

Guernsey, Channel Islands

The Islands of Guernsey are made up of five beautiful Islands with a French twist, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, Herm and Lihou. Guernsey is the perfect base from which to explore the Islands on foot, by bicycle or even horse and cart on Sark.

A location some 112 kms from the south coast of Britain but only 40kms from the coast of France makes the Channel Island of Guernsey an ideal location for cruise calls. St Peter Port has been a popular port of call for many years and is capable of handling at least two large cruise liners at any one time with a high turnover of between 90 and 100 calls per year.

Guernsey's cruise liner passengers disembark at a dedicated cruise pontoon 600 metres from the town centre. During a short tender transfer from the liner into St Peter Port harbour (5-10 minutes) our visitors admire the beautiful panoramic views, which include Guernsey's sister Islands of Herm and Sark. On a clear day passengers may also see Alderney to the north and south to Jersey.

CruiseGuernsey has a disability awareness team to assist visiting cruise passengers. The team have undergone Hidden Disability Training, alongside enhancing the existing welcome teams to support anyone in need of a rest on a hot day or requiring additional assistance before boarding the return tenders

Set on a hillside watching over the gateway to Guernsey, is St Peter Port town. The delightful pocket-sized capital of Guernsey is a vibrant mix of hustle and bustle with a distinctly continental atmosphere. St Peter Port is unquestionably served by one of the most picturesque harbours in Europe. Whilst only 40 square kms in size, Guernsey offers stunning scenery, historic buildings, fascinating museums, 480kms of country lanes, and some of the best beaches in Europe. All of these different ingredients, combined with the friendliness of the people, come together to create the unique atmosphere that makes Guernsey the Island of choice.

Top Five Facts About Guernsey

1. During WW2 the islands were invaded and occupied by the German army and occupied for five years. Many families were separated during this time and reminders of the occupation can still be seen around the island today.
2. French author and poet Victor Hugo spent 15 years in exile in Guernsey from 1855 and the island provided the inspiration for many of his fine works, including *Les Miserables* and *Toilers of the Sea*. Hauteville House, his home during his exile is open to the public.
3. The south coast cliffs provided inspiration for French Impressionist painter, Renoir. Moulin Huet bay was depicted in one of his works.
4. The Albion Pub is in the Guinness Book of World Records for being the closest pub to a church in the British Isles due to the proximity of a gargoyles on the North East wing of the Town church.
5. All post boxes in Guernsey are blue except for one post box in St Peter Port's Union Street which is painted in its original red dating from 1853. It's also the oldest surviving cast-iron pillar box still in daily use in the British Isles.



Experience Guernsey, Channel Islands

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Sark Island

Unique and truly memorable - landing on Sark for the first time feels like taking a gentle step back in time. Horse-drawn carriages transport visitors along the Island's small network charming roads, which are also enjoyed by cyclists and those on foot. There are a few steep hills but the going is relatively easy and the well-kept footpaths allow for easy exploring.

Link: <https://www.visitguernsey.com/see-and-do/island-hopping/sark/>

Alderney

The closest of the Channel Islands to France, Alderney has enviable sandy bays, natural environment, historical intrigue and a unique character. Experience the warm and welcoming surroundings of the most northerly isle which offers a peaceful escape from the stresses of modern life. The island is recognised for its rich and varied wildlife.

Link: <https://www.visitguernsey.com/see-and-do/island-hopping/alderney/>

Lihou Island

Link: <https://www.visitguernsey.com/see-and-do/island-hopping/lihou/>

Herm Island

Herm Island lies three miles off the east coast of Guernsey. The island's scenic coastal paths can be walked in their entirety within a leisurely couple of hours. The gently undulating route takes you across a common to the stunning Shell Beach, with its clear waters and sand that is made of millions of tiny shell fragments, which give the beach its name. A little further around the coast is the pretty, sheltered cove Belvoir Bay.

Link: <https://www.visitguernsey.com/see-and-do/island-hopping/herm/>

Walking

Link: <https://www.visitguernsey.com/holidays/walking-holidays/>

Coast & Cliff Paths

Link: <https://www.visitguernsey.com/holidays/outdoor-holidays/>

Food & Drink

Islanders are passionate about their food and it's not hard to see why - rich in natural ingredients from both the sea and land, Guernsey and its food has a unique flavour. The capital St Peter Port has a huge choice of restaurants with an international flavour and lively pubs and bars in which to soak up the atmosphere.

Link: <https://www.visitguernsey.com/eat-drink/al-fresco-dining/>

Art & Culture

Link: <https://www.visitguernsey.com/see-and-do/history-arts-culture/>



Heritage

Link: <https://www.visitguernsey.com/see-and-do/events-festivals/heritage75/>

Port Info

Time Zone : GMT (BST as applicable)

Operational Hours : Cruise Ships - 24hr operation; there are No Restrictions for cruise ships

Latitude & Longitude : 49 27.5N 002 32.0W

Prevailing Weather : NW European weather systems are encountered. Prevailing weather from SW to NW.

Berth Information : N/A

Vessel Length : 140m LOA but no Maximum at the Anchorage

Vessel Width : No Restrictions

Air Draft Restrictions : No Restrictions

Vessel Draft : 5m

Depth on Berth : 9.4m (minimum depth alongside LCT & uninterrupted length this depth occurs)

Largest ship to call : Anthem of the Seas (at anchor)

VTS - Channel : 24hrs per day / 365 days per year - VHF Ch 12

Max Ship Dimension : 140m LOA x 5m draught, but no Maximum at the Anchorage

Pilotage : Yes, compulsory

Tugboat : No

Security Facilities : ISPS compliant port facility. Vessels are responsible for own security access arrangements.

Gangway : Yes

Fresh Water : Water metres are located along the berth face.

Power Supply : No

Fuel Supply : Limited to alongside berths via road tanker only.

Hot works / painting/ lifeboats : By permission

Waste Handling : No

Facilities

Cruise Terminal Building : No

Currency Exchange : Yes - 500m

Internet Access : Free Wifi is available at the disembarkation point.

Telephones : Yes, various 400-500m

Mailbox : Yes, various 400-500m

Taxi Rank : A Taxi rank is located near Town Church - 200m. Private Hire taxis can also be booked.

Distance to Railway Station : N/A

Distance to Airport : Guernsey is just 6km away from the disembarkation point. Approx 20 minutes in a taxi.

Banks / ATM Machines : Various located in the town centre.

Restaurant/Café : There are numerous bars, restaurants and cafes located near the disembarkation point with many more just a few minutes walk in the town centre.

Contacts & Info

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