

MR MORRISON'S **TAXPAYER** **FUNDED** FAMILY HOLIDAY

Mr Morrison has been caught-out using taxpayer's money for his own personal sightseeing holiday in the United Kingdom, while all other Australians are prevented from travelling overseas.

Worst still, when caught out, Mr Morrison lied about it.

HERE ARE THE FACTS: ↓

1 Mr Morrison's personal sightseeing holiday saw him visit three pubs, a historic jail, and a cemetery:¹

- ↳ Bodmin Moor Jail
- ↳ St Keverne cemetery
- ↳ Bodmin Moor's famous Jamaica Inn
- ↳ the Old Quay House in Hayle in Carbis Bay
- ↳ Three Turns Pub

2 Mr Morrison told 2GB radio that his personal sightseeing was just by chance, and that he just happened to stop at a couple of places that happened to be on the way between the airport and the G7 meeting.

Ben Fordham, 2GB Radio: Just on your trip, it is being reported this morning that your office spent weeks planning a G7 side trip to explore your convict family roots while you were arguing that Britain was too risky for Australian travellers. I'm guessing there'll be some people saying that this is double standards.

Mr Morrison: Oh Ben, I think that's, I wouldn't describe it like that at all. I mean, we had to land north of London as opposed to landing down there in Cornwall because of the fog. And we stopped off along the way. We had some lunch and stopped off in another location on the way and after the G7 on the way to the airport, we stopped at another place, which just happens to be where my fifth great grandfather was from. So I think it was pretty innocent. I think that's massively overstating.

¹Australia's Prime Minister traces his convict roots in Cornwall during the G7 Summit, Cornwall News, 20 June 2021, <https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/cornwall-news/weekend-australias-prime-minister-traces-5540501>

3 These side trips weren't on the way to the airport and, in fact, Mr Morrison made long detours off the road between the G7 meeting and the airport, totalling some 142km, to do have his personal little overseas holiday.

- Mr Morrison should have just driven 46km from the G7 to the airport.
- Instead, he drove 39km, in the opposite direction to the airport, when we went to the St Keverne cemetery and Three Turns Pub.
- Mr Morrison then drove north 79km, straight past the airport, until he got to the Bodmin Jail and Bodmin's famous Jamaican Pub.
- It was only then that Mr Morrison decided to drive the final 24km to the airport.

4 Mr Morrison's office even spent weeks planning these sightseeing trips, including organising a British historian to research his family history before he left Australia.²

5 Unlike the rest of Mr Morrison's G7 trip, Mr Morrison tried to keep this personal holiday top secret. As the Sydney Morning Herald reported:³

- The personal historian that Mr Morrison's office commissioned to organise his tour, Karen Richards, was sworn to secrecy explaining that, "I had known of his visit for about a fortnight but was unable to tell anyone about it"
- The trip to St Keverne was never disclosed to the media, despite being on the official program for a least two weeks.
- Despite Mr Morrison's official photographer, Adam Taylor, travelling to St Keverne, no photos were published of the trip, and no posts were made to the PM's Facebook or Twitter.



2. Scott Morrison responds to the outrage over photo of him outside an English countryside pub as he reveals the innocent reason for his trip, Daily Mail, 21 June 2021, <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9706881/Scott-Morrison-responds-outrage-photo-outside-English-countryside-pub-G7.html>

3. Scott Morrison's secret G7 side trip to explore his family history, Sydney Morning Herald, 21 June 2021, <https://www.smh.com.au/world/europe/scott-morrison-s-secret-g7-side-trip-to-explore-his-family-history-20210620-p582no.html>