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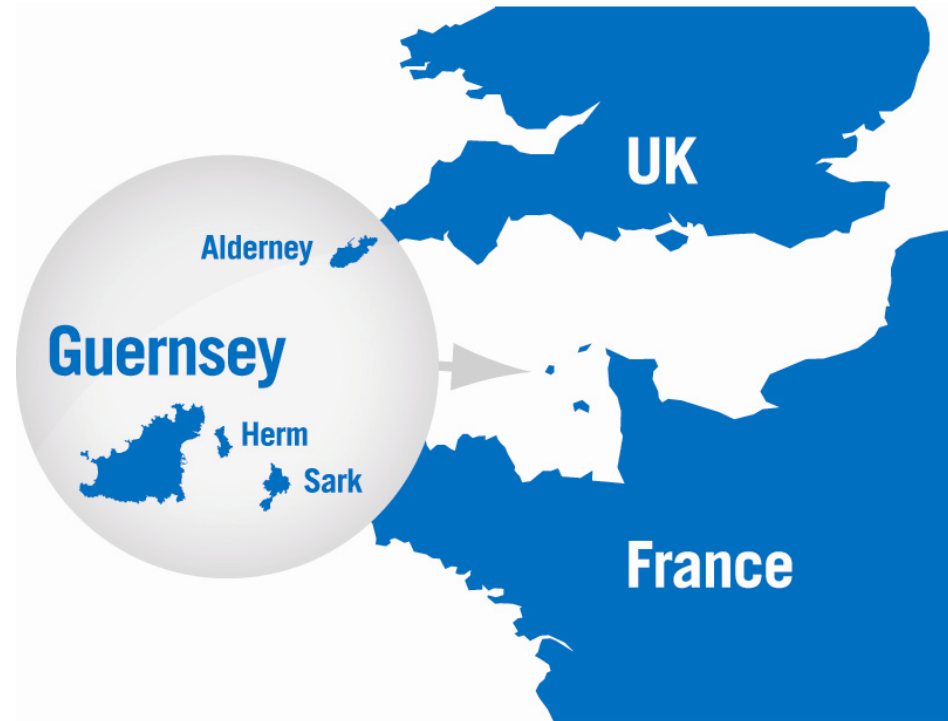


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Location



- Situated in the Bay of St. Malo.
- 75 miles south of the English coast
- 27 miles from the north coast of France



One Destination – 4 Islands

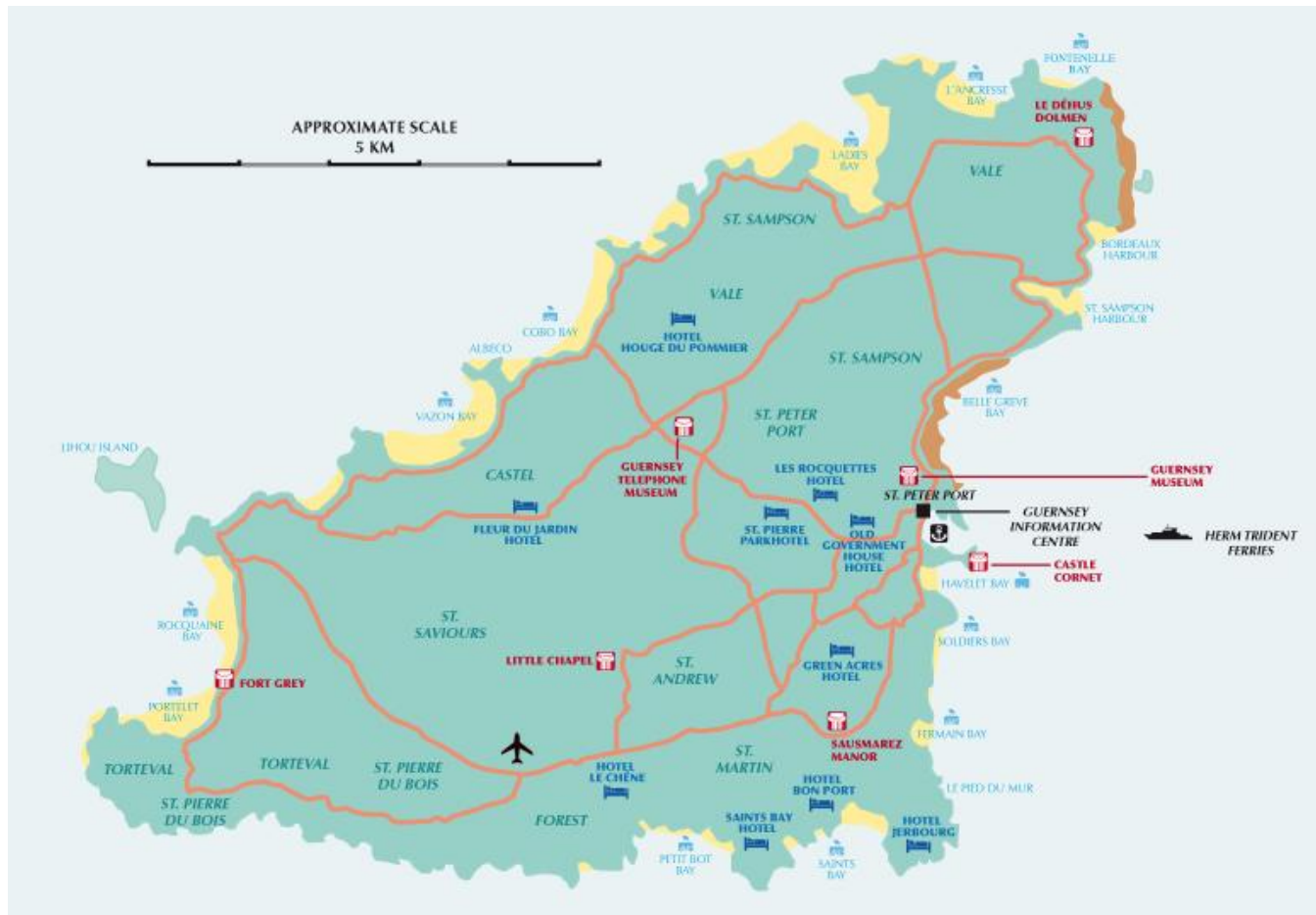


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- Guernsey
- Herm
- Sark
- Alderney



Island of Guernsey



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Facts & Figures



- Capital of Guernsey: St. Peter Port
- Size: 24 square miles
- Population: 60,000
- Triangular in shape and split into 10 parishes
- Topography: low lying in the north and rising to 300 feet above sea level in the south

Climate



- Usually 2 or 3 degrees warmer than the UK
- There is rarely snow or frost on the islands
- Regular recordings of over 2000 hours of sunshine each year make it one of the sunniest places in the British Isles
- The surrounding waters are warmed by the last vestiges of the Gulf Stream
- Floral displays are more advanced than in the UK as a result of a warmer climate

Local Traditions



- Guernsey has its own parliament with no political parties
- Guernsey has its own money but UK tender accepted
- Guernsey patois – Guernsey French dialect still spoken by some
- Guernsey knitwear
- Hedge Veg
 - Road side stores selling fresh produce, cut flowers, eggs
 - Money is put into honesty boxes

Local Traditions



- Traditional food and drinks:
 - ***Bean jar*** - Popular winter warming meat and bean casserole
 - ***Guernsey Gâche Melèe*** - A delicious sticky apple pudding served hot or cold with fresh double cream
 - ***Ormers*** - recluse in the world of sea food; it can only be found under rocks at the lowest tidal point - there are strict rules governing when, where and how you can collect the delicacy
 - ***Seafood*** of all kind (lobster, oysters, scallops ...)
 - ***Guernsey Cheese and Cream***
 - ***Sloe Gin***
 - ***Cider***

Getting Around The Island



By car

- Car hire is very popular and inexpensive
- Or come with own car by Condor ferry from the UK
- Petrol cost less than the UK price and the speed limit is 35 mph (25mph in built up areas)
- Parking is free of charge and a disc system is used

Getting Around The Island



By bus

- The local bus service runs all around the island and is extremely cheap
- A good service is offered until about 20:00 with the hub situated in St. Peter Port
- Multi-journey tickets are available

By taxi

- Two taxi ranks in St Peter Port
- Taxi rank in front of airport terminal building

Getting Around The Island



Island tour

- Local bus (No. 7 or 7A = coastal route around the island)
- Guided tours – public coach tours or hire taxi for private sightseeing trips

Bringing your own car

- Perry's Guide (map booklet) with hotels, restaurants and places of interest to find your own way easily

Getting Around The Island



Walking

- Guided walks of St. Peter Port
- Various walking tours of historical interests, gardens and natural beauty
- Cliff paths

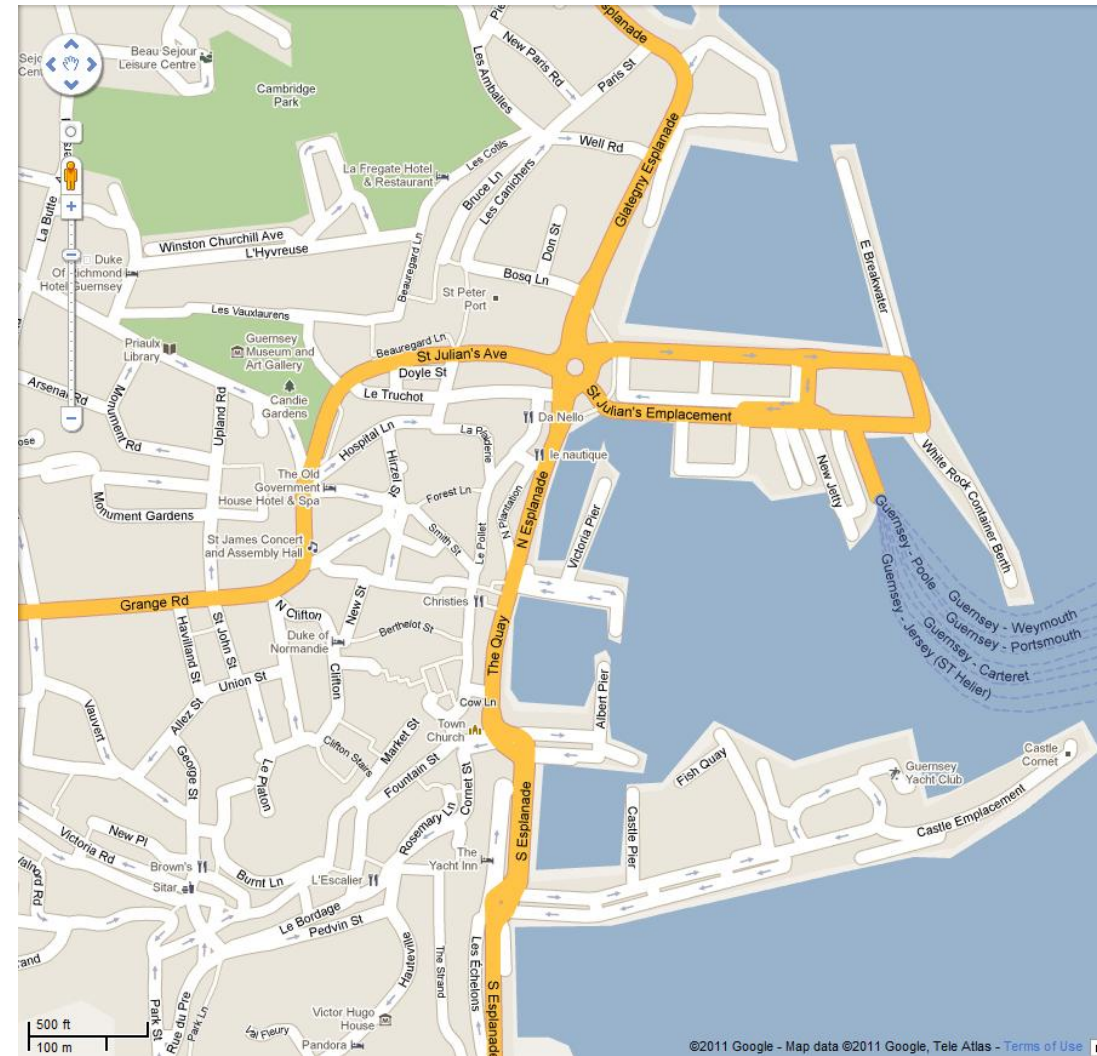
Cycling

- 11 island routes

St. Peter Port



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Main attractions in town:

- **Castle Cornet:** Guernsey's ancient royal fortress. The story of the Castle and other aspects of Guernsey's maritime history
- **Guernsey Museum & Art Gallery:** The story of Guernsey and its people
- **Hauteville House:** The famous French writer, Victor Hugo spent fourteen years in exile decorating this house personally

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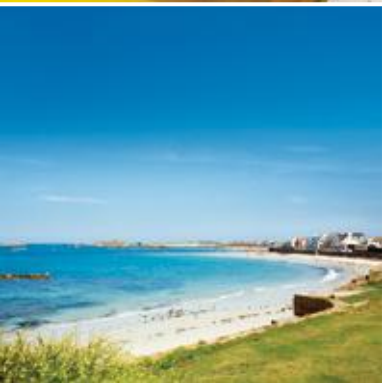
- **Guernsey Tapestry:** Excellent guide to the history of Guernsey and a remarkable tapestry
- **German Naval Signals Headquarters:** Signal HQ which was responsible for all radio traffic to and from Germany and the other islands
- **La Valette Underground Military Museum:** Military museum covering all aspects of Guernsey's history in a well-lit, air-conditioned German Tunnel complex

Shopping



- Main shopping town is St. Peter Port.
- The town retains a continental atmosphere with cobbled streets, narrow alleyways and lanes
- Old Quarter for antiques of all kinds
- Low tax shopping, great bargains to be found - jewellery, spirits, liqueurs and electrical items

Beaches & Bays



Beaches



- 27 different types of beaches around the island
- Sweeping sandy bays on the West coast with shallow waters and rock pools, a favourite for families
- Small coves and secluded bays on the South coast accessed by small and sometimes steep roads and paths
- Clean, clear and unpolluted waters
- One of the greatest tidal ranges in the world (over 9 metres)

Cliffs & Countryside



Cliffs and Countryside



- 30 miles of cliff walks
- Wooded valleys, marshland, winding country lanes and conservation areas
- Ruettes Tranquilles with a recommended speed limit of 15 mph and priority for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders
- Bluebell Wood – In spring the east coast is beautifully carpeted with blue nodding flower heads

Attractions



Attractions – Out Of Town



Historical

- **Fort Grey:** An ancient Martello tower, hosts Guernsey's shipwreck Museum
- **Sausmarez Manor and Sculpture Trail:** One of Guernsey's finest Manor Houses owned for 750 years by the de Sausmarez family. The subtropical gardens and art park display over 200 sculptures by artists from around the world

Military History

- **German Underground Hospital:** largest construction in the Channel Islands, hewn out of solid rock by slave workers of many nationalities for the German forces 1940 - 1945
- **Occupation Museum:** Shows aspect of life in Guernsey between 1940 and 1945

Attractions – Out Of Town



- **Little Chapel:** decorated with shells and pottery, is possibly the world's smallest church
- **Guernsey Freesia Centre**
- **Oatlands**
- **Guernsey Folk & Costume Museum**

and many more.....

Activities



Activities



- Island RIB Voyages
- Fishing/Angling
- Cycling
- Walking
- Horse riding
- Golf
- Swimming
- Coasteering
- 10-pin bowling
- Indoor green bowls
- Go-Karting
- Kayaking
- Painting
- Paint Ball
- Surfing
- Abseiling

Events

Spring Floral Festival Week

Liberation Day

Spring Walking Festival

Literary Festival

Photography Festival

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Summer Floral Festival Week

Torteval Scarecrow Weekend

Autumn Walking Festival

Tennerfest

9 April – 17 April

9 May

7 – 15 May

12 – 15 May

1 – 30 June

4 July

9 – 17 July

30 -31 July

3 - 11 September

1 October - 12 November



The Other Islands of Guernsey



Herm

Season: April - October

Ferry costs from Guernsey: £10.50 return



- Size: 1 ½ x ½ miles
- Population: 50 permanent, 100 in the summer
- 20 minutes by boat from St. Peter Port
- Explore the island by foot
- One hotel, self-catering apartments, a small chapel, one pub and a couple of gift shops
- Shell Beach and Belvoir Bay
- Evening BBQ trip from St. Peter Port or dinner at Captain's table
- Safe environment

Sark

Season: April - October

Ferry costs from Guernsey: £26.30 return



- Size: 3 x 1 ½ miles
- Population: 630
- 45 minutes by boat from St. Peter Port
- Explore the island by foot, cycle or horse and carriage
- La Coupée, a narrow walkway between both islands over a 300ft drop.
- La Seigneurie Gardens
- Hotels, guests houses and camp sites
- Specialities: Sark chocolates, lobster lunch

Alderney

Season: Year round

Flight costs from Guernsey: from £40 return



- Capital town: St. Anne
- Size: 3 ½ x 1 ½ miles
- Population: 2,400
- 15 min by plane from Guernsey or fly from Southampton.
- The only Channel Island with a railway
- One of the largest gannet breeding colonies in Britain
- Attractive for its coastal walks and pretty town, St. Anne
- Famous for its World War II fortifications and conservation programs
- Abundance of pubs

Accommodation



- Grading: stars for hotels, guest accommodation and self – catering
- 3 campsites
- A range of accommodation caters for all tastes and standards
- 70% repeat bookings
- German, French and Dutch are secondary markets

Carriers



Carriers from UK



- **Aurigny Air Services:** London Gatwick, London Stansted, Manchester, Bristol, East Midlands, Alderney & Jersey
- **Flybe:** London Gatwick, Southampton, Jersey, Birmingham, Exeter, Norwich & Belfast City
- **Blue Islands:** Isle of Man, Southampton, Alderney, Jersey
- **Air Southwest:** Plymouth
- **Condor Ferries:** Poole, Weymouth (Fast Ferry) and Portsmouth (traditional ferry) & Jersey

Reasons for choosing Guernsey



- An island of natural beauty with fine food and wine
- Day excursions or longer stays on our sister islands of Herm, Sark and Alderney
- Fascinating history and culture
- Pleasant climate and clean and safe environment
- Excellent variety of hotels to suit all budgets

Reasons for choosing Guernsey



- Short travelling times with relative ease close to home
- English speaking - destination has a familiar feel and yet a continental atmosphere
- No passport or money exchange required
- Low duty shopping
- Value for money