

A full-page photograph of three children playing in the ocean. A boy in red shorts is in the background, holding a snorkel mask. Two girls in swimsuits are in the foreground, splashing in the waves. The scene is set at sunset, with a warm, golden light over the water and a hazy coastline in the distance.

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Features

**The Islands of Guernsey,
Sark, Alderney, Herm
and Lihou are located
in the English Channel,
just 30 miles from the
Normandy coast.**

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Welcome to the Islands of Guernsey

2023 is shaping up to be an exciting year for us. Whether you are looking forward to returning to your favourite corner of the British Isles or considering visiting for the first time, there are so many reasons to visit this year.

As a beautiful archipelago of Islands, we have not one, but five Islands to explore and are just a 30-minute flight or a 3-hour ferry crossing from the UK.

It's time to get away from it all and recharge your batteries. Time to embrace island-hopping and outdoor adventures on land and on sea and to dine at one of our many restaurants, beachside kiosks or cafés. It's time to delve into the past and explore our heritage on guided walks or hike our coastline at your own pace. To feel the sand between your toes on one of our many unspoilt, uncrowded beaches and take a dip in our crystal clear waters.

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.

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

Join us in 2023, we can't wait to see you.





The Guernsey blues

Here on the Islands, the winter blues mean huge blue skies and dramatic blue seas.

We locals know that the Islands of Guernsey are a great place to live all year round, but they also have so much to offer visitors, too.

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, then head to one of our restaurants for a cosy fireside lunch.

Pop on an extra layer and head over to our sister Islands for a wander, all the Islands are just as beautiful when the air is crisp. Why not stay over and take advantage of the dark, clear skies for some of the best star-gazing in the British Isles?

To find out more about our winter breaks, go to visitguernsey.com/planning/offers

Read more about what to do over the winter months at: visitguernsey.com/winter

Banish the winter blues on the Islands of Guernsey

Keep active

Exercising releases your happy hormone - serotonin - so it's not only good for your health, it makes you feel good too. The Islands of Guernsey have so much to offer, regardless of your ability, so take a walk or a quick dip and it will lift your mood, and mean you've earned your afternoon tea.

Keep in touch

Spending time with family and friends is the best way to lift your spirits, whether that's having a laugh trying something new or catching up over a long lazy lunch.

Eat healthily

Growing is in our blood here on the Islands, where food miles become food minutes. We buy our vegetables from roadside stalls, our fish comes from local waters and our meat from Island farms. With more than 200 eateries to choose from, eating well is what we do, every day.

See the light

Feeling the sun on your face not only feels great but is good for you. An extra dose of Vitamin D means you sleep better, you live longer and it improves your mental health. With a daily average of 5.1 hours of sunshine, an island break could be just what the doctor ordered.

Take up a hobby

Trying something new is a great way to feel alive. Whether that's jumping in with both feet and trying some coasteering or kayaking or trying something a bit gentler and turning your hand to painting or yoga, go to visitguernsey.com to find out more.

The generation game

Safe, welcoming and easy to get around, the Islands of Guernsey offer a place you can spend quality time with the people you really care about.

If you are travelling with children, and maybe grandchildren too, the Islands are such a great place to holiday. There is plenty to do for all the family, and the Islands have so many places to visit that are free of charge too.

And if there are April showers to dodge, there are shops to mooch in, in our vibrant capital St Peter Port and plenty of indoor activities if you have younger children to entertain. With our naturally milder climate than the UK, the Islands start to wake from hibernation in the Spring, when our key heritage sites also re-open on Weds 22 March, ideal to explore in all weathers.

If you are planning a trip in the winter months, get the most out of your break by visiting our website. It is jam-packed with lots of great ideas and special offers that will give you plenty of inspiration for your next Island break.

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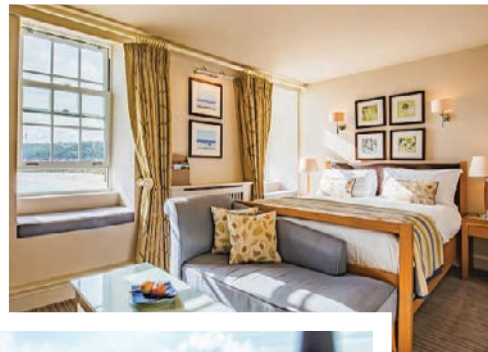
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On one of Alderney's most captivating bays, Braye Beach is an award-winning hotel, recognised for its enviable beachside location.

Enjoy stylish bedrooms with a coastal feel, which make the most of an abundance of natural light.



The hotel also features vibrant restaurants and bars and a cinema room. Braye Beach offers a unique blend of traditional luxury and island personality.

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Visit 19th century Paris

Victor Hugo's Guernsey

Be inspired by one of our most famous residents by visiting his extraordinary 19th century Parisian-inspired townhouse.

Hauteville House opens at the beginning of April and is an absolute must-see if you are visiting Guernsey. The House, which was home to French writer, Victor Hugo, for 14 years has recently undergone a major 18-month-long restoration and is widely regarded as a piece of art in its own right.

During his exile in Guernsey, the Island inspired some of his most famous works, including *Les Misérables* and *Toilers of the Sea*, which he dedicated to the island. Take a guided tour of the house, and a peek into the fabulously eccentric world of one of the world's most revered authors.

Read more:
maisonsvictorhugo.paris.fr



'A Renaissance of Victor Hugo'

March 2023

Art for Guernsey's Mansell Street Gallery, St Peter Port.

This new exhibition features internationally-acclaimed artists Oleg Mikhailov and Daniel Hosego.

Both contemporary artists have been tasked with revisiting the legacy of the ultimate 'Renaissance Man' in Guernsey, Victor Hugo, specifically his novel *Toilers of the Sea*.

Read more:
artforguernsey.com

Come and try our fast food

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 farmer's markets and Seafront Sundays.

We still pride ourselves on many of the restaurants, cafes 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.

Why not try a Tuk Tuk Food Tour

Getting around the Island by Tuk Tuk turns a meal out into a real event.

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Find out more and book at:
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New for 2023

Taste Guernsey Food Festival 23 – a celebration of Guernsey produce

Sat 1 April 2023 – Sun 30 April 2023

This new food festival event will run throughout April 2023 and is a month-long event celebrating the very best ingredients found on island.

The competition, organised by the Guernsey Hospitality Association, will test local chefs' creativity and skills, with venues across the Island creating a menu with an emphasis on using local produce, from seafood to our fabulous dairy products.

Diners will be able to cast their votes for their favourite dishes via a dedicated event website or printed cards and be in with the chance of winning prizes.

Awards will be in four categories:

- Favourite local seafood dish
- Favourite dish using Guernsey dairy products
- Best service
- Best Instagram post with diners encouraged to post pictures on social media

Join us for 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.

2023 marks the 78th anniversary of the Liberation of the Islands and is celebrated on 9 May. It represents the freedom that many of our parents and grandparents were not afforded during these years.



The festivities provide an opportunity to remember the dark days of the Occupation, which played such a monumental role in shaping both the landscape and the lives of the people of Guernsey.

In 2023, another momentous event will take place in the days leading up to our own special day, with the planned Coronation of King Charles III on Sat 6 May, and an additional Bank Holiday on Mon 8 May. Why not visit this year and spend a long weekend celebrating with us.

Find out more at liberationday.gg

New for 2023

Are you interested in finding out more about our WWII history?

This year, you can explore one of our most fascinating fortifications, Fort Hommet, with an accredited guide for the first time, thanks to Festung Guernsey.

Festung is a group of dedicated WWII enthusiasts, passionate about preserving our unique historical landmarks, built during the German Occupation of the Island.

For more information, go to festungguernsey.org.gg

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 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, which are home to Europe's most southerly puffin-breeding colony, can easily be explored on foot in a couple of hours.

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 an Royal Horticulture Society-recommended garden at La Seigneurie.

Alderney is the third largest of the Channel Islands and 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 bird watchers 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.

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.


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](https://www.visitguernsey.com/experiences/island-hopping)

New for 2023

Additional Sunday Sark sailings in January, February and March

In the first quarter of 2023, it will be easier than ever to enjoy a day trip, or longer stay in Sark with these additional sailings.

For information about timetables and sailings, go to: [sarkshipping.gg](https://www.sarkshipping.gg)



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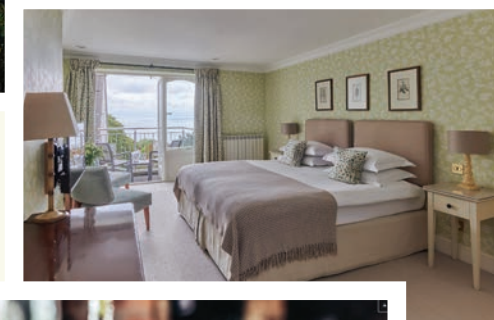
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Our official VisitGuernsey App is free to download and features more than 35 self-guided routes to help you explore The Islands of Guernsey. New for 2023 are a series of folklore walks which will help uncover some of our magical myths and legends.

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, the Islands have so much to offer.

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'VisitGuernsey has made hiking really easy with their brilliant app. It has routes covering all the islands, with a variety of themes. Definitely worth downloading if you are a keen walker who wants to explore on foot.'

TV historian, Dan Snow

Get in the festival spirit

Why not visit the Islands during one (or both) of our walking festivals?

Walking festivals take place in spring and autumn each year, and are the perfect time to visit if you are a keen walker who wants to find out more about the Islands.

Spring Walking Festival 2023:
Sat 20 May to Sun 4 June

Autumn Walking Festival 2023: Sat 16 September to Sun 1 October 2023



Beaches, bays & coves for days

The best bit about being on our beaches is how they make you feel.

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.

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.

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.

Our uncrowded beaches are somewhere you can read a book or make a sandcastle, have a snooze or simply somewhere to just take a breath. It's time to find your perfect spot.





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'One of my favourite swims for a sunrise is Marble Bay. It's really off the beaten track. You meander down many little pathways and the beauty just opens up before you. It's a real hidden gem in Guernsey. You'll really find peace and quiet down here. It really is worth the effort of coming down to Marble Bay.'

Take the plunge in the Islands of Guernsey

Local ambassador, Jayne Packham, swims all year round with a small, enthusiastic group. She said whether you are long distance swimmer or a dipper, the Islands of Guernsey has it all.

'The feeling of getting in - it's such a reset. You just get such a buzz,' she said.

For a quiet swim adventure, the south coast bays off the cliff path such as Marble Bay are the perfect choice. But there is much more on offer on the Islands for every swimmer.

The Islands have one of the largest tidal ranges in the world, with regular nine to 10 metre tides. This means you can experience two completely different swims in the same bay, depending on what time you go.

Cold water swimming is proven to not only help our physical health but also improve our mental wellbeing. Quite simply, sea swimming gives you the feel-good factor.

From watching the sunrise from our east coast bays to a sunset dip out west, there's no better place to give it a go than the clear waters of the Islands of Guernsey.

The local wild swimmer loves nothing more than being in the water and exploring all that our bays and beaches have to offer, from sunrise to sunset.

Jayne recommends...

- **A Sunrise Swim at Marble Bay (Le Pied du Mur)**

This small, secluded rocky cove situated near the south east point of the Island, has stunning views towards Herm and Sark.

- **A Quick Dip at Havelet Bay**

Havelet is along the front in St Peter Port and also home to the recently restored La Vallette bathing pools.

- **A Sunset Swim at Les Amarreurs**

This hidden gem on Guernsey's north coast has a small jetty at the western end of L'Ancrese Common, complete with children's playground along with public toilets and plenty of parking.

For more information about our beaches, secret swimming spots and best shorelines stays, go to: [visitguernsey.com/experiences/wild-swimming](https://www.visitguernsey.com/experiences/wild-swimming)

'Havelet is a real social bay. It's in the hub of our town. For me, it's my lunchtime swim.'

Adventures in the great outdoors

The Islands of Guernsey are a bird watchers 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 are rafting 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 in awe.

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

The waters around Guernsey are not just perfect for our wildlife but our clear waters 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?



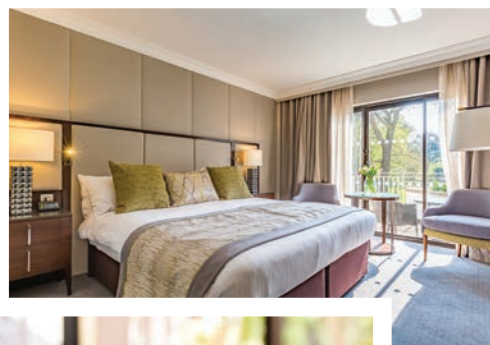
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Free as a bird

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 The 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 quarry itself and the views beyond. 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.

We have gathered some of the best free activities that you can enjoy while you are here, read more at visitguernsey.com/free-activities



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New for 2023

Reciprocal Health Agreement

A new Reciprocal Health Arrangement
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into force from 1 Jan 2023.

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What's on

Events and Festivals are well and truly back for 2023.

We are delighted to share with you all the events taking place through to autumn 2023, and hope it inspires you to find out more and book a trip.

As well as our regular annual events, there are plenty of new ones too. Here's a taste of what's on offer, but for the most up-to-date listings, go to: visitguernsey.com/events

Fri 17 – Sun 19 March
Alderney Literary Festival

March
Victor Hugo Exhibition,
Mill Street Gallery

Sat 1 – Sun 30 April
Taste Guernsey Food Festival
23 – a celebration of
Guernsey produce

Sun 2 April
The Sure Guernsey Marathon

Sat 6 May
The Coronation of
His Majesty the King

Tues 9 May
Liberation Day

Weds 10 – Sun 14 May
Guernsey Literary Festival

Sun 14 May
GU36 – The Guernsey Ultra

Sat 20 May – Sun 4 June
Spring Walking Festival

Sat 27 – Sun 28 May
Guernsey Together Festival

Mon 5 – Sun 11 June
Bloomin' Alderney

Sat 10 June
Saffery Rotary Walk

Mon 3 July
Lé Viaër Marchi

Fri 7 – Sun 9 July
SarkFest 2023

Sat 8 – Fri 14 July
Island Games

Sat 22 – Sun 23 July
Sark Sheep Racing

Sat 22 July
Rocquaine Regatta

Mon 7 – Sat 12 August
Alderney Week

Weds 16 – Thurs 17 August
The West Show

Weds 23 – Thurs 24 August
The North Show
& Battle of Flowers

Sun 27 August
Vale Earth Fair

Thurs 14 September
Guernsey Air Display

**Sat 16 September –
Sun 1 October**
Autumn Walking Festival

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