

# Guernsey is isles ahead with big plans for 2026

## SHORE LOOKS GOOD

Herm Beach  
in Guernsey



The Islands of Guernsey are preparing to welcome visitors in 2026 with an exciting line-up of new openings enhancing travellers' experiences to the islands. Known for their rich history, vibrant arts and culture, striking coastal landscapes and thriving gastronomy scene, the islands continue to evolve while staying true to their warm, welcoming spirit.

Celebrated for its Caribbean-like beaches, breathtaking scenery, rare wildlife-spotting, stargazing opportunities and delicious cuisine, the Islands of Guernsey have long been a favourite holiday destination.

Flights can be booked from Dublin with Aurigny - here's what to expect this year...



## FRESH VIEWS

Lots to explore in Guernsey



## A celebration of island flavour - The Big Eat Guernsey debuts - April & October 2026

2026 will see the launch of The Big Eat Guernsey - a month-long food festival running in both April and October that celebrates the distinctive flavours and culinary culture of Guernsey and its neighbouring isles.

The Big Eat will be a chance to sample authentic island produce, in particular seafood and locally produced dairy. The festival will feature special month-long menus at local restaurants, cafes and eateries, immersive food experiences and outdoor dining events.

Each immersive, themed experience will come under one of four themes - Meet the Locals, The Great Outdoors, Foraging and Fine Dining, or French connections.

## Herm Island's Rest, Restore, Reflect Yoga Retreat - April 2026

In spring 2026, visitors can discover a

restorative escape on car-free Herm Island with the Rest, Restore, Reflect Yoga Retreat taking place from April 17-19.

Hosted by Yoga Elements, the retreat will be led by Katie - who brings 10 years of retreat experience, 13 years of teaching and 25 years of practice. The retreat offers an exclusive space designed to dissolve tension, quiet the mind and encourage a deeper connection to the present moment.

Guests will enjoy private accommodation at the White House Hotel or Cottages, taste nourishing vegetarian meals at the Mermaid Tavern and enjoy a full programme of gentle yoga classes.

Optional treatments, stunning coastal walks, sea swims and peaceful hotel grounds will also be available for guests, allowing participants to tailor the experience to their own pace.

Taking place from Friday afternoon - Sunday morning, prices start from around €650 per



person excluding travel. Details & booking at [yogaelements.com](http://yogaelements.com)

## Elevate your swing at La Grande Mare

A luxury resort on Guernsey's west coast, La Grande Mare is undergoing a multi-million-pound transformation into a world-class country club.

The redevelopment includes an 18-hole golf course, Golf Performance Centre, health club, spa, fine dining and eco-conscious design.

The golf course is expected to open in autumn 2026, with the country club following in 2027.



## CITY BREAK Marrakech

# Your ultimate sunny escape 2026 hotlist

*Find the perfect place to get a cheering blast of sunshine, whatever the time of year, says JULIE DELAHAYE*

If your idea of a dream holiday is basking in the sunshine with a cocktail and beach view, we've got you covered. We're kicking off the year with the ultimate sun-seeker's guide to the hottest destinations to bookmark for every month.

## JANUARY

**Mexico:** Temperatures average around 29C and conditions stay dry and sunny.

Cancun, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas all boast some postcard-worthy beaches, brilliant nightlife and tons of hotels, including all-inclusive.

**Caribbean:** Swerve the monsoon season and visit in January for the best chance of sun. Barbados, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic are some of the beautiful spots with those white sand beaches, lush green backdrops and plenty of adventures to be had.

**Dubai, UAE:** With temperatures ranging from 15C to 24C in January, it's an ideal time to visit before temperatures soar and it becomes too hot for some. Highlights include the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, the huge Dubai Mall and its beautiful beaches.

## FEBRUARY

**Cape Verde:** The island nation boasts temperatures between 21-27C, with seven to eight hours of sun every day. It's warm enough to make the most of its beaches and the sea is often calm enough to enjoy water sports.

**Thailand:** Given the temperatures of 24-33C, minimal rain and heaps of sunshine, Thailand has ideal conditions whether you're looking to



## IDEAL TIME Dubai trip

## Postcard-worthy beaches and brilliant nightlife



## LUSH Barbados