

Access Statement for Seawater cottage

Introduction

Seawater is a granite built cottage in a quiet road just 2 minutes walk from St Ives town centre.

Pre-arrival

We have an extensive website at www.seawater.org.uk with detailed information and pictures of all rooms. The latest availability and prices are shown on the website. Bookings and enquiries can be made by email or telephone. It is possible to arrive in St Ives by car or by public transport. The train and bus stations are situated approximately 8 minutes away on foot, which includes some uphill and downhill slopes.

There is a taxi company located at the entrance to the bus and train stations (Ace Cars on 01736 797 799).

Written directions and map are sent to the visitor prior to arrival.

St Ives town centre is 2 minutes on foot down a gentle sloping road from the cottage.

This access statement is available to view on the Seawater website.

Arrival and car parking facilities

There is an allocated car parking space for one car for the duration of the guest's stay. The car parking space is located in the well-lit reserved section of the train station car park, approximately 8 minutes on foot from the cottage. From the car park there is a hill down to the town centre followed by a gentle slope back up to the cottage. The pavements are narrow in some areas.

Visitors need to display the parking permit in their car at all times that they are parked in this space. This will be found on the coffee table on entering the cottage, together with a printed map and directions.

Wesley Place is a quiet street with double yellow lines to indicate that there is no parking at all times. However, traffic wardens are lenient for visitors to stop directly outside of the cottage whilst luggage is unloaded/loaded to and from their car.

Main entrance

From the street the front door opens into the living room. The key is sent by post to the guests at least a week before their stay.

There are one and a half steps up to the front door, the highest of which is 13cm. The door opening is 75cm. The key hole is 140cm from street level. The internal light switch is located just inside the door to the left.

There is a large fitted door mat just inside the door.

The car parking information and permit will be on the coffee table in the living room, together with written information about the cottage in the Visitor's Information Pack.

Living room

The living room has a varnished timber floor with a woven sea grass rug. There are 2 two-and-a-half seater sofas in this room, a low level coffee table and a bookshelf.

In the corner is a 28" widescreen tv (with Freeview channels), dvd player and a wireless router for internet access. The tv and dvd player both have remote controls.

On the shelf unit towards the back of the room is a mini hi-fi with a selection of CD's and DVD's. There are also many books, magazines, games and visitor attraction leaflets in a fitted cupboard.

Towards the front of the living room is a gas fired log burner. The cottage is centrally heated and this room also has 2 large old school style radiators.

There are sash windows to the front and rear of this room.

Staircases are carpeted and open plan going up to the bedrooms and bathroom, and down to the kitchen/dining room from this room.

Kitchen/dining room

There are eleven steps down to the kitchen/dining room, each 20cm high with a tread depth of 22cm. The width of the stairs is 62cm at its narrowest point at the top, widening to 75cm at the bottom.

There is a rope handrail to the right as you descend, plus a staircase balustrade handrail towards the bottom on the left.

The floor is fitted with ceramic tiles in a random pattern.

The fitted kitchen is arranged in a 'U' shape, and incorporates a one-and-a-half bowl sink, 5-ring gas cooker, fitted washer/dryer, fitted dishwasher and freestanding fridge/freezer. The work-surfaces are 90cm high and 60cm deep.

Instructions to operate the appliances can be found in the visitor information pack.

The dining table is 185x85cm and has 6 chairs (no arms on the chairs).

Sash window opens up at ground level to rear courtyard.

Double doors open up a cupboard housing the central heating boiler. The boiler will be set at a temperature suitable for the season for heating and hot water, but is easily adjusted if required.

There are several surface mounted lights on the ceiling beams, and also under-unit lighting to brighten up the work-surfaces.

On the work-surfaces are microwave, toaster, cordless kettle and music system (with dab radio and iPod dock).

There is a storage cupboard under the stairs with cleaning goods/ironing board/stair-gate etc. Also in here is the electrical board with trip switches for each zone, clearly labeled.

This room has 2 large old school style radiators.

There is a fire blanket mounted on the wall next to the microwave, and a fire-extinguisher fixed on the wall inside the under-stairs cupboard.

From the kitchen is an exit to the outside courtyard garden...

Outside courtyard garden

One 11cm high step up to outside space from kitchen.

The door opening is 69cm wide and lower than usual, a total height of 167cm from the top of the granite step.

The courtyard garden is approximately 13' x 12' and completely enclosed by granite built walls.

The ground is decked and level. The decking is grooved to prevent surface water. There is built-in bench seating arranged in an 'L' shape on two sides of the courtyard.

Bathroom

The bathroom is accessed from a carpeted half-landing, 3 steps up from the living room. These steps are 65cm wide, 20cm high with a tread depth of 22cm with a balustrade hand rail to the left.

The door opening into the bathroom is 68cm wide. The door opens inwards.

The bathroom has a bath (168x74cm, height 58cm), toilet (42cm to seating height) and sink (85cm high).

Not including the space that the bath takes up, the floor space is 184x106cm, widening by an extra 40cm in the doorway.

The bathroom has porcelain tiled floor and walls around the bath.

Above the bath is a thermostatically-controlled fixed head shower. The hand-held shower is attached to the tap controls lower down.

Small frosted window above the sink, looking out over rear courtyard.

Heating is by wall-mounted heated towel rail.

From the half-landing are 9 steps up to the top floor, where all 3 bedrooms are located. The stair treads are 21cm in height and 22cm in depth.

There is a rope handrail to the left as you ascend, plus a staircase balustrade handrail towards the bottom on the right.

Bedroom 1

Door opening 73cm.

Door handles for all bedrooms are 80cm from the floor.

Largest bedroom with king-size double bed (mattress size 6'6" long x 5' wide).

Carpeted floor.

Sash window to the rear of the property.

Free-standing wardrobe with shelves and hanging space.

2 x bedside drawer units with lamp on each.

Thermostatically controlled radiator.

Bedroom 2

Door opening 73cm.

Standard double bedroom (mattress size 6'3" long x 4'6" wide).

Carpeted floor.

Sash window to the front of the property.

Hanging space and drawer unit.

Bedside lamps either side of bed.

Thermostatically controlled radiator.

Bedroom 3

Door opening 68cm (outward opening).

Bunk beds (mattress sizes 6' long x 2'6" wide).

Carpeted floor.
Sash window to the front of the property.
Hanging space and narrow storage unit.
Lamps fixed to each bed.
Thermostatically controlled radiator.
Floor space approximately 7' x 92cm, narrowing to 77cm to side of storage unit.

Additional information

We don't advertise that we accept pets, although we would consider accepting one well behaved dog if the owner can reassure us that they wouldn't go upstairs to the bedrooms and wouldn't go on any of the furniture, including sofas. The dog shouldn't be left alone in the cottage at any time.

The premises are strictly non-smoking.

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