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# The 12 best restaurants in Guernsey

From fresh seafood to local ice cream, these are the best places to eat in Guernsey

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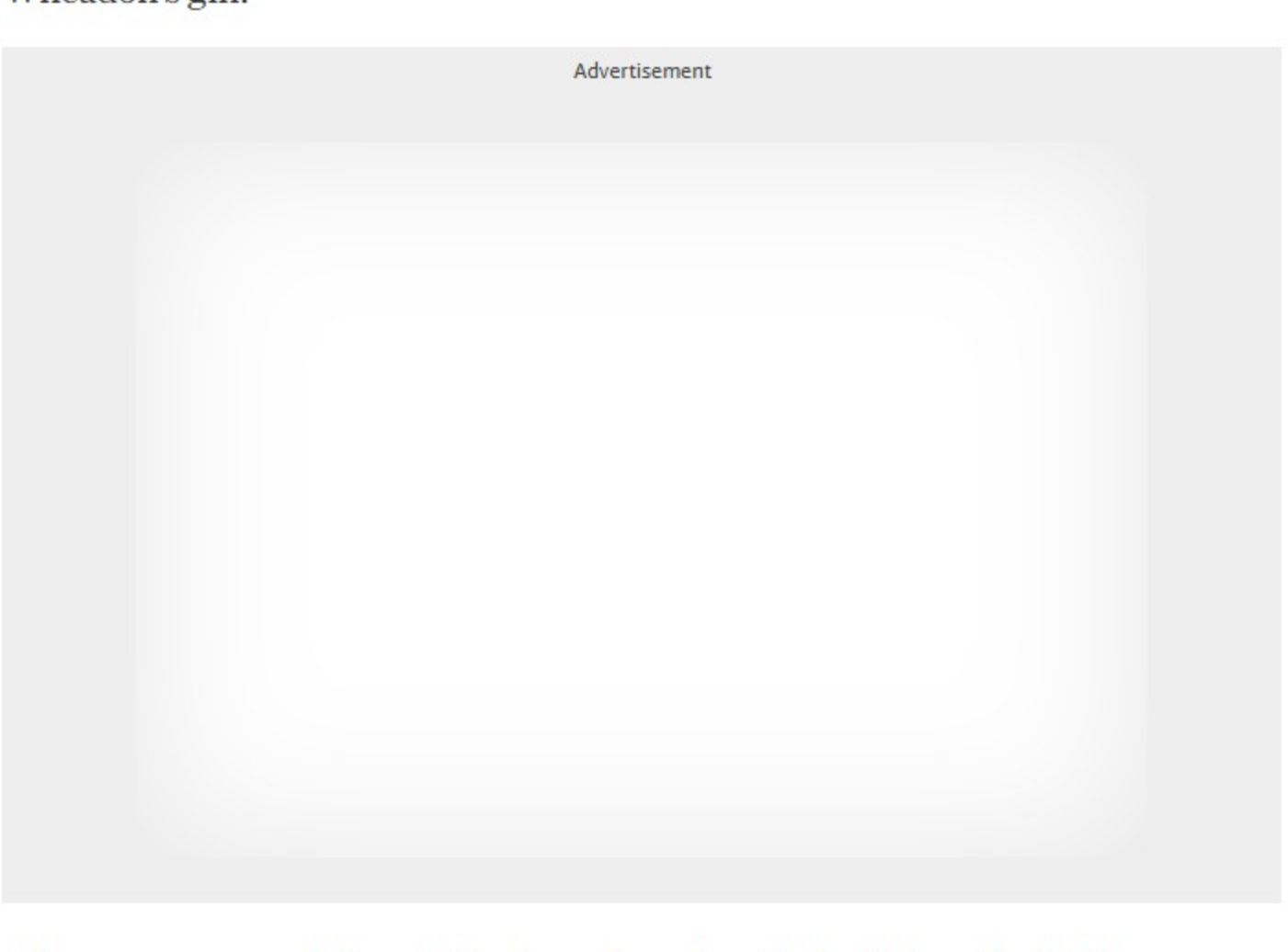
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Former 18th-century manor Les Douvres Hotel is one of the best restaurants in Guernsey

Whether you're on the hunt for a warming bowl of mussels to slurp with a sea view, or want to experience the buzz of St Peter Port's after-work crowd, you'll find a spot to suit in this round-up of the best restaurants on the islands of Guernsey.

Look out for local produce, which includes butter, cheeses and ice cream made from milk produced by Guernsey's doe-eyed cows; sweet tomatoes and strawberries and, of course, plenty of fish and seafood, including oysters, crab, lobster and mackerel. Local tipples to look out for include Rocquette cider and Wheadon's gin.



All our recommendations below have been hand selected and tested by our resident destination expert to help you discover the best restaurants in Guernsey. Find out more [below](#), or for more [Guernsey](#) inspiration, see our guides to the island's [best hotels](#), [things to do](#) and [bars](#).

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## St Peter Port

### Otto

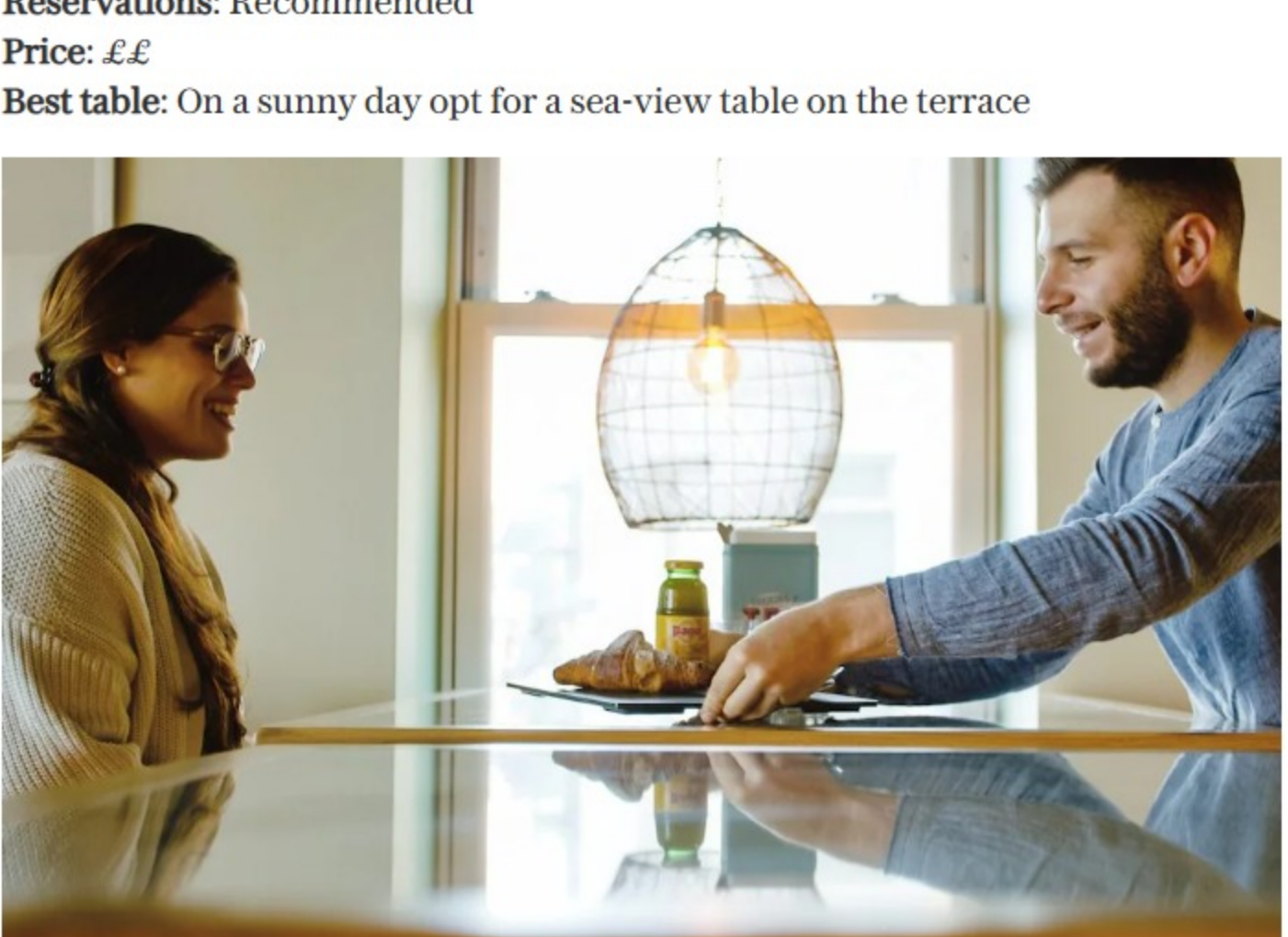
As you take a bite out of perfectly crisp-on-the-outside/moist-on-the-inside arancini, you could close your eyes and imagine you're in Italy. Open them again, and gaze instead upon the distinctive Guernsey granite sea wall framing Belle Grève Bay. If you're looking for authentic Italian cuisine in Guernsey, Otto's got it. Whether you're craving breakfast pastries, lunchtime montanara mortadella (mini fried pizzas), tapas-like cicchetti in the early evening, or a suppertime bowl of wagyu pappardelle, you'll find a dish to satisfy at any time of day. Italian design includes marble table tops and feature lampshades.

Website: [otto8.gg](#)

Reservations: Recommended

Price: ££

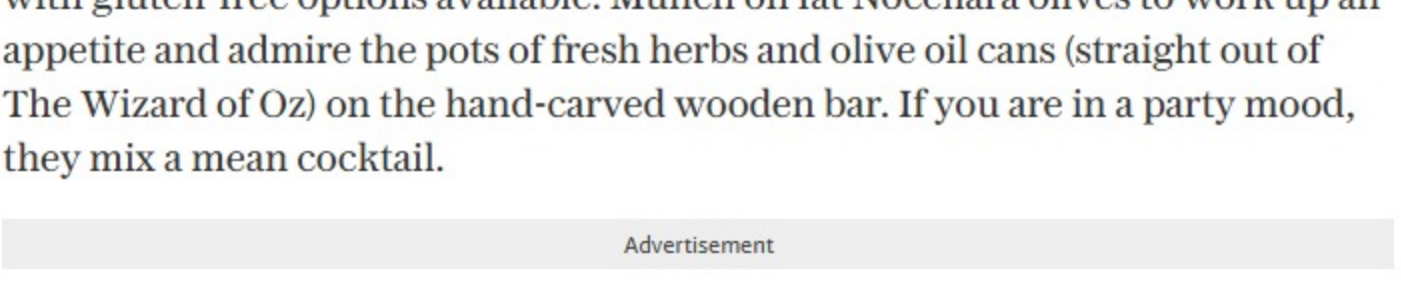
Best table: On a sunny day opt for a sea-view table on the terrace



Otto serves authentic Italian cuisine

### Rosso

Locals flock here for the stone-baked pizzas straight from the oven with melted mozzarella and flavoursome toppings such as shredded duck, hoisin sauce, spring onion; or spinach, olives, sun-dried tomato pesto, ricotta and pine nuts, with gluten-free options available. Munch on fat Nocellara olives to work up an appetite and admire the pots of fresh herbs and olive oil cans (straight out of The Wizard of Oz) on the hand-carved wooden bar. If you are in a party mood, they mix a mean cocktail.



Website: [rossopizza.gg](#)

Reservations: Recommended

Price: £



Locals go to Rosso for the stone-baked pizzas

### Red Grill House

Specialising in meat sourced from UK farms and Galicia, aged in-house for up to 90 days and cooked at 400C on an enclosed Jospier grill, this is just the place for carnivores. The result is a depth of flavour that has visitors drooling and locals returning time and again. Pescatarians can gorge on grilled king prawns, tuna steak or lobster mac and cheese, and there's always a daily catch to get excited about. The wine list has over 300 bottles. Interiors feel sleek and stylish, with potted succulents complementing a largely green colour palette.

Website: [red.gg](#)

Reservations: Essential at weekends and recommended on weekdays

Price: £££

### The Terrace

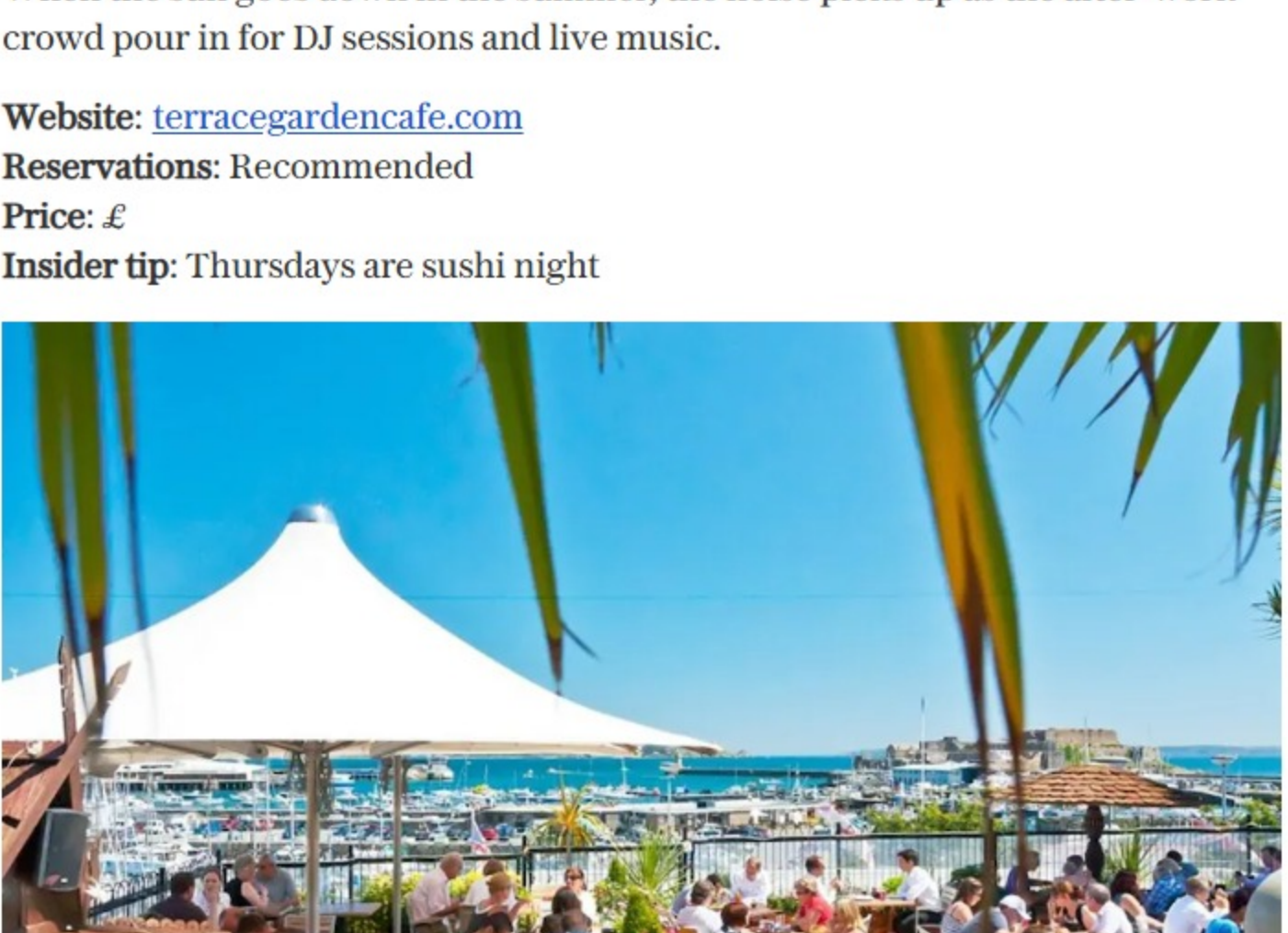
Enjoy pan-Asian cuisine on this large al fresco terrace overlooking the Victoria Marina. Crowd-pleasers such as pad thai and teriyaki salmon are met by fusion dishes, such as moo prik pao burger (a pulled pork burger with roasted Thai chilli paste) and katsu fries (chips topped with Japanese barbecue sauce and fish flakes) and kids can order chicken nuggets, baby back ribs or classic burgers. When the sun goes down in the summer, the noise picks up as the after-work crowd pour in for DJ sessions and live music.

Website: [terracegardencafe.com](#)

Reservations: Recommended

Price: £

Insider tip: Thursdays are sushi night



The Terrace has views of the marina and live music

### The Hook

Head to Hook for a taste of local Guernsey islands produce – most of the meat served comes from either Guernsey or Sark farms, while the fish is wild, sustainably caught, and largely from local waters. Occupying a prime location on the seafront, there's a sense of occasion about a meal here. Small plates let you sample a number of different dishes, perhaps a few Herm oysters, scallops cooked in smoked mussel butter with samphire, or monkfish tail on the bone with lobster bisque. The earthy tones of natural wood furniture contrast with the bold racing green painted walls.

Website: [thehook.gg](#)

Reservations: Essential

Price: £££

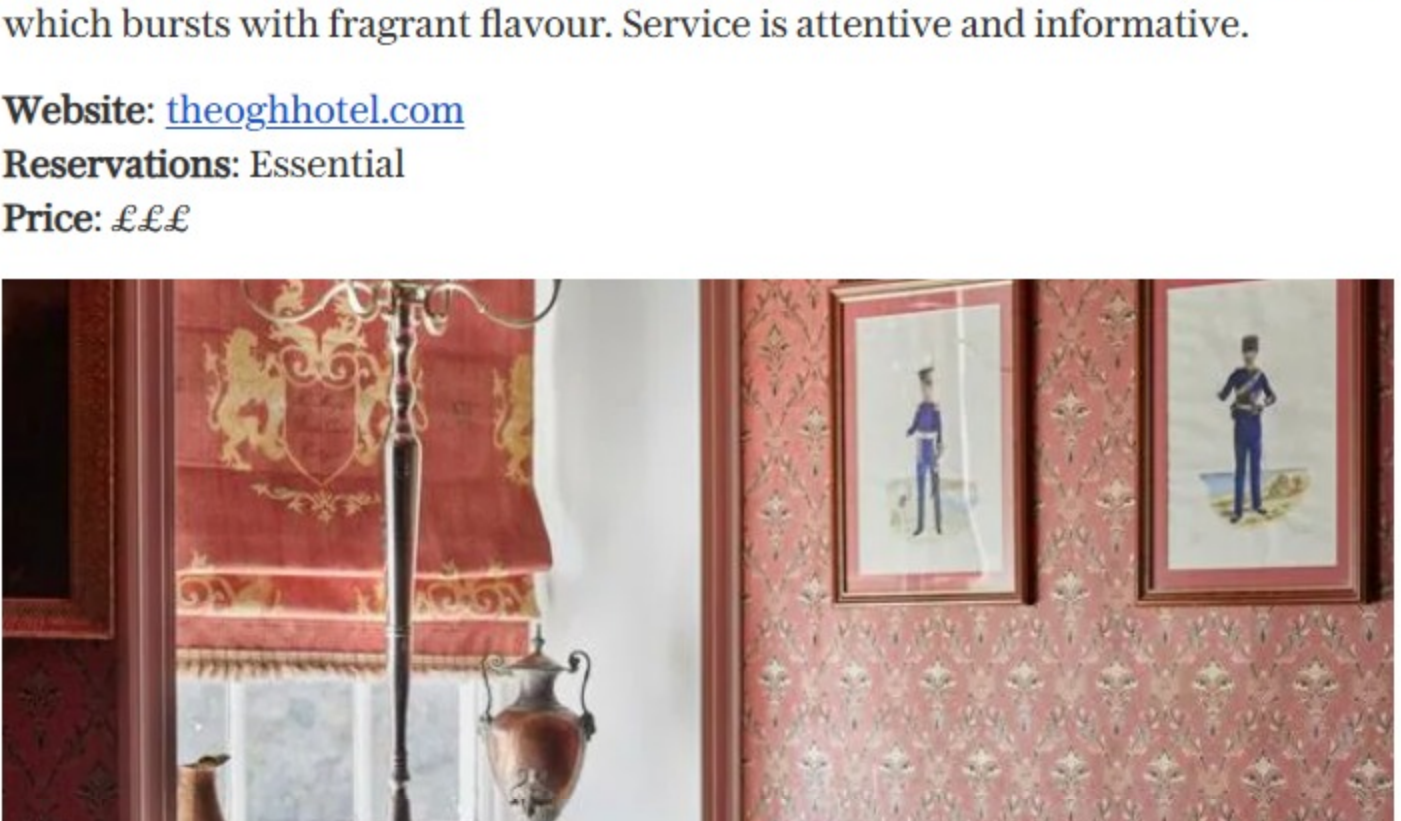
### The Governor's Curry Room

You don't often associate curry with fine dining, but you'll have a memorable meal at the Curry Room inside the five-star Old Government House Hotel. Take your seat on a red leather banquet at a table laid with crisp white linen and prepare to be impressed by a roll-call of well-presented and perfectly spiced dishes. Try the rich butter chicken, which is marinated in clove and garlic and cooked in a cream and tomato sauce; or the traditional slow-cooked lamb curry, which bursts with fragrant flavour. Service is attentive and informative.

Website: [theoghhotel.com](#)

Reservations: Essential

Price: £££



Enjoy fine dining at the Curry Room Credit: Helen Catcott

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## West coast

### The Imperial

If you're looking for a dash of sunset served up with your seabass, then head to the Imperial Hotel on the edge of Rocquaine Bay in the south-west of the island. On a sunny day, opt for a table in its extensive beer garden or choose one inside on the mezzanine, where floor-to-ceiling windows frame the sea view. There are plenty of crowd-pleasers on the menu, including mussels in white wine sauce, tempura king prawns and seared scallops. The steak menu includes a 1kg côte de boeuf to share, while there's also sourdough pizzas and a salad bar.

Website: [theimperial.gg/coast](#)

Reservations: Recommended if you want a table outside

Price: £

### The Puffin & Oyster

With panoramic views over Grand Harve beach on Guernsey's north-west coast, this dog-friendly pub is a popular spot at all times of year. When the weather is inclement, you can enjoy the sea view from its conservatory, which has windows on three sides, while on clear summer days you can spill onto an outdoor terrace. The international menu includes dishes such as Vietnamese-style prawn salad; Guernsey crab and prawn linguine; green pea, spinach and broad bean risotto with fried artichokes; and Malaysian-style seafood curry with sticky coconut rice. Burgers, steaks and battered fish and chips are also on offer.

Website: [liberationgroup.com/the-puffin-and-oyster](#)

Reservations: Recommended

Price: £££

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## South coast

### Les Douvres Hotel

You may have to visit a few times to find your favourite table in this sprawling restaurant in a former 18th-century manor house. Perhaps you'll favour a candlelit wooden table in a nook, or prefer the garden, where you'll admire the fairy lights wrapped around the tree trunks. Stone-baked pizzas are a firm favourite, as are the sharing boards of mezze and antipasti. Vegetarian options include a pulled Aubergine burger and a homemade falafel. The crisp pork belly with dauphinoise potato and local Rocquette Cider jus is delicious.

Website: [lesdouvres.com](#)

Reservations: Recommended

Price: £££

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## Other islands

### Brasserie & Terraces, Alderney

You can't beat the location of this Alderney restaurant, situated right on the seafront at sandy Braye Beach and forming part of the Braye Beach Hotel. Fish is fresh from the harbour, which is just a five-minute stroll away and cooked up with French finesse in the evening (perhaps with shrimp and caper butter sauce) and battered or plattered at lunchtime. In the day, you'll want to dine on the beachside terrace with the sounds of circling gulls, while evenings are a more formal affair in the bright dining room.

Website: [handpickedhotels.co.uk/brayebeach/brasserie](#)

Reservations: Recommended

Price: £££

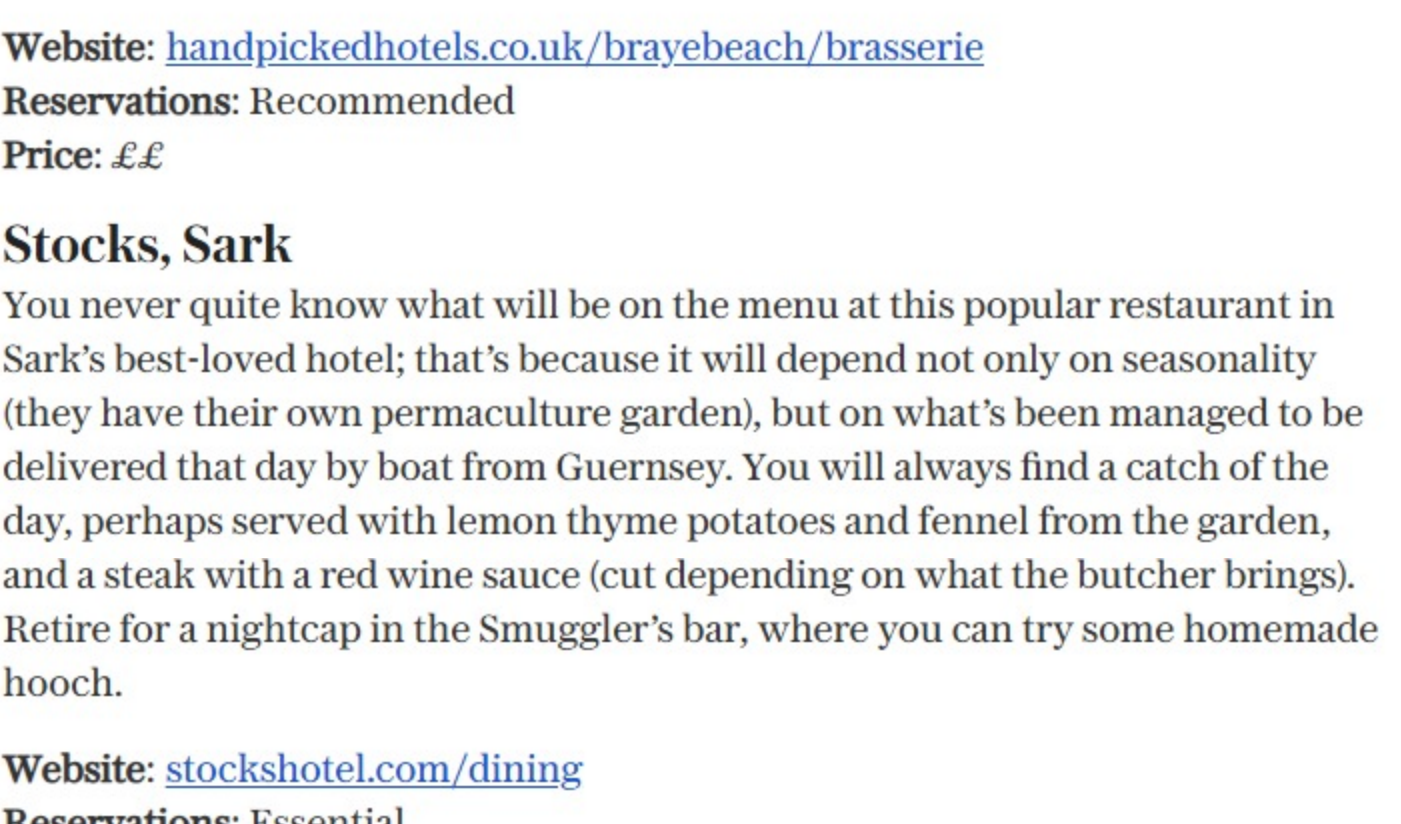
### Stocks, Sark

You never quite know what will be on the menu at this popular restaurant in Sark's best-loved hotel; that's because it will depend not only on seasonality (they have their own permaculture garden), but on what's been managed to be delivered that day by boat from Guernsey. You will always find a catch of the day, perhaps served with lemon thyme potatoes and fennel from the garden, and a steak with a red wine sauce (cut depending on what the butcher brings). Retire for a nightcap in the Smuggler's bar, where you can try some homemade hooch.

Website: [stockshotel.com/dining](#)

Reservations: Essential

Price: £££



Expect seasonal fare, including a catch of the day, at Stocks Credit: Ben Ffow Photography

### Shell Beach Café, Herm

Perhaps the most photographed beach in the Channel Islands, Shell Beach in Herm is the one that looks like the Caribbean on a sunny day, with white powdery sand (made from finely ground shells) and a clear blue sea. When the weather is good (from April to September), it's worth the boat ride from Guernsey to head here for lunch. The café serves local crab, which you can either pick from the shell, or have tossed in a salad or pressed into a sandwich. You can also order lobster and chips to eat while the sand is between your toes.

Website: [herm.com](#)

Reservations: Not necessary

Price: £££

## About our expert

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I grew up in Jersey thanks to my grandparents' tales of the German occupation and in adulthood ventured across the water to explore the rival islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Herm. I now know all the islands inside out and write extensively about them.

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