A trip to remember

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Cornwall is so much better when the sun shines.



We woke late and Heather was keen to leave quickly. I soon found out why - she wanted to sneak away and let the caravan park cleaner deal with the major flood she had left behind when her shower drain blocked and flooded, not just the shower room under 10cm of water, but the toilet entrance room as well. At least the water was warm and free. Its been a bug-bear the whole trip. When we pay around \$30 for a site (we think this is expensive) we expect to get hot water for free but there is no relationship between how much you pay and whether you get hot water or not. In some places we have to put a coin in to get hot water which is OK, but even then the water is often only tepid. Tonight, for example, we only paid \$10 but had hot water on tap and hair dryers and mirrors in the shower complex. One minor hitch though - the water only stayed on for 5 seconds so you have to push the button constantly. Terrible if you want to wash your hair or let the water warm your back. But at least this water was hot!!

PENDENNIS CASTLE

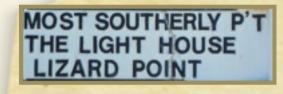
We made our way to Falmouth on the River Fal. Amazingly, Falmouth is the third deepest harbor in the world. At its head, jutting out from the high rocky outcrop, is Pendennis Castle. The castle was first built by Henry VIII and was upgraded many times. Because of its location it was used as a fortification during the various wars. We spent most of the morning here walking around the extensive grounds and marveling at the working and interactive displays in almost every building - great for the kids and the adults alike. There were so many things to do and see we could easily have spent a day in this place. But, the rest of Cornwall beckoned, so we drove on.

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THE LIZARD

The furtherest westerly point of England is called Lands End. We were advised that this place was not spectacular at all and to avoid it. Instead it was suggested that we go to The Lizard - the most southerly point of England and not far from Lands End. We were not disappointed. The rugged coastline was framed by the deep blue sea and we had a wonderful time riding along the cliffs on well worn walking paths (yes bike riding - despite getting some strange looks from Britons who obviously don't see many bikes in these parts). The lovely weather helped make this a most memorial day. Tomorrow we aim to explore more of the Cornwall coast and visit some stately homes and little seaside hamlets.

Lizard Lighthouse

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