

# TAMARISK, THE GARRISON, ST MARY'S ISLES OF SCILLY

## ACCESS STATEMENT

### Introduction

Tamarisk has been sensitively refurbished, extended and adapted from its original layout as a 1960s bungalow to create a stylish holiday cottage with contemporary furnishing and all the equipment we think you will need for an enjoyable and comfortable holiday.

Tamarisk, due to its elevated position and approach is not designed for wheelchair access although wide door openings and level access features have been incorporated wherever possible.

We hope that this Access Statement will provide all necessary information relating to Tamarisk but if you have any queries or specific needs, we will be very happy to help.

### Pre Arrival

Our web site includes detailed information on Tamarisk including photographs and floor plans.

Bookings and enquiries can be made via e mail, online or phone with all details published on our web site.

Access to the Isles of Scilly is via boat from Penzance quay or by fixed wing aeroplane from Land's End, Newquay or Exeter airports. There is also a helicopter service from Land's End airport and there are plans to have a further helicopter service from Penzance in the future.

**We recommend guests book travel well in advance of your stay and full details of travel options can be obtained from the Isles of Scilly Tourist Office. Due to potential flight disruption, we recommend you purchase travel insurance for your ferry journey or flight.**

Contact the Isles of Scilly Tourism Office on +44 (0)1720 620600 or send an email to [info@visitislesofscilly.com](mailto:info@visitislesofscilly.com)

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## **Arrival, Reception and Car parking**

Upon arrival at St Mary's harbour, Tamarisk can be approached on foot. Due to the steep incline, we recommend using a local taxi firm to take you to your destination. Generally, the boats arrive a little before mid-day and you should be aware that access to Tamarisk is from 4.00 pm onwards. It is possible for you to arrange for luggage to be taken to Tamarisk by the local carriers for a small charge which will leave you free to enjoy the islands and orientating yourself before arriving at your accommodation. Details of this service will be available when you book.

Upon arrival at St Mary's airport, there are airport shuttle mini-buses which will offer to take you to your final destination. Please be aware, however, the larger mini-bus fleet used prevent them from passing through the Garrison archway which is required to reach Tamarisk by vehicle. We would recommend contacting a local taxi firm with smaller vehicles that will be able to take you to Tamarisk.

## **Approach to Tamarisk**

Guests travelling to Tamarisk can arrive by taxi to outside Hugh House. To the left of Hugh House is a black door which gives approximately 900mm of clearance and 1.85m head clearance and you follow the path to the left that brings you to four steps which are of irregular height. There is a handrail to one side only on the right approximately 830mm above the step nosing. At the top of the step there is a landing which then leads to five further landings with a handrail to the right hand side, each with a step of approximately 200mm and a length of 1.6m. A hand rail is provided to the right hand side only. The access narrows to 1.1m towards the top and the surface changes from a cobbled effect concrete surface to gravel. There are two further steps rotating 90 degrees to the left and a further landing 1.2m in length which leads to the gateway which gives 870mm clearance width. From here there is a stable block pathway of 900mm width leading to the front door. Passing along this pathway you will encounter a low hanging tree limb which can limit head height to the right to 1.75m.

## **Garden**

Tamarisk benefits from extensive private gardens which include gravel pathways, lawns and flowerbeds as well as stable block patio areas and paths. There are drops of up to 1m between levels which are highlighted through the use of planting, however care should be taken with younger children. At the rear of the property there are uneven steps to the lawned area to the rear, however, steps can be avoided by accessing the lawn from the patio areas. To the left of the dwelling there is a series of gravel steps leading down to lower parts of the garden. These are uneven and there is no handrail.

## **Entrance to Tamarisk**

The main access door to Tamarisk is through the front porch. The external door has a clear opening width of 875 mm and the internal door between the porch and the inner hall has a clear opening width of 800mm. The porch has a coir type matting. Inside the property, all internal doors have lever type handles and provide a minimum width of at least 700mm clearance.

## **Sitting Room**

There is one large sofa which has a seat height of approximately 400mm. There are two further armchairs which have a cushion height of 450mm. The wicker chair has a height of approximately 500mm and the table chairs have a height of approximately 450mm to the seat. The table height is set at 725mm. The lighting is through a variety of sources including a pendant glass shade over the table and lamps. This hangs low and may not be visible to those with impaired eyesight.

The sitting room has a hard wooden floor with a large rug. A 44 inch television is provided along with a DVD player and sound system with remote control. There is a wood burning stove. There is a minor step up of around 40mm to the slate hearth which is trimmed in hardwood. Once again, care should be taken if lighting this with younger children. The fire surround is of a rough granite surface with sharp, hard edges.

There is a coffee table approximately 460 mm tall. There are two external doors in this room which use a rotary knob and occasionally, dexterity and force are required to secure them closed again. All the windows have curtains. Some curtains can only be closed and opened by reaching over furniture.

## **Kitchen**

The kitchen has a dining table set at 730mm high. This is provided with 10 chairs set at 440mm. Children's high chairs are available on request. The flooring in the kitchen is a slate surface, however there is a rug immediately beneath the table area. The kitchen worktops are of a resin stone and are set at 930 mm from the finished floor level. A Belfast sink is provided, the base of which is 720mm from the finished floor surface. A breakfast bar is provided with stools 760mm to the seat. The wall units are set up 1.4m to the lower shelf with various intermediary shelves, the tallest of which being approximately 1.7m. The cooker hob is set at 945mm and the extractor above restricts head height to 1.685m immediately above the hob.

## **Utility Room**

The work tops are similar to those found in the kitchen. The Belfast sink is set a little lower at 750mm to the base from the floor. The washing machine and separate tumble dryer are found below worktop level.

## **Access to bedrooms and bathrooms**

On the ground floor level access over wooden floors is provided to the two ground floor bedrooms and a bathroom. The passageway is 780mm wide at its narrowest point.

## **Bedrooms generally**

The beds are generally set at a height of 700mm, the lighting to the bedrooms is generally via lamps and these can be switched via wall switches which are generally set between 1m and 1.2m height.

## **Ground Floor Bathroom**

The wash hand basin is set at 835mm and is provided with cross haired Victorian style taps. The mirror above the wash hand basin is set at between 1.3 and 1.75m. The WC seat is set at 430mm and is provided with a dual flush push button at the top of the cistern. A soft close seat is provided. The bath requires a step up over the rim of 570mm and a deep set bath is 460mm from the rim to the base. The bath is filled by controls set at 1.3m above the floor level which also requires a reach of 500mm around the fixed portion of the folding shower screen. The controls are cross haired and lever type which require rotational agility. The showerhead can be fixed at 1.45m to 1.95m from the bath base. Currently there are no grab rails for lowering into the bath and assisting exited the bath, and the bath is deep set. Blinds are provided to the window and these are operated via pull cord. The flooring is generally level access with a vinyl covering. The bathroom is illuminated with recessed down lights and a wall mounted light above the wash hand basin mirror. These are switched from outside the bathroom.

## **Ground Floor Twin bedroom**

There is a built-in wardrobe with hangers and hanging rail. The twin beds have wooden headboards. The bed bases are sprung with firm edges. There are two tables at approximately 566 mm high. Lightening is provided via three lamps. A set a drawers approximately 950mm tall are provided. The small stool seat is approximately 450mm to the seat. The windows have curtains which are closed manually.

## **Ground Floor Double bedroom**

The bed bases are sprung with firm edges. There is a padded headboard and two bedside tables approximately 760mm tall. There is a dressing table approximately 710mm from finished floor level with a wicker surfaced chair approximately 450mm to the seat. A dresser is provided with drawers at low level and hanging rail space at high level. The depth of hanging is 885mm. To the base of the hanger portion of the cupboard is 830mm. An armchair is provided with the low seat level set at 320mm.

## **Stairs**

The staircase between the ground floor and the first floor comprises of a carpeted surface stair with a handrail to at least one side. The lowest straight flight of stairs has a handrail to the right hand side set at approximately 900mm above the steps. As the stairs turn a handrail is provided on the right hand side and for the final straight flight, there are handrails to the left and right. Stairgates can be requested in advance. The landing has restricted head height towards the eaves of 870mm. However, the main circulation space has ample head height.

### **First Floor Twin bedroom**

The twin bedroom is accessed off the landing. There is a built in wardrobe with hangers and hanging rail. The door height is restricted to the wardrobe at 1.6m tall and the hanging rail is set at 1.37m. Lighting is provided via one recessed spotlight and a range of table lamps which are all switched from wall switches range from 900mm to 1.2m from the floor level. The windows are provided with blinds which are operated via rotating beaded cords. In the window area the height of the ceiling is restricted to 1.94m. Towards the perimeter of the rooms, the sloping ceilings reduce the height to 1.22m. The beds are fitted with padded headboards. Bedside tables with a height of 700mm are provided. There is also a padded cube which can be sat on approximately 450mm to seat height. A further padded chair is provided with a height to cushion seat level of 470mm. A chest of drawers, height 815mm to the top surface, is provided and a small table, height, 600mm is also provided.

### **First Floor Twin bedroom en-suite:**

Access to the bathroom is through a 700mm clearance doorway. The door opens inwards and this requires careful manoeuvring within the restricted space within the en suite to close the door and access the shower. The WC pan is set at 430mm above finished floor level. There is concealed system with a flush push button recessed into the wall at approximately 930mm height. A small wash hand basin is provided set at 815mm from the floor. This is provided with a pair of cross hair Victorian style taps and a push release waste plug. There is a small step of approximately 40mm to the shower tray with a further 50mm obstruction which needs to be stepped over which is the runner of the shower screen. The shower controls are of lever and cross haired type and set at approximately 1.3m above the shower tray. The fixed showerhead is 1.92m above the shower tray. The adjustable showerhead range is from 1.5 to 1.9m. Lighting is recessed spotlights. A mirror is provided above the wash hand basin set at between 1.1 and 1.86m. There is a shelf for toiletries set at 1.18m to the left of the wash hand basin.

### **First Floor Double bedroom**

The bed is provided with a padded headboard. There is restricted head height towards the front where the sloping ceilings reduce down to 1.2m. To the front dormer window the flat ceiling restricted head height is 1.95m. Two bedside tables or units are provided which are 700mm from the floor height. The TV stand is approximately 700mm above finished floor level. The TV can be operated by remote control. There is a cushioned stool of approximately 450mm to seat height which needs to be reached over to access the beaded pull cord to operate the blind and the window to the front. There are two Velux roof lights which are openable via the pole which is provided in the built in wardrobe. There are also fitted blinds which are operated by the remote controls. The built in wardrobe has a restricted door height of 1.53m. The hanging rail internally is set at 1.3m. A dressing table is provided at 735mm height with a wicker seated chair height 460mm. A further chest of drawers 800mm tall is provided. Lighting is provided through a range of lamps and one pendant light. These are all switched from the walls including switches adjacent to both sides of the bed and by the entrance door. The switches range between 900mm and 1.2m from the finished floor level. The wicker chair has a cushioned seat height of 490mm.

### **Master bedroom en suite:**

Level access is provided to the master en suite. There is a WC pan with seat height set at 450mm. This is also provided with a push button flush at the top of the cistern. A pair of wash hand basins are recessed into a slate surface and set at a height of 125mm. The taps are operated by a cross haired Victorian style handles and the wastes are push operated. Mirrors are circular and set at approximately 1.4m to their centres. Glass globed wall lights are provided at a height of 1.45m. A shaver socket is provided at a height of 1.3m to the right hand side of the wash basin unit. A large roll top bath is provided. There are currently no grab rails to assist lowering or raising in and out of the bath. The rim is approximately 585mm at its lowest point from the floor level and 500mm from the base of the bath. The bath taps are operated by reaching over the bath and the taps are cross haired. There is a small step of around 40mm into the shower area. The fixed showerhead is at approximately 1.885m above the shower tray. The adjustable showerhead can be adjusted between 1.965m and 1.520m above the shower tray. There is a recessed shelf area 1.3m above the shower tray. The shower tray itself can be slippery and there are currently no grab rails for assistance. The shower is operated by cross haired and lever controls which require a rotational agility. There is a towel rail which is set between 1.217m and 7.17m. This can be hot and care should be taken with young children.

### **Services**

The water supply is mains fed.

The electricity is supplied from a green Energy supplier.

All heating and hot water is electric and the settings are automated.