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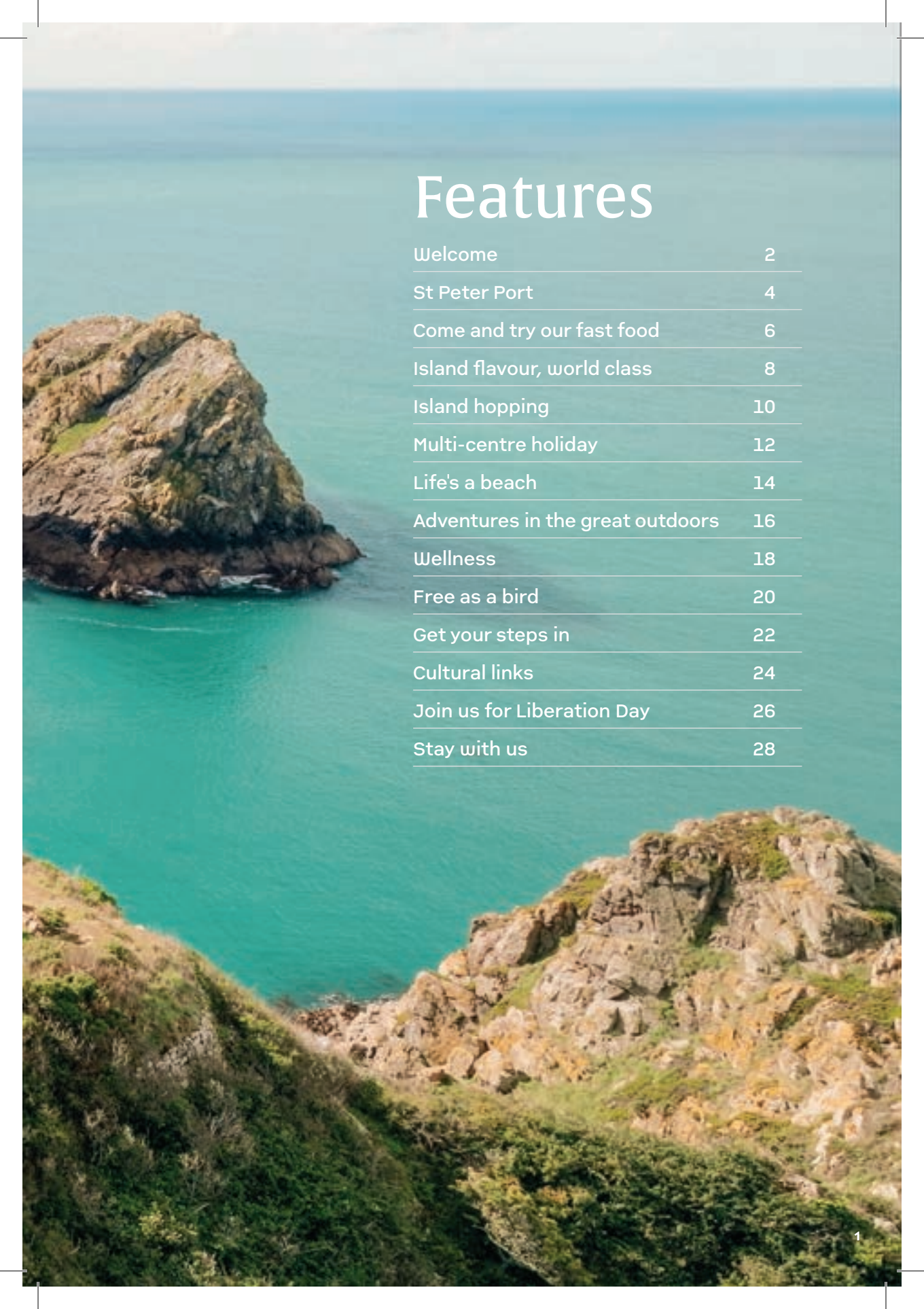
Island feeling.



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THE PEA STACKS, SOUTH COAST CLIFFS





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A very warm welcome from the Islands of Guernsey.

The Bailiwick of Guernsey is a hidden gem. Situated just off the Normandy coast of France in the English Channel, Guernsey is just 65 square kilometres in size, which means there's nothing out of range during a stay and there's lots going on.

As a beautiful archipelago of Islands, there are not one, but five Islands to explore; Guernsey, Alderney, Herm, Sark and Lihou each naturally beautiful and diverse.

Situated on the east coast of Guernsey with views out to neighbouring Islands, St Peter Port is a charming town with cobbled streets blending history with excellent restaurants and local shops. Known colloquially as 'Town', St Peter Port is home to many eateries and hotels, as well as museums, seasonal markets, libraries and the tourist information centre; perfect for getting a taste of island life.

During the summer, our Island's coastlines are buzzing with Islanders and visitors enjoying our glorious beaches bathed in sunshine, late into the evening. There is little better than the simple pleasure of watching the sun set on a high tide at one of our west coast beaches.

As the long, hazy days of summer start to draw in, the air becomes cooler and crisp, but the waters are at their warmest. The autumn is a favourite time to visit for many.

During the winter months, the coastlines are a little more blustery, the sea is a little wilder and the views a little more spectacular. Stretch your legs on our scenic walks, blow the cobwebs away with a blustery beach walk or maybe brave our waters and go for a dip.

As winter makes way for spring, the Islands come alive. Our warmer climate means the gardens bloom earlier, the cliffpaths come alive with wildflowers and the bird and sea life around the Islands return to play in our waters.

We know many of you have visited our beautiful island before. Maybe you already have plans to visit or are thinking of where your next adventure will take you.

It's time to create memories that will last a lifetime.





ST PETER PORT

Your kind of town.

St Peter Port is a charming seafront town, where the streets are festooned with bunting and tumbling floral displays and the cobbled streets are home to resident buskers through the warm, summer months.

It's a town that makes you smile as you walk through, where everyone says hello. It's a town that makes you feel at home.

Safe and welcoming, St Peter Port has a distinct Mediterranean feel with unique, independent shops. It's also really sociable, with cafés, restaurants and bars throwing open their doors from spring to autumn, allowing people to spill out onto the

pavements and seafront to enjoy the fresh air and lovely views.

St Peter Port is small but perfectly formed. Just a five-minute walk from the High Street, you can be sat on a sandy beach, overlooking Castle Cornet and our sister Islands beyond. Stroll a little further and you'll be on the cliff paths taking you to glorious secluded bays around the headland.

A short walk in the other direction and you'll be at historic Candie Gardens, home to Guernsey Museum. Or you could take your adventure a step further and head out into our archipelago.



ST PETER PORT'S HARBOUR



THINGS TO DO IN ST PETER PORT



1. GUERNSEY MUSEUM AT CANDIE

Find out more about Guernsey's fascinating past at this museum set in the historic Candie Gardens, offering panoramic views across to the neighbouring islands.

2. LA VALLETTE BATHING POOLS

Recently renovated, the Pools look out across Guernsey's sister Islands and Castle Cornet.

3. LA VALETTE UNDERGROUND MILITARY MUSEUM

Award-winning museum set in tunnels built by the Germans during the Occupation.

4. THE NATIONAL TRUST OF GUERNSEY VICTORIAN SHOP & PARLOUR

Step back in time at this restored 18th century shop.

5. GERMAN NAVAL SIGNALS HQ

Headquarters of the German Naval Commander during the Occupation.

6. HAUTEVILLE HOUSE

Victor Hugo's Guernsey home, extensively renovated in 2019.

7. CASTLE CORNET

800-year old castle with museums. Visit at midday to watch the firing of the Noon Day Gun.

8. ALDERNEY, HERM AND SARK ISLAND FERRY DEPARTURES

9. ART FOR GUERNSEY GALLERY, MANSELL STREET

St Peter Port's newest two storey art gallery in the heart of the Old Quarter.

10. BEAU SEJOUR LEISURE CENTRE

Guernsey's leisure centre which includes a pool, gym, café, sports hall and cinema.

COME AND TRY

Our fast food.



GUERNSEY OYSTER'S BEDS IN HERM

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The Islands of Guernsey are a place where fast food takes on a whole new meaning, where oysters are farmed and delivered to the plate within 20 minutes, where our milk is sourced from the farm down the road and the vegetables are bought from the hedge.

It's not just fast, it's fresh. The freshest.

Come and immerse yourself in all the foodie experiences that the Islands have to offer. Forage along our wild hedgerows and taste our local ciders and beers, visit the goats and buy their cheese and browse the farmers markets and Seafront Sundays.

We pride ourselves on many of the restaurants, cafés and kiosks here still being family owned and run, making each and every one unique and welcoming.

Small producers have flourished in recent years as Islanders have increasingly looked to source their food locally. We have become more sustainable and more mindful of our food miles, which means our food and drink is even better than it was before.

Whatever you're in the mood for, there's plenty to choose from.

Island flavour, world class.

Here in the Islands of Guernsey, food isn't just something we eat, it's a way of life - the unmistakable pleasure of dishes created from ingredients that travelled metres, not miles.

The Islands' food scene has never been better. In recent years, a wave of passionate chefs, growers and makers has reimagined our local larder, and the world is taking notice. With the arrival of our Michelin-recognised restaurants, Guernsey joins the map of exceptional dining destinations, celebrating the very best of what our land and sea provide.

Whether you're savouring freshly shucked Herm oysters, enjoying seaweed foraged from our west coast beaches, or tucking into vegetables grown just down the road, every plate is a snapshot of island life.

Our Michelin mentions.

Guernsey's food scene continues to shine, with standout restaurants recognised by the Michelin Guide in 2026.

VRAIC

Guernsey's only Michelin-starred restaurant, celebrated for its coastal setting and beautifully crafted, seaweed-inspired tasting menu.

For those seeking further culinary inspiration, from refined local classics to Bib Gourmand awarded small plates, you can find the full list of Guernsey's recommended establishments by visiting the Michelin Guide.



Scan the QR code.

Our restaurants set the bar high, championing hyper-local produce, creative craftsmanship, and unforgettable dining experiences. Expect menus that follow the seasons, dishes inspired by our coastline and countryside, and chefs whose connection to the Islands runs as deep as their talent.

Fresh, fast, and full of flavour.

Food on our Islands is at its best when it's simple and honest. Visit a coastal kiosk for a crab sandwich still fresh from the morning's catch, sip a locally brewed cider after a day exploring, wander through Seafront Sundays, or pick up vegetables from one of our hedge veg stalls.

Whether you're here for fine dining, a foodie adventure, or a lazy seaside lunch with a view, Guernsey serves it all, beautifully.

The Big Eat

The Big Eat Guernsey occurs every April and October to celebrate everything that makes our islands so deliciously unique.

Throughout its duration, the festival showcases four themed experiences, each with special events and bespoke menus created exclusively for that month.

Find out more at thebigeatguernsey.com



Island hopping.

A trip to one of our sister Islands, Alderney, Sark, Herm and Lihou, is an absolute must if you visit. Each of the Islands have their own very unique feel and character.

Herm

Herm is small but perfectly formed with some of the most spectacular beaches in the Channel Islands. With its clear turquoise seas, this tiny car-free island with unspoilt beaches, lush greenery and stunning coastal scenery, home to Europe's most southerly puffin-breeding colony, can easily be explored on foot in a couple of hours.

Ferry operator: Travel Trident
(traveltrident.com)

Frequent daily services.

Journey time: 20 minutes.

Tickets: Purchase from the Travel Trident kiosk.

Sark

Sark is famed for its slow pace of life, where people get around on bikes or horse and cart. With one of the most unique High Streets in the British Isles, the unpaved roads weave across Sark's beautiful landscape, revealing hidden bays, great places to eat and even a Royal Horticultural Society-recommended garden at La Seigneurie.

Ferry operator: Isle of Sark Shipping
(sarkshipping.gg)

Journey time: 50 minutes.

Tickets: Book online or buy tickets from the office at White Rock, St Peter Port.

Getting around: By foot, horse and carriage or bicycle.

Highlights: Enjoy a horse and carriage or a cycle ride to La Coupée crossing, then walk across this narrow isthmus to Little Sark.

THE TRAVEL TRIDENT FERRY ARRIVING IN HERM



SARK'S LA COUPÉE

Alderney

Alderney is the third largest of the Channel Islands and is best known for being home to the blonde hedgehog. More than 300 species of bird also choose to make Alderney their home to nest in each year, making it a birdwatcher's paradise. With its stunning sandy beaches, a great selection of places to eat, fascinating history and wildlife and birdlife unique to the Island, Alderney offers a relaxed way of life, in a safe environment, where quality time is easy to find.

Air operator: Aurigny (aurigny.com)
Frequent daily services year round.

Ferry operator: Alderney Ferry Services (alderneyferry.com)

Journey time: 15 minutes by air
or 1 hour by sea.

Tickets: Book online.

Getting around: By foot, bicycle,
e-bike or hire car.

Highlights: Visit Britain's
best-preserved Roman small
fort at The Nunnery Heritage Site.

Lihou

Lihou Island is reached on foot at certain low tides, when the receding tide reveals a 570m ancient stone causeway leading to the Island's fantastic rock pools, priory ruins, RAMSAR-designated wetlands and the 'Venus Pool', a natural swimming pool formed in the rocks.

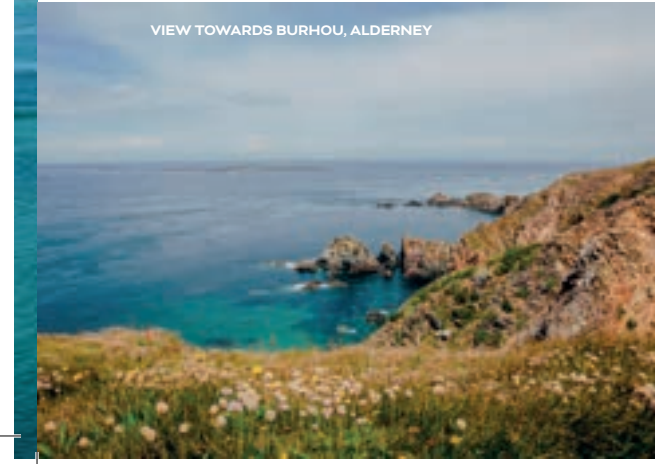
Operator: Government of Guernsey and
the Lihou Charitable Trust.

Journey time: Approximately 15 minutes
by foot. Causeway accessible at low tide
(tide times at gov.gg/lihou)

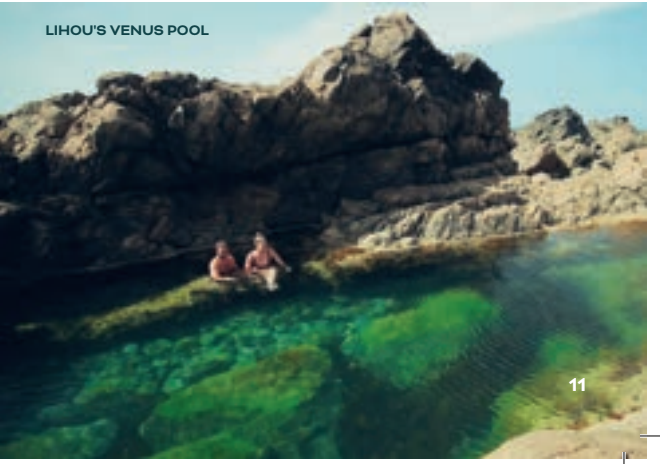
Getting around: By foot.

Highlights: Cross the tidal causeway and
spot multiple species of seaweed while
enjoying the calls of a variety of breeds
of seabird. For a unique 'Robinson Crusoe'
adventure, why not hire Lihou House
(www.lihouisland.com) and enjoy an
overnight stay on the deserted island!

Find out more about island hopping around
our Bailiwick, including packages, special
offers, ideas and guides to the Islands at
visitguernsey.com/experiences/island-hopping



VIEW TOWARDS BURHOU, ALDERNEY



LIHOU'S VENUS POOL



ST PETER PORT HIGH STREET

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Twin-centre holiday.

Twice the charm. Twice the adventure.

With its perfect position in the Channel, Guernsey is the ideal base for a twin-centre escape, giving you two destinations, two cultures, and two perspectives on island life, all in one unforgettable trip.

Pair Guernsey with St Malo or Jersey and discover just how easy it is to experience more. More beaches, more food, more history, more island feeling. Whether you're travelling for a long weekend or something more leisurely, you can create a break that's as relaxed or as adventurous as you want it to be.

Guernsey & St Malo: where island calm meets coastal charm

Just a short ferry crossing away, the walled city of St Malo offers medieval ramparts, Breton markets and sun-kissed cafés that open onto winding, cobbled streets. Spend your days exploring tidal islands, sampling crêpes and cider, and watching the boats drift into the harbour at sunset.

Back in Guernsey, swap city walls for sweeping beaches, dramatic cliffs and relaxed island living. It's the perfect blend - French flair and Guernsey's gentle pace, all in one trip. Head to brittanyferries.co.uk to discover just how easy it is to travel between the two.

Guernsey & Jersey: two islands, two identities

A hop across the water brings you to Jersey, where rugged cliffs and rolling countryside meet a lively town scene. Wander St Helier's boutiques, explore hidden bays, and sample the island's rich dairy-inspired cuisine.

Together, Jersey and Guernsey offer a unique island pairing - similar in spirit, different in character, and each full of its own unexpected delights.

Make more of your island break

Twin-centre trips give you the freedom to explore at your own pace, whether that's discovering a new culture, enjoying twice the coastline, or simply soaking up twice the sunshine. Head to Aurigny.com for a short flight or islands-unlimited.com for a leisurely ferry.



Explore our
connections

Life's a beach.

We are spoilt for choice when it comes to our beautiful beaches, with secluded coves to the south and long sweeping sands to the west and north. We love our beaches and are creatures of habit, each with our favourite spot on our favourite bay.

With one of the largest tidal ranges in the world, our beaches are ever changing. High tide is magical, leaving just enough beach to perch on and take in the view. Low tide reveals the best rockpools to pootle about in and find beach treasure. There are ancient

caves to explore, natural and man-made saltwater pools and sheltered bays that are just perfect for a paddle.

For the more adventurous, our coastline is nature's playground. Jump into our crystal-clear waters, kayak along the coastline, surf, paddleboard, or try your hand at coasteering. All along the coast there are colourful kiosks, each with their own unique character, offering a cuppa and a homemade cake, a local ice-cream and a crab sandwich.



GRANDES ROCQUES, WEST COAST

Over the summer months our beaches come alive, hosting parties and events, established family days, motor racing events, starlit dinners and more.

In the cooler months, it's about wrapping up and taking a walk, watching the wild waves crash along the shoreline and embracing the fresh air. In the summer, it's about feeling the warmth of the sun on your back and the cool sea on your toes.

Our beaches are a place where our children can run free, where we can relax against the

granite wall, warmed by the sun, and watch the sun set on another day.

It's not too late to plan a beach holiday, for the best last-minute deals go to:

**[visitguernsey.com/
planning/offers](https://www.visitguernsey.com/planning/offers)**

From the best secluded swimming spots to where is best for a barbeque, head to: **[visitguernsey.com/experiences/beaches](https://www.visitguernsey.com/experiences/beaches)**



Adventures in the

The Islands of Guernsey are a birdwatcher's paradise all year round, where you will be able to spot some of the 150 species of birds that call us home, including the Eurasian Spoonbill, Red Kites, and the European Bee-eater.

The wildlife and birds who choose to make the Islands their home have complete freedom in our uncrowded cliff perches, wetlands and waters.

Between April and July, the Puffins nest high on Herm's cliff edges and raft in the

waters around the Islands, distinguishable by their brightly-coloured beaks. They are all able to thrive in this natural environment all year round, and we are lucky enough to live alongside them in awe.

For keen twitchers, a trip to Alderney between April and October, to see the two Gannet colonies, is an absolute must.



ALDERNEY'S GANNET ROCK

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great outdoors.

The waters around Guernsey are not just perfect for our wildlife but are a mecca for keen fishermen and anglers, who can enjoy coarse or deep-sea fishing.



Whether you are casting off from the shore, pier or rocks, taking a boat trip or trying your hand at lake fishing, the Islands offer some of the most exciting and varied fishing in the most picturesque spots.

Our varied coastline, and the reefs of the Islands, are famous for being home to just about every species of fish that can be caught, so what are you waiting for?



Take a wellness break in the Islands of Guernsey.



MARBLE BAY, EAST COAST

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WHAT IS WELLNESS?

Wellness is sunny beach days and blustery clifftop walks, sea swimming and enjoying a cuppa on the beach afterwards. It's exercise you enjoy, at your own pace, whether that be something you've done before or something new you want to try. Wellness is balance, it's feeling invigorated and energised, while spending time with loved ones, making

memories over great food (and drink) with spectacular views. It's revisiting the familiar and discovering the new.

At a time when self-care is under the spotlight, the Islands of Guernsey deliver in spades. From waking up to the sound of birds and strolling down to one of our south coast bays to having a go at kayaking to spot the puffins who have made our coastline their

home, the feelgood factor is everywhere on the Islands of Guernsey.

If wellness is feeling great, that's what we do best. It's time you checked in to get that island feeling.

Find out more about wellness breaks in the Islands: visitguernsey.com/experiences/wellness



Free as a bird.



SOUTH COAST

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Are you looking for some inspiration for your trip to Guernsey?

There are so many great things to do here in the Islands, and many don't cost a penny.

Follow the cobbled path for an Island adventure on Lihou and play hide and seek around our ancient dolmens and in our coastal forts and bunkers, visit the smallest of chapels, perfect for young visitors, and play in our parks and gardens.

Whether you are travelling on your own, with friends or family, or in a group, there is so much to do in the Islands of Guernsey that is free.

For a moment of coastal tranquillity or an adventurous hike, the Islands of Guernsey offer unspoilt nature for you to enjoy. Some great spots to visit include Bluebell Woods, St Saviours Reservoir and, more recently, Les Vardes Quarry Nature Walk. The recently created 2k walk takes you around Guernsey's quarry and has amazing views of the island. The new addition of an Animal Adventure Trail with its beautifully carved animal statues makes it a real family favourite.

In the heart of St Peter Port, you can find year-round activities taking place in the Guille-Allès Library

for children, and some meditation and book clubs for adults too. Take a walk up the hill to Candie Gardens, home to Guernsey Museum and where you can collect the key for Victoria Tower, just a short walk from the Museum. Your climb up the Tower will be rewarded with panoramic views across St Peter Port and out across our sister Islands.

Read more about the best free activities at visitguernsey.com/free-activities



Get your steps in.

Hiking our coastlines, rural lanes and pathways is where you really see the Bailiwick's natural beauty.

Everyone has their favourite spot on our Island's coastline, whether that be the sandy dunes of the north or the rocky outcrops of the south.

Whether you are looking for a leisurely stroll or a challenging hike, our five Islands all offer scenic trails to explore with views to reward you at every corner.

It's time to take the path less trodden.

Walking at your own pace

We have put together a series of walks to help you explore our Islands in your own time, taking pit stops at our clifftop cafés and coastal kiosks and stopping to take photos to show your friends and family. These routes cover all aspects of island life. Whether you are keen to learn more about our past, our natural

CLIFF PATH WALK, ALDERNEY

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environment or our famous visitors, there will be a walk designed just for you.

Our official VisitGuernsey App is free to download and features more than 50 self-guided routes to help you explore. Whether it's the rugged south coast cliff paths, the long sweeping bays of the west, our quiet country lanes, exploring our archipelago or uncovering the historic past of the island's capital, our Islands have so much to offer.

The App includes:

- Directions to starting points
- Estimated route times
- Difficulty levels
- Maps
- Points of interest - including special offers
- Audio guides
- Track & save your progress



Download on the Apple and Google Play Stores, just search VisitGuernsey or use the QR code.

Walking with a Guide

Throughout the year you can explore our Islands with the Bailiwick of Guernsey Guild of Accredited Guides. Offering routes across our Islands covering topics such as the Occupation, St Peter Port, literature and art, you are guaranteed to learn more about what makes Guernsey so special, while getting your steps in.

Walking Festivals

Every spring and autumn, walking festivals take place across our Islands. Local expert guides curate routes to celebrate the seasons and share fascinating insights on our Islands along the walk. The festivals run for two weeks and are a great way to discover more about our archipelago.

Find out more about all the ways you can explore our Islands on foot at visitguernsey.com/experiences/hiking



A photograph of the interior of Victor Hugo's Hauteville House in Guernsey. The room is highly ornate, featuring a red velvet chaise longue in the foreground, a large tapestry on the wall, and a chandelier. The room is filled with various decorative items, including statues and framed paintings.

Cultural links.

In September 1883 French Impressionist, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, spent a month in Guernsey. He was often found on the rocky south coast, painting 15 masterpieces, all depicting views of Moulin Huet Bay. He was fascinated by the way the light interacted with the natural environment, the crystal-clear waters and steep topography, and the island inhabitants who bathed freely

amongst the rocks, inspiring him and ultimately creating fundamental shifts in his work. You can follow his footsteps on our Renoir Walk.

Five specially crafted picture frames invite you to stand in the exact spots where Renoir worked on his paintings – so you can see the landscape just as he did.

VICTOR HUGO'S HAUTEVILLE HOUSE

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Writer and poet Victor Hugo landed on Guernsey in October 1855, exiled from his native France. He soon fell in love with the Island and during his 15 years here he wrote many of his most-famous works, including *Les Misérables*, *Toilers of the Sea* and *The Man Who Laughs*. He even dedicated *Toilers of the Sea* to Guernsey, calling us "the rock of hospitality and freedom."

Built on the heights of St Peter Port, Hauteville House was Hugo's residence during his exile in Guernsey and the only property of the writer on the island. The house was lovingly designed and decorated by Hugo and gives a great insight into his daily life.



THE LIBERATION DAY CAVALCADE

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Liberation Day.

The Channel Islands were the only part of the British Isles to be occupied during World War II, and the Islands of Guernsey lived under German control from June 1940 to May 1945. During the Occupation, German troops fortified the Islands, building bunkers and tunnels and adapting existing defences, which can all still be visited today.

Celebrated annually on 9th May, the festivities provide an opportunity for islanders to

remember the days of Occupation, which played such a monumental role in shaping both the landscape and the lives of the people of Guernsey.

Our history isn't just in the walls, it's in its people. This part of our history is still in living memory for some of our Island residents today.

LiberationDay.gg



Stay with us.

Getting your accommodation right is key to enjoying your holiday.

Whether you are looking for five star luxury, self-catering for you and your extended family or a completely unique stay, we have everything you are looking for.

Here in the Islands of Guernsey, you can wake up to spectacular west coast views from a cosy Shepherd's Hut, take in the panoramic views from luxury penthouse suites or enjoy a morning cuppa on top of your own historic private tower.

Be the king of your castle, stay on your own island, gaze at the starry skies from the porch of your log cabin or pitch your tent in a field with the best views.

Choose somewhere to stay that is as unique as you are.

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FERMAIN TOWER, A UNIQUE COASTAL RETREAT

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