

The ISLANDS of GUERNSEY



A day in Guernsey

As you approach St Peter Port, you will be treated to a view of our bustling harbour town – arguably one of the best views of our town is from the sea. Victorian bathing pools, beaches, cafes, museums, attractions, and boutiques are waiting to be explored.

As you relax in one of our picturesque harbour side cafés and restaurants, look out for fishermen bringing in their daily catch, ready to be cooked later that day, using local ingredients such as wild rock samphire and seaweed.



A perfect way to start the day in Guernsey, is a walk along the scenic cliff paths. Wander along St Peter Port's seafront towards **La Vallette Bathing Pools** and join the footpath towards **Fermain Bay**, where you will find Fermain Beach Cafe. (Take the steps opposite Octopus restaurant and follow the path that will join the cliffs). Treat yourself to a coffee with a view, or a relaxed lunch before wandering back along the pretty cliff paths. If you need to cool off, take a dip in La Vallette Bathing Pools.

This area has been recently rejuvenated providing a welcoming venue to support health and wellbeing, educational opportunities, a love of our environment and a year-round, indoor café that boasts beautiful views across Castle Cornet, the sea and Guernsey's neighbouring islands.

This area is also home to **La Vallette Underground Military Museum**. Housed in a German tunnel complex, this museum covers all aspects of Guernsey's history with main focus on WWII. Continue your walk back along the seafront where you'll arrive at the **Castle Cornet**, an imposing 800 year old castle complete with four museums and four period gardens. If you stop by at 12 o'clock, you will see the scarlet clad castle keepers fire the Noon-day gun.

A walk up Cornet street will lead you to **Hauteville House**, the iconic property that author, poet and politician Victor Hugo settled into, making it both his home and his workplace during his years in exile. Booking for a tour of this surreal but incredible house is essential but it is free to walk around the gardens.



Head back to the heart of St Peter Port to enjoy some retail therapy, passing the **National Trust Victorian shop**. You are sure to find a unique souvenir of your time on the Island in one of the independent stores in the high street or the Old Quarter.



As you walk along the cobbled high street, continue up through Smith Street and take a walk up to the **Guernsey Museum at Candie**. It is a great spot to visit to learn more about the Islands. Walk up through the picturesque gardens to reach the museum, which houses permanent exhibitions showing the Archaeology of Guernsey, Treasures from around the world held in the collection, the Folklore of Guernsey and the Rona Cole Gallery showing 200 works of art. Exploring the gardens further, you'll find a statue of Queen Victoria in Imperial regalia with orb and sceptre, and a statue of Victor Hugo, unveiled in 1914.

You might also like to climb the stairs to the top of the highest tower in St Peter Port, **Victoria Tower**. The key to enter must be collected from the Guernsey Museum, which is just a short walk away. Enjoy the spectacular views across the harbour and neighbouring islands as you head back down the road to the port.



If you fancy venturing out of St Peter Port during your visit, the buses in Guernsey are a quick, easy and reliable way to travel around the island, with convenient routes making it simple to get anywhere. There are plenty of routes that will take you through the rural south and west of Guernsey, with amazing scenery keeping you occupied throughout journey.

The number 91 & 92 pass a whole host of popular attractions including the **Occupation Museum** (limited opening hours – 10am to 1pm daily), the **Fairy Ring** and **Fort Grey**.

If you want to uncover more about St Peter Port's hidden past, there are daily **guided walks** (during the summer months) from the Guernsey Information Centre.

Alternatively, pop into the **Guernsey Information Centre** where the friendly staff will be able to answer any questions you have and give you suggestions on what you can do on the island.

