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Guernsey and Jersey A Heritage Tour in the Channel Islands

27 April – 5 May 2023

4 nights Guernsey – 4 nights Jersey



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Market Square St Peter Port © Visit Guernsey

Just off the coast of France, the beautiful isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Sark, Herm and Alderney stud the warm waters of the Gulf of St Malo. Not quite English and not quite French, these independent self-governing islands have their own character and culture. Their distinctive histories date back 250,000 years and include a period of Nazi occupation during WWII, which left a poignant legacy of war tunnels, bunkers and coastal fortifications.

The warmer microclimate produces subtropical plants and many species of birds and the Channel Islands enjoy sunnier days and milder

winters than the UK. Late April is a particularly lovely time to explore, with wildflowers covering clifftops, woods and verges. Combined with stunning scenery, charming old-world towns and superb local food, these islands are a literal breath of fresh air.

This tour will explore the history and landscapes of Guernsey and Jersey with guided visits and meetings with local experts who will provide fascinating personal insights into the islands, their history and culture. The tour is based in two independent boutique hotels, with time to relax and explore at leisure.

Tour Leaders

Dr John Richardson is an Emeritus Professor of Primary Care and General Practice. He also worked for three years as an occupational physician in Northern Ireland. He has led study tours worldwide and was a medical escort to parties of war widows and veterans on journeys of remembrance for the Royal British Legion. He has also run many history of medicine battlefield tours. He has visited more than 80 countries and worked in 41 of them as a doctor. He has also given lectures on cruises.

Susi Richardson has travelled widely across the world with John either as an expedition nurse, or as a nurse on war grave pilgrimages for the Royal British Legion, or as co-tour leader for Jon Baines Tours.



John and Susi have previously led tours for Jon Baines to China, Central Asia, India, Turkey, Central America, Ecuador and the Galapagos, Namibia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma, Egypt, Libya, Shetland and Orkney and on cruises.

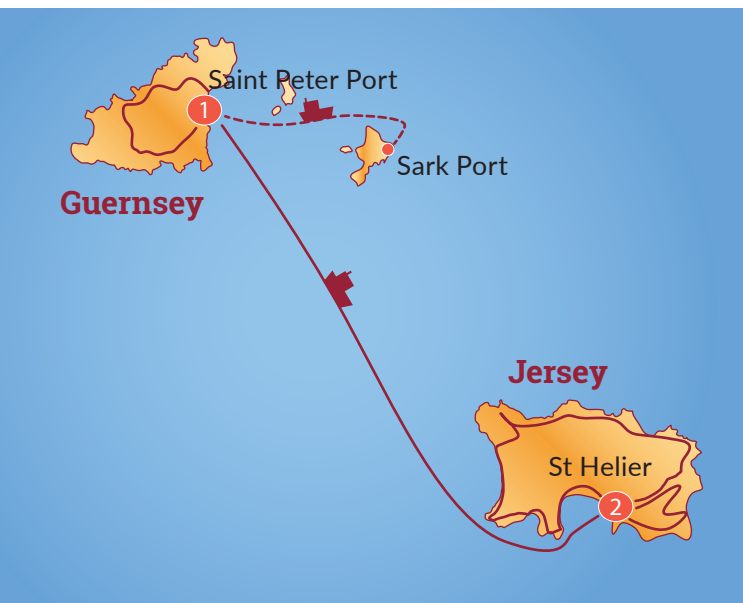
Local Guides

The tour will use local guides in both Guernsey and Jersey alongside specialist local experts and speakers.

Guernsey Coastline © Visit Guernsey



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Day 1: Guernsey (Thur, 27 Apr) **D**

Pm: Arrive in Guernsey. At leisure at Hotel de Havelet to enjoy the gardens or walk down to explore St Peter Port. The hotel normally has a free minibus tour of the island which is excellent for orientation.

Eve: Welcome dinner at the Copenhagen Restaurant at the hotel.

Day 2: Guernsey (Fri, 28 Apr) **B D**

Am: Take part in a walking tour of St Peter Port, starting with a visit to Hauteville House and gardens, the home in exile of the writer Victor Hugo. Continue on to see Guernsey Tapestry Gallery, the Priaulx Library, St James Concert Hall and wander through the beautiful Candie Gardens. Friday is market day and there will be time to explore the small weekly market in the square.

Eve: Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 3: Guernsey (Sat, 29 Apr) **B D**

Am: Visit the Occupation Museum with time to explore. Continue on to the Little Chapel followed by lunch at an award-winning garden with a craft workshop.

Pm: Explore the island, driving along the coast and visit the bays, Neolithic graves and standing stones, the 19th century fortifications built to defend against the French, and the 20th century fortifications built by the Germans. Continue to Sausmarez Manor and take part in a tour. Learn about the Potato Peel Pie Literary Society, the Sausmarez family and the history of the house, including the experiences of the great aunts of Peter de Sausmarez, the current Seigneur, described in the book *The Second World War Diaries of Violet Carey*.

Eve: Enjoy a Potato Peel Pie with a glass of wine.

Day 4: Guernsey (Sun, 30 Apr) **B L**

Am: Day at leisure or optional tour of Sark. Take the short ferry ride to the isle of Sark and take an exclusive guided horse and carriage tour of the island. At leisure for lunch followed by time to explore or take a or take a walking tour with the guide, Elizabeth Gardener-Wheeler. Learn about the life and legacy of the Dame of Sark, Dame Sibyl Hathaway DBE. Return by ferry to St Peter Port later in the afternoon.

Eve: Dinner at the hotel.

Day 5: Guernsey / Jersey (Mon, 1 May) **B D**

Am: At leisure or take an optional harbourside walk and visit Castle Cornet.

Pm: Fly to St Helier, Jersey. Upon arrival transfer to Pomme d'Or Hotel and learn about the fascinating history of the hotel. Visit Jersey Museum and see a free 20 min film introducing 100,000 years history of Jersey followed by a short orientation tour through the historic centre of St Helier.

Day 6: Jersey (Tue, 2 May)

B D

Am: Drive to La Hougue Bie and meet with specialist guide Nicky Mansell to learn about this Neolithic site. Enter the tomb, visit the longhouse, a medieval chapel and the WWII bunker, all on the same site. The La Hougue Bie Museum contains an exhibition on the largest Celtic coin hoard ever found, with gold jewellery and thousands of coins.

Pm: Continue to Samares Manor and learn of its history. Option for lunch at CocoRico, a French creperie. Wander around the beautifully landscaped gardens, developed in the 1920s by Sir John Knott. The diverse gardens include a renowned herb garden and Japanese garden. Drive to the east of the island and visit imposing Mont Orgueil (Gorey) Castle, a magnificent medieval fortress overlooking the harbour. The castle was built in the 13th century to protect the island against the French, just 12 miles away.

Eve: Dinner at a local restaurant in St Helier.

Day 7: Jersey (Wed, 3 May)

B L

Am: See St Matthew's (Glass) Church and view the unique glass work of Rene Lalique in the church. Continue to the Village of St Aubin for a walk along the waterfront and hear of its many visitors, including Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. Drive to Noirmont Point, a commanding headland where imposing Nazi bunkers,

gun emplacements and observation towers stretch along the coast.

Pm: Lunch at St Brelade's Bay overlooking the sea. Visit the archaeological site of La Cotte, the Parish Church of St Brelade and the fisherman's chapel. Drive along the coast to La Corbière, the most southerly lighthouse in the British Isles. Continue along the coast and see the golden sands of St Ouen's Bay. The dunes provide a safe haven to threatened species of plant, wildlife and birdlife. Drive along green leafy lanes, and across the dramatic the North Coast to visit some of the bays and fishing harbours nestled into the cliffs on the North coast. Arrive at the "harbour that failed" at St Catherine. Option for a cup of tea and a slice of cake at the café, or one of Jersey's wonderful ice creams. Return to St Helier via the historic harbours of La Rocque and Le Hocq.

Day 8: Jersey (Thur, 4 May)

B D

Am: Stroll through the Victoria Markets. Visit the harbour with Captain Brian Nibbs, Master Mariner and past Harbour Master of Jersey, and learn the maritime history of the isle. Option to visit Castle Elizabeth.

Pm: At leisure. Option to see the Jersey Occupation tapestry display at the Maritime Museum.

Eve: Farewell dinner.

Day 9: Jersey (Fri, 5 May)

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Am: Depart the hotel or extend.

La Corbière Lighthouse © Visit Jersey





Sark Harbour

Hotels

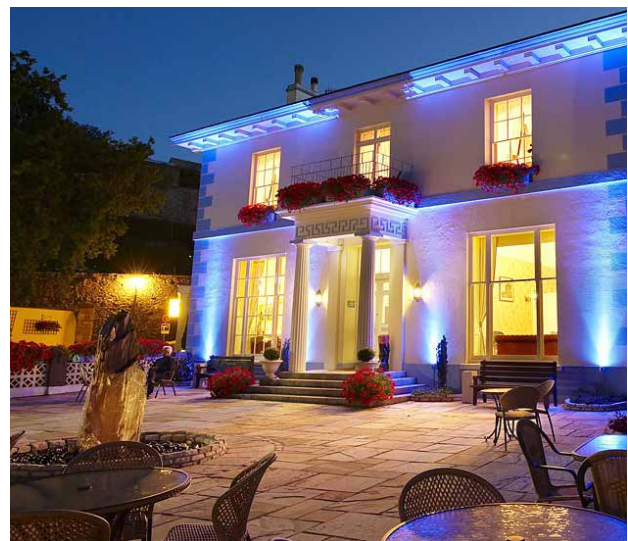
All rooms are standard; upgrades are available, please contact us for details. Single rooms are based on dedicated single rooms or a double room for singles. There is a limited number of dedicated single rooms.

Hotel de Havelet (St Peter Port, Guernsey)

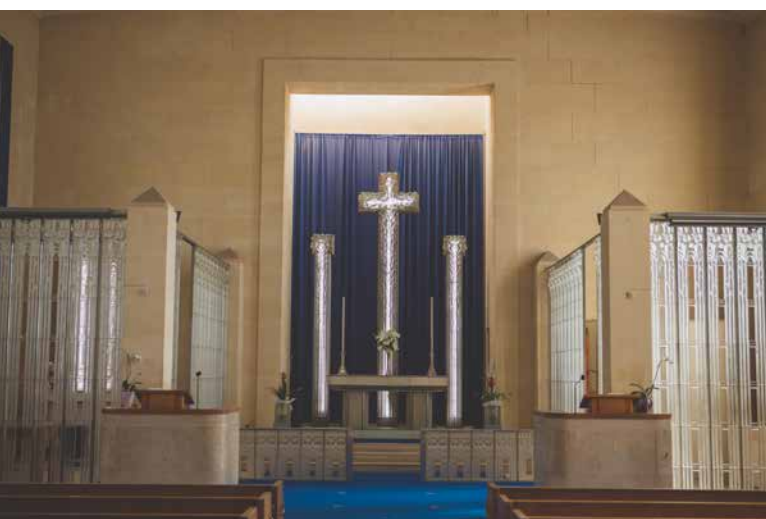
The four-star Hotel de Havelet is a gracious Georgian house with an attractive sheltered garden a short stroll from the town centre of St. Peter Port. Located on a hill, the hotel and restaurant overlook the harbour, Castle Cornet and the smaller, neighbouring Channel Islands. The hotel has a free shuttle bus to the harbour, a pool and a restaurant, bar and grill.

Pomme d'Or Hotel (St Helier, Jersey)

Located in the centre of St. Helier, overlooking Liberation Square and the yacht marina, the Pomme d'Or is a four-star hotel and has been operating for more than 180 years. Originally built in 1837, and owned by the Seymour family since 1930, the Pomme d'Or Hotel is part of the fabric of Jersey life. The hotel includes a restaurant, café and bar.



Havelet Hotel (top); Pomme D'Or Hotel (above)



The cost of the tour sharing a double or twin room is USD \$2,772 pp

The cost of the tour with a room to yourself is USD \$3,318* pp

The cost includes:

- Eight nights' accommodation in twin or double bedded rooms in medium grade hotels
- Tour leaders (John and Susi Richardson)
- Full time guides in Guernsey and Jersey
- Breakfast daily
- Lunch or dinner daily (as mentioned)
- All transport within tour
- Flight from Guernsey to Jersey
- A full programme of cultural visits and talks
- Specially arranged visits and specialist guides
- Admission fees throughout

The cost excludes:

- Travel to / from Guernsey and Jersey and arrival and departure transfers
- All personal extras such as laundry and drinks and meals not mentioned
- All optional excursions, tours and visits
- Travel insurance
- Porterage

* Based on taking a double room in both Jersey and Guernsey. Two rooms are available at USD \$3,108 per person taking a single room in Guernsey.

Travelling to and from the islands: There are direct and indirect flights on Aurigny, BA, Easy Jet to the Channel Islands from regional airports across the UK.

Cafe at St. Ouen's Bay © Visit Jersey



Bluebells in Guernsey in the spring © Visit Guernsey (top);
Take the ferry to Sark; Neolithic Dolmen, Jersey © Visit Jersey;
St Mathews "Glass" Church, Jersey, © Visit Jersey (above)

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