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The Islands of Guernsey,  
Sark, Alderney, Herm  
and Lihou are located  
in the English Channel,  
just 30 miles from the  
Normandy coast.





# A very warm welcome from the Islands of Guernsey

As we head into the long summer days, our Island's coastlines are buzzing with Islanders and visitors enjoying our glorious beaches bathed in sunshine, late into the evening. There is little better than the simple pleasure of watching the sun set on a high tide at one of our west coast beaches.

The summer months are the best time for island hopping. The beaches of Herm are stunning, and the dappled light of Sark's dusty roads make it ideal for exploring on foot or by bike. If you are going to island hop for an event, Alderney Week provides everything you could hope for in a week-long small island festival, from raft races to torchlit processions.

This is an exciting time for us, as we welcome athletes from islands across the globe to compete in the Island Games in July. As Victor Hugo once said, we are the rock of hospitality, and we are excited to show our Islands off at their best.

As the long, hazy days of summer start to draw in, the air becomes cooler and crisp, but the waters are at their warmest. The autumn is a favourite time to visit for many, with the Autumn Walking Festival taking place.

Later this year we are delighted to welcome a unique and very special exhibition of Renoir's work. Each was painted during a visit the Impressionist painter

made here 140 years ago. It is going to be very special for us to welcome this important collection of works back to the island that inspired them.

We know many of you have visited our beautiful Islands before. Maybe you already have plans to visit or are thinking of where your next adventure will take you.

There is much to look forward to across our Islands for the rest of 2023. We look forward to seeing you soon.





# Our sporting greats

It's no secret that the Islands of Guernsey are well equipped for getting active.

Our cliff paths and coastal routes make for scenic hikes, the sea surrounding our Islands is perfect for wild swimming and our beaches are ideal for yoga. These all make our Islands a great base for those wanting to get active.

Each year, many large, organised sporting events take place across our Islands. If you're interested in taking part, many are open to both locals and visitors, and all events welcome cheering spectators, if you want to be involved but not compete.

From epic walks and runs, to marathons and triathlons, there's lots to try out. Whether you're a beginner looking for that first event to train for, a family wanting to take part as a team, or a competitive professional, there's something for you.

We have arguably one of the most scenic marathon routes in the British Isles, taking in miles of rugged cliff paths while the birds and sea life play in our waters below. For those looking for something really challenging, you could try pushing yourself in our 7-day 7-race all terrain challenge or compete in the world's only night-time airport runway 5k.

These are just a few of the unique sporting events that take place across our Islands each year, for a flavour of what is taking place, go to: [visitguernsey.com/sport-events](https://www.visitguernsey.com/sport-events)

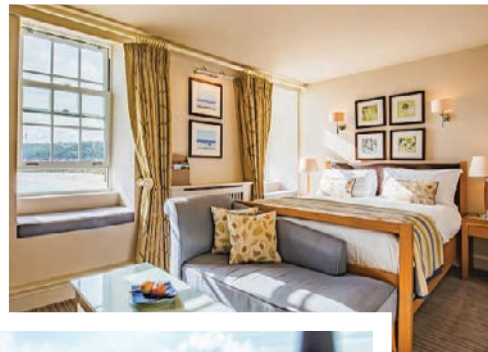




*The perfect  
beachside  
getaway*

On one of Alderney's most captivating bays, Braye Beach is an award-winning hotel, recognised for its enviable beachside location.

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The hotel also features vibrant restaurants and bars and a cinema room. Braye Beach offers a unique blend of traditional luxury and island personality.

The views from the restaurant, bar and bedrooms are hard to beat. Whether it's bright sunshine, gentle rain or howling wind there is always something interesting to see out of the window. Grab a glass of wine, pick a spot and watch the beauty of nature on your doorstep.

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# Five islands adventure

One of the best things about choosing a holiday in the Islands of Guernsey is that we are not just one island, but five. Loved by both locals and visitors, our sister islands, Alderney, Sark, Herm and Lihou, are an absolute must visit, each with their own unique feel and character. These are the islands where us Islanders also choose to holiday.

Whatever the weather, Herm has some of the most spectacular beaches in the Channel Islands. Whether you are heading over for a beach day or enjoying a blustery cliff walk, this tiny car-free island offers a real break from the pressures of everyday life.

If you are looking for a change of pace, Sark offers just that. Best known for its Jurassic coastline that offers breath-taking coastal views, get around on foot, by bike or horse and cart. With one of the most unique High Streets in the British Isles, the unpaved roads weave across Sark's beautiful landscape revealing hidden bays, great places to eat and the stunning RHS-recommended garden at La Seigneurie.

Third largest of the Channel Islands, Alderney is best known for its unique and varied wildlife, including the blonde hedgehog and more than 300 species of birds. With its stunning sandy beaches, a great selection of places to eat and a fascinating history, Alderney offers a relaxed way of life, in a safe environment, where quality time is easy to find.

Lihou Island is reached on foot only at certain low tides, when the receding tide reveals a 570m ancient stone causeway leading to the island's fantastic rock pools, priory ruins, RAMSAR-designated wetlands and the 'Venus Pool', a natural swimming pool formed in the rocks.

Find out more about island hopping around our Bailiwick, including packages, special offers, ideas and guides to our Islands at [visitguernsey.com/experiences/island-hopping](https://visitguernsey.com/experiences/island-hopping)





# Take the road less travelled Discover *Sark*



A visit to the Channel Islands is not complete without a stay on the car-free, dark sky island of Sark!

Only a short ferry ride from Guernsey, Sark is a world apart from the chaos of everyday life. Enjoy stunning landscapes, traditional charm and total tranquility as you explore this unique island.



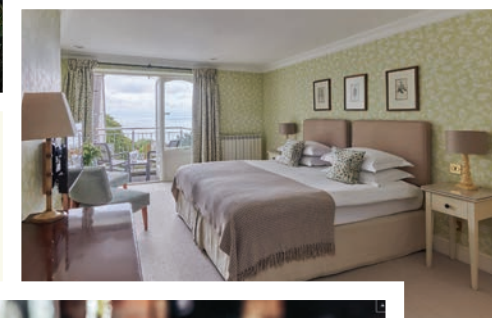
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*The perfect  
location to  
unwind*

Overlooking a picturesque bay with exceptional service as standard, it's the ideal location to unwind and revitalize your senses. The Fermain Valley hotel is perched atop one of Guernsey's prettiest valleys with views over the tranquil green canopy and the sea beyond.

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# Get your steps in

Hiking our coastlines, rural lanes and pathways is where you really see the Islands of Guernsey's natural beauty.

Everyone has their favourite spot on our Island's coastline, whether that be the sandy dunes of the north to the rocky outcrops of the south.

Whether you are looking for a leisurely stroll or a challenging hike, our five Islands all offer scenic trails to explore with views to reward you at every corner.

It's time to take the path less trodden.

## *Walking at your own pace*

We have put together a series of walks to help you explore our Islands in your own time, taking pit stops at our clifftop cafes and coastal kiosks and stopping to take photos to show your friends and family. These routes cover all aspects of island life. Whether you are keen to learn more about our past, our natural environment or our famous visitors, there will be a walk designed just for you.

Our official VisitGuernsey App is free to download and features more than 35 self-guided routes to help you explore. Whether it's the rugged south coast cliff paths, the long sweeping bays of the west, our quiet country lanes, exploring our archipelago or uncovering the historic past of the island's capital, our Islands have so much to offer.

### The App includes:

- Directions to starting points
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- Maps
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- Audio guides
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## *Walking with a Guide*

Throughout the year you can explore our Islands with the Bailiwick of Guernsey Guild of Accredited Guides. Offering routes across our Islands covering topics such as the Occupation, St Peter Port, literature and art, you are guaranteed to learn more about what makes Guernsey so special, while getting your steps in.

## *Walking Festivals*

Every spring and autumn, walking festivals take place across our Islands. Local expert guides curate routes to celebrate the seasons and share fascinating insights on our Islands along the walk. The festivals run for two weeks and are a great way to discover more about our archipelago.

### **Autumn Walking Festival 2023:**

Sat 16 Sept to Sun 1 Oct 2023

Find out more about all the ways you can explore our Islands on foot at [visitguernsey.com/experiences/hiking](https://visitguernsey.com/experiences/hiking)





# Renoir in Guernsey, 1883

This Autumn Guernsey will welcome home some of the most significant works of art ever inspired by our Islands.

From Sat 30 Sept – Fri 15 Dec, a unique Renoir exhibition - Renoir in Guernsey, 1883 - will take place, featuring works from both international galleries and private collections. This is most significant as Renoir painted these works in Guernsey 140 years ago, in 1883.

In partnership with the Guernsey Museums and the Musée des Impressionismes Giverny, Art for Guernsey has brought together a collection of Renoir's works painted during his stay in September 1883 and for the first time ever will show them in the locations where they were painted, celebrating both the legacy of the impressionist painter and the works he created while in the Island.

The project has been curated by Art for Guernsey's Founder, David Ummels, who, in conjunction with a series of generous museums, benefactors and private collectors, has made the exhibition possible.

In September 1883 Renoir made the trip to Guernsey, staying for just over a month and producing 15 landscape paintings. He was fascinated by the way the light interacted with the natural environment, the crystal-clear waters and steep topography and the island inhabitants who bathed freely amongst the rocks, inspiring him and ultimately creating fundamental shifts in his work.

THE RENOIR WALK FRAME 2  
IMAGE © ART FOR GUERNSEY





The project's long journey began when Art for Guernsey curated the Renoir Walk in 2019. This now-permanent fixture is a self-guided, al fresco exhibition framing the scenes that Renoir painted in one of Guernsey's most captivating bays, Moulin Huet.

In addition to the Renoir in Guernsey 1883 exhibition at Candie Museum there are a number of supporting exhibitions and activities planned across the island.

Since September 2022 pupils at 13 primary schools on the island have been engaged in a cultural enrichment programme using Renoir's works as inspiration for their own art. The children's works will subsequently be displayed and celebrated at the Art for Guernsey's Gallery in Mill Street, St Peter Port.

Other initiatives include local photographer, Paul Chambers, taking up the challenge to capture the infamous light depicted in Renoir's work using photographic equipment from 1883. Chambers' aim is to test Renoir's theory that the emerging medium of photography could never match the medium of painting for capturing the movement of light. Budding photographers can also rise to this challenge and have the chance to exhibit their work alongside that of Paul Chambers in an exhibition.

Art for Guernsey's hope and ambition is that the ten-week exhibition and initiatives will result in the role Guernsey played in Renoir's career being fully acknowledged, illustrated and celebrated.

*'This is an unparalleled event for such a small island. To reunite these masterpieces, painted on Guernsey, and gathered here from across the globe is truly monumental. We are looking forward to welcoming many visitors to the exhibition and to the Islands of Guernsey, where they can experience the unique light and scenery that so inspired Renoir.'*

David Ummels, Founder of Art for Guernsey

For more information, go to:  
[visitguernsey.com/renoir-exhibition](https://visitguernsey.com/renoir-exhibition)



RENOIR'S 'ROCHERS DE GUERNESEY AVEC PERSONNAGES'  
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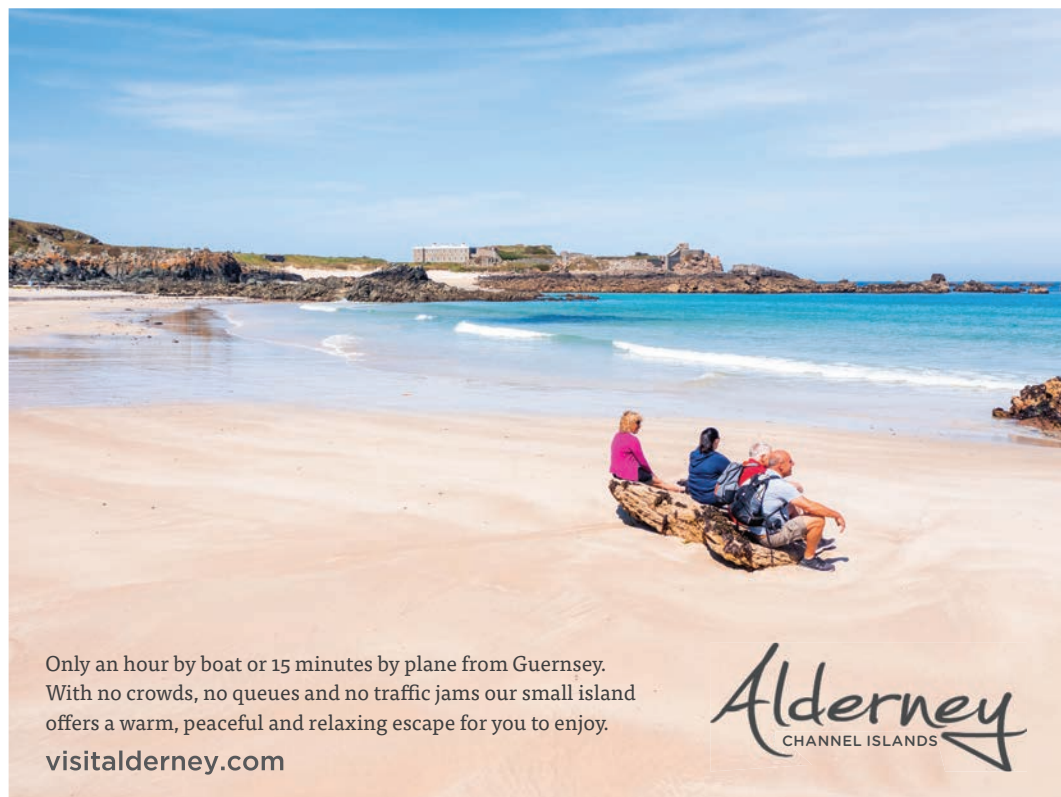
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# Take a wellness break in the Islands of Guernsey

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memories over great food (and drink) with spectacular views. It's revisiting the familiar and discovering the new.

At a time when self-care is under the spotlight, the Islands of Guernsey deliver in spades. From waking up to the sound of birds as you stroll down to one of our south coast bays to having a go at kayaking to spot the

puffins who have made our coastline their home, the feelgood factor is everywhere on the Islands of Guernsey.

If wellness is feeling great, that's what we do best. It's time you checked in to get that island feeling.

Find out more about wellness breaks in the Islands: [visitguernsey.com/experiences/wellness](https://visitguernsey.com/experiences/wellness)



# Fall in love with Guernsey this Autumn

As we move from summer to autumn, the Islands of Guernsey come into their own.

As locals seek out the last of the summer sun, September sees the warmest sea temperatures of the year, making it the perfect month for a dip. With average temperatures reaching 17 degrees and eight hours of sunshine it's the perfect time to visit if you prefer to travel outside of the school summer holidays.

Along with a food promotion, walking festival and, this year, the Renoir exhibition, there is so much to do across our Islands in the late summer and autumn months.

On Sundays the harbour comes alive thanks to 'Seafront Sundays'. Each has a different theme and, whether it's a celebration of local produce, or one of local crafters, musicians, and artists, all offer the chance to enjoy the casual, friendly atmosphere while soaking up al-fresco vibes.

For the live music lovers, Candie Gardens, found in the heart of St Peter Port, and a venue once played by The Beatles, hosts free weekly open-air concerts into late September. Locals of all ages come together to enjoy an eclectic mix, from choirs to jazz, acoustic soloists to brass bands, while taking in the spectacular views over the harbour and our sister Islands.

Autumn also provides the perfect time to explore Guernsey's rich heritage, with our many museums, providing a unique insight into island life in the wars, open year-round. And, as the nights close in, what better way to end the day than in one of our cosy countryside pubs next to the fire.

For a full list of what's on, head to: [visitguernsey.com/experiences/events](https://visitguernsey.com/experiences/events)



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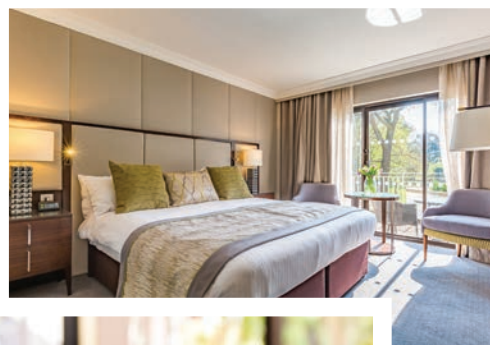
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# Life's a beach

As temperatures rise across our Islands, we flock to the coast.

We are spoilt for choice when it comes to our beautiful beaches, with secluded coves to the south and long sweeping sands to the west and north. We love our beaches and are creatures of habit, each with our favourite spot on our favourite bay.

With one of the largest tidal ranges in the world, our beaches are ever changing. High tide is magical, leaving just enough beach to perch on and take in the view. Low tide reveals the best rockpools to pootle about in and find beach treasure. There are ancient caves to explore, natural and man-

made saltwater pools and sheltered bays that are just perfect for a paddle.

For the more adventurous, our coastline is nature's playground. Jump into our crystal-clear waters, kayak along the coastline, surf, paddleboard, or try your hand at coasteering. All along the coast there are colourful kiosks, each with their own unique character, offering a cuppa and a homemade cake, a local ice-cream and a crab sandwich.

Over the summer months our beaches come alive, hosting parties and events, established family days, motor racing events, starlit dinners and more.

Our beaches are a place where our children can run free, where we can relax against the granite wall, warmed by the sun, and watch the sun set on another day.

It's not too late to plan a beach holiday, for the best last-minute deals go to: [visitguernsey.com/planning/offers](https://www.visitguernsey.com/planning/offers)

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THE ANNUAL BOXING DAY SWIM AT COBO BAY  
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# What's on

As we head through the summer months and into the autumn, our Islands come alive with events and activities to get involved with.

We are delighted to share with you some of the highlights taking place over the coming months, we hope you can join us for some of them.

This is just a taster of what's on offer, for the most up-to-date listings, go to: [visitguernsey.com/events](https://visitguernsey.com/events)

**Until Thurs 31 Aug**  
Guernsey Puffin Parade

**Until Sun 24 Sep**  
Sunday Concerts at Candie Gardens

**Until Sat 30 Sep**  
Living History at Castle Cornet

**Until Tues 31 Oct**  
Guided Walks around St Peter Port

**Until Sun 31 Dec**  
Timewarp 2023:  
A Picnic with Renoir

**Mon 3 Jul**  
Lé Viaër Marchi

**Weds 5 – Fri 28 Jul**  
Art in the Park - from the HeART

**Fri 7 – Sun 9 Jul**  
SarkFest 2023

**Sat 8 – Fri 14 Jul**  
The NatWest Island Games

**Sun 16 Jul, Sun 6 Aug,  
Sun 28 Aug**  
Cobo Balcony Gigs

**Fri 21 Jul**  
Harbour Carnival

**Fri 21 & Sat 22 Jul**  
Sark Sheep Racing

**Fri 21 & Fri 28 Jul, Fri 4  
& Fri 11 Aug**  
KPMG Castle Nights

**Sat 22 Jul**  
Rocquaine Regatta

**Sat 22 Jul - Sat 5 Aug**  
Guernsey Street Festival

**Sat 29 & Sun 30 Jul**  
Torteval Scarecrow Festival

**Sun 6 & Sun 13 Aug,  
Sun 24 Sep**  
Seafront Sundays

**Mon 7 – Sat 12 Aug**  
Alderney Week

**Weds 16 & Thurs 17 Aug**  
The West Show

**Sun 20 Aug**  
Vazon Surf Triathlon

**Weds 23 & Thurs 24 Aug**  
The North Show &  
Battle of Flowers

**Sun 27 Aug**  
Vale Earth Fair

**Sun 3 Sep**  
Havelet Regatta

**Thurs 14 Sep**  
Guernsey Air Display

**Sat 16 Sep – Sun 1 Oct**  
Autumn Walking Festival

**Sat 30 Sep – Fri 15 Dec**  
Renoir in Guernsey,  
1883 Exhibition

**Sun 1 Oct – Sat 11 Nov**  
Tennerfest

**Mon 25 Dec**  
Polar Bear Swim

**Tues 26 Dec**  
Boxing Day Swim

**Fri 22 - Sun 24 Mar 2024**  
Alderney Literary Festival

**Weds 24 April 2024**  
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## Where to stay

Choosing the right accommodation is one of the most important decisions you'll make about your holiday.

Whether you are looking for the flexibility of self-catering if you are travelling with extended family or planning to put your feet up and be looked after in the luxury of a five-star hotel, we have plenty of options for you to choose from.

Here in the Islands of Guernsey you can wake up to spectacular coastal views from

the comfort of cosy shepherd's huts, take in uninterrupted panoramic views of your favourite west coast beach or enjoy the peace and tranquillity of a more rural setting - where starry nights are that bit brighter.

There's nothing quite like waking up in the Islands of Guernsey so what are you waiting for? Book your trip today.

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