

**D**espite the lack of cowboys, the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall did encounter plenty of pioneer spirit during their recent Western adventure. The royal pair spent three days touring Devon and Cornwall, where their itinerary included a trip to River Cottage.

Here, Prince Charles praised owner and chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's "remarkable efforts" in helping to reignite interest in artisan traditions. They were also treated to a foraging lesson at the smallholding (above), an experience Charles was so wild about he announced plans for a return visit. "Both of us would like to come and have a day's course," he said.

There were courses of a different sort on offer the next day when they stopped off at Jamie Oliver's Fifteen

Cornwall restaurant in Watergate Bay. While lunch may have been off the menu for the pair, they spoke to the apprentices at work in the kitchen (below), where the unemployed youngsters are training for a career in catering. They also posed for photos with the budding chefs on the beach (bottom left).

While the couple resisted the temptation to sample the surf, there was more foam to follow for Camilla. As president of the United Kingdom Vineyards Association, she rounded off her Cornish caper at the Camel Valley vineyard (bottom right), where she was presented with a methuselah (the equivalent of eight standard bottles) of sparkling rosé – perfect for her 67th birthday celebrations the following day.