

The ISLANDS of GUERNSEY

Autumn Walking Festival Returns to Guernsey 17 September – 02 October 2022



From 17 September – 02 October 2022, the Guernsey Autumn Walking Festival will offer visitors a choice of over 40 morning, afternoon and evening guided walks to explore Guernsey, Herm, Sark and Lihou and learn from local experts about the island's rich history and attractions.

Autumn provides the perfect backdrop for a walk, the deep red of its falling leaves and bronzed late light... What better time to get rambling? Guided walks are an immersive way for visitors to explore the islands and discover stunning scenery. Organised by the Bailiwick of Guernsey Guild of Accredited Guides, the walks range from rambles through the interior scenic landscape to exploring the rugged coastal paths.

The walks vary in difficulty and length (ranging from one to five hours including an all-day Sark option) and are suitable for all ages and abilities, including a short coastal walk, a challenging cliff top ramble or tours of the ancient town of St Peter Port. Walks begin at £10 per person. For more information, see <https://www.visitguernsey.com/experiences/events/autumn-walking-festival/>

Walks include:

Potato Peel Pie – Where Dawsey and Juliet Lived

17 September, 10:30am – 1pm

Fans of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society can't miss this opportunity to see the sites around the hamlet of La Bouvee, the fictional area where many of the characters included in the novel and movie lived. On this walk ramblers can discover the spots where Dawsey met Captain Christian Hellman, see the gorgeous beaches visited by lead characters Elizabeth and Kit and get fully immersed in the setting of the story.

Herm. Around and Beyond

20 September, 11am – 3pm

Guernsey accredited Tour Guide and horticulturalist Malcolm Cleal will lead this tour to discover the history, legends' and botany of the tiny island of Herm. With views of the surrounding offshore islands, this four-hour hike circumnavigates the entire island with its sandy beaches and blue water to admire.

Fairs, Militia and Mayhem

21 September, 10am – 12:30pm

Many tales of ghostly events are told on this walk around the historic parish of Castel. From the origins of the country hospital to the discoveries at the Parish Church participants will spend two and

a half hours on this circular walk starting at Saumarez Park. Walkers can expect to hear about country fairs, the militia, and a shipwreck on a tour that will transport them back in time.

Cows and Coast

30 September, 2:30pm – 3:30pm

This easy, one-hour walk by silver accredited guide Dave Bartrum is an opportunity to learn about the Guernsey Conservation. Participants will be able to get up close with real pure-bred Guernsey cattle (and even six steers!) and see how grazing can help the environment and increase biodiversity.

Walking in the Footsteps of Renoir and Victor Hugo

02 October, 2pm – 4:30pm

This stunning walk follows the lives of two of Guernsey's most famous residents. The enchanting tour will take in locations loved by Renoir during his stay in the Summer of 1883 and Victor Hugo's frequent visits to the bay of Moulin Huet. The group will also visit the cottage Renoir painted in his famous masterpiece and where Hugo picnicked, which is now privately owned and not usually open to the public.

Pre-booking is advised to guarantee a place. For more information on accredited guides and individual walks please visit www.guernseyguidedtours.com. Guided tours are available all year around, either scheduled or on request. Please see the website and individual Guides' profiles for further details.

PACKAGE:

Channel Islands Direct offers four nights in Guernsey during the Autumn Walking Festival from £387pp by air or £415pp by sea including B&B at three-star Peninsula hotel. The offer is valid for travel between 17 September and 02 October and is based on two adults sharing. For more information and to book visit www.channelislandsdirect.co.uk/guernsey-holidays or call 0800 0294 598.

Getting to Guernsey:

Return flights from London Gatwick to Guernsey with Aurigny in September 2022 are available from £99.98, hand baggage only, and flight time is one hour.

Return car ferries from Poole or Portsmouth to Guernsey with Condor in September are from £250, carrying two passengers (www.condorferries.com).

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For further general information on Guernsey, visit www.visitguernsey.com

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