live music, while nearby Saltash Studios offers weekly film showings and creative events. Independent shops across the town centre offer handcrafted goods and unique finds.

The Guildhall is home to the Saltash Chronicles, an intricate embroidered artwork depicting key moments in the town's history. Crafted using the same type of thread as the Bayeux Tapestry, the embroidery is displayed on the walls of the Guildhall's main room. Viewing of the embroidery can be arranged through Saltash Town Council.

On the Waterside, you'll see the large Union Mural on the side wall of a local pub. Painted in 1999, it vividly brings the story of Saltash to life through scenes of its people, traditions and community events.

For recreation, Saltash Leisure Centre and the China Fleet Country Club offer excellent facilities for swimming, fitness and family activities. With the Tamar Valley National Landscape on its doorstep, Saltash is an ideal base to explore the surrounding countryside. Walkers can follow sections of the Tamara Way and discover landscapes shaped by the region's rich mining heritage.



Historical Saltash



Saltash is steeped in history, with landmarks that reflect its rich past.

The imposing ramparts of Trematon Castle still dominate the landscape overlooking Churchtown Farm and the Lynher estuary, guarding the historic river crossing. Built soon after the Norman Conquest and recorded in the Domesday Book, the fortress played a dramatic role in Elizabethan times when it stored Spanish treasure captured by Sir Francis Drake before the hoard was transferred to the Tower of London.

On the eastern side of town, the iconic Royal Albert Bridge, designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, stands as a masterpiece of Victorian engineering and remains one of Cornwall's most recognisable landmarks.

In the town centre, Saltash Heritage Museum provides a fascinating insight into local history and heritage, while Elliott's Store preserves the character of an early 20th century shop. A short walk away, Mary Newman's Cottage and Garden offer a rare glimpse into Tudor life.

On Waterside Green, a reproduction of J. M. W. Turner's painting captures the bustling riverside as he saw it in 1811, a remarkable artistic record of Saltash in the early nineteenth century.

Discover more of the town's past by following the Blue Plaque Trail, marking the lives of some of its most notable inhabitants.





River Tamar

To China Fleet Country Club & Salt Mill Park



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Guildhall to Coombe Woods

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Saltash boasts an array of walks, each offering a unique opportunity to explore its natural beauty and rich history.

From tranquil woodland paths to charming villages like Forder, walkers can enjoy stunning views of the surrounding countryside and learn more about the town's rich heritage.

See reverse for further local walks



Royal Albert Bridge & Tamar Bridge

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Spanning the River Tamar, the Tamar and Royal Albert bridges are iconic engineering landmarks connecting Cornwall and Devon.

The Tamar Bridge supports the flow of over 40,000 vehicles each day, while the Royal Albert Bridge continues to carry rail traffic as it has for over 165 years.



Victoria Gardens

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A charming park established in 1897 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, Victoria Gardens features a rose garden in memory of Queen Elizabeth II and the King's Oak, planted to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

With its central location and plentiful benches, Victoria Gardens offers a perfect space to rest and reflect.



Ferryman Sculpture & Turner Painting

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Honouring over 900 years of ferry crossings, the sculpture by John Forster features brass panels etched by local artists, illustrating memories of the ferry before it was replaced by the road bridge in 1961.

Nearby, a reproduction of a painting by JMW Turner, who visited Saltash in 1811, captures the bustling shoreline of the bygone era, with boats, packhorses and people along the muddy shore.



Tincombe Nature Reserve

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Tincombe is a treasured community asset spanning over 12 acres, with a rich mix of woodland, gently flowing streams and a wetland scrape alive with dragonflies. There is even an old quarry — a haven for nature watchers.

The park is teeming with wildlife, from newts and toads to owls and Great Spotted Woodpeckers, their black and white feathers lit by vivid flashes of red.



Statues of Ann Glanville & Isambard Kingdom Brunel

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Ann Glanville (1796–1880) is celebrated for her strength as a rower, leading her all-female gig crews to victories against male teams across Europe. Gig rowing remains popular in Cornwall, with the Saltash-based Caradon Pilot Gig Club often out training on the river.

Nearby, the statue of Brunel (1806–1859) pays tribute to the visionary engineer who shaped the connectivity of Saltash.



Longstone Park & Saltash Bowls Club

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Longstone Park is a spacious green area offering scenic, expansive views towards Kit Hill and Dartmoor. Popular with dog walkers, it has plenty of room for picnics and is the venue for live music at the annual May Fair.

The park is also home to Saltash Bowls Club, a welcoming place where beginners and experienced players come together to enjoy the sport.



Library Hub

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Located on Plougastel Drive, Saltash Library Hub is in a Grade II listed building with a roof that cleverly resembles an open book. Managed by Saltash Town Council, the hub provides a wide selection of books for all ages, as well as access to computers and free Wi-Fi. It hosts a range of community events including workshops, book clubs and children's activities.



The Bust of Brunel

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Visible from the slip road as you come off the Tamar Bridge, the bust of Isambard Kingdom Brunel occupies a position which commands a striking view of the Royal Albert Bridge, a masterpiece of Victorian engineering completed in 1859.

This enduring tribute highlights Brunel's visionary designs, which revolutionised transport and forged vital connections between communities.



Jubilee Pontoon

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The pontoon acts as the embarkation point for the seasonal ferry that links Saltash with Plymouth's Royal William Yard. Board the ferry and you'll be treated to stunning views of the Royal Albert and Tamar bridges from below, offering a whole new perspective on these impressive engineering landmarks. The pontoon is located in the picturesque setting of Jubilee Green.



Saltash Heritage Museum & Elliott's Store

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Step into Elliott's Store on Lower Fore Street and you'll feel as though time has stood still since 1971, when Frank Elliott closed his shop rather than embrace decimalisation.

Saltash Heritage Museum on Fore Street offers a fascinating look into the town's history. The museum's research centre is the perfect place for family history enquiries.



Town Centre

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Fore Street is home to a wide selection of independent shops and a mix of commercial businesses including a Post Office and a Banking Hub, offering a range of services to meet your needs.

The town centre offers a wide choice of places to eat and drink. Explore the main high street and its adjoining alleyways, where hidden gems like Keast Mews and The Courtyard are waiting to be discovered.



Ashtorre Rock

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Nestled beneath the Royal Albert Bridge, Ashtorre Rock is a welcoming riverside tearoom run entirely by volunteers. It is open 7 days a week from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. Throughout the year, Ashtorre Rock hosts a variety of social activities and exhibitions.

The adjacent slipway leads into the Tamar and is a convenient location to access the river. At the annual Saltash Regatta it is the venue for the hugely popular and highly entertaining Cardboard Boat Race.



Churchtown Farm Community Nature Reserve

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Covering 150 acres, the Reserve is a peaceful wildlife haven, home to diverse habitats that support creatures including butterflies and hedgehogs, as well as birds like skylarks and linnets. As you wander along the paths, you'll enjoy breathtaking views of the River Lynher and the imposing Norman ramparts of Trematon Castle rising on the horizon. You may even spot a warship!



Memorial Peace Garden

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The Memorial Peace Garden is a tranquil pocket tucked just behind the town's bustling main street. It offers a quiet space for reflection and sits opposite the war memorials beside the Church of St Nicholas and St Faith, an impressive Norman structure whose buttresses have stood for more than 800 years. An information board tells the story of Saltash during the First World War.



Railway Station & Isambard House

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Saltash railway station is a key transport hub and welcoming gateway to the town. Named after engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the station building offers versatile event spaces with Wi-Fi, making it an ideal venue for various occasions. A public waiting room and toilet are available when the Trackside Café is open - a perfect spot to watch trains and enjoy views of the Royal Albert Bridge.

For hire details, contact the Town Council.

Saltash Leisure Centre

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Offering high-quality fitness and leisure activities, Saltash Leisure Centre features a 25m swimming pool, a fun pool with slides, a gym with modern equipment and a variety of fitness classes, including circuits and yoga.

Relax at the Poolside Café, which serves freshly made hot and cold food in a family-friendly atmosphere.

Parking is available at the leisure centre.

Cornish Cross & Elwell Woods

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An iconic piece of art on the Saltash skyline that proudly welcomes people to Cornwall, the Cornish Cross stands at the top of Elwell Woods. Over 19 metres tall, it is a stunning sculpture by artist Simon Thomas. After admiring the cross, you can enjoy a leisurely stroll through the peaceful little gem that is Elwell Woods.



Mary Newman's Cottage

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This charming 16th-century cottage is believed to have been the childhood home of Mary Newman, the first wife of Francis Drake. With its authentic features and period details, it offers a fascinating glimpse into Tudor life. The picturesque garden provides panoramic views over the River Tamar, making it a peaceful spot to reflect on the rich history of this location.

Entry to this museum is free of charge, donations welcome.



Saltash Guildhall

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A focal point of civic life since the 18th century, this elegant venue blends heritage and functionality, hosting community events, meetings and exhibitions. Whether you're looking to hire the Guildhall, attend a Town Council meeting or make an appointment to view the impressive Saltash Chronicles embroidery, the Guildhall offers a welcoming space for all and has an accessible toilet available to the public during opening hours.



Blue Plaque Trail

Explore the town's history through the Blue Plaque Trail, a self-guided tour of key figures who have shaped Saltash. One prominent name is William Price Drury (1869–1949), a Royal Marine officer and playwright. His novel, *Eight Bells*, was inspired by the discovery of a Royal Marine's remains in the River Tamar - a mystery Drury helped solve. Information available from Saltash Guildhall and Saltash Heritage Museum.



Brunel Green, Jubilee Green & Waterside Green

Saltash boasts several scenic waterfront spaces that provide the perfect setting for relaxation and community activities. Among these, Brunel Green, Jubilee Green and Waterside Green stand out for their spectacular views over the River Tamar. Each green is a hub of community life, where nature, history and social gatherings come together.



Public Conveniences

Saltash Town Council provides well-maintained public conveniences free for use, ensuring accessibility and comfort for residents and visitors. Three are located in the town centre at Longstone Park, Belle Vue Road (accessible) and Alexandra Square. A fourth is at the Waterside, beneath the Royal Albert Bridge.

There are also accessible toilets available at the Guildhall and at the station located within the Trackside Café and waiting room.



Car Parks


Saltash town centre has plentiful parking, all conveniently situated for shopping. Alexandra Square long stay car park is a short walk from the railway station. Additional car parks by the Leisure Centre and Jubilee Green make it easy to explore Saltash.


The JustPark app allows easy payment in car parks owned by Cornwall Council.




Churchtown Farm Walks

Explore three distinct trails at Churchtown Farm, each offering a unique way to enjoy the reserve's natural beauty:

Lynher View Walk: 460m • Wheelchair accessible 
A short, wheelchair-accessible route with lovely views over the Lynher estuary.

Sparrowhawk Trail: 1.1km • easy 
An easy walk through varied habitats, ideal for spotting birds and enjoying nature.

Curlew Walk: 2.7km • Moderate 
A moderate circular trail offering wider views and a deeper exploration of the reserve's landscapes.



Through Elwell Woods and Saltmill Park

Distance: 4km | 2.4m
Time: Approx. 50 minutes

This pleasant walk leads you from the Guildhall under the Tamar Road Bridge and through Saltmill Park to finish up by Avery Way, just off Carkeel roundabout near Waitrose supermarket.

Get up close to the magnificent Cornish Cross and follow a varied route linking riverside vistas and woodland shade with bridleways alongside the A38.



Scan the QR code or visit www.saltash.gov.uk/walks.php for full directions of local Saltash walks



Guildhall to Coombe Woods

Distance: 2.3 km | 1.4m
Time: Approx. 34 minutes

Starting from the Guildhall, head along Station Road and follow Coombe Road into the peaceful Coombe Woods, where you can enjoy shaded woodland paths and glimpses of local wildlife.

After exploring the woods you can retrace your steps back to the Guildhall or cut through Cowdray Close and St Stephens Road to get to Victoria Gardens and the top of Fore Street.