

TIMMY UNLIKELY SURVIVOR OF GUERNSEY NAZI OCCUPATION

STEP TO IT ...
Petiti Port Bay

DOCK AND ROLL... Si
Peter Port

GERMANY CALLING...
radio room in
Occupation Museum

JEEP-ERS PEEPERS...
crowd watches
military vehicle
parade and, below,
Nazis march through
Guernsey in 1940

PRISONERS... Maggie
Cull and Timmy

Tortoise! Schnell!

Potato peel pie

It was an honour to pay it a visit the day after Princess Anne was shown around while on the island for the Liberation Day celebrations. The day marks when Allied troops freed the locals from Nazi rule on May 9, 1945. On the 80th anniversary this year, I witnessed a cavalcade of military vehicles, fireworks and a drone light show.

One local making headlines during the celebrations was Timmy, 87 – actually a female – who survived Nazi occupation. She was given to Maggie Cull as a christening present in 1941, not long after she and her parents were turfed out of their home by the Nazis. After all that history I'd certainly worked up an appetite. Luckily my base, St Pierre Park Hotel, was just a 25-minute walk into St Peter Port, where there are pubs and restaurants aplenty. Fifty Seven restaurant is set over two floors and has stunning views of

Castle Cornet and the coastline. The menu features steaks cooked fresh on the grill as well as some excellent fish dishes including oven-baked monkfish on chilli linguine.

As you're by the sea, grab yourself some fish and chips – the restaurant at Les Douvres Hotel dishes up one of the largest portions I've ever seen.

On my last night I dined on a special Liberation Day menu at the Old Government House Hotel, close to the harbour.

This 5★ property was turned into the German General Staff Headquarters during the war and it still has an old-world feel about it today.

The menu featured a delicious potato peel pie, a dish created by locals to cope with food shortages during Nazi occupation.

The perfect meal to end my historical adventure.

CHRISTINE JENNINGS

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GETTING THERE: Aurigny flies from London and regional airports to Guernsey from £49.99. See [aurigny.com](#).

STAYING THERE: A classic double room with breakfast at the St Pierre Park Hotel is from £195 per night. See [handpickedhotels.co.uk/stpierrepark](#). Rooms at The Old Government House Hotel cost from £281 per night. See [theoghhotel.com](#).

MORE INFO: Tours by locally-born war and occupation expert, and Silver-accredited tour guide, Amanda Johns, cost from £15pp for a public group tour. Pricing for private tours available on request. See [toursofguernsey.com](#).