

## The ISLANDS of GUERNSEY

### NEW: A SEASIDE SOJOURN IN THE 18<sup>th</sup>-CENTURY COTTAGE THAT INSPIRED RENOIR



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**London, September 2024** – Renovations have been completed at a historic Guernsey property, allowing guests to book a stay at one of the Islands' most artistically-significant locations. Built in 1780, the so-called '[Renoir Cottage](#)' was once the site of a tearoom frequented by acclaimed French author Victor Hugo and renowned Impressionist artist Pierre-Auguste Renoir. Now, travellers can stay in the restored property, which offers dramatic coastal views and authentic historical immersion with all the comforts of a cosy, modern retreat.

The Renoir Cottage was constructed in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and has undergone a variety of uses, including as a Napoleonic-era watchhouse, a fisherman's cottage and a German anti-aircraft post. Perhaps its most famous incarnation was as a popular coastal tearoom in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, visited by literary giant Hugo and Impressionist master Renoir, who stayed on the Island in 1873. Renoir was so inspired by Guernsey's dramatic landscapes that he painted depictions of his surroundings during the stay, including 'Fog on Guernsey', which features the historic cottage overlooking Moulin Huet Bay.

Having fallen into disuse, life was once more restored to the Renoir Cottage in 2022 by local renovator Nik Le Page, who spent almost two years renovating the property into a modern holiday cottage which still retains its original authenticity. The project is set to be shared with the public on Channel 4's Great British Home Restoration, in an episode dedicated to telling Le Page's story.

As of summer 2024, the Renoir Cottage is now open for bookings, with guests able to enjoy such features as a mezzanine with ladder-type open staircase and a cosy log burner, perfect for warming up after a busy day exploring the picturesque local landscape, taking a dip in the sea or even enjoying a spot of stargazing – the Islands are known for their low levels of light pollution. Those inspired by the cottage's past can embark on the self-guided [Renoir Walk](#), following in the footsteps of the great artist himself, before refuelling at the [Renoir Tea Garden](#), with panoramic views over Moulin Huet Bay.

*The Renoir Cottage is priced from £169 per night, based on two people sharing the property. Minimum stay is two nights. Visit [www.renoircottage.com](http://www.renoircottage.com) for more information and to book.*

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For more information on visiting the Islands of Guernsey, please contact Natalie and the team at [guernsey@wearelotus.co.uk](mailto:guernsey@wearelotus.co.uk).

**How to get there**

[Condor Ferries](#) operate fast and traditional ferries from Poole and Portsmouth to Guernsey year-round. Ferries depart from Guernsey's St Peter Port to Sark, Alderney, and Herm at multiple times throughout the day during the summer. [www.condorferries.co.uk](http://www.condorferries.co.uk)

With flight times from the UK as little as 40 minutes and ferry sailings from three hours, visitors can opt to take the ferry over the Channel from Poole or Portsmouth or fly directly from the UK with [Aurigny](#) or [Blue Islands](#). Aurigny operate year-round direct flights to Guernsey from London Gatwick, East Midlands, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, Exeter, Southampton and Dublin. [www.aurigny.com](http://www.aurigny.com)

General imagery of the Islands available [here](#).