## ALTERNATIVE FESTIVALS IN EUROPE CELEBRATE CULTURE AND LOCAL IDENTITY







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With the arrival of the festival season, many exciting cultural events are dominating cities and towns around the world. Some are well known and highly anticipated, while others could be lesser-known, albeit more popular in local regions. For those still looking for something different this year, Europe is hosting a great selection of memorable celebrations that highlight the best of local culture and music. These alternative festivals taking place this summer and autumn won't break your bank and will guarantee a fun and authentic experience merged with local traditions and culture.

## Autumn Walking Festival - The Islands of Guernsey

(17 September – 2 October)

Autumn in Guernsey provides the perfect backdrop for a walking retreat, the deep red of its falling leaves and bronzed late light... What better time to get rambling? It's also when one of Island's most loved festivals comes into fruition – the Autumn Walking Festival!

Taking place from 17 September – 2 October 2022, the festival will offer visitors a choice of over 40 morning, afternoon, and evening guided walks to explore the stunning islands of Guernsey, Herm and Sark, and learn from local experts about their history and attractions. Organised by the Bailiwick of Guernsey Guild of Accredited Guides, the walks range from rambles through the island's 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 but children under 16 may be able to go free in some cases

Channel Islands Direct (<a href="www.channelislandsdirect.co.uk">www.channelislandsdirect.co.uk</a>) offers a 3-night stay at the Best Western Moores Hotel Guernsey priced from £303 per person (B&B), including return flights from London Gatwick, Birmingham, Bristol, East Midlands, Exeter, Southampton or Manchester with Auringy. Based on travel between 1 Aug 22 - 30 Sept 22 departure for two adults sharing. Full details are available <a href="here">here</a>. The trip is ATOL protected.