

SKY, SEA & STONE

Booking Terms & Conditions

A specialist retreat where ancient landscapes, Atlantic waters and night skies become part of one immersive journey.

1. About the Retreat

Sky, Sea & Stone is a small-group retreat on the Isles of Scilly combining guided walking, landscape interpretation, archaeoastronomy, coastal exploration, stargazing and optional wellbeing experiences.

The retreat is designed for a maximum of **8 participants** and is led by specialist guides and local professionals.

The precise itinerary may vary according to weather, sea conditions, local operating requirements and other circumstances outside our reasonable control. Where an activity cannot safely take place, we will endeavour to provide a suitable alternative where reasonably possible. All activities will be risk assessed and lead by a qualified expert and first aider.

2. What Is Included

Unless otherwise stated at the time of booking, the retreat price includes:

- Inter-island boat transfers between St Mary's and St Martins associated with the retreat itinerary
- Planned daytime retreat activities
- Exclusive boat trip
- Kayak hire and associated planned kayaking activity
- Guided stargazing / Observatory session
- Sauna experience
- Evening welcome meal
- Exclusive retreat welcome pack
- Guided walks and specialist interpretation forming part of the published retreat programme

Where an activity is described as **optional**, participation is not compulsory.

3. What Is Not Included

The retreat price does not include:

- Travel to and from the Isles of Scilly mainland

- Accommodation on St Martins
- Meals other than the included welcome meal
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Personal equipment or clothing unless specifically stated as included
- Any activities or services not expressly listed as included

We will provide information about suitable local accommodation providers. Accommodation booked through those providers will normally be subject to their own booking terms and conditions and will form a separate contract unless we expressly confirm otherwise.

4. Booking and Payment

A booking becomes confirmed when we have received the required payment and have confirmed the booking in writing.

The price applicable to your booking will be confirmed at the time of booking.

Standard price: £950 per person

Early Bird price: £750 per person when booked by 20th Dec 2026 subject to availability.

Any payment deadlines, deposit arrangements or balance-payment requirements will be confirmed to you before or at the time your booking is accepted.

Please check your booking confirmation carefully and notify us promptly if any information is incorrect.

5. Cancellation by You

If you need to cancel your booking, you must notify us in writing by email. The date on which we receive your cancellation will be used to determine the applicable cancellation charge.

Our standard cancellation schedule is:

Cancellation received	Refund
90 days or more before the retreat	100% refund
89–31 days before the retreat	50% refund
30 days or less before the retreat	No refund

These cancellation charges are intended to reflect the costs and commitments associated with operating a small-group retreat, including advance bookings and non-refundable commitments to third-party suppliers.

Where we are able to reduce or recover costs, or resell a place, we will take this into account where appropriate.

Nothing in these terms is intended to exclude or restrict any rights you may have under applicable law.

We strongly recommend that you take out suitable travel insurance, including cancellation, curtailment and activity cover, as soon as you make your booking.

6. Cancellation or Significant Changes by Us

We reserve the right to cancel the retreat where this is reasonably necessary, including where minimum participant numbers are not reached, circumstances make the retreat impracticable, or significant safety, operational or environmental issues arise.

If we cancel the retreat, we will notify you as soon as reasonably possible and explain the options available to you, including any refund to which you are entitled.

If a significant change to the retreat is required before departure, we will notify you as soon as reasonably possible and explain the options available to you where applicable.

Where package travel legislation applies to your booking, any cancellation or significant-change rights provided by that legislation will apply.

7. Weather, Sea Conditions and Changes to Activities

The Isles of Scilly is an island environment and some elements of the retreat are dependent on weather, tides, sea conditions, transport availability and the operation of local facilities.

For safety or operational reasons, we may need to alter the timing, location or nature of an activity.

For example:

- kayaking may be replaced by another coastal activity;
- a boat trip may be altered or rescheduled;
- a stargazing session may be adapted because of cloud or weather conditions;
- an outdoor activity may be moved to a different time of day; or
- an activity may be replaced by a suitable alternative.

We will make reasonable efforts to preserve the character and overall value of the retreat.

If your travel to and from the Isles of Scilly is disrupted we cannot be held responsible and recommend that travel insurance is held before travelling.

Where a change amounts to a significant change to the package or services booked, any rights you have under applicable law will apply.

8. Walking, Kayaking and Other Activities

The retreat involves outdoor activities, including walking, coastal exploration, kayaking and sea-related activities.

Participants are responsible for taking reasonable care of their own safety and for following the instructions of retreat leaders, activity providers and boat operators.

You should tell us before the retreat about any relevant mobility, dietary or other requirements that may affect your participation. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate requirements where we can, but cannot guarantee that every activity or location will be suitable for every participant.

Participants must follow reasonable safety instructions. We reserve the right to decline participation in a particular activity where, in our reasonable judgement, doing so would create an unacceptable safety risk to the participant or others.

9. Health, Fitness and Personal Responsibility

The walking programme is **moderate**, with a flexible pace and regular opportunities to pause.

Participants should be comfortable walking on uneven and sometimes exposed coastal paths and should come appropriately equipped for changeable island weather.

Kayaking, swimming and sea immersion are optional and should only be undertaken where the participant considers themselves suitably able and where the activity provider considers conditions and participation appropriate.

Nothing in these terms excludes our responsibility where the law does not permit us to do so.

10. Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend that all participants arrange appropriate travel insurance before travelling.

Your policy should, where appropriate, cover:

- cancellation, travel delays and curtailment;
- illness or injury;
- travel disruption;
- personal belongings;
- outdoor activities undertaken during the retreat; and
- any additional costs arising from disruption to your travel arrangements.

Please check that your policy specifically covers the activities you intend to undertake.

11. Accommodation

Accommodation on St Martins is **not included** in the retreat price.

We may provide a list of suggested accommodation providers for your convenience. Unless we expressly state otherwise, your accommodation contract will be directly with the accommodation provider and will be subject to that provider's own terms.

You are responsible for making and managing your accommodation booking.

We recommend that you choose accommodation with cancellation terms that provide appropriate flexibility.

12. Personal Belongings

Participants are responsible for their own personal belongings and valuables during the retreat.

We recommend that valuables are kept secure and that appropriate travel insurance is obtained.

13. Our Responsibility

We will provide the retreat services with reasonable care and skill and in accordance with applicable law.

We will not be responsible for losses arising from circumstances that are outside our reasonable control, except where applicable law provides otherwise.

Nothing in these terms excludes or limits liability for death or personal injury caused by our negligence, fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation, or any other liability that cannot legally be excluded or limited.

Where the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 apply, the statutory rights and protections provided by those regulations will apply to your booking.

14. Complaints

We want guests to enjoy a relaxed and well-organised experience.

If you have a problem during the retreat, please tell a member of the retreat team as soon as reasonably possible so that we have an opportunity to put things right.

If the matter cannot be resolved during the retreat, please contact us in writing at:

[Stmartinswatersports.co.uk](https://www.stmartinswatersports.co.uk)

We will consider your complaint fairly and respond within a reasonable period.

15. Changes to These Terms

We may make minor changes to these terms where necessary to reflect changes in law, suppliers, operational requirements or other circumstances.

We will not make a significant change to the contractual arrangements after booking without giving you the information and rights required by applicable law.

16. Applicable Law

These terms are governed by the law of **England and Wales**, unless applicable law requires otherwise.

Nothing in these terms affects any mandatory rights or protections that you have under applicable consumer or package-travel legislation.

17. Important Information Before Booking

By making a booking, you confirm that you have had an opportunity to read these Booking Terms & Conditions and the information provided about the retreat.

Please make sure that you understand:

- what is and is not included;
- that accommodation is not included;
- that travel to and from the mainland is not included;
- the moderate nature of the walking programme;
- that some activities are weather and sea-condition dependent;
- the cancellation terms; and
- the recommendation to obtain suitable travel insurance.

Full legal and statutory rights are not replaced by these terms.
