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Cover image: Les Écréhous islet off Jersey's north coast


Jersey

'TIME ON AN ISLAND CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE'

We did a lot during our visit but covered only a tiny part of the island.' That's what Angie and Steve Sharp said. They visited Jersey last summer and were genuinely surprised by what they found on such a small island (it's only nine miles by five, you know). Beaches, castles, world-class visitor attractions, Green Lanes, arty experiences, foodie kitchens, festivals, farm shops and, yes, Jersey cows... they're all here in abundance, in a beguiling island that, just like the Universe, seems to expand by the minute.

The Sharps' comment tells you a lot about Jersey. It also tells you a lot about the way we put *pureJersey* together. We don't write it on automatic pilot from a desk in an advertising agency. We invite a mix of contributors – people like Angie and Steve along with well-known personalities and experts in their field – to give us their opinions on what Jersey is all about.

We think it's a refreshing, honest approach that results in a proper magazine, not a boring holiday brochure.

We hope you'll like it. Enjoy the read.

Roger Thomas

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Editor: *pureJersey*

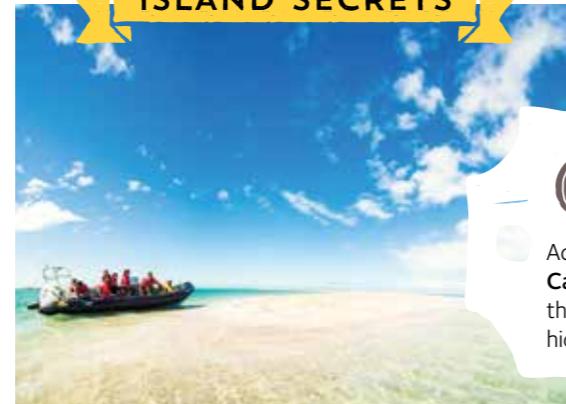


Front cover: The islet of Les Écréhous. For more information on this very special place and how to visit it go to www.jersey.com/active

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Here's what our contributors got up to

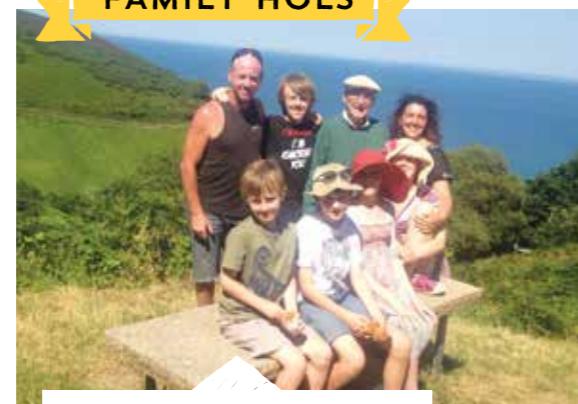
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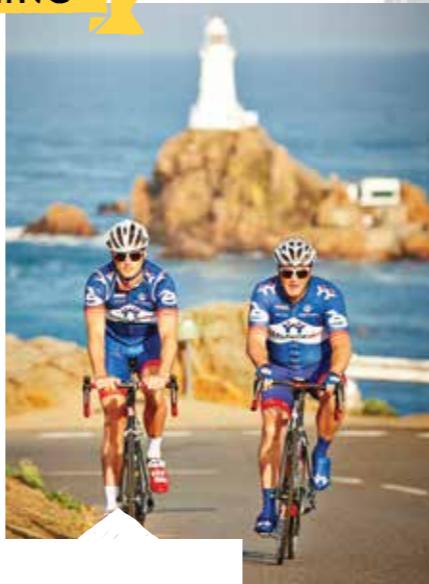
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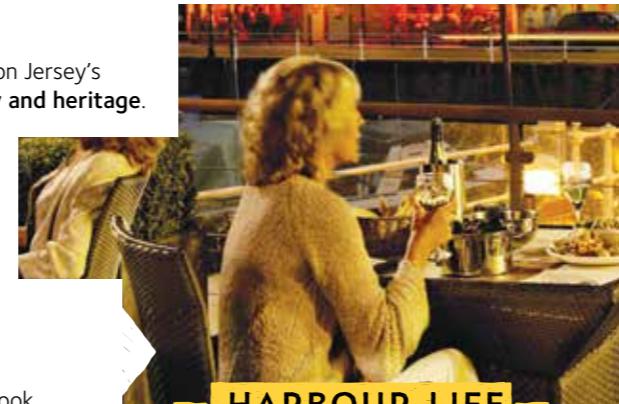


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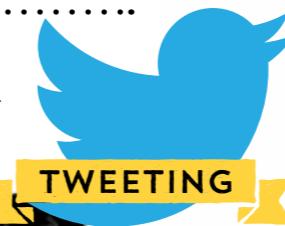
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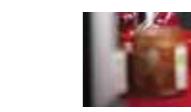
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It's just before Christmas. Forget those schmaltzy German markets. Come to Jersey instead for speciality shopping, festive cheer and luxury spas, says travel writer Abigail King.



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39 STEPS

FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LOCAL EXPERT NICK CARVER. HERE ARE 39 THINGS TO DO IN JERSEY THAT, JUST LIKE THE ISLAND, ARE QUIRKY, SURPRISING AND GUARANTEED TO PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP



1 DISCOVER DOLMENS.

The skeletal standing stones of these prehistoric tombs rise mysteriously from the landscape all across the island. Feel the spiritual energy draw you in as you encounter these ancient wonders.



2 TASTE WINE, CHOCOLATE AND BUTTER THAT'S BLACK.

Take a tour of La Mare Wine Estate and try all these things – all made in Jersey, of course (to find out why the butter is black see step 13).



4 UNLOCK BUNKERS.

These forbidding World War Two defences are an indelible reminder of darker days. That said, the Occupation Society's meticulously restored bunkers bring that austere era back to life with pin-point detail. Look out for special opening times.



3 WALK ON THE MOON.

The vast expanse of unearthly seabed revealed at low tide on our south-east coast is likened to a lunar landscape. Guided excursions showcase Jersey from a strange new perspective – and you don't have to be Neil Armstrong.



5 GO BLOKARTING. Think go-karting. Now think windsurfing. Add flat, wet sand. Oh, and plenty of wind. Now hang on, because you'll soon be hurtling across the beach with an adrenaline-fuelled grin plastered to your face.



6 BECOME A KEEPER FOR THE DAY. World-famous Durrell Wildlife has been saving species from extinction for over 50 years. Join the cause, become a member and sign up for a hands-on, behind-the-scenes experience.

7 SPOT GREEN LIZARDS.

Jersey is the only place in the British Isles where these elusive reptiles occur naturally. Their emerald and lime green scales shimmer with iridescent glory as they bask on warm rocks.



8 PHOTOGRAPH THE ORCHID FIELD.

They say that nearly every household has a potted orchid on the kitchen windowsill. Well, we've got wild ones. In late spring, take a camera to capture the vivid beauty of our wild orchids in their St Ouen's Bay stronghold.



9 PEEK INSIDE A PRIVATE GARDEN.

The Open Gardens programme runs all summer, giving you the chance to see beyond the gates of some the island's loveliest, greenest homes.

10 SAIL BY 'DUCK' TO ELIZABETH CASTLE.

This Tudor island fortress seems inaccessible at high tide. But fear not, the amphibious 'Duck' ferry saves the day. The drive from the beach straight into the sea on this half boat/half lorry is a fun experience.

11 TAKE A RIB TO A RAMSAR REEF.

An experience in two halves: first, the fast-paced rigid inflatable boat trip, then your destination, the reefs of Les Écréhous and Les Minquiers, tranquil oases in crystal-clear waters recognised as special places by the worldwide Ramsar Convention.



12 WATCH THE STATES OF JERSEY IN SITTING.

Our system of self-government was guaranteed by King John following the division of Normandy in 1204. See what it's all about by watching current proceedings from the public gallery.



15 LOSE YOUR SHIRT AT THE RACES.

The clifftop horse racing track at Grosnez boasts panoramas of Guernsey and Sark. The good news is that, even if you back the loser, you'll still have a view that's worth a million.

16 PLAY THE CIRCLE GAME.

The Round Island Walk is the highlight of our Spring and Autumn Walking Weeks. This awesome 48-mile hike around every inch of our coastline, spread over five days to lessen the blisters, is worth every step



17 JOIN ISLANDERS FOR THE LIBERATION DAY STREET PARTY.

On 9 May each year we celebrate the island's liberation from wartime occupation in the 1940s. Big Band sounds accompany food, dancing, vintage car parades and nostalgic re-enactments.

18 RIDE A STEAM TRAIN.

Every Thursday, the romantic Age of Steam returns to the island as the beautifully restored locomotives at the Pallot Steam Museum take visitors on a journey back in time. All aboard!

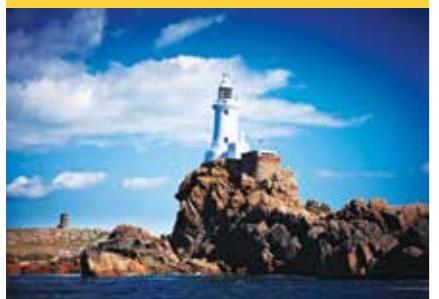


39 STEPS



19 DINE WITH THE 'STARS'. From the heart of Steve Smith's Michelin-starred kitchen at Bohemia, experience interactive dining with an exclusive seat at the Chef's Table. View first-hand the intensity and art that creates each exquisite dish.

20 SEE THE LIGHT. Every visitor has seen it. Most have snapped it with their cameras. But only a few have ventured inside Corbière Lighthouse. Join a guided visit of this iconic lighthouse and get a gull's-eye view from the lantern room.



21 WATCH THE SUN RISE OVER THE FRENCH COAST. The difficult part is choosing which of the many beauty spots on Jersey's east coast you're going to watch it from.



22 CATCH A SUNSET CONCERT ON THE ATLANTIC COAST. Each June, the National Trust turns the majestic natural amphitheatre at Grantez on the west coast into an alfresco auditorium for a series of concerts.



23 FOLLOW ST HELIER'S SCULPTURE TRAIL.

We're very fond of our public art in Jersey. Pick up a free Sculpture Trail guide from the Visitor Centre for an insight into the installations scattered around the town centre and waterfront.



24 SAMPLE GEORGIAN FOOD. The National Trust's house at 16 New Street is the oldest Georgian dwelling in St Helier. Revisit a bygone era and swap cooking tips with the resident cook. You could be the next Mrs Beeton.



25 GET UP CLOSE TO THE MANSELL COLLECTION. Fuelled-up Formula One fans now have the green light to view the personal collection of World Champion racing driver, Nigel Mansell. You'll find cars, trophies and – as he's a local resident – maybe even the man himself.



26 FIND YOUR OWN BEACH. We have pebbly ones, rocky ones and sandy ones. Some are wild, others calm. You'll find mile-long stretches and the cutest coves. And sometimes you'll feel like you've got the whole beach to yourself... because you have.



27 BUY LOCAL ART AT THE HARBOUR GALLERY.

Jersey's ever-changing seascapes and rural idylls have inspired generations of artists. Browse paintings, sculpture and crafts by the current generation at this well-stocked gallery in St Aubin.

28 SPEND YOUR NIGHTS IN A YURT. Not your conventional idea of home comfort, admittedly, but think again – these domed tents have toasty stoves and comfy beds.



29 MEET CLASSIC HERD'S JERSEY COWS. Jersey's only independent dairy has a farm shop stocked with award-winning cheeses, ice cream and clotted cream. Sample the goods and have a tête-à-tête with our celebrated bovine beauties.

30 BE KING OF THE CASTLE. Jersey Heritage offers a unique choice of towers, forts and follies as holiday lets. How about the apartment at Elizabeth Castle? You'll have this vast fortress all to yourself when it shuts for the night.



32 TALK JÈRRIAIS WITH THE GOODWYF. Get the lowdown on 17th-century gossip and pick up on some local patois when you bump into this delightful character amid the thatched dwellings at Hamptonne Country Life Museum.



LIDO

31 SWIM IN AN OUTDOOR LIDO. When the high tide swells its walls twice a day, the Victorian seawater pool at Havre des Pas is cleaned and refreshed. Swim, dive or float around this man-made lagoon for an old-fashioned seaside experience.

34 WATCH THE JERSEY RUGBY TEAM PLAY. Believe it or not, Jersey Rugby Football Club is riding a wave of success and now plays in the RFU Championship. Watch them play on home ground – it's what wintery Saturday afternoons are for.

35 TAKE A TRIAL FLYING LESSON. Get up, up and away behind the controls of a plane from the Jersey Aero Club. We're always harping on about our stunning beaches, so why not see them from above to really appreciate what a jewel of an island Jersey really is.

36 RIDE A HORSE ON THE BEACH. There's another meaning to the word 'seahorse' with a liberating canter across the golden sands of a Jersey beach followed by a paddle in the foam.

37 MEET THE NEIGHBOURS. Go island-hopping to Guernsey, Sark, Herm or Alderney. Each is unique in character, but united by scenic beauty. Some are car-free, all are care-free.



38 LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP. Unleash your inner stuntman as you jump, swing and climb through a series of physical aerial challenges and dares, suspended a dizzying 12m above ground at Creepy Valley.

39 WALK ON WATER. Balance upright and propel yourself through the sea with a session of stand-up paddleboarding. The Hawaiians may have called it *hoe he'e nalu* for some time, but it's the new kid on the block as far as watersports in Jersey go.

the GENERATION GAME

BROADCASTER, AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN BETTANY HUGHES IS WELL KNOWN FOR BRINGING THE PAST TO LIFE. JERSEY BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE FAMILY MEMORIES WHEN THE EXTENDED HUGHES CLAN, FROM GRANDPARENTS TO CHILDREN, DESCENDED ON THE ISLAND LAST SUMMER

My father's memories became mine. As a character actor who popped up occasionally in *Bergerac* (the bank manager, the antique dealer) every few years we would hear his traveller's tales. Pa's filming trips to Jersey for the TV series seemed filled with 80s' glamour, all Martinis and Ambre Solaire.

So I'd always wanted to visit this isle. And then I, too, found myself filming here – exploring Jersey's history, archaeology and landscape first for *Time Team* and then ITV's *Countrywise*. We rushed in for 48 hours or so at a time to talk to islanders and investigate landscapes or artefacts – my visits were sweet, tantalising, but very short.

To satisfy my curiosity, I decided to bring my entire family back to complete the circle. From grandparents to juniors, we would all live the Jersey dream together.

With a family party ranging from nine to 90, we thought this might be a challenge. But then we found in Bouley Bay on the island's rugged north coast what has to be the perfect three-generation solution. A deserted, renovated fort – Fort Leicester – for my brother, husband and me (plus five kids) and a hotel just across the bright blue water, within eyesight but out of earshot, for our Aged Ps.

We were all in heaven. While I stalked through the fort, tracking its development from Elizabethan to

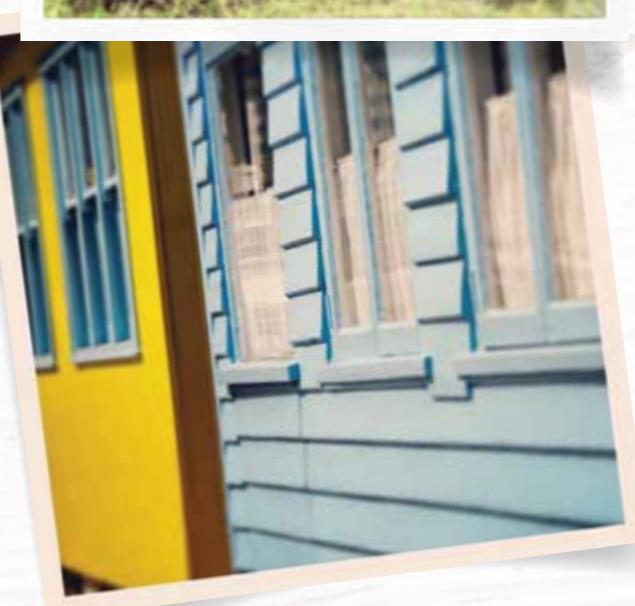
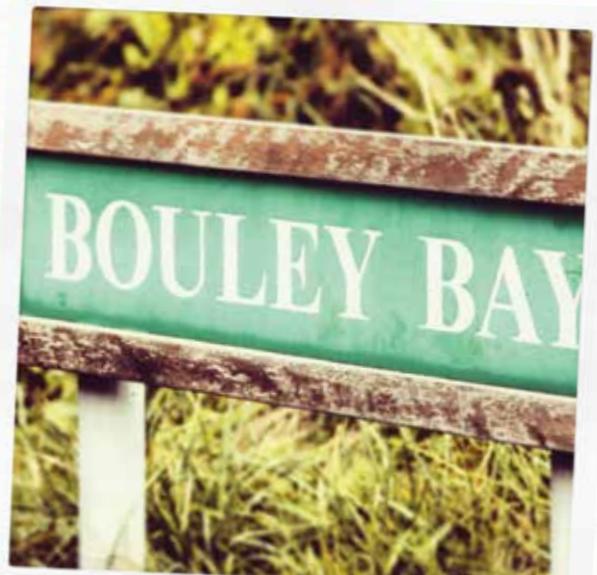
Napoleonic to World War Two defensive systems, the children turned the complex into a giant brick and stone playground. They performed night-time shows from the battlements, told ghost stories on the kitchen roof (a converted gun emplacement) and tracked green wall lizards in the fort's unfolding secret gardens.

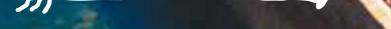
When the 91 steps proved a little tricky for 91-year-old grandpa the children propelled him up slopes lined with purple vetch, thrift, bird's-foot trefoil and crocosmia so we could all sit and picnic together on the chamomile- and mint-cushioned lawn. We rolled out family legends one by one – with a postcard-perfect view of the quiet little world of Bouley Bay below, but deliciously secluded from it.

Our weather was Mediterranean. At first light, after a quick breakfast (local Black Butter and Jersey cream on toast, totally wicked) the children morphed into seals, living in their wetsuits and slipping through the water for hours on end, diving off rocks, pontoons and piers.

With direct lines of sight, the Aged Ps could sip tea in the pretty gardens of Water's Edge Hotel, watching the family reconnect with its aquatic side. One afternoon, with only cheap goggles to aid us, we managed to identify 12 kinds of fish: John dories, dragonets, short-snouted seahorses.

Snaps from Bettany's family album





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Preferring the delights of dry land and route-marching east on the coast path, my artistic husband found his hidden treasure in the twists of light on the sand of Rozel Bay and the Liquorice Allsort colours of its diminutive harbourside homes.

Taking children across seas for mildly eccentric adventures has always seemed to me to be the perfect way to be a mother. Nature and nurture are what kids need. And so, although the lizards and their habitat in Bouley Bay itself provided fauna and flora aplenty, the fact that the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust was five minutes up the road was brilliantly serendipitous.

Exploring the wildlife park's landscaped grounds – where, quite rightly, the animals are given all the best bits – everyone was happy and inspired. Peering into the yurts, newly available for overnight stays, one of our brood sighed appreciatively, 'Look, we could even live here...'

The wholesome, 20th-century, Enid Blyton Famous-Fiveness of the island is truly charming. Hedge-boxes by the roadside, plump with local farm or garden produce, offer genuine fruit-of-the-soil cuisine on an honesty payment basis. Signs to parishes at every turn remind you of the close-knit community feel still enjoyed by many islanders. You can treat yourself to cream teas in the lavender farm above St Brelade's Bay while the children feed their fat, white hens.

My parents appreciated the hedgerows and blaring birdsong 'like our childhood' while I empathised with

their own brave lives (my grandfather was shell-shocked, my father blitzed in Coventry) as I walked through the illuminating and deeply sobering Jersey War Tunnels.

But although I was here to dig for memories one generation back, the depth and the richness of the island's history was what truly excited me.

There is a bosky, primal ancientness to the land here. Walking from Bouley to Bonne Nuit Bay on winding, well-marked cliff tracks (mental note, come back here in autumn for hiking holidays when the trees are turning) as the light was getting low and magic hour dawned, we found ourselves in a tunnel of glimmering dwarf-oaks. Without any mechanical sounds, we seemed to be in two times at once, following in the footsteps of islanders who had been treading this path for centuries, for millennia.

The past feels comfortingly close in Jersey for good reason. The island was once joined to the continent and these fertile, wooded hills and valleys were originally part of vast, rich hunting grounds. Way before tourism, Jersey was a destination of choice. So, early one morning I attempted to make a trip back not just through history, but to a prehistoric age.

Scrambling up a granite cliff face on the south coast in the company of archaeologist Dr Matthew Pope I came to La Cotte de St Brelade. Matthew waxes lyrically about the bone remains here as if they were all old friends. This, he explained, was a natural sheltering point for early humans. Here Neanderthal men, women and children gave thanks



→ St Brelade's Parish Church

to the spirit world and enjoyed the big game they had tracked down on a lowland plain, now submerged beneath the sea.

This spot has been special and sacred for at least 250,000 years. Close by is another sanctuary, this time to the relatively new religion of Christianity. St Brelade's Parish Church, possibly established as early as the 5th century AD, also has a primal feel. Faced with un-knapped, un-rendered stone, there are beach pebbles in the walls and even the odd limpet. Across the path in the 11th-century Fisherman's Chapel (probably the site of the original Celtic church) traces of a shy, naked Eve can just be made out on the walls – that apple of the tree of knowledge just opening her eyes to the terrible beauty of the world.

All of this is easily reached from a beautiful sandy beach – the most popular in Jersey – up a twisting parade of sloping, pink-granite steps. It's an accurate metaphor for the way civilisation on this island seems to have grown organically out of the gentle earth.

And, Jersey being Jersey, after mainlining the deep history on offer there's also splendid nourishment just a stone's throw away. Hungry from their adventures in kayaks while the grandparents and I were on church-watch, the children tumbled up the sand like eager new-born turtles. I told stories of the mammoths and woolly rhinos that had once charged just six metres or so beneath their paddles while we enjoyed the treat of a splendid dinner with sunset thrown in at the Oyster Box overlooking the bay.

My father announced theirs were the best chips he had tasted in his long and happy life, my girls said the same about the ice cream. I quietly tucked into my second Kir Royal and counted my blessings.



→ **WE WATCHED A POD OF DOLPHINS LANGUIDLY IDLE THROUGH THE WAVES TOWARDS THE ÉCRÉHOUS ISLANDS MIDWAY BETWEEN JERSEY AND FRANCE... AND WE TALKED ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE.**



A schooner obligingly moored on the horizon. It was a sight of utter, breathtaking charm. We thought it unmatched until the following day red squirrels leapt the treetops while we indulged in the deliciousness of Sunday lunch at Longueville Manor near St Helier.

Jersey has a rich and a robust history. Jewels like this always attract thieves. Sections of our own Fort Leicester were built during the Nazi occupation, and haunting memories of World War Two are still thick on the ground. But we are creatures of memory for a reason. History exists to remind us of both wrath and wonder.

Watching a pod of dolphins languidly idle through the waves towards the Écréhou Islands midway between Jersey and France, and then meandering ourselves down to Rozel Bay (a harbour since 1274) where the doe-eyed waiter at the utterly excellent Navigator Restaurant served us fish from the waters beneath and vegetables from the bay above, we talked about the good things of life – and what we should all do to try to keep the world as good as possible.

More family holidays like this was one resolution; loving the lovely places on earth another; remembering what matters. I brought home with me to London a suitcase packed with Jersey lavender. Whenever I get a waft of it I imagine – in fact I wish – myself back there.



SEE OVERLEAF FOR DETAILS OF FAMILY AND HERITAGE ATTRACTIONS IN JERSEY.

KIDS' STUFF

A FAMILY FORTRESS

It's not difficult to keep the kids (and parents) entertained in Jersey. Quite apart from all those beaches, sandcastles, rock pools and ice cream opportunities, the island has a **suitcase full of tricks and treats** to keep children happy – whatever the weather.

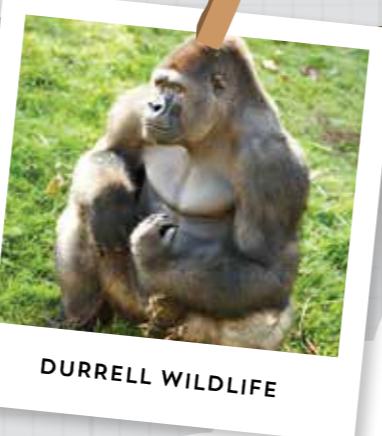
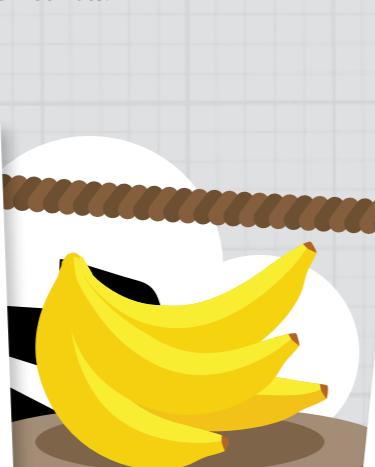
ANIMALS AND ADVENTURE PARKS

On the previous pages Bettany Hughes wrote about a family stay at Fort Leicester overlooking Bouley Bay on Jersey's rugged north coast. It's one of a number of quirky historic properties you can rent from: Jersey Heritage Holiday Lets T 01534 633304 www.jerseyheritage.org/heritage-holiday-lets

Many of the attractions Bettany and family visited are covered by the great-value **Jersey Pass**. It's a must-have item if you're visiting the island, giving you admission to top attractions and places to visit. For details see page 27. Or go to: www.jersey.com/jerseypass



LES MIELLES FUN ZONE



DURRELL WILDLIFE



JERSEY'S LIVING LEGEND VILLAGE



AMAIZIN! ADVENTURE PARK

AIR, LAND AND WATER

How high do you want to go? There's thrilling aerial trekking and acrobatics on high ropes, zip wires and giant swings at **Creepy Valley Adventure Centre**. For all kinds of water games head for the pools, slides and flumes at **Aqua Splash**. And for sports facilities there's Fort Regent and Les Quennevais Sports Centre (the latter complete with indoor pool).

Family activities at **Les Mielles Fun Zone** include mini-golf, laser clay pigeon shooting and Segway Rally course. **Jersey Bowl's** 18-lane bowling centre (plus video games and outdoor play area) is another popular family attraction.



BOOKING MADE EASY

Holidays and short breaks in Jersey are easy to arrange. Flights and ferry crossings are short, you're dealing in pounds, not euros, and booking is swift and straightforward. Hotels and operators are listed in the back of this publication. Book direct with them or use the free **JerseyLink** service for advice and booking on 01534 448888. Or book online at www.jersey.com

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Aqua Splash, Waterfront Centre, St Helier Open all year. T 01534 734524 www.aquasplash.je

Creepy Valley Adventure Centre, Les Ormes Golf and Leisure Village, St Brelade Open all year. T 01534 638888 www.creepyvalley.je

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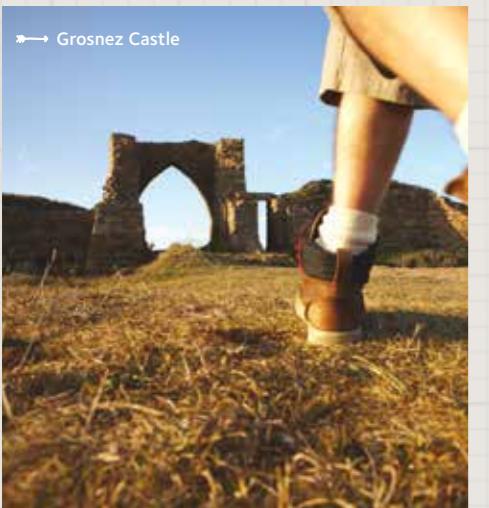


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BRING JERSEY'S HISTORY AND HERITAGE TO LIFE.

TIMEWATCH



Is there another patch of land measuring nine miles by five on the planet that's richer than Jersey when it comes to **historic sights**? If so, we'd like to know. The island is studded with places to visit ranging from **haunting prehistoric tombs** to gripping reminders of **World War Two**. In between, there are **medieval castles, museums and manor houses**. And it's all served up in an engaging way. You'll relive the **WW2 Occupation** at the island's unmissable **War Tunnels** experience. On a lighter note, mums, dads and kids will love exploring exciting **Mont Orgueil Castle** and singing along to sea shanties at the **Maritime Museum**.

TIMELINE



6,000 YEARS AGO. La Hougue Bie is Jersey's 'Stonehenge'. One of Europe's finest passage graves burrows into a huge man-made mound, topped by a medieval chapel. Stoop down and enter the long, gloomy tunnel which has been cleverly aligned to allow the sun's rays to penetrate the inner chamber at spring and autumn equinoxes. The site also contains a new 'Treasures of the Island' permanent exhibition on the discovery of the fabulous coin hoard recently found in Jersey.

The island is dotted with many other prehistoric graves and tombs that you can visit at all reasonable times. For details go to: www.jerseyheritage.org www.prehistoricjersey.net



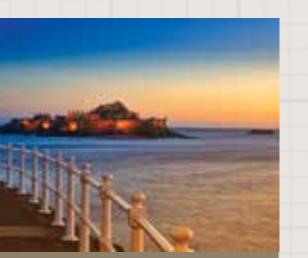
13th CENTURY. That's when they started building **Mont Orgueil Castle**, a Jersey icon. Its presence is overpowering, completely dominating the harbourside at Gorey as it climbs up the sea cliff in a series of giant fortified terraces. Within, imaginative – and sometimes ghoulish – displays and exhibitions evoke the castle's past.



Samarès Manor also dates from Norman times, but like many historic houses evolved over the centuries. Take a guided tour, visit the ancient dovecote and Rural Life and Carriage Museum, or wander around its beautiful grounds and gardens.



14th CENTURY. Go to the mysterious ruins of **Grosnez Castle** and ponder its fate. Pack a camera, for Grosnez – on a windy headland overlooking Guernsey – is worth visiting for its breathtaking location alone.



LATE 16th CENTURY. That's just the first chapter in **Elizabeth Castle's** long story. Begun in 1590, this huge offshore fortress – only when you get there do you realise it's *that* big – spans island history from Sir Walter Raleigh to the German Occupation. At high tide, the short trip by amphibious craft from St Helier is great fun (when the tide is out you can walk).



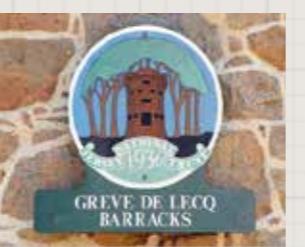
15th CENTURY. Buildings have been recorded at **Hamptonne** since 1445. It's a complete rural community in miniature – a cluster of farm dwellings, barns and workshops that recreate a vanished way of life from Jersey's bygone times.



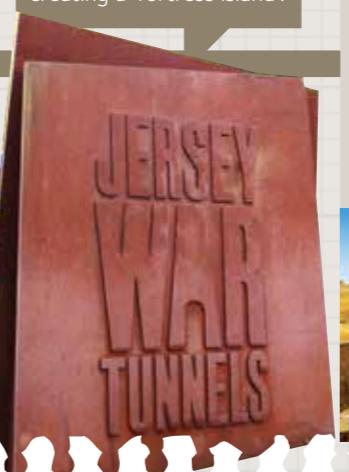
MUSEUMS TOO

The island's history, traditions and culture come together under one roof at **Jersey Museum and Art Gallery**. Exhibits range from the priceless pure gold 3,000-year-old St Helier Torque to an atmospheric Victorian merchant's house. There is also an interactive space for young visitors.

Jersey's seafaring past comes to life in St Helier's hugely entertaining **Maritime Museum**. Listen to sea shanties, sail a boat, walk the decks, plot your voyage around the world, shiver your timbers. It also contains the **Occupation Tapestry**, a monumental – and moving – work of art



18/19th CENTURIES. Step back centuries to see how the gentry lived at the meticulously restored and furnished **Georgian House** in St Helier, built around 1730. Just out of town, **Le Moulin de Quétivel** is the only working mill left in St Peter's Valley that still grinds its own flour. Buy some at the mill shop, then see the exhibition and short film. Just above the beach at Grève de Lecq visit Jersey's only surviving **barracks**, built around 200 years ago for troops garrisoned to combat the threat of Napoleonic invasion.



based on World War Two island life.

The Pallot Steam, Motor and General Museum is a fascinating private collection of steam engines and other machinery, with a display on Jersey Railways, steam and diesel train rides.

Motorsport fans won't want to miss the recently opened **Mansell Collection**. Videos, trophies and racing cars celebrate Jersey resident Nigel Mansell's heroic motor racing career and Formula One World Championship.

The Channel Islands Military Museum is also housed in a former fortified German bunker. It's Jersey's only display of all-authentic German World War Two militaria plus civilian Occupation items.

The Channel Islands Occupation Society is a volunteer organisation dedicated to keeping key sites from Jersey's Occupation (like the impressive Noirmont Command Bunker between St Aubin and St Brelade) open to the public throughout the warmer months. www.ciosjersey.org.uk



I'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER

The Channel Islands Military Museum, St Ouen
Open April–November.
T 01534 483205 or 07797 732072
www.germanww2militaria.co.uk

Elizabeth Castle, St Helier
Open daily April–November.
T 01534 723971
www.jerseyheritage.org

Georgian House, 16 New Street, St Helier
Open March–November.
T 01534 483193
www.nationaltrust.je

Grève de Lecq Barracks, St Mary
Open Wednesday–Sunday May–September
T 01534 483193
www.nationaltrust.je

Grosnez Castle, St Ouen
Accessible at all reasonable times.

Hamptonne Country Life Museum, St Lawrence
Open June–September.
T 01534 863955
www.jerseyheritage.org

La Hougue Bie, Grouville
Open daily April–November.
T 01534 853823
www.jerseyheritage.org

Jersey Museum and Art Gallery, St Helier
Open April–December.
T 01534 633300
www.jerseyheritage.org

Jersey War Tunnels, St Lawrence
Open March–November.
T 01534 860808
www.jerseywartunnels.com

Mansell Collection, St Helier
Open all year (closed Sundays).
T 01534 880606
www.themansellcollection.co.uk

Maritime Museum and Occupation Tapestry, St Helier
Open April–November.
T 01534 811043
www.jerseyheritage.org

Mont Orgueil Castle, Gorey
Open April–December.
T 01534 853292
www.jerseyheritage.org

Le Moulin de Quétivel, St Peter
Open Saturdays May–September.
T 01534 483193
www.nationaltrust.je

Pallot Steam, Motor and General Museum, Trinity
Open daily (except Sundays) April–October.
T 01534 865307
www.pallotmuseum.co.uk

Samarès Manor, St Clement
Open April–October.
T 01534 870551
www.samaresmanor.com

DOUBL^E ST AUBIN

TAKE TWO SMALL TOWNS IN JERSEY – ST AUBIN ON THE SOUTH COAST AND GOREY ON THE EAST. ARE THEY TWO OF A KIND OR DO THEY GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS? A BIT OF BOTH, REALLY, SAYS ROGER THOMAS

ST AUBIN

WHAT'S THE STORY? Head a few miles west along the bay from big brother St Helier and you get to the harbour at St Aubin. St Helier wasn't always numero uno. At one time, St Aubin was Jersey's main port. It has a salty seafaring past, a colourful maritime history populated by pirates, privateers, shipbuilders and wealthy merchants. The Old Court House, now a hotel and restaurant, was used by judges to share out cargoes and loot plundered by privateers. Have a peek inside – its ancient staircases and wood panelling take you back to the 15th century.

WHY GO? History aside, St Aubin is unashamedly 21st century. It's where islanders go to eat, drink and socialise. There's a bemusing choice of quayside restaurants and bars with everything on the menu from smart Italian to funky fusion cooking, and a buzzing glass-and-steel Boat House perched on the harbour wall. It's not too fanciful to say that St Aubin is Jersey's very own Monaco. Every square foot of hillside above the harbour is occupied by multi-million-pound houses, some of which were once the homes of those wealthy merchants. And, just like Monaco, the harbour frontage was extended to squeeze in more building land.

QUAY HIGHLIGHTS. The Harbour Gallery, tucked down an alleyway, is the island's best and biggest arty experience. It's dedicated to displaying and selling the works of island artists. Don't worry. We're not talking about those embarrassing amateur efforts seen at WI bring-and-buy sales. Skills and standards on Jersey are amazingly high (something to do with the island itself, perhaps?). So you'll see subtle Turneresque canvases from artists like

Graham Tovey, striking linear seascapes from Peter Knight and even a Warhol-inspired Jersey cow or two. There's a great café upstairs too.

The château-like Parish Hall was once a railway station on Jersey's long-gone south coast line. You can still follow the course of the old railway on a 'Tracks of Steam' walkway and cyclepath. It's a lovely, leafy route that takes you all the way to Corbière Lighthouse perched on the rocky, wave-pounded 'land's end' of south-west Jersey.

MY FORT IS BIGGER THAN YOUR FORT. Not in St Aubin's case it isn't. Its fort, built on a tidal island to guard the harbour, is a modest affair compared with Gorey's gigantic castle. You can visit it on foot during low tides (check the times to make sure you don't get wet feet).

WHO'S GOT THE BEST BEACH? Not much in it, really. The vast, south-facing sands of St Aubin's Bay start just past the harbour and go on unbroken all the way to St Helier, with lots of watersports/sandcastle-building opportunities en route.

BONUS POINT. St Aubin is at the gateway to the Portelet headland, a peaceful escape from the hurly burly of the busy south coast. Follow the coast path around to Noirmont and pretty, sheltered Portelet Bay, stop off for a drink at the Old Portelet Inn, then walk across to wildlife-rich Portelet Common for fabulous views over St Brelade's Bay.

TOP TIP. If you want to eat here (and you will), book a table. Most restaurants are busy seven days a week (Jersey folk like to eat out a lot, you know).

→ Harbour view

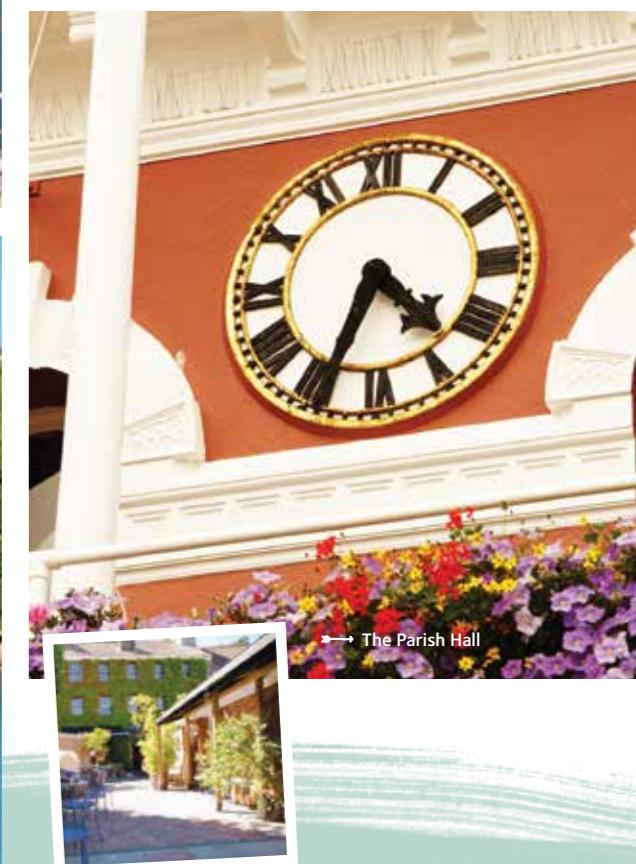


→ St Aubin's Fort



ST AUBIN IN A FEW WORDS:

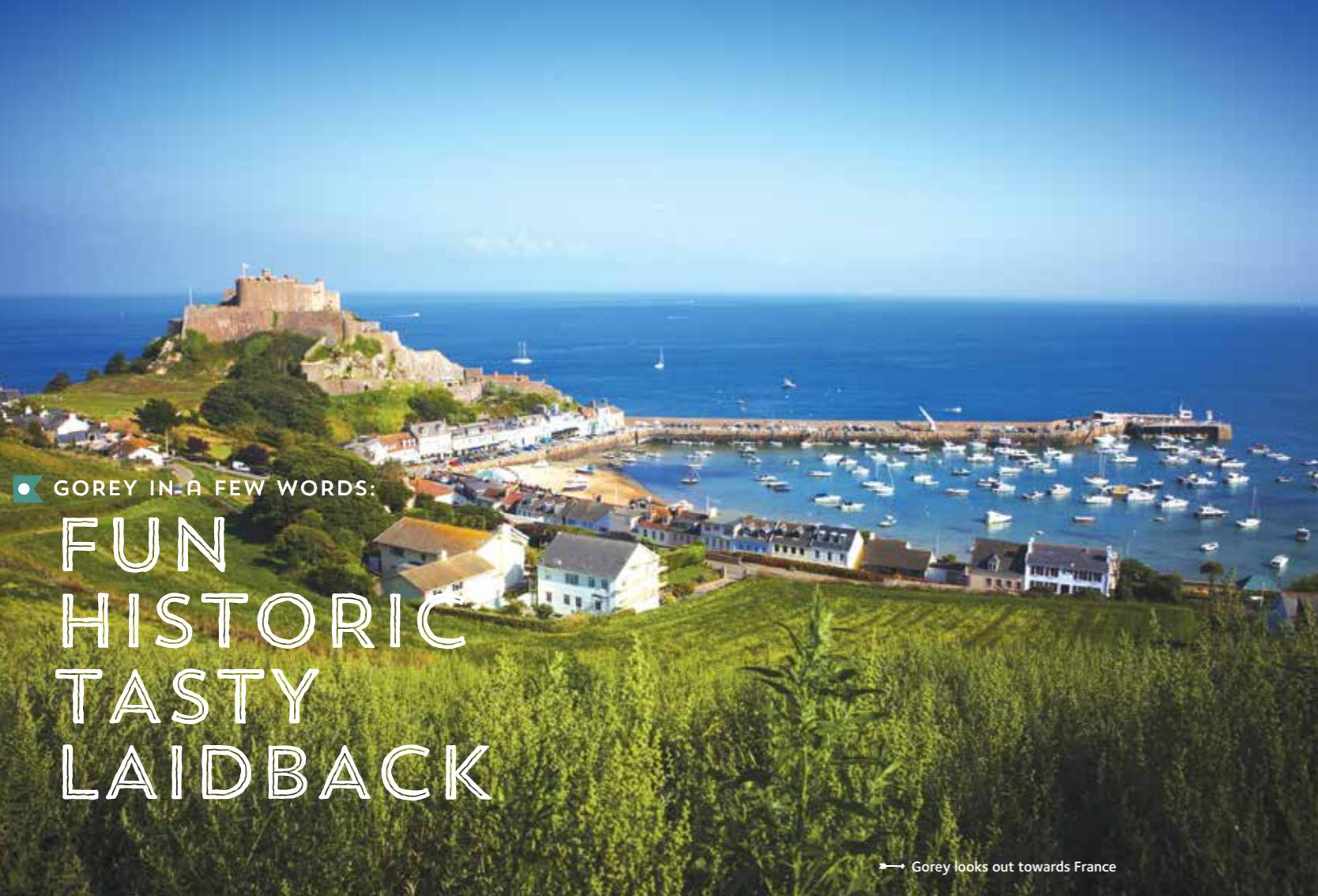
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WHERE ROGER STAYED

There's a good choice of places locally, from the sumptuous Somerville Hotel on the hill above the harbour (www.dolanhotels.com/somerville-hotel) to modest guest houses. Roger stayed at The Harbour View, a stylish, deluxe guest house run with enthusiasm and flair (the breakfasts were great too). Ask about their special suites.

The Harbour View, St Aubin JE3 8AB
T 01534 741585
www.harbourviewjersey.com



• GOREY IN A FEW WORDS:

FUN HISTORIC TASTY LAIDBACK

→ Gorey looks out towards France

GOREY

WHAT'S THE STORY? Drive east in Jersey and you'll end up on the Royal Bay of Grouville. At its top end there's Gorey Village and Harbour. Unlike St Aubin's snug little port, a commercial success for centuries protected from the south-westerlies, Gorey was never as busy. But it did have its boatbuilding industry and something that St Aubin lacked – oysters. In the 1800s the place doubled in size thanks to oyster fishing. But unlike St Aubin, the steep hills above the harbour were not colonised by the grand houses of wealthy merchants. Much of the land is still used to grow sweet Jersey potatoes. The fields, known locally as cotils, are sunny and free-draining with light soil, ideal conditions for the crop. They overlook Gorey's greatest claim to fame – masterful Mont Orgueil Castle, which deserves an entry all of its own (see the next column).

WHY GO? It's that castle again. But it's not the only reason. Gorey's stone pier is lined with restaurants, cafés and bars where you can enjoy everything from traditional cream teas to inventive seafood dishes. It's a lively spot day and night.

QUAY HIGHLIGHTS. The pretty harbour is filled with boats. Take a walk to the end of the pier. If you're there on a summer's evening you'll probably find local families – mum, dad and the kids – fishing for mackerel and pollack. And walking back towards the bright harbour lights you're faced with the unreal backdrop of Mont Orgueil Castle, illuminated by two massive spotlights in a way that makes it look like a giant two-dimensional cardboard cut-out against the night sky.

Take a boat trip too. In summer there are regular trips from Gorey to Carteret on the Cherbourg Peninsula and Sark. Boat charters to a range of destinations also operate from the pier.

MY FORT IS BIGGER THAN YOUR FORT. It certainly is. Even if you've never visited Jersey you've probably seen a picture of Mont Orgueil Castle. This iconic fortress, the island's answer to Big Ben and the Eiffel Tower, is guaranteed pole position on any Jersey calendar. The castle looms over the harbour like a towering



→ All the fun of the fête (picture courtesy of Jersey Evening Post)



→ Mont Orgueil's guardian knight



→ Royal Bay of Grouville

wedding cake, tier after tier constructed of rosy pink granite rock. 'Whoever held Mont Orgueil held the island,' so the saying goes. It's no coincidence that it faces the French coast – clearly visible from the battlements – acting as a stern 'keep out' sign. One of Europe's finest fortresses, it has grown and evolved over the centuries from its medieval roots, adding layer after layer of defences (there are even German additions from World War Two). Its maze of passageways and rooms are filled with clever, spooky, and sometimes downright ghoulish displays that send a shiver down the spine.

WHO'S GOT THE BEST BEACH? As we said earlier, it's six of one, half-a-dozen of the other. At low tide an attractive sandy beach reveals itself below the harbour wall. But that's just for starters. It then goes on for miles along Grouville Bay, past Royal Jersey Golf Club.

BONUS POINT. Take the coast road north. It's a stunning drive past Archirondel to St Catherine's Bay. Walk along the half-mile St Catherine's

Breakwater then back to the café for an ice cream. If you're visiting the island in mid-August, bonus number two comes in the shape of Gorey Fête, a frantic day of oyster eating, yard of ale drinking and silly beach games like 'Whack the Rat'.

TOP TIP. Don't think you can 'do' Mont Orgueil Castle in a rush. Give yourself at least half a day – or more.



• WHERE ROGER STAYED

Hotels and guest houses line the seafront. Roger stayed at The Moorings, a well-presented hotel on the quayside.

The Moorings Hotel. Gorey JE3 6EW
T 01534 853633
www.themooringshotel.com

WHEEL CHANGE



FORMULA ONE LEGEND AND JERSEY RESIDENT NIGEL MANSELL HAS SWAPPED FOUR WHEELS FOR TWO. PEDALLING FAST IS NOW HIS MAIN PASSION, AND HE'S HELPING PUT JERSEY ON THE MAP AS A CYCLING DESTINATION. BUT HE HASN'T TURNED HIS BACK ENTIRELY ON MOTORSPORT. HE'S JUST OPENED THE MANSELL COLLECTION, A PETROLHEAD'S HEAVEN.

ROGER THOMAS REPORTS

You'd have thought that cycling on a small island like Jersey would be, well, a bit limiting. But unlike the 150mph-plus supercars you see trundling around in second gear, neutered by the island's 40mph maximum speed limit, cycling here makes sense. There are quite a few stiff, testing hills, lots of quiet country roads and cyclist-friendly Green Lanes, a popular car-free cyclepath along St Aubin's Bay leading to St Helier, and come 2014 a brand-new cycle race through the streets of the capital that will be part of the televised Tour Series.

The Mansells are amongst the leaders in the Jersey peloton. As President of UK Youth, 60-year-old Nigel rode 1,320 miles in 11 days from John O'Groats to Paris in 2012 to raise funds for one of his favourite charities. His sons Greg and Leo are formidable cyclists, so much so that Greg now races semi-professionally. Nigel is sponsor and team manager (the Dave Brailsford figure) of Team UK Youth, winners of cycling's 2013 Tour Series.

Behind the scenes, Nigel has been busy working with others to bring the Pearl Izumi Tour Series to St Helier for the first time. Televised on ITV 4, it's

a series of 75-minute town-centre races run to a unique team-based format featuring the UK's top teams. On Friday 13 June 2014 St Helier will host the final round, the culmination of a high-profile series held in 11 towns and cities throughout Britain. It's a great honour and one that will put Jersey firmly on the cycling map, especially since the race will be followed by other two-wheeled events and festivities on the weekend of 14th and 15th.

Nigel and family have lived in Jersey for 20 years. 'It's a super island,' he says. 'We lived on the Isle of Man for 12 years and in America for four and I've been all around the world, but Jersey ticks all the boxes. I love the beaches. I didn't come into work yesterday. I was down on the beach with my grandson. It was the most marvellous afternoon.'

Nowadays, Nigel doesn't mind coming second (something of a first for him, one suspects) as long as it's one of his sons in front. Leo rates the cycling here: 'Jersey has everything apart from mountains. If you want a tough day you go around the bays in the north. If you want a flat day you go straight to St Catherine's in the east – it depends on your mood really. The roads are safe as the drivers are good.'

→ Nigel and Leo cycling along the Sea Wall, St Ouen's Bay



WHEEL CHANGE




THE MANSILLS AT CORBIÈRE



NIGEL'S RIDE GUIDE

Driving the stand-in team support car (a Ford Fiesta, sponsored by Hertz) I meet up with Nigel and Leo for an early morning whizz along Jersey's south-west coast.

1 It's 8am at St Brelade's Church on a fresh summer's morning. The roads are quiet and the sun is out. Time to set off.

2 No chance to warm up. A vicious little climb takes us up the headland to Mont Fiquet.

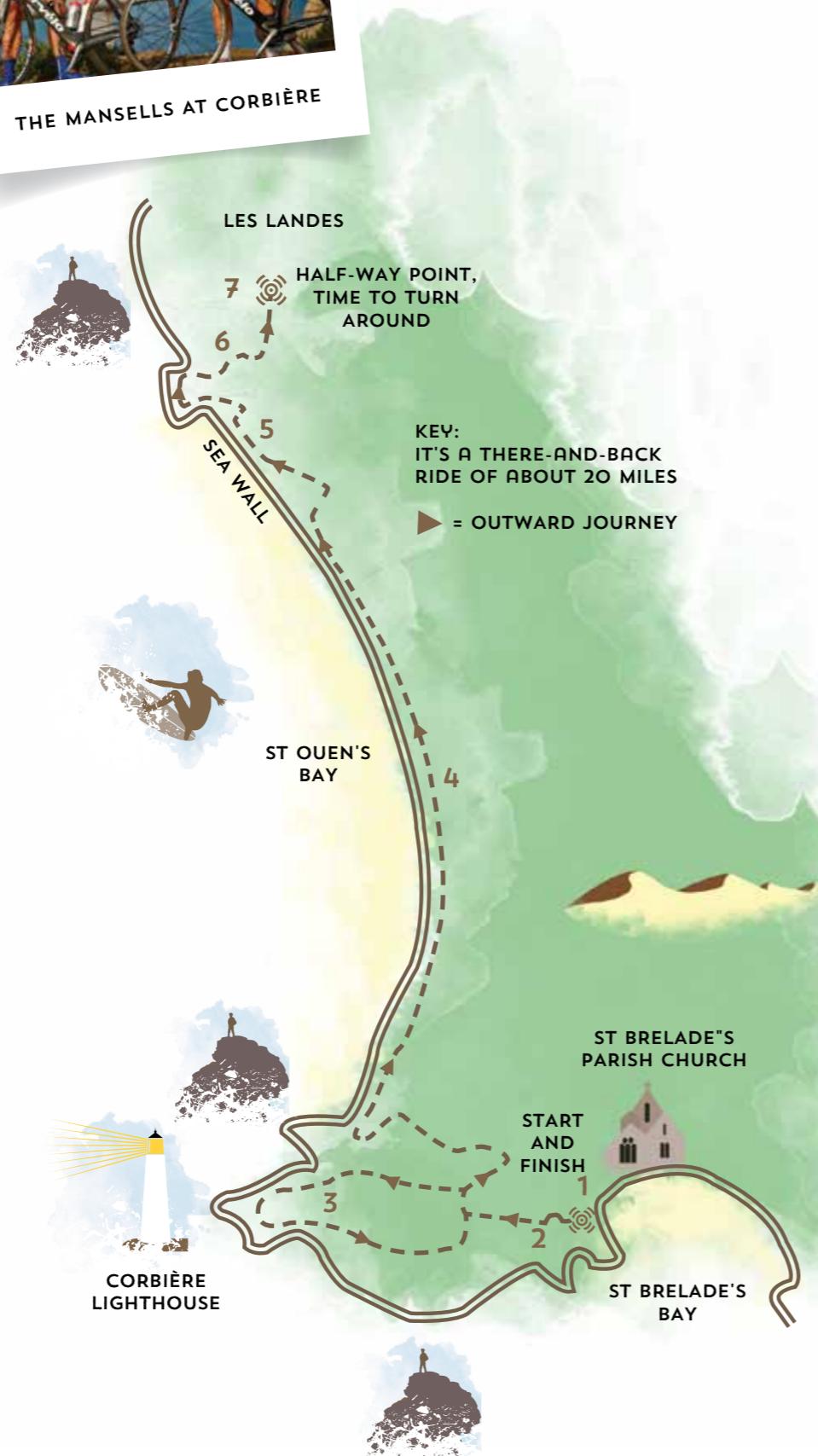
3 A lovely loop on smooth roads around the south-western tip of Jersey, with sensational views of Corbière Lighthouse. It's steep though, and far too early for a pit stop at the ice cream van.

4 Time to get your breath back on the road along St Ouen's Bay, the biggest, flattest beach in Jersey. It can get windy, mind. Nigel steams ahead. He's an old hand. He knows he has to come back this way and wants to avoid the infamous local headwind he reckons will pick up as the day goes on.

5 You can feel the spray whipping in off the big surf on this narrow section of the route along the Sea Wall. We're at the end of St Ouen's Bay now, and the only way is up.

6 It's not quite Alpe d'Huez or Mont Ventoux, but this short climb is actually steeper than the gradients on that pair of daunting Tour de France legends. It's breathtaking – quite literally. Nigel and Leo are out of the saddle, working hard as the road claws upwards.

7 Time to turn around and head back home. But not before admiring the view – also breathtaking in its own way – from the headland of Les Landes back across the vastness of St Ouen's. Last one back makes breakfast.



THE VROOM ROOM

Downstairs in this stunning art deco building there's a car salesroom where you collect your headphones. On the first floor you enter a large, beautifully lit space that has motorsports fans swooning. Fire up the headphones and Nigel Mansell's voice takes you on a trip through the career of one of Britain's greatest racing drivers, from his early days in karts through to the 1990s when he became the first person to win the Formula One World Championship, followed the next year by the CART Indy Car World Series in America, an unprecedented and unique double.

'I never threw anything away,' says. 'Everything I was part of since the 1960s I kept.' And now it's all here – well, at least some of it – in The Mansell Collection. There are trophies and race suits, steering wheels and helmets, photographs and magazines, models and memorabilia, and – of course – cars.

A 1989 F1 Ferrari 640, shark-like and dazzling red, hits you between the eyes. It's probably the most valuable item in this priceless collection, but you get the impression that the Williams 11B is Nigel's favourite. It's a turbo-powered F1 monster pushing out 1,300 plus horse power. Alluding to today's PlayStation, computer-controlled cars, he recalls wryly, 'The driver had to do everything. There was no traction control. You had wheelspin on the straight doing 165mph in sixth gear. Awesome, very exacting and very tough to drive.'

For all the glitz and glamour displayed in this room, it's the measure of the man that he's equally attached to some of the more modest exhibits. One is a small trophy won in 1963 for an early karting victory. Others are the BBC Sports Personality of the Year trophies he was awarded in 1986 and again in 1992. 'Being the people's champion and the relationship I have with the fans is something very dear and special to me,' he says.

www.themansellcollection.co.uk

IT'S NOT QUITE ALPE D'HUEZ OR MONT VENTOUX, BUT THIS SHORT CLIMB IS ACTUALLY STEEPER THAN THE GRADIENTS ON THAT PAIR OF DAUNTING TOUR DE FRANCE LEGENDS.



RIDE ON

It's on. On Friday 13 June 2014 the Tour Series comes to town in St Helier for the first time.

It's the final round of a televised series that's bound to get cyclists intrigued about the prospects of riding in Jersey – especially since it kicks off a weekend festival of cycling. 'The spectacle they'll be putting on in St Helier will be incredible and enjoyed by all. The city centre lends itself to the most dynamic race,' reckons Nigel.

www.tourseries.co.uk
www.ukyouth.org.uk

Other highlights of the Festival, running from 13–15 June (based at Gorey) include:

- 100km coastal sportive
 - Kids' races and time trial
 - Hill climb and road race
 - Urban downhill race
 - Pasta party and cycle village
- www.jersey.com/festivalofcycling

! WATCH the BIRDIE

CONTRARY TO WHAT SOME PEOPLE THINK, JERSEY ISN'T STUFFED FULL OF CRUSTY OLD COLONELS. IT'S AN ISLAND WITH A YOUTHFUL, DYNAMIC VIBE. IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE US, HERE'S WHAT A BUNCH OF TWENTY-SOMETHINGS GOT UP TO LAST SUMMER, TWEETS AND SMARTPHONES WORKING OVERTIME



HARRIET MIDGLEY

@harrietEmidgley Age 21

Jersey resident. Currently studying International Journalism at Liverpool John Moores University. It's safe to say I'm more of a city dweller than a water baby (the boat was probably as close as I'll get to the sea) but Jersey always has something special to offer.



ZOE HARRIS

@hiizoe Age 21

Jersey resident. Recently moved back to the little island after graduating from the Northern Ballet School in Manchester. Now a full-time teacher in Jersey at First Tower School of Dancing. After spending three years shivering through the winter (and sometimes the summer) in Manchester it's great to be back in beautiful Jersey.

WILLOUGHBY WARNER

@willoughbyesw Age 21

Jersey resident. Currently studying Graphic Design at Liverpool John Moores University. Soon to be a permanent Northerner, I'm certainly going to miss the long summers in Jersey surfing, BBQ-ing and spending time at the beach.

DAY 1



HARRIET @harrietEmidgley

What better way to start our weekend in Jersey than heading straight to the vast and stunning St Ouen's Bay.



ZOE @hiizoe

Enjoying the beach!



HARRIET @harrietEmidgley

Rockpooling in search of crabs with @willoughbyesw



ZOE @hiizoe

Drinks & amazing view across St Ouen's Bay. Who said Jersey's a small island? Doesn't look like it from this angle.

DAY 2



WILLOUGHBY @willoughbyesw

Breakfast time in the tiny yet charming nook of the north, Rozel Bay.



HARRIET @harrietEmidgley

A very hungry man enjoying his burger. @willoughbyesw



WILLOUGHBY @willoughbyesw

The locals' favourite – The Hungry Man café at Rozel. Small place, big reputation. Great burgers and yummy crab sandwiches.



HARRIET @harrietEmidgley

Couldn't handle the 'double-decker health wrecker', so I guess this will have to do!



WILLOUGHBY @willoughbyesw

Now on to nearby L'Etacquerel Fort, just one of Jersey Heritage's unique venues for hire. Perfect for summer parties.



WILLOUGHBY @willoughbyesw

Our friends at Rocksteady events hired out L'Etacquerel Fort for the day. Tharindu starts off the afternoon's festivities with a DJ set.

DAY 2



HARRIET @harrietEmidgley

An amazing backdrop to a beautiful day at L'Etacquerel high above the north coast.



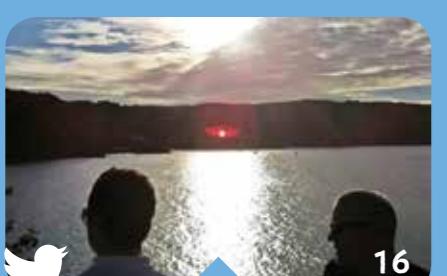
ZOE @hiizoe

Me and @harrietEmidgley enjoying the sun.



ZOE @hiizoe

Taking a minute to enjoy the view (and take a quick selfie.)



HARRIET @harrietEmidgley

The day comes to an end and we head into St Helier for a Rocksteady event at Pure nightclub.

DAY 3



ZOE @hiizoe

Heading to Jersey Sea Sport Centre in St Aubin's Bay for a speedboat ride.



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WILLOUGHBY @willoughbyesw

Bayside on the south coast – one of Jersey's many great beaches. Excited about our trip from St Aubin's to Belcrouse Bay.



HARRIET @harrietEmidgley

We are eternally grateful to poor Willoughby who took one for the team and got soaked in the front seat.



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ZOE @hiizoe

Clinging on for dear life at this point, this trip definitely isn't for the faint hearted!

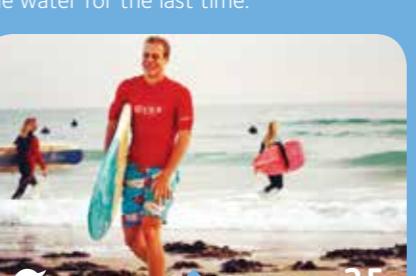


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WILLOUGHBY @willoughbyesw

Taking advantage of the last few hours of sunshine this weekend by jumping in the water for the last time.



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HARRIET @harrietEmidgley

@willoughbyesw still waiting on some BBQ food.



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ZOE @hiizoe

@willoughbyesw taking a paddle in the water – way too cold for me and @harrietEmidgley now the sun has disappeared.



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WILLOUGHBY @willoughbyesw

The sun sets over St Ouen's. Others may disagree – there's a lot of choice – but for us, it's definitely Jersey's most impressive bay.

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HARRIET @harrietEmidgley

Marshmallows flambé – a delicious end to a busy, lovely weekend in Jersey.



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FREE AND EASY JERSEY.

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B FOR... BEACH, BARBECUE AND BUDGET

Jersey is a laid-back kind of place. As **Harriet Midgley** and friends proved on the previous pages, you don't need to spend a fortune to have a good time. Take a picnic. Have a barbecue. Chill out on the beach. Soak up a sunset. Here are more ideas on how to enjoy Jersey for free, together with some great money-saving offers.



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Jersey doesn't cost the earth. The island offers **great value for money**, it's **quick and easy to get to** – and when you arrive, you won't have any nasty, pricey shocks, for you **pay in pounds**, not euros.



You'll be amazed by what you can get up to on an island measuring just **nine miles by five**. Jersey is **jam-packed** with **attractions and places to visit**, many accessible by the bargain-priced **Jersey Pass** that helps you get the most out of the island while keeping costs down. And because we're small, getting around and about is easy and inexpensive, especially if you use an **unlimited-travel pass from LibertyBus**.

PICK A PACKAGE

Many tour operators offer easy-to-book, attractively priced holidays and short breaks in Jersey inclusive of travel (by air or sea) and accommodation. See the special feature on pages 34–37 and take a look at the listing at the back of this publication or the 'Book a Holiday' pages of our website. Between them, these operators offer a dizzying variety of great-value packages. Many will even tailor-make a break just for you.

For extra-special value see our website's 'Special Offers'. These can save you even more money, including free car hire, free half board, free insurance, reductions for children and 'stay three nights for the price of two'. www.jersey.com/specialoffers

TWO TOP MONEY-SAVING TIPS

Get yourself a Jersey Pass. This must-have gives you free entry to many of our top attractions, including Durrell Wildlife, Mont Orgueil Castle and the Maritime Museum, plus other benefits. Passes are available for two, four or six consecutive days. **T 01534 448877**, www.jersey.com/jerseypass

And an unlimited-travel LibertyBus pass to go with it. They're available for one, two, three and seven days. Ask at our Visitor Centre for details (**T 01534 448877**) or go to www.libertybus.je

BOOKING MADE EASY

Holidays and short breaks in Jersey are easy to arrange. Flights and ferry crossings are short, you're dealing in pounds, not euros, and booking is swift and straightforward. Hotels and operators are listed in the back of this publication. Book direct with them or use the free **JerseyLink** service for advice and booking on **01534 448888**. Or book online at www.jersey.com

JERSEY FOR FREE

Our top attractions – those Jersey beaches, cliffs, harbours, Green Lanes and woodlands – are absolutely free. Here are a few more things that won't cost you a penny:

Get to know the island on **free guided walks** during our Spring and Autumn Walking Weeks (www.jersey.com/walking).

Help celebrate the end of the German Occupation of Jersey on **Liberation Day**, 9 May, when St Helier puts on a great show of pageants and performances.



Reach for the skies at the **Jersey International Air Display** in September. It's one of the world's greatest free aerial spectacles (www.jerseyairdisplay.org.uk).

Discover mysterious **prehistoric sites** and chilling **German war bunkers** scattered across the island (see www.prehistoricjersey.net, www.jerseyheritage.org and the *Occupation Trail Map* available free from Jersey Tourism).

Visit the **Harbour Gallery**, St Aubin, for a superb display of original art and sculpture (www.theharbourgalleryjersey.com).

Lend a hand at **Black Butter making**. Learn all about this tasty island delicacy during our Black Butter making weekend, 23–25 October. (www.nationaltrustjersey.org.je).

Get festive during **La Fête dé Noué**. Banish midwinter blues at Jersey's fabulous pre-Christmas festival, 4–7 December, when island life shines brighter than ever at parades and street performances, markets and musical events.





the NORTH/ SOUTH DIVIDE

DON'T CONFUSE JERSEY'S NORTH COAST WITH ITS SOUTHERN SISTER. THEY HAVE LITTLE IN COMMON. HOW AND WHY ARE THEY SO DIFFERENT? ROGER THOMAS CROSSES THE DIVIDE TO FIND OUT

What is it about islands and peninsulas that make them so bipolar? South Tenerife and North Tenerife. South Pembrokeshire and North Pembrokeshire. South Madeira and North Madeira. Chalk and cheese, cheese and chalk the lot of them. But the greatest contrasts of all are to be found, surprisingly, in the little island of Jersey.

Don't believe me? Then follow my journey that started in St Helier, Jersey's busy capital. Five miles and 30 minutes was all it took. At nine in the morning I was on St Helier's waterfront, with rush-hour traffic whizzing by and office workers jostling for takeaway coffees to kick-start another day at the computer terminal. At nine-thirty I was in eerily quiet Bouley Bay with just the seabirds, a full tide and two early morning swimmers for company, waiting for Mad Mary to open her little café so that I too could have my shot of caffeine.

For those who don't know the geography of Jersey, St Helier is on the south coast. Almost directly opposite on the north coast is

Bouley Bay, an as-the-seagull-flies distance of four miles (five by car). They might as well occupy different planets.

The reasons are manifold. Jersey tilts from north to south, so has a rugged, cliff-backed northern coast that gradually subsides into sandy, sheltered, low-lying southern shores. Historically, the south was where the main harbours and trading centres were located – hence the growth of St Helier. Today, most of Jersey's population of 90-odd thousand lives in the south, in a thrumming band of mini-conurbations, shops, hotels, restaurants, popular beaches and main roads.

Get the picture? The south, just like in the UK, is for cosmopolitan, cappuccino-drinking southern softies who like to bask in the good life. The north is for connoisseurs of nature and wildlife who prefer walking boots to Jimmy Choos. I'm lucky enough to travel to Jersey regularly. But for the first time last year I stayed with my wife Liz up north – and loved it. Here are some notes I made along the way...



Jersey's north coast starts where the sands end along St Ouen's Bay. Suddenly you're up in Les Landes, a windy headland with plunging sea cliffs and fab views of Guernsey from the stumpy ruins of Grosnez Castle. From here to Rozel at the other end of the north coast it's a romp across rocky headlands, cliffs and grassy promontories all the way, interrupted only by the occasional small bay, harbour and remote cove. There's no main coastal road and only a handful of places to stay. No wonder it's quiet.

You need a degree of determination – or local knowledge – to get to the hidden beach at Plémont. There are many, many steps to negotiate from the car park above – 362 (or thereabouts). I know, for Liz insisted on counting them all. They're worth the effort, for they take you to a perfect beach that's got the lot – firm sands, clear seas, rock pools, craggy rock formations (a ready-made adventure playground for kids) and secret places tucked into the cliffs where strange grey boulders spill surreally like giant marbles onto the reddish-yellow sands.

Back up the 362 steps and back into the car takes us to Grève de Lecq, the north coast's most popular and easily accessible beach. Its cafés, quayside, rusting fishermen's tractors and vibrant red sand gel together in an authentic, unassuming way that says 'we're seaside without bells, whistles and fancy frills, and all the better for it'.

Much of the north coast is wild, indented and inaccessible (except by coast path – I'll come to that later). Heading east from Grève de Lecq

BAYDREAMING

by car you have to follow narrow country lanes to reach your next port of call, Bonne Nuit. It's another tiny gem with a simple, seductive formula – sandy beach backed by rocks and pebbles, a quayside lined with toy-town fishing shacks, and a beach café that morphs into a Thai cuisine restaurant at night.

Our berth for the night was at next-door Bouley Bay. 'It's too quiet up here for a lot of people,' said Richard Huson, my host at the Undercliff Guest House. He didn't seem too bothered, for his place was choc-full of walkers and nature-lovers, the kind of visitors who eschew the bistros and buzz of Jersey's south coast in favour of the north's peace and tranquillity.

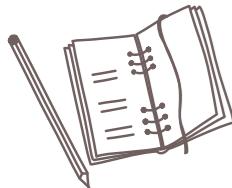
Bouley Bay is rich in wildlife above and below the sea. Its deep waters and exceptional marine life have turned this sleepy hamlet into a top diving centre. I meet up with Toyah Tomkins and William Finnemore, a friendly, bright-eyed pair who run the Bouley Bay Dive Centre. 'We offer all kinds of diving here – reef, wreck and shore dives, and a fantastic underwater life,' they say proudly of a place dubbed in diving magazines as being 'big on little things'. They'll even take you out to Jersey's idyllic offshore islands (bet you didn't know they existed) for an extra-special sub-marine experience.

The north coast ends (or begins, depending on your perspective) at Rozel. It might offer more of the same – stone harbour, cottages, pastel-shaded fishermen's sheds, café (you get the picture by now?) – but, take it from me, it's something you can't get enough of. It's where we meet Arthur Lamy, a legend in his own lifetime. Read on to find out why...





STAIRWAYS TO HEAVEN



I said earlier that the north coast was popular with walkers. Island Blue Badge guide Arthur Lamy, who has been there, done it and got the tee shirt as far as every nook, cranny, legend, folk tale, bus timetable and picnic stop in Jersey is concerned, tells us that the north coast is his favourite walking destination. So it must be pretty good, then.

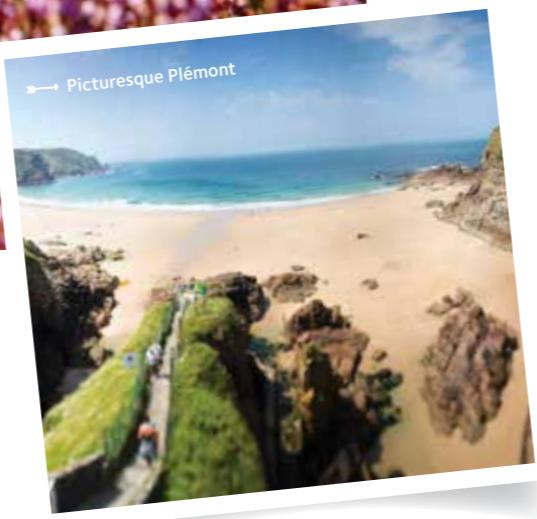
To be precise, Arthur's favourite is the stretch of coast we're currently walking, between Rozel and Bouley Bay. The sun is out, the gorse is out, the heather is out and the sea is in, so there's a dazzling palette of blues, yellows, purples and greens to admire.

'I like it because you can't see so far ahead on this section, there are so many twists and turns, ups and downs,' he says between pants as we clamber up yet another steep stairway cut into the headland.

'Oh, and there are good pubs at both ends.' On this part of the coast you're immersed in the here and now, close up and personal to plunging cliffs, jagged, jet-black rocks, waves and wheeling seabirds. It's a good place to be.

We walk for miles and hardly see a soul. The weekend we walked I saw a news story of queues waiting to get to the top of Snowdon. 'Is it always this quiet?' I ask. 'Oh yes,' says Arthur, 'apart from Jersey's Spring and Autumn Walking Weeks when it's part of the Around Island Walk we run in stages.'

Later, having waved goodbye to Arthur, we press on past Bonne Nuit to possibly the wildest stretch of the north coast, and fail to find the so-called Wolf's Cave (a fanciful Victorian name) such was the severity and steepness of the terrain. Looking for it amongst the unfathomable complexities of rock and surf, the south coast's simple formula of sand and sea seemed a million miles away.



→ Liz, Roger and Arthur: look carefully and you can see France



BITE-SIZED



'You'll get a big warm welcome there,' said Arthur. He was right. Mad Mary's at Bouley Bay is one of a handful of homespun cafés you'll find tucked away along the north coast, serving everything from ice cream to burgers, home-made goodies to fresh crab sandwiches.

It's run by larger-than-life Mary Seaford, who – be warned – will take it personally if you don't enjoy her food and company. Not that there's much chance of that happening, for the good vibes radiating from her overgrown portacabin on the quay are matched by great-value snacks and meals. As she says in her own inimitable way, 'I don't do fast food. I do good food as fast as I can.' It's not the only place. The Hungry Man at Rozel and the beach cafés at Plémont and Bonne Nuit are timeless island institutions, one and all.



AND ANOTHER THING...



Within a stone's throw of the coast you'll find two top visitor attractions. La Mare Wine Estate is immaculately laid out around a gorgeous late 18th-century pink granite farmhouse, with tours of the vineyard and winery, and the chance to sample the artisan chocolates also produced here. And don't think you'll be drinking inferior plonk produced by well-meaning amateurs. They know what they're doing at La Mare – after all, it shares the same latitude with France's champagne-producing vineyards.

Durrell Wildlife is the other must-visit up north. Don't look upon it as a zoo. It's a hugely influential conservation centre that protects endangered species worldwide. As you'd expect, the animals have number-one priority here, enjoying unprecedented levels of care. It's an inspiring place – and great fun too, especially when the orang-utans and meerkats come out to play.

AND FINALLY...



North versus south? The great thing about Jersey is that you don't really have to decide one way or the other. The island is so small you can have it all.



SEE OVERLEAF FOR DETAILS OF JERSEY'S GREEN SCENE.

GREEN SCENE

GREEN ROUTES

Roger Thomas used the Undercliff Guest House as his base for the article on the previous pages. It's close to nature in more ways than one. Located on Jersey's untouched north coast and on the doorstep of a spectacular coast path, it's tailor-made for walkers. What's more, it's the only member of the British Walking Federation in the Channel Islands **Undercliff Guest House**, Bouley Bay, Jersey JE3 5AS T 0800 112 3058 www.undercliffjersey.com



Going green comes naturally in Jersey. After all, we've been doing it for long enough. We were the first holiday destination in the world to be awarded a **Green Globe** in recognition of our environmentally friendly work with schemes such as **coastal footpaths**, **cycle tracks** and the **Green Lane** network. And thanks to our **first-class bus service** and the nature of the island, Jersey is easy to explore without a car. When you're out and about, call into our **gorgeous gardens** – Jersey's mild climate, long hours of sunshine and rich soils give it the **greenest of green fingers**.

A GREEN MAZE

Our Green Lanes are the envy of other destinations. We have lots of them – inland Jersey is latticed with a green maze of around 50 miles of traffic-calmed lanes (vehicle speeds are restricted to a lazy 15mph) which welcome walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Enjoy.

GREEN – AND BLUE – ISLAND

Jersey's Island Plan, adopted in 2011, contains bold proposals for a National Park on the west and north coasts that include the dunes and wildlife surrounding St Ouen's Pond, the island's largest area of natural freshwater.



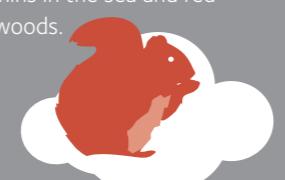
The island's shallow coastal waters are clean and amongst the healthiest in the British Isles. No wonder our oysters taste so good. We also have four protected wetlands of international importance recognised by the worldwide Ramsar Convention – a large stretch of the south-eastern coast and three offshore islets.

JERSEY, NATURALLY

For nature as nature intended there's an abundance of wild, untouched spaces cared for by the National Trust for Jersey and protected as Sites of Special Interest, rich in natural beauty and wildlife.

WATCHING THE WILDLIFE

Wildlife likes Jersey – and we all like to watch it. Keep an eye open for rare Jersey orchids at Le Noir Pré and St Ouen, bottlenose dolphins in the sea and red squirrels in the woods.



PARK IT

We're blessed with a wealth of public parks. After a busy day shopping or sightseeing in St Helier it's easy to escape to tranquil green spaces like Howard Davis Park and People's Park.

GREEN AND KEEN

You'll find lots of green-fingered gardeners in Jersey. Two of our best known are Judith Quérée and Reg Langlois. The star of many gardening programmes and articles, **Judith Quérée's Garden** is a magical collection of over 2,000 mainly herbaceous perennials from all over the world. **Reg's Garden at Badgers Holt** has thousands of flowering shrubs and bushes full of colour and perfume. The garden also has wildlife areas, a large waterfall and pond.



THE 'FORGOTTEN FOREST'

It's worth seeking out Val de la Mare (it's close to the aMaizin! Adventure Park in St Peter). This tranquil arboretum, founded in 1975, has 12 distinct zones and over 300 specimens, including a giant redwood (www.jerseytreesforlife.org).



WARM AND SUNNY

Spring arrives early in Jersey – you'll often see flowers here long before they blossom at home. And with warmth lingering on into the autumn months our fabulous floral tapestry helps stretch the feel of summer.



GENUINE JERSEY

Green also translates into thinking local. Island produce comes to the fore with **Genuine Jersey**, a scheme set up to promote produce and products with local provenance and minuscule food miles.

LAVENDER, WILDLIFE AND WINE

The working – but very fragrant – **Jersey Lavender Farm** is devoted to the growing, harvesting, distillation and drying of this soothing plant, which is in bloom from late May to early September. You can see the entire process on site. Don't come to **Durrell Wildlife** just for the animals. Its extensive 32-acre/13ha grounds and water features are beautiful too, and there's a fascinating organic garden that provides food for the animals. In the same vein, **La Mare Wine Estate** offers more than wines. Enjoy them by all means, but also savour the vineyard's lovely setting in the large grounds of a traditional 17th-century Jersey granite farmhouse (you can take tours of the vineyard, winery and distillery).



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AT HOME... AND AROUND THE WORLD

The imaginative gardens at **Samarès Manor**, created in the late 1920s, go far afield for their inspiration. They boast hundreds of varieties of plants from around the world, along with Japanese and water gardens, one of Europe's finest herb gardens and a willow labyrinth. Neither do you have to travel to far-flung places to see one of the world's finest collections of orchids. The **Eric Young Orchid Foundation** has a scented, exotic recreation of orchid habitats and landscapes, along with climate-controlled nurseries.

OPEN UP

You can also go behind the gates of some of the very best private gardens in Jersey, rarely accessible to the public. All proceeds raised are donated to charity. For dates, times and further details of **Open Gardens 2014** go to www.jersey.com (T 01534 448877).

FLORAL EVENTS

It's only natural that we like to flaunt our floral finery at events like **Jersey in Bloom**, featuring garden visits, walks and talks, not to mention our famous **Battle of Flowers** in August. For more details see the festivals and events listing on pages 60–61.



POND LIFE

Early 2014 sees the opening of the National Trust for Jersey's new Wetlands Centre overlooking St Ouen's Pond in the west of the island. Interpretive facilities, exhibitions and videos will focus on local wildlife including the majestic marsh harrier, the history of St Ouen's Bay, the value of wetland and why it should be preserved. You'll be able to see it all for yourself from viewing windows within the bird hide and there will also be a 'living wall' providing nesting sites for sand martins and roosts for bats. www.nationaltrust.je

I'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER

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Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Trinity
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T 01534 861963
www.ericyoungorchidfoundation.co.uk

Jersey Lavender Farm, St Brelade
Open Tuesday–Sunday, April–September
(café and shop open for a longer period).
T 01534 742933
www.jerseylavender.co.uk

Judith Quérée's Garden, St Ouen
Open by appointment May–end September.
Ask about the guided tours.
T 01534 482191
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La Mare Wine Estate, St Mary
Open April–October.
T 01534 481178
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Reg's Garden at Badgers Holt, St Brelade
Open all year.
T 01534 743756
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TALES of BOATS and PLANES

TWO DIFFERENT SHORT BREAKS, TWO DIFFERENT COUPLES. JULIAN ROGERS AND JACKIE BERRY TRAVELED FLY-DRIVE AND STAYED IN A HOTEL, WHILE ANGIE AND STEVE SHARP CAUGHT THE CAR FERRY AND SELF-CATERED. HOW DID THEY GET ON?

JULIAN and JACKIE

With a flight time of just 45 minutes from Bristol, no sooner were we airborne than it seemed the landing gear was brushing the tarmac at Jersey Airport. Bags plucked from the carousel in an instant, hire car collected, and we were off. Before we knew it, we'd arrived at the Samarès Coast Hotel on the south-eastern corner of the island. Our well-appointed and spacious accommodation overlooked the swimming pool and manicured lawn, but that could wait for the time being – we had exploring to do.

Although the island measures just nine miles by five, it's a maze of back roads with many secluded beauty spots, so having a car was really handy. Our first pit stop was the picturesque little port of Rozel tucked away on the north coast. Venture on foot down to the cottage-lined harbour and you'll discover the renowned Hungry Man food hut. Armed with appetites, Jackie ordered a thick, local crab sandwich, while I plumped for one of their voluminous – and very juicy – burgers. The postprandial waddle back to the car burned off all of three calories.

A few miles inland from Rozel, Durrell Wildlife houses 1,400 mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians, many of which are endangered species from all four corners of the globe. The highlight of the visit was seeing a baby orang-utan and coming face to face with a fully grown male gorilla after he sauntered over and sat down just a few inches from the toughened glass. Despite a scrum of onlookers jostling for a better view and snapping away on their cameraphones, he was pretty laid-back about all the fuss. Special mention also has to go the mercurial meerkats and their amusing antics as they darted around and stood to attention like soldiers in their outside enclosure.

The bigger harbour of Gorey was next on the menu. We parked the car and did what you just have to do when in Jersey – climb the battlements of Mont Orgueil Castle and be rewarded with stunning aerial views of Gorey and its picturesque haven filled with boats gently bobbing in the water. Back down at beach level, we kicked off our shoes and cooled our feet with a stroll along the shoreline, which turned into long and pleasant walk along the beach.



GOREY HARBOUR FROM THE CASTLE



MEERKATS AT DURRELL

Another sea walk that caught our fancy – together with many others in the summer sunshine – was the stroll along St Catherine's Breakwater, which juts out into the bay near Gorey for almost half-a-mile. As we walked we passed fishermen waiting patiently for a catch, and took time out to gaze back at the stunning view of this big, open bay, destined to be a massive naval station but never completed. Miniature sand sculptures now seem to be the local speciality. We admired the artistry that went into them, especially the Volkswagen Campervan and huge castle that must have stood 10 feet high (not so miniature then) and taken hundreds of painstaking hours to create.

Jersey isn't just about sandy beaches, crab sandwiches and manic meerkats. Around seven per cent of the island's population is of Portuguese descent, so a conscious effort was made to check out the three-day festival of Portuguese food, music and culture held each August on St Helier's waterfront. We gave the funfair rides a miss and instead followed our noses to the plethora of food stalls. I was soon sinking my teeth into chewy chunks of bloody and salted beef skewered to



HUNGRY MAN KIOSK

a tree branch and cooked over an open flame, accompanied with flat bread and an icy Portuguese beer.

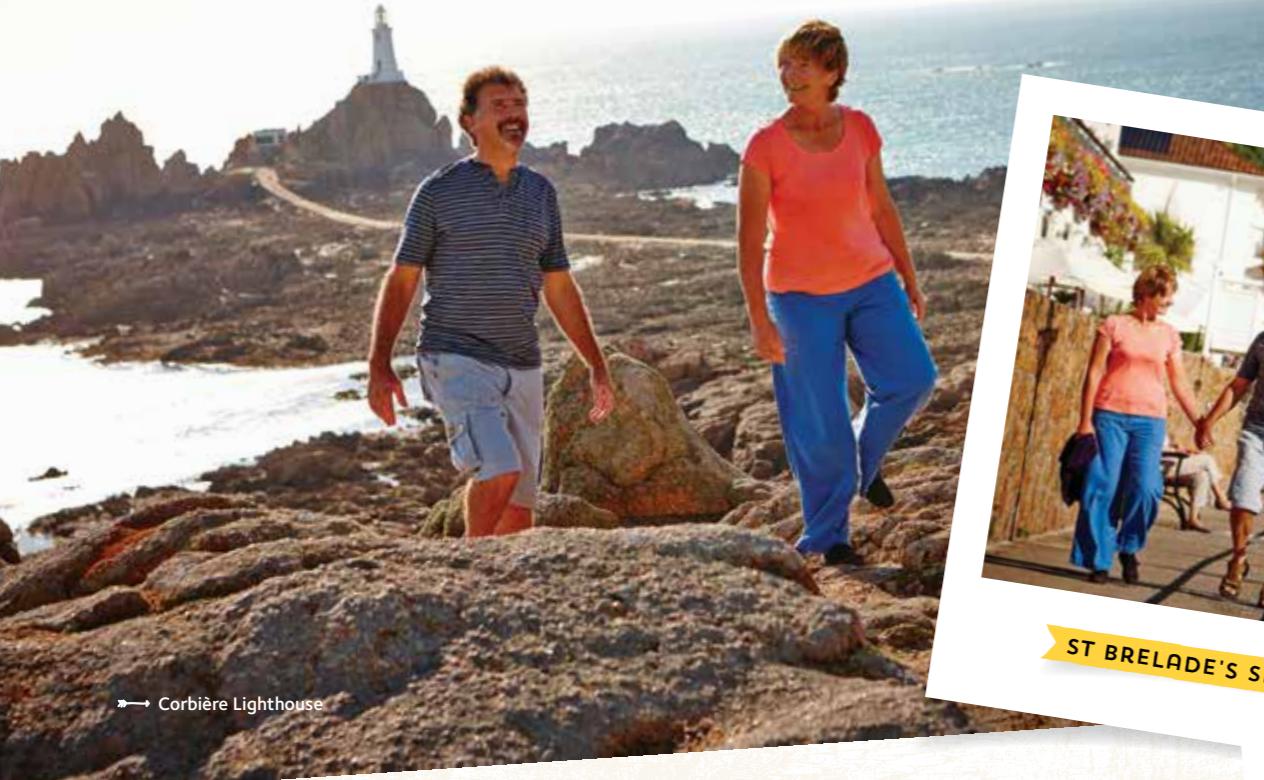
Overall, the travel there and back was surprisingly quick and easy – as was the booking process, with our flight, car hire and hotel all neatly wrapped up in an inclusive three-night break. And a Jersey Pass that allowed us access to the main attractions on the island was a very convenient extra. Jersey is a little gem of an island with so much to see, do and explore, topped off with fantastic scenery, sunny weather and picture-postcard coastline and beaches. It was a wrench to leave.

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→ Corbière Lighthouse

ANGIE and STEVE

The great thing about driving and taking the ferry is that we didn't have to think about packing – we just popped everything in the car and off we went. A relaxed start set the tone for our whole trip. The crossing from Weymouth on the Condor Vitesse was calm, our seats – allocated in advance – were comfortable and we used the crossing time (four hours, calling into Guernsey en route) to read our books.

We arrived in St Helier bang on schedule and ready to start our holiday. As soon as we disembarked we saw what we would come to think of as distinctive about the island – stylish, beautifully designed properties and lovely landscaping. Jersey lilies and agapanthus were still blooming, right next to the ferry port and across the whole island.

The drive to our accommodation, the Beau Rivage Apartments, took just 15 minutes and in another five we were sitting on the balcony overlooking stunning St Brelade's Bay. Our apartment was roomy, comfy and fully equipped for self-catering. Not that we did a lot of cooking, to be honest: the lure of the local restaurant scene proved irresistible.

A wealth of places to eat lay within easy walking distance. They were busy with locals and visitors alike. We got the last table at the Crab Shack just along the promenade, and chose the grilled mackerel with scallops – delicious. We soon discovered that you can't really go wrong with seafood in Jersey – it's all locally caught and super-fresh.

As the weather was good, we decided to explore the coastline on foot. St Brelade's lovely sandy beach led us to the parish church and charming little Fisherman's Chapel where we picked up a footpath sign. Soon we were looking down over Beauport Bay, an idyllic away-from-it-all spot just over the headland.

With paths easy to find and small lanes to follow we continued on to Corbière Lighthouse on the south-western tip of the island. Luckily it was low tide, so we were able to walk along the causeway right up to the foot of the lighthouse and read about its history on the plaque outside. This was something else we came to appreciate about Jersey – the many information points and signs that help visitors get the most out of their stay.



ALFRESCO IN ST HELIER



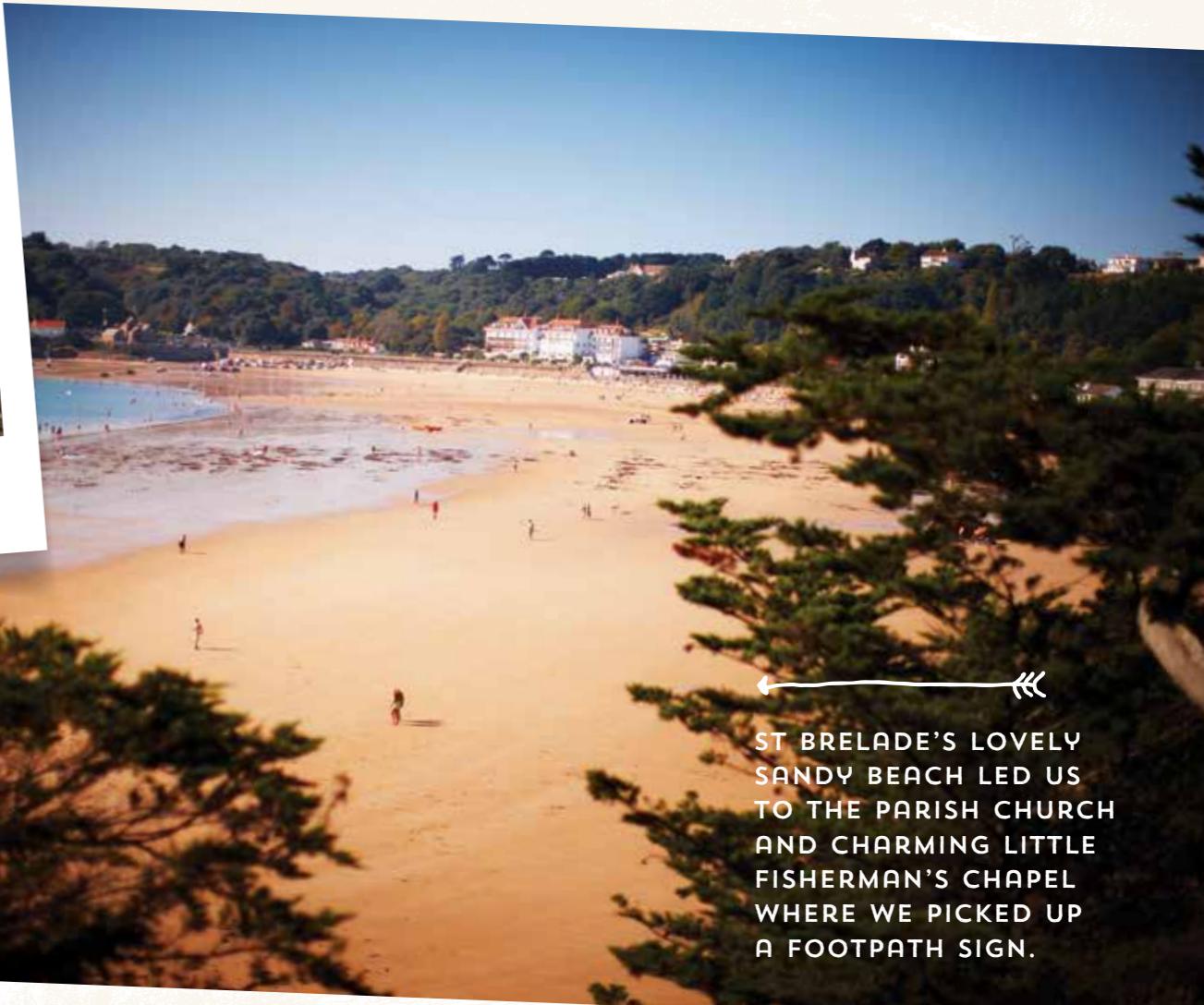
ST BRELADE'S SEAFRONT



JERSEY WAR TUNNELS



JERSEY MUSEUM, ST HELIER



ST BRELADE'S LOVELY SANDY BEACH LED US TO THE PARISH CHURCH AND CHARMING LITTLE FISHERMAN'S CHAPEL WHERE WE PICKED UP A FOOTPATH SIGN.

The final highlight of our stay was a walk along St Brelade's Bay in the other direction to Ouaisne Bay then on to St Aubin. As the sun went down, we had a drink in the Boat House overlooking the pretty little harbour and then splashed out on lobster at the Salty Dog bistro.

Jersey is a small place, easy to drive around and very accessible but with plenty to see. We were impressed with the friendliness of the people, the welcoming and attentive service and the quality of the food, shopping and places to visit. We did a lot during our visit but covered only a tiny part of the island, leaving so much still to see. Here's to the next time.

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FIND CURRENT, FIND SEA BASS



HENRY GILBEY HAS TRAVELED THE WORLD WRITING, PHOTOGRAPHING AND MAKING TV PROGRAMMES ABOUT FISHING. HE SAYS IT'S A 'GREAT EXCUSE FOR VISITING COOL PLACES'. IN HIS BOOK, THEY DON'T COME MUCH COOLER THAN JERSEY

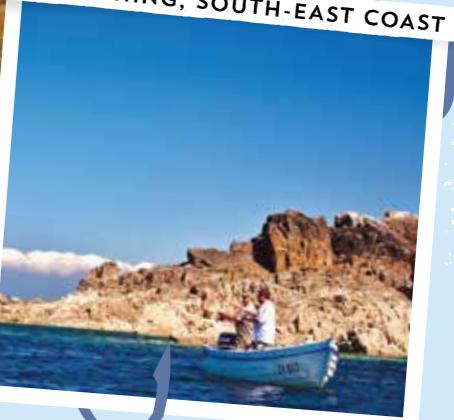
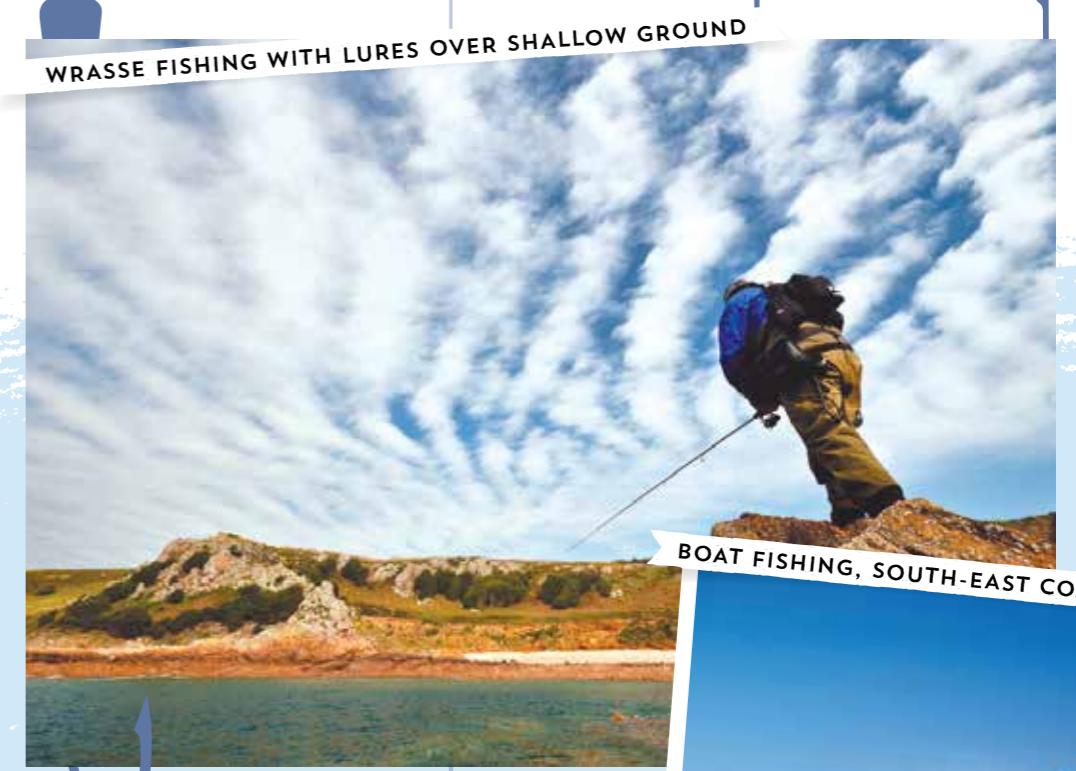
I know exactly why Jersey gets me going so much. Before I even set foot on dry land I can feel my heart start pumping that bit faster as I approach it by land or sea. My adrenaline levels are going through the roof but I have yet to put a rod together and cast out into those crystal-clear waters. And do you want to know why I'm close to passing out in anticipation? Well, look around and tell me what you see...

Water of course. Water, water everywhere and so many places to fish. We anglers are a funny breed because we look at places differently to other people. We can't help but wonder what swims in almost any water we see, ready to grab our lures and baits. Sure, Jersey is a pretty stunning island as it is. But it's those currents, those rocky heads poking out of the water that threaten to rip the hull from a poorly manoeuvred boat, those hundreds upon hundreds of good-looking fishing spots – that is what we are looking at.

Visit Jersey for your first time and within a day you will come to accept that a single visit is never going to contain remotely enough time to get to grips with the untold wealth of fishing on tap. But one fish stands out. Not for nothing are bass our 'kings' of the oceans. They love waters like those around Jersey, which is very good news for me as a self-confessed sea bass addict.

It's easy to head out from the shoreline or indeed upon an inshore boat or even a kayak and find quiet waters where at certain times of the year the bass fishing can be electric. Look for fast-moving water that is literally fizzing up as it is forced through and around rocks and reefs, and more often than not bass will be close by.

Bass aren't the only catch. How about wrasse, various ray species, conger eels, mullet, bream, mackerel, garfish and pollack too? Jersey is a shore fisherman's paradise because it offers so many



different kinds of saltwater fishing in such a relatively condensed area. I still can't quite believe that its coastline is just around 50 miles long.

Take the best bits of shore fishing around the UK and you can find most of it (and then some) in Jersey – and because it's an island there's always shelter from the weather if needs be. Serious anglers might ply their trade from rocky coves, shorelines and headlands while the rest of the island is tucked up in bed. Less dedicated fishermen who prefer a lie in to lashings of saltwater can still enjoy great sport from easily accessible piers and harbours. That's Jersey for you, an island with so much water and so much variety for all levels of ability and addiction.

And there's more – all that water out there that you can't get at from land. Like shore fishing, the island's boat fishing takes on many forms. Charter boats from St Helier head out a few miles to fish the tide races for rays, tope and even turbot. Hook a tope in a fast tide and you'll almost wish you hadn't for they pull so hard. Waters like these are littered with wrecks and reefs that give great sport when the weather behaves (which it often does in sunny Jersey), and if there is any better fishing for black bream

not far from land then I'm not aware of it. The options for fishing from small private boats and, increasingly, kayaks are endless in these fish-rich waters, and as with shore fishing there's usually somewhere to tuck away from a bit of inclement weather.

For me, a fishing favourite is sailing out of one of Jersey's many little harbours into an early morning sunrise with the only ripple on the surface coming from your boat as you cruise to some deserted spot where the currents gurgle with their promise of a good day ahead. Legendary reef systems such as Les Minquiers and Les Écréhous will forever attract small boat anglers who can move around this kind of ground and access the mind-boggling array of likely looking spots. Twice a day Jersey's giant tides uncover and then wash over several lifetimes' worth of awesome terrain. The thrill of so much moving water is such that you almost can't stop yourself from fishing.

SEE OVERLEAF FOR DETAILS OF ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS IN JERSEY.

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GONE FISHING

Henry Gilbey's fishing exploits, described on the previous pages, are just the start of an activities scene that's much, much bigger than you might think. If you know Jersey it comes as no surprise that the island is home to a complete alphabet of outdoor activities that runs from A to Z... since you ask, that's archery, abseiling and aero adventures all the way to zorbing and zip wire riding.

We've dedicated the next few pages to what you can get up to on land and water. For the full picture go to: www.jersey.com/active



WET, WET, WET

Saltwater runs through our veins. The sea is never more than a few miles away in Jersey, giving us a head start when it comes to **sailing** and **watersports**. And water meets land along a hugely varied coastline

that includes **big surfing beaches** and **intimate rock-bound coves**, **clear diving waters** and **gently shelving sands**. What's more, we're an island with a **rich maritime heritage** – the people of Jersey love the sea, and like to share their passion with visiting enthusiasts.



Here are some of the things you can get up to on – and beneath – those Jersey waves.



BEACH BOYS (AND GIRLS).

Surfing is big time in Jersey. It's easy to become part of the local scene when

you head out west to the big beach – and big surf – along St Ouen's Bay. Other hot spots include Plémont and Grève de Lecq. There's a surfeit of expertise too – we're home to one of the world's oldest surfing clubs, and surf schools, board hire and advice are all plentiful.



BY BOAT.

Experience Jersey the best way – the way that locals know it. We're talking about boat



PLAIN SAILING?

There's no such thing here. Our coastal waters and scenery



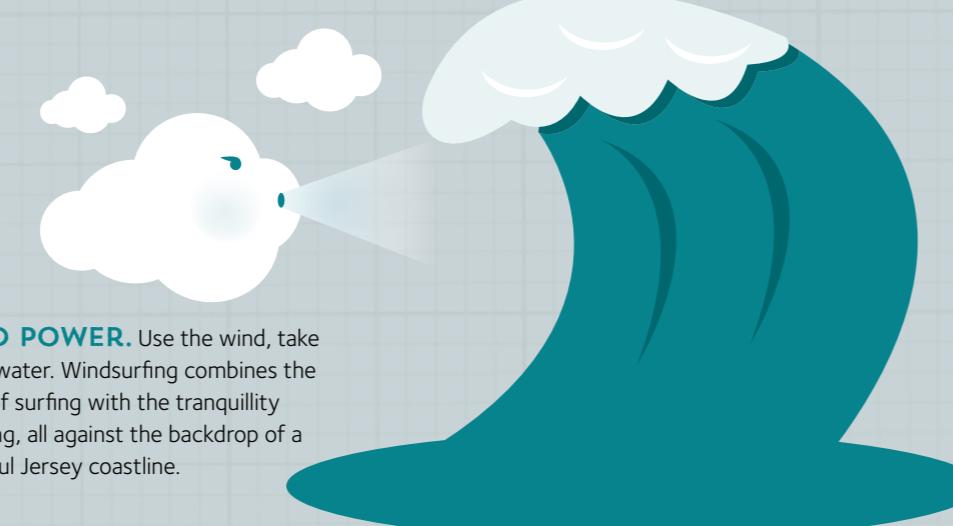
are very special. Add a thriving maritime culture to the nautical mix and visiting beginners know they'll be looked after by experts, while experienced sailors can enjoy superb facilities at our marinas, harbours and slipways.



PADDLE POWER.

Go kayaking to hidden coves and rocky foreshores where bigger boats can't go. We're a

world-class sea kayaking destination, with clear, wildlife-rich waters, alluring reefs, coastal hideaways and remote sea caves. We're also big on paddleboarding, the latest must-do in the world of watersports.



WIND POWER. Use the wind, take to the water. Windsurfing combines the thrills of surfing with the tranquillity of sailing, all against the backdrop of a beautiful Jersey coastline.



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WAKE UP TO...

wakeboarding, which is like snowboarding on water. Get up to all kinds of tricks as you're pulled through the waves by a speedboat. It's no more difficult than riding a bike. Those who stick to two skis for their wintersports might prefer waterskis – again, the learning curve is fast in the hands of our experienced operators.



BURIED TREASURE.

Jersey also looks good underwater. Those clear seas are alive with marine life, much of it now internationally recognised and protected. There are reefs and shipwrecks too... which all add up to sensational scuba diving, especially along the rugged north coast at places like Bouley Bay, Bonne Nuit, Rozel Bay and St Catherine's Breakwater. Our dive operators welcome beginners and experts.



SKIMMING THE SURFACE. Enjoy fun on an inflatable as you're pulled behind a speedboat (our donut and banana rides are fast, furious and famous). Pilot

your own jetski – they're not difficult to handle and are guaranteed to put a big smile on your face. Or sit back and enjoy a speedboat trip around the bay.



SEE OVERLEAF FOR LAND-BASED ACTIVITIES.



GO DO

JERSEY ACTIVE

On these pages we take a look at the things you can get up to **on dry land (and up in the air)** in Jersey. You'll need to bring plenty of energy. Jersey's outdoor scene is full of **activity and adrenaline**. Go cycling, abseiling or sky diving. Play golf or try blokarting on our big beaches – it's an island speciality. Here's a sample. For the full picture go to: www.jersey.com/active



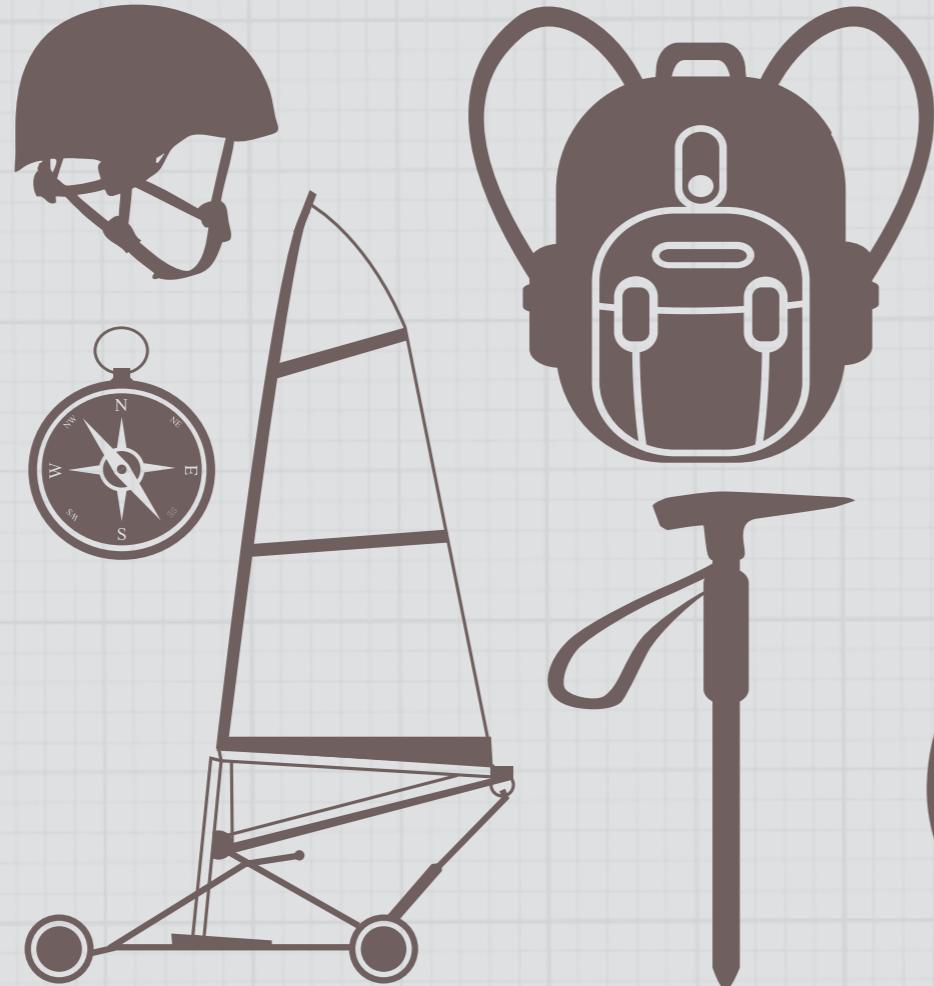
PEDAL POWER. Jersey is an exceedingly cycling-friendly island. Our roads are mostly quiet (especially the peaceful Green Lanes and traffic-free cyclepaths), there's a 96-mile across-island network of routes to follow with clear waymarking, and a good supply of cycle shops and hire facilities. We've linked up with other favourite cycling destinations too. The new Cycle West scheme shares over 700 miles of joined-up leisure cycling between Jersey, southern England and northern France (www.cycle-west.com). And see the article on pages 18–21 for the latest cycling news.



BLO... WHAT? You've not heard of blokarting? Then come to Jersey, where it's big time on our big beaches. A blokart is a wind-powered go-kart that propels you along at up to 55mph. It's something everyone can try – it only takes 10 minutes or so to grasp the basics. For a variation on the theme there's also X-sailing.



GREEN AND SCENIC. It's not just the greens and fairways, but the views too. Golf in Jersey is highly scenic. We have headland and country courses, 18-hole championship challenges and friendly nine-holers, American-style parkland courses and driving ranges. And our famously sunny climate makes the golf even more enjoyable.



GO GEOCACHING. It's catching on in a big way. Geocaching is high-tech treasure hunting using GPS equipment (all is explained on www.geocaching.com). There are over 100 caches hidden in Jersey – it's a fun, family-friendly way of getting out and about.



HIGH TIMES. Abseiling and rock climbing are popular adventure sports here. Our granite cliffs are just great for climbing – and to cool down when it's all over, take a dip in the sea. Best of all, combine the two – cliff climbing and splashing around in the waves – on a coasteering adventure.



UP, UP AND AWAY. Loop the loop, fly across to France, take a trial flying lesson or skydive from 10,000ft/3,000m for the ultimate adrenaline rush. Jersey Aero Club and activity operators will have you reaching for – and parachuting through – the skies.



YOU NAME IT... you can go do it in Jersey. We offer everything from high ropes and zip wire excitement to paintballing and orienteering, go-karting and raftmaking to shooting, zorbing and multi-activity days out. It's all on our website: www.jersey.com/active



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SEE OVERLEAF
FOR WALKING.



RUGBY



Jersey and the game of rugby go back a long way. Jersey Rugby Football Club is one of the oldest, dating back to the 1870s. In the last few years it has raised its game – and profile – in the rugby world, enjoying a meteoric rise through the English ranks to the professional Greene King IPA/RFU Championship and British and Irish Cup. Home games attract big crowds from locals and supporters of visiting teams, especially since many have easy access to direct flights to Jersey. And more and more enthusiasts

are coming not just to watch great rugby at JRFC's home ground near the airport but to enjoy a weekend away or longer break on the island. For more details, including fixtures and accommodation packages go to: www.jersey.com/rugby

GO DO

FEET FIRST

What's your walking style?

Laid back and relaxed?

Enthusiastic and vigorous?

Do you like **beaches** and **headlands**? Or are you more of a **country lover**?

It might be hard to believe, but Jersey answers all those walking questions. More and more visitors are discovering our **coastal paths** and **Green Lanes** in an island blessed with a **mild, sunny climate**, great **natural beauty** and **bountiful wildlife**. So pack your walking boots – and don't forget the binoculars.

BEST FOOT FORWARD – SOME TOP WALKING TIPS

We go out of our way to make it easy for you:

- See our website for details of suggested routes – www.jersey.com/walking
- Get a copy of our handy free walking guide – it's packed full of ideas.
- Join one of our many regular guided walks. We're famous for them – again, see the website.
- Park the car – or don't bring one. Walkers find it easy to explore the island with the help of our excellent, go-everywhere bus service.

WAYMARKERS

Here are 10 ways to go walking in Jersey (there are lots more).

1

IT'S THE WAY TO GO.

The Channel Islands Way is an inspirational new 110-mile walking route, bringing together all the best coastal walks in Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Herm. With a bit of island hopping by boat and plane, walkers can enjoy some of the finest footpaths on the planet. *The Channel Islands Way* guide has full details (£9.95, available from retailers across the Channel Islands and via www.amazon.co.uk).

FOOTPATH



2

GET YOURSELF A GUIDE.

We're proud of our programme of guided walks. In season, there are leisurely walks almost every day of the week with experienced Blue Badge guides covering everything from wildlife to World War Two sites, local customs to maritime history. From May to December we also run 'After Dark' walks that delve into the island's nooks, crannies and spooky happenings.

3

GO FOR OUR GREEN LANES.

The network of around 50 miles of calm, walker-friendly Green Lanes are a famous feature of the island – not to mention yet more paths around our beautiful woodlands, valleys and scenic reservoirs.

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4

WALK WITH WELLIES. Swap your boots for wellies or old trainers and take a 'moonwalk'. The island's massive tidal reach – one of the world's highest – means that the rocks, reefs and gullies along our south-eastern shores reveal themselves daily as a strange 'moonscape'. Always go with a guide, though – the tides can be treacherous.



WALK JERSEY

Our walking guide, free from Jersey Tourism, tells you why the island is such a great fresh-air, feet-first destination. Lots of other walking guides and maps are also available.

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5

FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINT.

In partnership with the local Liberation Ales group we've put together 'ale trails' featuring great walking from some of the island's finest pubs. All is revealed in the free *Walking Routes to Build a Thirst* guide from Jersey Tourism.



6

SEE THE SEA ON A CLASSIC COAST PATH.

Head for our rocky, rugged north coast. It's wild and beautiful, dotted with timeless little bays where you can stop off for a paddle or a sandwich.

7

'STEP OUT' WITH THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR JERSEY.

The Trust's year-long programme of free guided walks (usually lasting around two hours) celebrates the island's heritage and environment. Everyone is welcome. For more details: T 01534 483193, www.nationaltrustjersey.org.je



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GO IN SEARCH OF WILDLIFE.

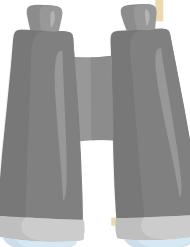
You won't have to look far. Red squirrels still thrive in our woods, and the island is a stopping-off place for many migratory birds. Keep an eye open for the rare agile frog (not found anywhere else in Britain). You'll have no problem spotting our most famous animal residents – golden-flanked Jersey cows.



9

BECOME A FESTIVAL-GOER.

Make a date with our Spring and Autumn Walking Festivals (see events pages 60–61), with their routes for all abilities and ages. Themes for each walk change every year and might include walks for foodies, birdwatchers, history lovers and single people.



10

WALK 'N' BUS.

Our comprehensive bus service covers all corners of the island, and it runs in a way that allows you to hop on and hop off with ease. Pick up a timetable, pack a picnic and get an unlimited-travel ticket from LibertyBus.



BOOKING MADE EASY

Holidays and short breaks in Jersey are easy to arrange. Flights and ferry crossings are short, you're dealing in pounds, not euros, and booking is swift and straightforward. Hotels and operators are listed in the back of this publication. Book direct with them or use the free **JerseyLink** service for advice and booking on 01534 448888. Or book online at www.jersey.com

PICK and MIX

JERSEY IS PRETTY SELF-SUFFICIENT WHEN IT COMES TO FOOD. SEA, LAND AND FARM YIELD FABULOUS FRESH PRODUCE LIKE OYSTERS AND SEA BASS, DAIRY PRODUCE AND JERSEY ROYALS. BUT IT GOES FURTHER THAN THAT. FORAGING FOR WILD PRODUCE, ALL THE RAGE WITH TOP CHEFS NOWADAYS, HAS ALWAYS COME NATURALLY ON THIS BOUNTIFUL ISLAND. HERE, WE LET FORAGERS AND CHEFS LOOSE TO DESCRIBE HOW THEY 'PICK AND MIX'



ANDREW SYVRET FORAGES FOR MARK JORDAN, EXECUTIVE HEAD CHEF AT THE ATLANTIC HOTEL'S MICHELIN-STARRED OCEAN RESTAURANT AND SISTER PROPERTY, MARK JORDAN AT THE BEACH

I'm proud to say that I was born and brought up in Jersey and have loved the island's stunning coastline from a young age. I have been foraging for as long as I can remember and see myself as a natural forager. My Uncle Fred was a lighthouse keeper at Corbière and I used to love visiting him there and being mesmerised by the ocean.

Thanks to our huge and unique tidal range Jersey literally doubles in size daily. We then have access to a wonderful natural marine garden, perfect for foraging.

My main stomping ground and favourite place to forage is St Ouen's Bay. I mainly forage for seaweed. The beaches are flushed twice a day, often by wild and savage seas, so the seaweeds are immersed in clean water daily.

Seaweed for me is the stand-out product. It has so many incredible properties and can hold almost the full complement of our nutritional needs. We're on the boundary of warm and cold eco-systems in Jersey, an environment in which a wide range of seaweeds thrive. We have over 240 different species, and 20 to 25 of these are very edible and easily accessible.

My foraging is dependent on the seasons. Things grow, things change constantly and I always make sure I forage for the very best produce at key times. For example, pepper dulse seaweed is in abundance in autumn, spring and early summer whereas carragheen seaweed is perfect for foraging through the height of summer and into autumn.

Isn't it strange to think that during the German Occupation people were forced to eat seaweed to survive? Now it's seen as a luxury by some and is a delicacy on many menus.

Andrew has been showing folk around Jersey's unique coastline for 20 years. Find out more about his inter-tidal 'moonwalks' and wildlife cruises at www.seajersey.com



Mark Jordan's notes from the kitchen

Andrew forages exclusively for The Atlantic Hotel and we are so lucky to have the benefit of his unrivalled expertise. My style of cooking is very much ingredient based as opposed to following fashions, so I was tremendously excited to be cooking with Andrew's foraged produce.

Our relationship started with the pepper dulse, which I absolutely love. The seaweed smells of truffle and tastes like oyster. It's an amazing natural product.

When I was a chef in Wales I used to make laverbread, a traditional seaweed-based Welsh delicacy, and so was over the moon when I met Andrew and started using his incredible seaweeds from St Ouen's Bay, right on the doorstep of The Atlantic. Seaweed is such a perfect and natural fit for us and the dishes we create at Ocean restaurant.

You can taste the difference. The flavours from the foraged seaweed are wonderful. Andrew's are so fresh – they can be from 'rock to kitchen' in less than 10 minutes.

I currently use pepper dulse in some of my favourite dishes, 'Langoustines on a Rock' and 'Sea Shore'. We get so many compliments from customers who love the dishes that involve seaweed – many come back specifically for them. Both dishes have now become an integral part of the menu and I wouldn't be able to change them – our customers would be very put out!

We should all give it a go. Seaweed goes well with any fish and on scallops it's amazing.

Ocean, The Atlantic Hotel, St Brelade.
T 01534 744101, www.theatlantichotel.com

Mark Jordan at the Beach, St Peter.
T 01534 780180,
www.markjordanatthebeach.com





→ Shaun Rankin and Kazz Padidar

KAZZ PADIDAR IS A BUSY MAN. HE FORAGES FOR TWO OF THE ISLAND'S TOP RESTAURANTS, BOTH MICHELIN STARRED – TASSILI AT GRAND JERSEY AND ORMER

Like Andrew, I have been passionate about the outdoors and natural world since childhood. I was brought up on my grandma's farm so was used to seeing where my food came from.

I soon began exploring what you could eat from wild, foraged items. I loved the independence of it. My own personal foraging introduced me to the huge medicinal benefits of plants, seaweeds and trees. When I became an outdoor adventure instructor I was able to pass on my knowledge through teaching bushcraft skills. This encouraged others to become passionate about the environment too, especially kids.

It's thanks to Shaun Rankin (Ormer's renowned Chef-Proprietor) that I was encouraged to start supplying wild food to a restaurant. I then met Richard Allen from Tassili, who also had a keen interest in foraging and asked me to source certain plants. It's great to share the knowledge of the seasonal delights on offer in the wild.

These two great chefs create amazing dishes and know how to use the huge variety of wild foods as a complement to other ingredients. I forage for many plants, seaweeds and occasionally mushrooms. Freshness is important too. Once foraged, I can have the ingredients in their restaurants within 20 minutes. Both chefs approach the wild ingredients in their own individual way and it is inspiring to see – and taste – what they create.

For more on Kazz's bushcraft/foraging and other outdoor courses and activities go to www.wildadventuresjersey.com

Shaun's wild side

Shaun Rankin is one of Jersey's most accredited and best-known chefs, having made his reputation at some of the island's most prestigious restaurants. In 2013 he branched out on his own and opened Ormer restaurant – named after the rare shellfish found in Jersey's waters – to great acclaim.

There's an abundance of ingredients in Jersey that we can forage from shoreline to woodlands, such as mushrooms, sea purslane, seaweeds, chick weed, mustard cress and wild carrots – they're all here, you just need to go out and find them. I use a variety of sea herbs in the dishes at Ormer and it would be nice to see more people taking advantage of these wonderful ingredients at home too.

Some of my favourite dishes use carefully selected ingredients expertly foraged by Kazz Padidar. We have created an asparagus dish with duck egg, duck ham, morel mushrooms and truffle, which is presented with foraged spring beauty, a small flower from the greater purslane family.

One of our most popular dishes is pork belly with white cabbage slaw and cockles, which uses alexander (a delicious springtime green) and sea beet (to be found on the foreshore, small leaves are best). It certainly makes a different take on surf and turf!

Wild greens bring wonderful flavours to the table that can't be purchased from markets or otherwise reproduced. Wild garlic is a personal favourite; by April I'm thinking up dishes that can use these mild-tasting but incredibly fragrant green leaves. Walk past any Jersey woodland in spring and you're likely to come across wild garlic. Try it in salads, stir fries and soups – I also like to combine it with broad beans and Parmesan to make a delicious risotto.

I would encourage everyone to get out and try foraging but it's wise to take a guide with you. You can't just identify through visual clues alone, as many wild edible plants have similar counterparts that can be dangerous. It's important to remember that every plant population is limited. I know Kazz is very careful to supply us only with what can be respectfully foraged and I am grateful for his input into our creations.

Our menus are now very much inspired by foraged ingredients, helping us to surprise and delight customers. I look forward to coming up with new creations using more of this natural bounty.

Ormer, St Helier. T 01534 725100, www.ormerjersey.com



THERE'S AN ABUNDANCE OF INGREDIENTS IN JERSEY THAT WE CAN FORAGE FROM SHORELINE TO WOODLANDS, SUCH AS MUSHROOMS, SEA PURSLANE, SEAWEEDS, CHICK WEED, MUSTARD CRESS AND WILD CARROTS – THEY'RE ALL HERE, YOU JUST NEED TO GO OUT AND FIND THEM.

← Shaun's popular pork belly dish with foraged ingredients



→ Richard's goat's cheese with beetroot and spring beauty



Richard's foraging favourites

Richard Allen is Executive Head Chef at Grand Jersey's Tassili restaurant.

I first started foraging in 2001 when working in England. I read an article on a well-known West Country chef that described how he wandered the countryside picking all sorts of ingredients from mushrooms to herbs. I headed into Longleat Forest in search of wood sorrel. I remember walking into a clearing and seeing carpets of the stuff stretching out in front of me. It was a magical moment.

The thing about foraging is that it's a product that's there at that moment. It's vibrant, fresh and bespoke to you and your dish. You have carte blanche to mix and match, to trial and test.

I have many favourite foraging ingredients, but for me the stand-outs are wood sorrel (obviously), wild leeks, pennywort, chanterelle mushrooms, common sorrel, horseradish, pepper dulse, pork beans, bronze fennel, sea beet... the list goes on and on.

It's important to have a vision of what's in store for your ingredients. I don't just go out, pull up some plants then leave them in the fridge to wilt. You need to use them as soon as you can in true 'field to fork' style.

Lamb is a perfect friend of wood sorrel. Because of lamb's fatty notes the citrus from the leaves works perfectly to balance the dish, as do wild leeks with lemon sole meunière.

Do as little as you can with wild ingredients – just a light trim and wash before serving. They are delicate and need to be treated with respect... after all, they are gifts straight from the gods.

Tassili, Grand Jersey, St Helier.
T 01534 722301,
www.grandjersey.com

SEE OVERLEAF FOR MORE ON FOOD.

WE'VE GOT TASTE

A TASTE OF JERSEY

Perhaps our foodie reputation has something to do with our **rich soil, fertile farmlands and gentle climate**. Or the fact that we're so close to the famously **food-obsessed French**. It's certainly a reflection of our island status and all that **super-fresh seafood** that surrounds us.

MADE IN JERSEY



Seafood: Our clear waters, warmed by the Gulf Stream, produce an abundance of top-quality shellfish including crabs, lobsters, mussels, scallops and oysters. Go to restaurants in St Aubin, Gorey and St Helier for sensational Jersey plaice, sea bass, monkfish and mackerel.

Fruits of the soil: Our prized Jersey Royals aren't the only crop (they really do taste different, you know). Lots of vegetables and fruits are grown here, including asparagus, bell peppers, broccoli, courgettes, strawberries, Jersey Royale tomatoes and rare varieties of mushroom.

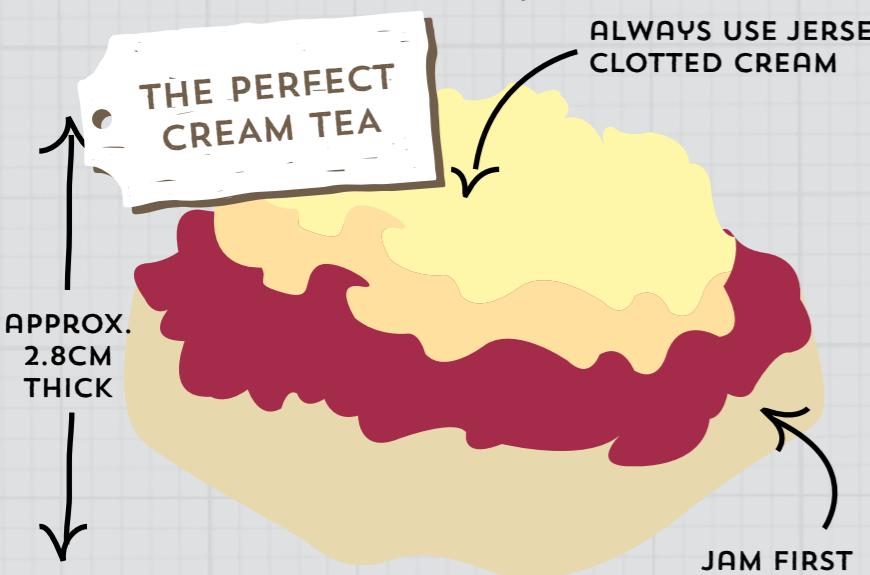
Jersey cows: They're more than just pretty faces. It's because of Jersey cows that we have tasty local treats like rich milk, cream and butter, ice creams, yoghurt, crème fraîche and organic milk.

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WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

A taste of Jersey, like the island itself, is a mix of influences – contemporary British and classic French, with a dash of Italian and Portuguese thrown in. And, for lighter bites, everything from frothy cappuccinos and ciabattas to the best English cream teas and sandwiches this side of the Queen's Garden Party.



MER ET TERROIR, SEA AND LAND

We can't begin to list all the accolades and awards given to places to eat in Jersey. But here's one typical example. The prestigious *Tatler* magazine recently raved about the island's food scene. Its restaurant editor James Wayne enthused about Jersey's 'fantastically rich *mer et terroir*' and reckoned that Jersey oysters have 'no equal anywhere in Britain or Ireland'.



SHOP AT THE FARM – THEN PACK A PICNIC

Our farm shops are full of fresh-from-the-fields produce plus other local delicacies. Call into places like **Classic Herd**, Manor Farm, La Route de Manoir, St Peter (www.classicfarmshop.com) and **Farm Fresh Organics**, La Bienvenue Farm, La Grande Route de St Laurent, St Lawrence (www.farmfreshorganics.com).

At the last count there were around 15 'Genuine Jersey' farm shops. Plus, of course, fresh food markets and many supermarkets selling island produce. Sometimes there's not even a shop or shopkeeper in sight, just roadside stalls and boxes filled with fruit and veg, all sold on an honesty basis. That's Jersey for you.

And as for picnic sites, where do you begin? With our *Picnic Jersey* guide perhaps, available free from Jersey Tourism.

HONESTY BOX



JERSEY WINE – AND VODKA TOO

Why not? It's very sunny here, and the island is on the same latitude as some of the continent's famous wine-producing areas. **La Mare Wine Estate's** vineyards produce an excellent range of wines (white, red and sparkling), plus cider – an island tradition – from its own apple orchards. Take a tasting tour, followed by a meal at the attractive Vineyard Restaurant. T 01534 481178 www.lamarewineestate.com



MARKET FORCES

We don't go in for jet-lagged food in Jersey. Save air miles by going shopping in St Helier's characterful **fresh food and fish markets** – they're full of fabulous produce. Look out for the regular **farm and craft markets** at St Aubin and St Helier. And when you're out and about, buy your produce direct from the farm.



GENUINE JERSEY

Look out for the label when shopping for genuine home-grown, home-sourced produce.
 T 01534 448114
www.genuinejersey.com



WHAT'S BLACK AND DOESN'T TASTE LIKE BUTTER?

Our **Black Butter**, or *Lé Nièr Beurre*, is a unique autumnal concoction of harvested apples, sugar, spices, liquorice and lemons. It's delicious. Come along and lend a hand during the National Trust for Jersey's Black Butter Making weekend, 23–25 October. Peel the apples, stir the pot and learn how, in Jersey, we have butter that's black (plus the ordinary kind, of course).



FOODIE FESTIVALS

This foodie island really gets into gear with the **Jersey Food Festival**, 23–26 May. For autumn flavours, don't miss our **Cider Festival, La Fais'sie d'Cidre**, 18–19 October and **Tennerfest**, 1 October–9 November, a seasonal showcase of good food at places to eat across the island – with fixed-price menus starting at just £10.



THE STREETS
CASCADE WITH
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.

NOUÉ'S the TIME

JERSEY MIGHT NOT BE THE FIRST PLACE YOU THINK OF AT CHRISTMAS. BUT ITS FÊTE DÉ NOUÉ, FESTIVE SHOPPING AND COCOONING SPAS MAKE IT AN INTRIGUING WINTER BREAK DESTINATION, AS TRAVEL WRITER ABIGAIL KING DISCOVERED

Twas a month before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring... That's because we'd packed up and gone to Jersey.

This year I vowed to take the stress out of Christmas shopping and combine it with plenty of relaxation and lashings of festive cheer. So I went to Jersey. My travelling companion – and mother – did not see the connection. And to be fair, I had a few doubts of my own. But after a long weekend break full of shopping, spas and sparkly snowmen, I was ready to drape myself in twinkling lights and crown Jersey the tinsel on the tree, the fig in the pudding and the treat-filled toe in the stocking of Christmas.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. I'd better start by introducing you to the concept of a Fête dé Noué. For those of you in danger of forgetting, Jersey isn't part of England. It's a Crown Dependency that used to belong to the Dukes of Normandy before they invaded England in 1066. Thus, say the islanders, England is Jersey's oldest possession rather than the other way around.

And the Norman influence hasn't gone away. The language lives on, from time to time in corner to corner, and that explains the Fête dé Noué. It's Norman-French for 'Christmas Festival' and it takes place across the island in December every year.

My first taste of La Fête was the aptly named 'Spirit of Christmas Market' in Weighbridge Place, St Helier. Chalets clustered around a giant Christmas tree, bringing all of the cheer and none of the chill of the Christmas markets in alpine Europe. Hand-crafted soap nestled in gauze ribbon-tied bags and painted wooden toys stood waiting on shelves. Gingerbread men watched from the rooftops and performers, dressed as snowflakes, dazzled children (and, let's face it, me) as they strode through the shoppers on stilts.

And on top of all that 'traditional' Christmas fare I found the kind of things you can only get in Jersey, and thus the kind of gifts that are unique. Take Jersey Black Butter for example: a gloopy gooey paste with a hint of spice that's an apple preserve rather than butter itself, thickened with cider and emboldened by a dash of liquorice.

All year round it's a treat on this small island but at Christmas it really comes into its own. You can buy hampers of Black Butter chocolate and Black Butter fudge, find jars wrapped in ribbons and even indulge in some Jersey Black Butter to go with afternoon tea. And like all great traditions here, it comes with a Norman-French name: Lé Nièr Beurre.

This fixation with apples has roots in the past and helps explain why it's cider, not wine, that's mulled in the markets at Christmas. Until a couple of centuries ago, apples were big business in the Channel Islands, with farms supplementing salaries with cases of cider. Mulled cider, Jersey style, arrives hot, crisp, sweet, sour and clear. And it's so light that even my mother enjoyed a taste.

But if the word 'Apple' on your Christmas list means one of those white, shiny gadgety things then you'll have to leave the chalets behind and head into St Helier's main shopping streets. One of the best things about shopping here is that you can reach everywhere on foot. The streets cascade with Christmas

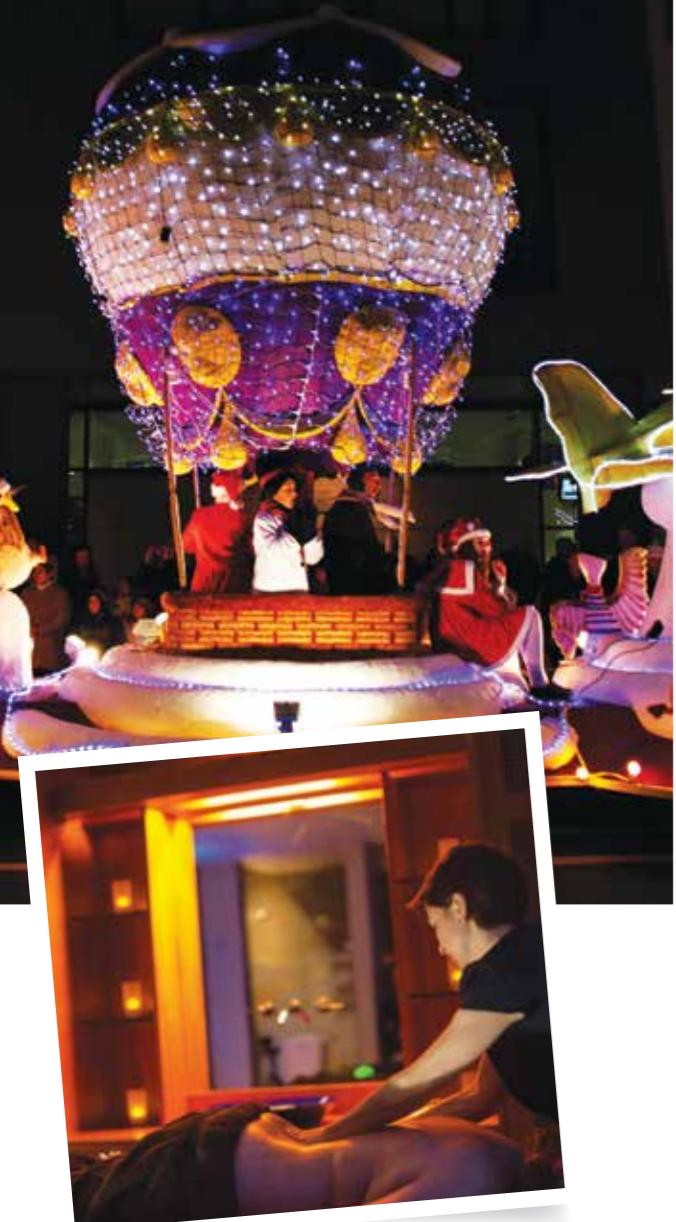
lights at this time of year, shops open on Sundays during December and a festive window display competition helps keep the spirit of Christmas alive.

As well as a clutch of quirky independent shops you'll find high street staples like Marks & Spencer, Boots, Cath Kidston and BHS. St Helier's Victorian covered market scrubs up well for Christmas too, with holly wreaths and paper stars decorating the counters.

While some people are born to shop, I can only handle a few hours at a time. Luckily, diversion arrived in the form of the Electro Magic Spectacular Christmas Parade. Looping around St Helier's waterfront, the parade takes the world-renowned floats from the summer's Battle of Flowers and gives them an in-depth festive makeover. Thus those magnificent men in their flying machines now transport illuminated snowmen through the dark winter sky. Father Christmas, meanwhile, chuckles with the children who fill the floats and crowds.

NOUÉ'S the TIME

→ Floating along at the Christmas Parade



**MY BODY SIGHS AT
THE MEMORY OF THE
'LAVENDER LULLABY'
TREATMENT IN THE
UNDERGROUND SPA SIRÈNE.**



→ Abigail and mum at St Helier's Christmas Market

Another way to unwind after a frenzy of Christmas shopping involves the use of The Royal Yacht Hotel, in particular its spa. You can't beat the hotel's central location or choice of drinking venues to suit your mood. There's the all-purpose Café Zephyr, the more exclusive P.O.S.H. bar for a sip of champagne, Drift for sports (duly avoided) and the cosy Lazyjack for catching up with mum over a cup of herbal tea.

And then – my body sighs at the memory – there is the 'Lavender Lullaby' treatment in the underground Spa Sirène. Lavender is another of Jersey's signature crops and Caroline, my petite professional therapist, put it to great stress-soothing use. To a background of gentle music, she led me to a heated massage table and started with a lavender facial scrub followed by a full body exfoliation treatment.

Now scrubs can go one of two ways. Either they're messy affairs, with shivering and discomfort as the moisture evaporates followed by interruptions involving showers, towels and changing rooms. Or they take place the Spa Sirène way whereby each body part is rinsed and dried along the way, limb by limb and then stomach and back, followed by a rapid pressure point massage with a hot lavender bolus. There's simply no contest – Spa Sirène steals the show.

With warm lavender sachets beneath my feet and propped up around my neck, the dreamy cream massage arrived in long, sweeping strokes.

I almost floated out of that treatment room, slowly returning to earth wrapped snug in a white robe and slippers. I dabbled in the Jacuzzi, sauna and salt inhalation room, made the most of the heated marble chairs and the slow colour therapy... and then sloped past the bucket of ice pretending I hadn't seen it, clinging on to my feelgood winter warmth.

Mum, meanwhile, had more honourably kept pounding the streets. Conway Street in particular. There she found a row of independent boutiques stocking things like sweet 'Jersey Bean' baby grows and rainbow coloured 'wish sticks'. She also led me to the Christmas Gift Market at Liberty Wharf, a covered offering of handicrafts from local Jersey artisans.

I found aviation drawings for the men in my life by graphic artist and illustrator Stephen JE Davies. Nathalie Walker's Trésor de la Plage ('Treasure of the Beach') takes locally sourced sea shells and turns them into delicate necklaces and bracelets. Martin Cotillard displayed pens and pendants from his wood-turning business Out of the Tree Wood Art and Ian Rolls brought the island to life through his watercolours of St Aubin's, St Ouen's and beyond.

'Beyond' has plenty going on at Christmas too, from ghost walks in the east coast harbour town of Gorey to decoration workshops at St Aubin's impressive Harbour Gallery just across the bay from St Helier.

MAKE A DATE

This year's **Fête dé Noué** takes place 4–7 December.

OTHER FESTIVE ACTIVITIES

GHOST WALK. Pack sensible shoes and a flashlight for this spooky trip around the deadliest parts of Gorey on Jersey's east coast.

THE MOSCOW CITY BALLET Beauty and grace flow across the stage to bring classics such as *The Nutcracker* and *Swan Lake* to life.

SKATING RINK. Bring your own version of grace and beauty to the forefront by lacing on a pair of skates at Fort Regent ice rink.

FESTIVE FORAGING. Gather your own nuts and berries in St Ouen and then prepare your spoils over a roaring open fire.

But if you have time for only one excursion outside St Helier, make it to St Peter's Church near the airport. There you'll find not one, not two, but nearly a hundred Christmas trees that drip with decorations designed to make you think. There are medicine box baubles on the tree from the local pharmacy, poppies on the tree from the Royal British Legion, sparkly velvet boots from a St Helier shoe shop and messages of peace from a community group.

Shops, spas and sparkly snowmen make for a happy and festive weekend. But the real treat of Jersey in December lies in the sense of community spirit and local identity that linger like snowflakes on the back of your hand. Not that you're likely to find real snow on the island, of course. After all, this is Britain's sunniest destination.

With suitcases laden with cinnamon spiced gifts and a new-found appreciation for the Norman-French language, it was time to say goodbye.

Merry Noué to all. And to all a good night.

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**SEE OVERLEAF
FOR DETAILS OF
SHOPPING AND SPAS
IN JERSEY.**

WELCOME TO THE PLEASURE DOME

A WINTER WARMER

Abigail King stayed at The Royal Yacht smack in the middle of St Helier. As you've seen from her article on the previous pages, she made the most of its luxury Spa Sirène and the great shopping on the hotel's doorstep.

The Royal Yacht, Weighbridge, St Helier JE2 3NF

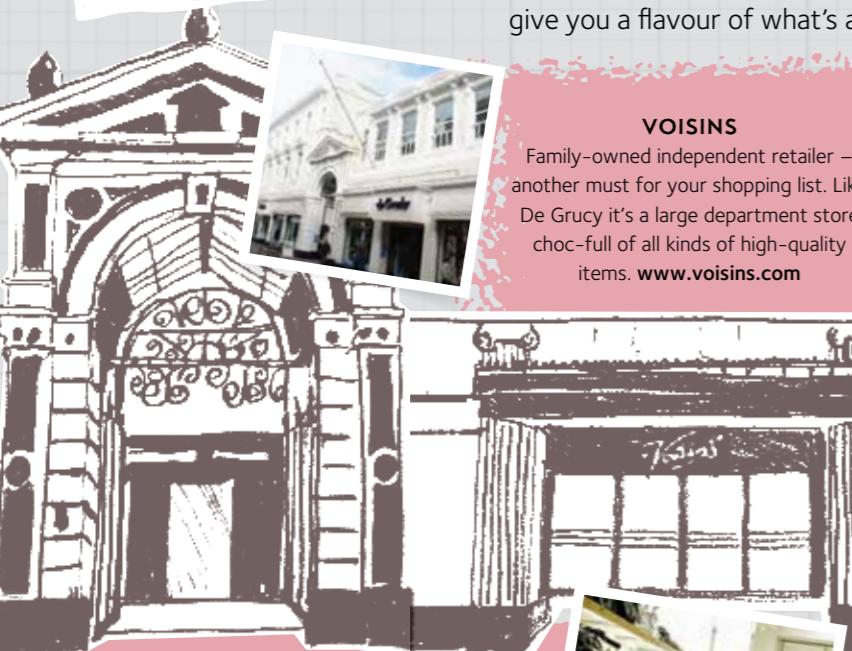
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www.theroyalyacht.com

IT'S ALL IN THE RETAIL

We're talking about two island passions – **shopping** and **spas**. Spring, summer, autumn, winter... the seasons may change in Jersey, but our buzzy, busy island scene never takes time out. Add a discerning local population that demands plenty of choice to Jersey's many visitors and you have a **thriving market for quality shopping** that's much bigger than the size of the island might suggest. It's the same when it comes to **spas**. What's on offer is **world class**, as you'll see from the next few pages.

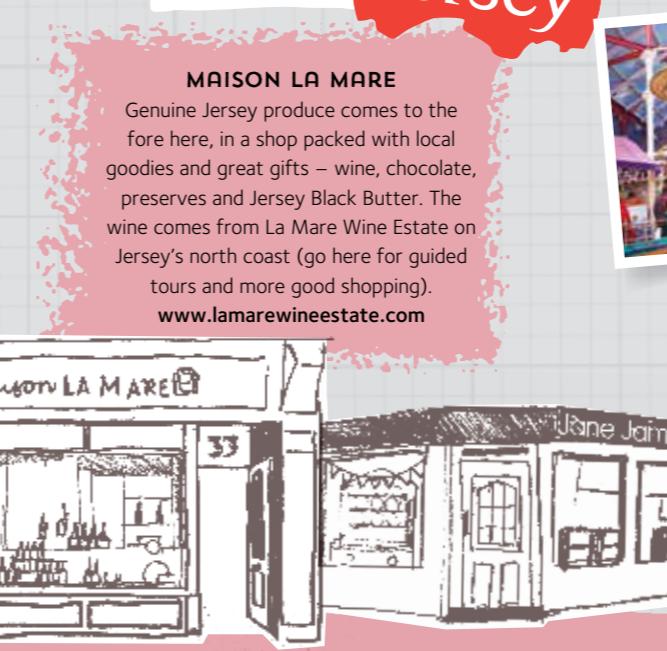
Shopping doesn't immediately spring to mind when you mention Jersey in the same breath as, say, London, Paris or Milan. But you'll be surprised by what this little island serves up when it comes to retail therapy. To give you an idea, we've created our very own version of a street in St Helier, bringing together some of our favourite shops, galleries and markets to give you a flavour of what's available. Go on, get browsing...



DE GRUCHY
Founded over 200 years ago and one of the oldest department store retailers in the UK, it's synonymous with shopping in Jersey. The Channel Islands' largest retail outlet, selling everything from fashion to furnishings.
www.degruchys.com



LIBERTY WHARF
The new kid on the block. This recent waterfront development is Jersey's first covered shopping mall, an architecturally intriguing blend of old and new influences – plus big-name UK stores, independent Jersey boutiques and an enticing café life.
www.liberty-wharf.com



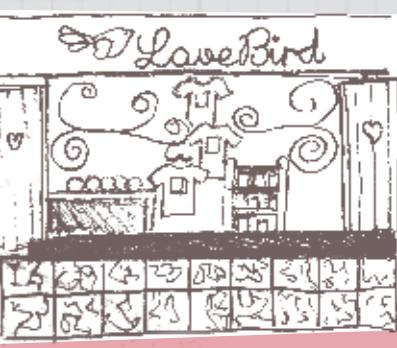
MAISON LA MARE
Genuine Jersey produce comes to the fore here, in a shop packed with local goodies and great gifts – wine, chocolate, preserves and Jersey Black Butter. The wine comes from La Mare Wine Estate on Jersey's north coast (go here for guided tours and more good shopping).
www.lamarewineestate.com



JANE JAMES CERAMICS
Specialises in hand-crafted coastal ceramics and pottery inspired by Jersey's stunning coastline. A working studio and paint-your-own-ceramics area too. Jane also has a shop in Gorey.
www.jane-james.co.uk



CENTRAL MARKET
A Victorian gem with a grand glass roof and beautiful central fountain. Characterful and traditional, it's packed with stalls selling antiques, flowers, fresh vegetables and jewellery. Seafood is the theme at nearby Beresford Market (or Fish Market) where, this being Jersey, the stalls brim with catch-of-the-day freshness.
www.lovebirdgifts.co.uk



LOVE BIRD GIFTS
'Quirky', 'eccentric', 'eclectic' and 'cheeky' are some of the ways it is described. It certainly has more of a feel of an artist's studio than conventional shop. There's a second shop – Love Bird Too – at Jersey War Tunnels.
www.lovebirdgifts.co.uk

MORE TOP SHOPS

St Helier's pedestrianised main street is its shopping backbone. Along here and adjoining side streets you'll find a bazaar of shopping experiences – everything from big-name stores to smaller speciality and independent shops.

GENUINE JERSEY

This non-profit making association is based on products that have a sufficiently strong Jersey content to be labelled genuinely 'local'. Look out for the Genuine Jersey logo when you're out and about – it applies to a wide and wonderful range of goods that use local ingredients and local skills. T 01534 448114
www.genuinejersey.com



OUT OF TOWN

Shopping in Jersey isn't just confined to the capital. Large craft and retail centres scattered across the island are popular attractions and shopping destinations in their own right. Even the farms get in on the act – for details of farm shops and farmers' markets see the 'food' Jerseyfile.

Heading out of St Helier it's difficult to know where to begin. In St Aubin perhaps, home of the **Harbour Gallery and Studios** (www.theharbourgalleryjersey.com). The Channel Islands' largest exhibition and selling gallery, there's always something new to see here amongst its confection of original paintings, textiles, sculpture and designer fashion.

Other leading players on the shopping scene include **Jersey Pearl**, St Ouen (www.jerseypearl.com), a large complex attracting thousands of visitors a year. **Catherine Best Jewellery** at St Peter (www.catherinebest.com) is on a more intimate scale. Based at a lovely old windmill, this award-winning jeweller is known for her classic jewellery with a modern feel.

CALL IN AND SEE US

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Beach information. Attractions and places to visit. Walking and wildlife. Festivals and events... our friendly staff will be happy to help with all enquiries, as well as provide an accommodation booking service.

You'll also be able to pick and choose from a big range of maps, guides and brochures, free or for sale, and get your money-saving Jersey Pass – it's the complete sightseeing package (see back cover).



SHOPMOBILITY

This scheme operates from the lower floor of St Helier's Sand Street car park. Electric scooters and chairs and manual pushchairs are available

10am–4.30pm, Monday–Saturday. Prior booking is preferred but not necessary.

T 01534 739672 or

07829 736 797

www.shopmobility.org.je

SEEING SPAS

You'll see plenty here. There's a seductive range of spa breaks on offer at top hotels and wellbeing retreats across the island. To get you in the mood, here are their signature treatments plus other details.



The Club Hotel & Spa

BELLISSIMO

 That's Bellezza, based at the luxurious St Brelade's Bay Hotel. **Signature treatment:** It's 'Beauty in the Bay' (what else?), involving a body scrub, hydrating body wrap and a signature Collagen facial. Described as being 'very hands-on and extremely pampering', it includes full use of the hotel's facilities (pool, steam room and Jacuzzi), robes/towels, etc.

JOIN THE CLUB

 The Club Hotel & Spa, St Helier, is chic and contemporary. **Signature treatment:** The 'Minerale Envelopment' is an extensive body envelopment unique to the Club. The body is massaged smooth to eliminate toxins and stimulate the skin. The exclusive envelopment of clay, semi-precious stone extract and precious oils is lavished over the body to harmonise, correct imperfections and regenerate. Then comes the anti-ageing eye treatment, followed by a light shower and softening oil massage.

Other facilities here include a thermal suite and indoor and outdoor pool.

THAT'S JUST GRAND

 The Spa at Grand Jersey is part of a boldly remodelled seafront hotel in St Helier. **Signature treatment:**

'Advanced Back, Face and Scalp with Hot Stones' is a powerful stress-releasing treatment using hot stones. The initial deep-cleansing back exfoliation is followed by the hot stone back massage with essential oils restoring equilibrium to mind and body. The face massage involves deeply nourishing facial oils and the application of an intensive face treatment mask, while the Oriental head massage helps clear the mind and calm the spirit. The result? Rehydrated, nourished and soothed skin combined with deep relaxation. The spa's comprehensive facilities include a heated indoor swimming pool, spa bath and air-conditioned gym.

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HORIZONTAL HARMONY

 L'Horizon Hotel & Spa, overlooking beautiful St Brelade's Bay, has long been synonymous with luxury.

Signature treatment: The 'Elemis Face and Body Sensation' is a duo treatment combining a massage with prescribed booster anti-ageing facial. Choose from the unique Re-Energiser (an 'ice-cool thermal' massage to relieve stress and ease aching muscles), or Tranquillity (a 'thermal-soothing' massage to induce deep relaxation). Then comes the intensive booster anti-ageing facial, designed to smooth out wrinkles and restore youthful radiance. The spa's facilities include indoor saltwater swimming pool, spa pool, sauna and hydrotherapy pools and large jet pool.



Facial treatment

ALL'S WELL

 The Ayush Wellness Spa at Hotel de France, another stellar St Helier spa, offers Ayurvedic treatments based on ancient Hindu health and healing principles.

Signature treatment: The 'Abhyanga Oil Massage' combines truly holistic massage and steam detoxification. Slowly warmed oils are poured over the body while two specially trained therapists work in synchronised harmony, alleviating fatigue and chronic tension while detoxifying the body. Abhyanga is completed with bashpa sweda, a herbalised steam treatment to increase the release of toxins. Other spa facilities include indoor infinity pool, hot and cold plunge pools, hydrotherapy pools and large jet pool.



The Ayush Wellness Spa

ROCK STEADY

 Les Roches, in the heart of the country, is a wellbeing health spa set in large, peaceful grounds with an indoor pool and outdoor yoga pavilion.

Signature treatment: The 'Indoceane Signature Spa Ritual' comes in three steps. It starts with a Mediterranean exfoliation that leaves the skin super smooth. Second stop is India to experience a tension-releasing full body massage, followed by China where the body is submerged in a silky sublime wrap designed to nourish and rehydrate.

SAIL AWAY

 Spa Sirène is part of the Royal Yacht, a dazzling hotel in the heart of St Helier.

Signature treatment: 'Lavender Lullaby' is a face and body treatment combining Eastern massage techniques for a truly holistic experience. The treatment begins with a skin-revealing sea salt scrub and hydrating facial treat, before warm linen boluses of Jersey Lavender are applied to the body's reflex zones. A hands-on massage incorporating Thai-inspired movements creates deep relaxation and warm feelings of well-being. Spa facilities include a hydrotherapy bath, steam mud rasul, full thermal suite, vitality pool and gym.

I'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER

Bellezza, St Brelade's Bay Hotel, La Route de la Baie, St Brelade JE3 8EF
T 01534 723333
www.bellezzajersey.co.uk

The Club Hotel & Spa, Green Street, St Helier JE2 4UH
T 01534 876500
www.theclubjersey.com

Grand Jersey, Esplanade, St Helier JE4 8WD
T 01534 722301
www.grandjersey.com

L'Horizon Hotel & Spa, La Route de la Baie, St Brelade JE3 8EF
T 01534 494433
www.handpicked.co.uk/lhorizon

Hotel de France, St Saviour's Road, St Helier JE1 7XP
T 01534 614171
www.defrance.co.uk
www.ayushspa.com

Les Roches Spa, La Rue Végeur, St Ouen JE3 2LH
T 01534 487856
www.lesroches.co.uk

The Royal Yacht, Weighbridge, St Helier JE2 3NF
T 01534 720511
www.theroyal yacht.com



BEST FESTS

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ARE THICK ON THE GROUND IN JERSEY. HERE'S A SELECTION OF THE VERY BEST, PRESENTED IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SPACE TO COVER EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON IN THIS EVENTFUL ISLAND. FOR THE FULL PICTURE GO TO: WWW.JERSEY.COM/EVENTS

And when you're in Jersey pick up a free copy of our *What's On* guide.

BEST FOR

AQUAHOLICS AND AERONAUTICS

3–5 May: Barclays Jersey Boat Show

A show that gets the boating season off to a great start. Taking place in the maritime heart of St Helier, it features power and sail side by side, plus the best of Jersey's food, drink, heritage and entertainment. A major event on the British boating calendar.

www.jerseyboatshow.com

7–9 June: Venture Cup

The world's longest, toughest and most prestigious powerboat races arrives in Jersey on Saturday 7th June. Boats arrive on Saturday afternoon as part of the first leg of a race between the River Thames and Monte Carlo, crossing a finish line in St Aubin's Bay before mooring beside the Race Village on St Helier's Albert Pier. Following Sunday's time trials in the bay the race restarts on Monday when the fleet heads for Les Sables d'Olonne on leg two.

www.ventureoffshorecup.com

11 September: International Air Display

A sensational event, one of Europe's largest free air displays. Everything stops along St Aubin's Bay as the skies above come alive with flying displays from top international teams.

www.jerseyairdisplay.org.uk

BEST FOR

HERITAGE AND HISTORY

9 May: Liberation Day

Join islanders to celebrate the liberation from Occupying Forces during World War Two. Events on the day and in the run-up include heritage trails, access to war bunkers and a commemorative service.

www.jersey.com/liberation

6–14 September: Hidden Treasures

Weave your way through the rich tapestry of Jersey's fascinating heritage, from ancient dolmens to imposing World War Two fortifications. Castles by candlelight, terrifying tales, moonlit adventures on the sea-bed, glimpses behind closed doors and encounters with famous – and infamous – characters from the island's past will excite and enlighten. All brought to you by Jersey Heritage, the National Trust for Jersey and the Société Jersiaise.

www.jerseyinternationalmotoringfestival.com

BEST FOR

ACTIVITIES AND THE OUTDOORS

10–17 May: Spring Walking Week

Discover Jersey's natural beauty and heritage on a series of free guided walks designed for all ages and levels of experience.

6–8 June: The Rubis Jersey International Motoring Festival

The largest motoring event in the Channel Islands with a focus on Jersey's glorious pioneering days of motorsport emanating from the famous Jersey International Road Races of the 1940s and 50s. Sprints, hill climbs, treasure hunts, cavalcades and static displays give participants and spectators the opportunity to come together in an extravaganza of motoring from yesteryear.

www.jerseyinternationalmotoringfestival.com

13 June: Pearl Izumi Tour Series

The UK's top event for team cyclists comes to St Helier for the first time – doubly exciting news, for it marks the finale of the televised series. Be there for a great race around the streets of the capital.

www.tourseries.co.uk

13–15 June: Jersey Festival of Cycling

A unique weekend of cycling activities for all ages and abilities mainly based in and around the picturesque village of Gorey.

www.jersey.com/festivalofcycling

6–8 July: Jersey in Bloom

Floral Festival

Jersey at its floral best with a week full of open gardens, demonstrations, flower shows and nature walks.

www.jersey.com/floral

13–20 September: Autumn Walking Week

Enjoy Jersey's warm autumnal colours on a full and free programme of countryside, coastal and heritage walks in the company of some of the island's most experienced guides.

www.jersey.com/walking

BEST FOR

FOODIES

23–26 May: Jersey Food Festival

Celebration of the very best from Jersey's food producers, chefs, artisans and restaurateurs. Everything from the island's bountiful seafood to the Jersey Royal potato features on a long menu that includes low-water walks, masterclasses and farm and dairy tours, culminating in an alfresco food event in St Helier.

www.jersey.com/food

1 October–9 November: Tennerfest

Good food and great value. Tennerfest is a popular annual event across Jersey and Guernsey, with restaurants, bistros, hotels and cafés serving tasty, all-inclusive fixed-price menus. Starting at £10 with £12.50, £15 and £17.50 options, there's a wide and exciting choice of food on offer.

www.tennerfest.com

18–19 October: La Faïs'sie d'Cidre

(Cider Festival)

Autumn is apple time – a lively annual festival held at Hamptonne Country Life Museum celebrating the island's heritage of apple cultivation and cider making.

www.jerseyheritage.org

23–25 October: Black Butter Making

Join the National Trust for Jersey as they make this delicious local delicacy from the island's apple harvest. Peel the apples, stir the pot and learn all about this traditional, tasty treat and how it can be used with different foods today.

www.nationaltrust.je

BEST FOR

FAMILIES

4 August: Jersey Seaside Festival

A day of traditional seaside fun at Havre des Pas for all the family. The waterfront and outdoor swimming pool will be jam-packed with beach games, live entertainment, music, local art and crafts and alfresco dining.

www.facebook.com/empireprestige

14 August: Battle of Flowers

Grand Day Parade

One of the most spectacular carnivals in Europe and a highlight of our summer scene. A colourful atmosphere is guaranteed, with flower-festooned floats, musicians, dancers and entertainers. The whole island comes out to celebrate in St Helier.

www.battleofflowers.com

15 August: Battle of Flowers

Moonlight Parade

An atmospheric evening parade of the flower-covered floats illuminated by thousands of lights. A magical experience and fitting finale to the Battle of Flowers floral extravaganza.

www.battleofflowers.com

BEST

CHRISTMAS FEST

4–7 December: La Fête dé Noué

Jersey's fabulous Christmas festival. The island is lit up with an enchanting programme of festive activities, including street entertainment and parades in St Helier, late-night shopping under a canopy of brilliant white lights, traditional food and gift markets, carol concerts, guided walks... and much more.

www.jersey.com/christmas

ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL REGISTRATION AND GRADING

All accommodation in Jersey must be registered but grading is optional. Quality (grading) is assessed by either the AA or Visit Britain for the Jersey Quality Assured (JQA) scheme. Please be aware that ratings may change throughout the year.

The AA and Visit Britain now assess hotels, guest accommodation and self-catering to the same criteria and award one to five stars or one to five pennants for campsites. The rating reflects the overall quality of the experience.

Jersey ratings made easy

★	Acceptable – simple, practical, no frills
★★	Good – well presented and well run
★★★	Very good level of quality and comfort
★★★★	Excellent standard throughout
★★★★★	Exceptional with a degree of luxury
★	AA Red Star Hotel
★	JQA or AA Gold Award
★	JQA or AA Silver Award

Outstanding examples in each star category are highlighted in red or yellow.

For AA ratings, visit www.theAA.com
or telephone: **01256 844455**

For JQA ratings, visit www.qualityintourism.co.uk
or telephone: **0845 300 6996**

Key to Location Symbols

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A list of registered accommodation is also available on www.jersey.com

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★★★★★	Longueville Manor, St Saviour	725501	www.longuevillemanor.com		29	0	
★★★★★	Grand, St Helier	722301	www.grandjersey.com		123	13	
★★★★	Atlantic, St Brelade	744101	www.theatlantichotel.com		50	0	
★★★★	The Club Hotel & Spa, St Helier	876500	www.theclubjersey.com		46	0	
★★★★	Somerville, St Aubin	491911	www.dolanhotels.com		56	4	
★★★★	Chateau La Chaire, St Martin	863354	www.chateau-la-chaire.co.uk		14	0	
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★★★★	De France, St Saviour	614100	www.defrance.co.uk		126	24	
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★★★★	Greenhills, St Peter	481042	www.greenhillshotel.com		31	1	
★★★★	La Place, St Brelade	744261	www.hotelalplacejersey.com		42	0	
★★★★	L'Horizon, St Brelade	743101	www.handpicked.co.uk/lhorizon		106	5	
★★★★	Pomme D'Or, St Helier	880110	www.pommedorshotel.com		143	4	
★★★★	Radisson BLU, St Helier	671100	www.radissonblu.co.uk/hotel-jersey		195	0	
★★★★	Royal Yacht, St Helier	720511	www.theroyal yacht.com		110	18	
★★★★	Savoy, St Helier	727521	www.hotelsavoyjersey.com		56	1	
★★★★	St Brelade's Bay, St Brelade	746141	www.stbreladesbayhotel.com		77	4	
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★★★★	The Inn Boutique, St Helier	722239	www.theinnjersey.com		36	5	
★★★★	Ambassadeur, St Clement	724455	www.hotelambassadeur.co.uk		89	12	
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★★★★	Beau Rivage, St Brelade	745983	www.jersey.co.uk/hotels/beau2010		28	1	
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★★★★	Best Western Royal, St Helier	873006	www.morvanhotels.com		89	10	
★★★★	Biarritz, St Brelade	742239	www.biarrizhotel.co.uk		45	15	
★★★★	De Normandie Hotel, St Saviour	619600	www.chje.com		105	8	
★★★★	Hampshire, St Helier	724115	www.hampshirehotel.je		42	3	
★★★★	Les Charrieres, St Peter	481480	www.lescharrieres hotel.co.uk		41	0	
★★★★	Marina Metro, St Helier	724519	www.marinametrojersey.com		34	3	
★★★★	Mayfair, St Helier	735511	www.modernhotels.com		222	0	
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★★★★	Monterey, St Helier	873006	www.morvanhotels.com		73	2	
★★★★	Moorings, St Martin	853633	www.themooringshotel.com		15	4	
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★★★★	Old Court House, Grouville	854444	www.ochoteljersey.com		58	4	
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★★★★	Windmills, St Brelade	744201	www.windmillshotel.com		38	5	
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★★	Dolphin, St Martin	853370	www.dolphinhoteljersey.com		16	2	
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★★	Maison Gorey, Grouville	857775	www.maisongorey.com		28	6	
★★	Millbrook House, St Helier	733036	www.millbrookhousehotel.com		24	3	
★★	Miramar, St Brelade	743831	www.miramarjersey.com		38	4	
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★★	Norfolk, St Helier	632000	www.norfolkhoteljersey.co.uk		100	11	
★★	Oaklands Lodge, Trinity	861735	www.oaklandslodgetrinity.com		10	0	
★★	Old Bank House, Grouville	854285	www.oldbankhousejersey.com		20	0	
★★	Old Court House Inn, St Aubin	746433	www.oldcourthousejersey.com		9	2	
★★	Runnymede Court, St Helier	720044	www.runnymedejersey.com		57	3	
★★	Sandanne, St Helier	721218	sandanne@jerseymail.co.uk		31	6	
★★	Sarum, St Helier	758163	www.jersey.co.uk/hotels/sarum		52	26	
★★	Stafford, St Helier	611122	www.jerseyrooms.co.uk		72	5	
★★	Westhill, St Helier	723260	www.westhillhoteljersey.com		90	7	
★★	West View, St Mary	481643	www.westviewhoteljersey.com		41	3	

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Hotels

			Telephone Prefix (01534)	Website	Location	No. Rooms	No. Singles

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Air Travel to Jersey from the UK and other Channel Islands

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Alderney	Flybe*	0871 700 2000	www.flybe.com
Belfast City	Aurigny	01481 822886	www.aurigny.com
Belfast International	Flybe*	0871 700 2000	www.flybe.com
Birmingham	easyjet	0843 104 5000	www.easyjet.com
Bristol	Flybe	0871 700 2000	www.flybe.com
Cardiff	Flybe*	0871 700 2000	www.flybe.com
Cambridge	CI Travel Group*	01534 496600	www.jerseytravel.com
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Doncaster	Flybe*	0871 700 2000	www.flybe.com
Dublin	Aer Lingus*	0871 718 2020	www.aerlingus.com
Dundee	CI Travel Group*	01534 496600	www.jerseytravel.com
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Edinburgh	Flybe	0871 700 2000	www.flybe.com
Exeter	Flybe	0871 700 2000	www.flybe.com
Glasgow	easyJet*	0843 104 5000	www.easyjet.com
Gloucester	Citywing*	0871 200 0440	www.citywing.com
Guernsey	Aurigny	01481 822886	www.aurigny.com
	Blue Islands	0845 620 2122	www.blueislands.com
	Flybe	0871 700 2000	www.flybe.com
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	Flybe	0871 700 2000	www.flybe.com
Leeds Bradford	Jet2*	0871 226 1737	www.jet2.com
Liverpool	easyJet	0843 104 5000	www.easyjet.com

* Seasonal service

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Airways Holidays	0844 415 6651	www.airwaysholidays.com	Year-round air & sea packages, short break, flight & accommodation only
Channel Islands Direct	0844 493 7095	www.channelislandsdirect.co.uk	Hotel only, air & sea packages including low cost airlines
Channel Islands Travel Service	01534 496600	www.jerseytravel.com	Year-round air & sea packages, short break, flight & accommodation only
Condorbreaks.com	0845 230 3241	www.condorbreaks.com	Year-round sea packages & short breaks
Discover Jersey	0844 415 6653	www.discoverjersey.com	Year-round air & sea packages, short breaks, flight & accommodation only
Flyjersey.com	0845 230 3240	www.flyjersey.com	Year-round air packages, short breaks & accommodation only
Jersey Travel Service	0844 770 8082	www.jerseytravelservice.co.uk	Year-round air & sea packages, short breaks & accommodation only
Lewis's Holidays	0844 415 6652	www.lewiss.com	Year-round air & sea packages, short breaks, flight & accommodation only
Modern Holidays	01534 735511	www.modernhotels.com	Year-round air & sea packages
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TRAVEL	01534 496640	www.travel.co.uk	Year-round air & sea packages, short breaks & accommodation only
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Newmarket Holidays	0843 316 1148	www.newmarketholidays.co.uk	Packaged breaks with set departure dates throughout the year
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Walking Jersey	01534 852944	www.walkingjersey.co.uk	Walking holidays
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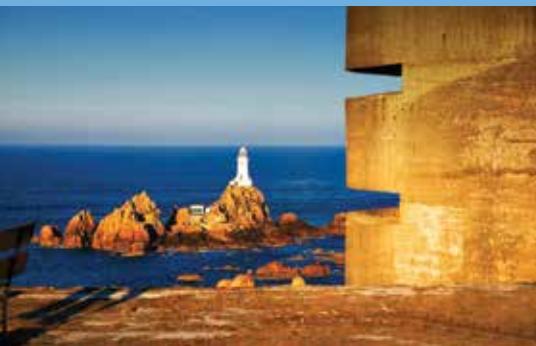
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