

CONDOR ISLANDER AUTUMN/WINTER 23/24

GOOD TIMES

FRANCE

AROUND THE BAY

OF MONT ST MICHEL

GUERNSEY

GREAT OUTINGS

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JERSEY

MOON WALKING

THIS AUTUMN

SOUTH COAST

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GUY RITCHIE'S
BREWERY

CYCLING IN GUERNSEY • FOODIE WALKS IN JERSEY • DUTY FREE SAVINGS • UPGRADE ONBOARD • DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome aboard



“
Thank you for choosing Condor Ferries. Whether you are on your outward trip or returning home, I hope you enjoy your journey with us
”

With the 2023 Summer season over, it is pleasing to note a continued improvement in our car passenger carryings from the UK and France to the Islands in 2023 compared with the previous four years. We believe the growth is due to a recovery in confidence amongst consumers, joint marketing efforts and the popularity of our tour operator business, Condor Breaks, which has doubled the number of holidays sold into the Islands compared with 2022, providing a welcome boost to tourism in the Islands.

Although we now enter the quieter months of the year, Condor is still busy behind the scenes.

Both our high-speed ferries will spend time in dry dock this winter undergoing scheduled maintenance so they are ready to re-enter service in 2024. This is part of an overall programme of investment that also sees our conventional vessels withdrawn periodically for routine repair work.

We have also introduced Condor Islander, our latest conventional roll on/roll off vessel, which is similar in size, speed and capability to Commodore Clipper. She is operating from Portsmouth, providing an overnight passenger and freight service in both directions. Facilities on board will include passenger berths, a restaurant with table service as well as a brasserie, a duty-free shop, a reclining lounge and, for the first time, pet friendly cabins. The addition of the Islander brings both passenger and freight capacity, creating an overall more resilient service.

Condor has recently signed a long-term agreement with Portsmouth International Port, which is a critical shipping route for Channel Islands' trade. 95% of everything consumed on the Islands comes through Portsmouth, so the 10-year agreement provides certainty for this vital freight and passenger service.

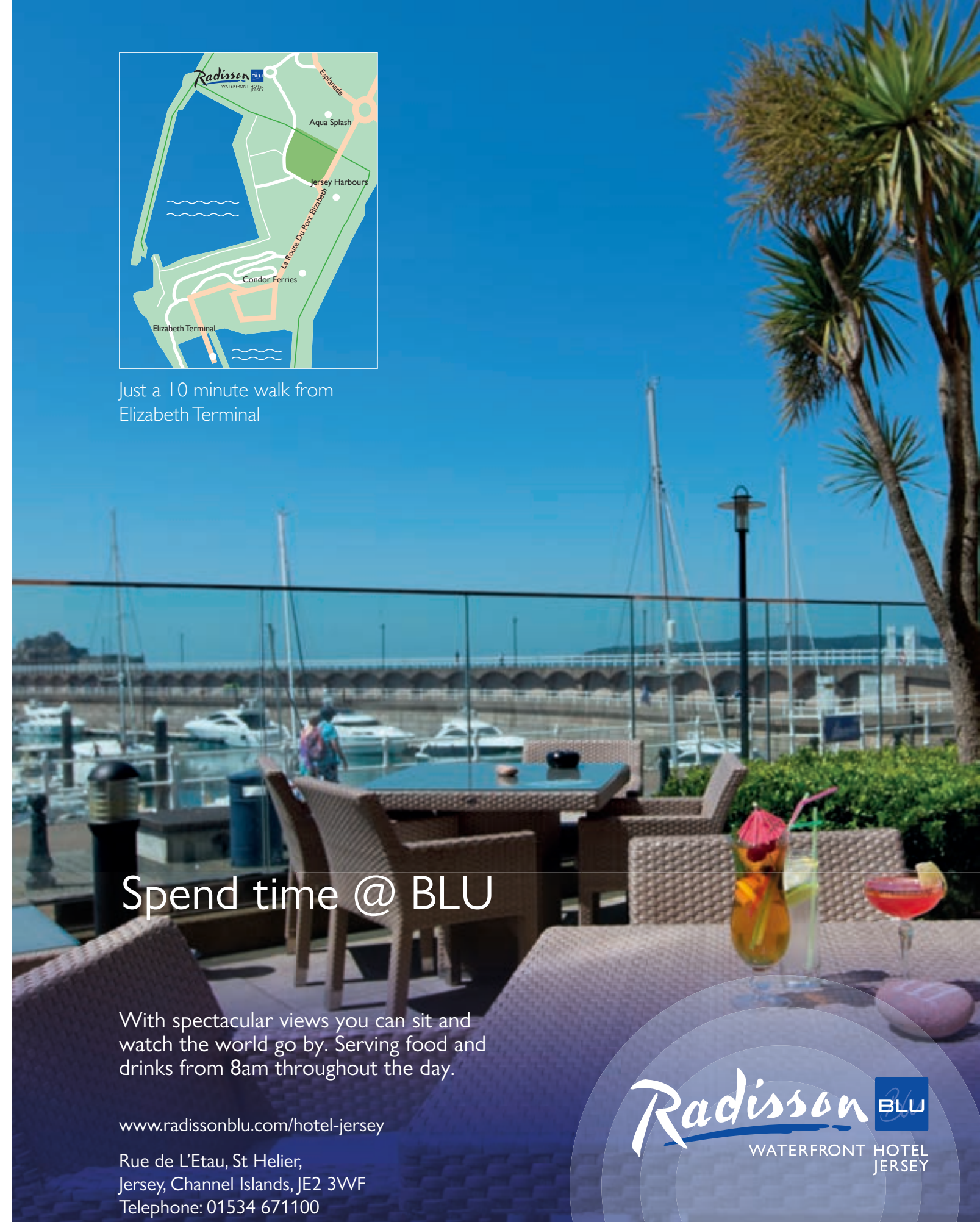
I hope you will find features that interest you in our latest on-board magazine and would thank you again for choosing Condor.

John

John Napton,
CEO



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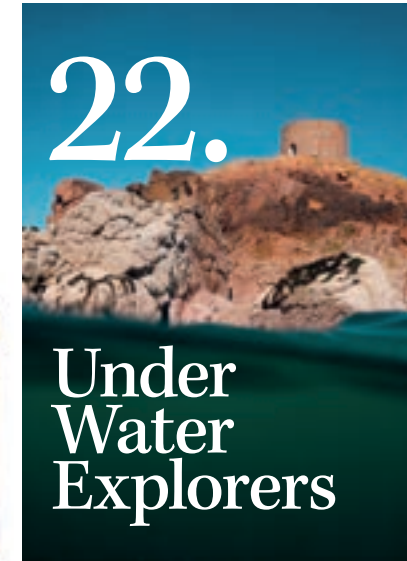
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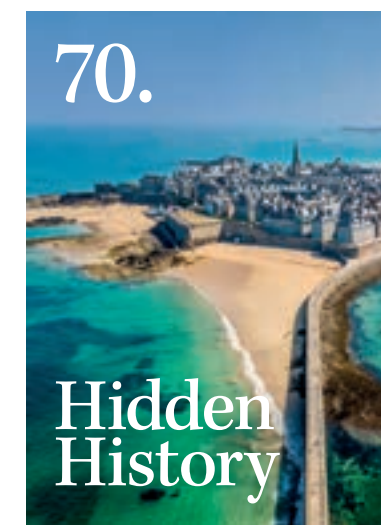


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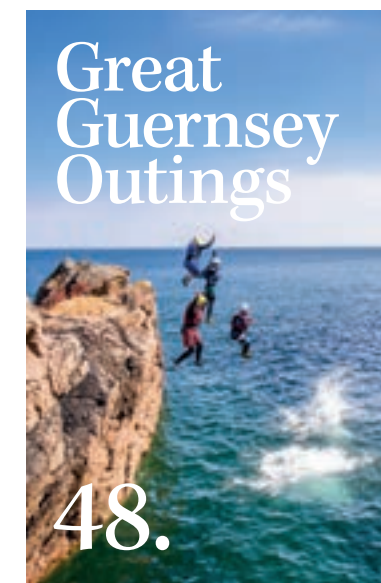


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LET THE Journey begin



Whether we're sailing you to the sunniest corner of the British Isles, Jersey, or the emerald isle of Guernsey, or maybe the historical port city of St Malo, the Cherbourg peninsular or perhaps the breathtaking Jurassic coast of Dorset, we hope you enjoy your journey with us today.



Upgrade

YOUR VIEW

Now you're on Condor Islander, if you wished you'd treated yourself to a seat upgrade in one of the private lounges – you still might be able to!

Find out more on pg 8



Refresh

& RECHARGE

On each ship, we offer a variety of hot and cold meals, snacks and drinks, and there's meal deals and kids meals too. Just pop along to the bar, café or restaurant on your ship to see what's on offer.

Find out more on pg 10

“ We're here to make your journey as special as possible, and as much a part of the experience as your holiday itself. If you're reading this right now, chances are you've found your seat, are feeling settled and ready to find out how best to navigate your time onboard ”



Duty Free

SHOPPING

Don't miss the opportunity to while away the time with some retail therapy while saving up to 40% on UK high street prices across big brand wines, spirits, skincare, fragrance and gadgets.

Find out more on pg 12



Surf's Up

WIFI ONBOARD

We are in the process of upgrading our WiFi service ready to launch this soon, so you can stay connected to your friends, family and the office while en route to your destination. Ask a crew member for more information.

⚠ A word of advice – make sure you switch off your mobile roaming or your device may automatically connect you to an independent maritime satellite service, which charges premium rates. This is not a Condor Service!



Child's Play

KEEP KIDS HAPPY

Visit the kids chill out zone where they can blow off some steam, connect to WiFi so they stay connected to their games and apps, take them to the onboard shop where they can find pocket money toys like colouring books, Lego and squishies. And of course, for hungry tummies, there'll be something on our restaurant menu to keep them satisfied.



Parking

KNOW HOW

To use car parks and on-street parking, while on Jersey and Guernsey, you'll need a parking disc (£2.50) for Guernsey and Paycard Vouchers for Jersey (£8.50 per ten). Be prepared and buy before you arrive as they won't be sold on the roadside or in car parks.

They're available in our duty free shop.

ISLANDER

Upgrade your space

“ If you fancy upgrading your journey, just speak to one of our Cabin Managers who will be happy to help ”

Now you're onboard, if you wished you had treated yourself to a seat upgrade in one of our exclusive lounges, you might still be able to if there's availability. Choose to upgrade to a reclining seat in the Horizon lounge or for extra luxury our Club Lounge, or even a day cabin for that extra space and privacy. Club Lounge also features power points for recharging your devices.

Next time you travel, it's worth knowing that you'll make savings if you book online before you go.



Cabins

If you fancy space and privacy on your day crossing, then why not see if there is a cabin available. There are 2, 3 and 4 berth cabins all with ensuite facilities. Choose from standard, superior or a suite cabin. We have dog friendly cabins too!

Ask your Cabin Manager for availability and prices.



2, 3 & 4 BERTH CABINS



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WITH EN SUITE FACILITIES



DISABLED CABINS AVAILABLE



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FAMILY FRIENDLY



SEA VIEW



FORWARD FACING RECLINER SEATS



COMPLIMENTARY NEWSPAPERS



Club LOUNGE

Relax in style in our brand new luxurious lounge. Situated at the bow of the ship, you'll take in panoramic sea views while enjoying the ambience and dipping into our complimentary refreshments and newspapers.

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PREMIUM PRIVATE LOUNGE



SECURE KEY PAD ENTRY



SEA VIEW



COMPLIMENTARY TEA & COFFEE



COMPLIMENTARY SNACKS



COMPLIMENTARY NEWSPAPERS

Our onboard restaurant and brasserie offer a great selection of hot meals, snacks, wines, draught beer, spirits and soft beverages.

FOOD & DRINK

Refresh & Recharge

During your journey today, you'll probably want to enjoy something to eat or drink. A heart-warming full English breakfast for early doors passengers, delicious panini and sandwiches for a quick snack, or customer favourites like traditional fish and chips, burgers and lasagne for something a little more filling. Choose from a wide range of wine, spirits, soft drinks, teas and coffees.

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We've curated a menu that offers something for everyone, whatever time of day you're travelling, where quality and value is key

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Fish & Chips

CUSTOMER FAVOURITE

Freshly battered Fish & Chips served with peas and tartar sauce



Islander

COURTYARD BRASSERIE

The brasserie offers something for every type of hunger craving, from traditional English breakfasts, to main meals like fish and chips or gourmet burgers and lighter bites such as panini, soup and pastries. A wide selection of hot and cold drinks are also served here.

THE COVE RESTAURANT

Elevate your journey today with a sumptuous meal in our à la Carte restaurant offering full table service and a varied menu. From delicately smoked sliced fillet of salmon to the timeless classic of steak and chips, everything is freshly prepared by our chef. Should you fancy a glass with your meal, ask your server to advise which of our fine wines would perfectly match your dish.

COFFEE CULTURE

You'll find a full selection of hot drinks available, including cappuccino, latte, hot chocolate and speciality tea. For a treat with your cuppa, the bars provide a fresh selection of croissants, pain au chocolat and muffins.



On the Menu

A TASTE OF OUR MOST POPULAR MEALS

TRADITIONAL BREAKFAST

Our classic fry-up with a succulent British Cumberland sausage, rasher of bacon, fried egg, mushrooms, tomato, tasty hash brown, and baked beans

BACON OR SAUSAGE BAP

Three rashers of bacon or two succulent British Cumberland sausages served in a floured bap

PASTRIES

Croissants or Pain au Chocolat

FRESHLY BATTERED FISH & CHIPS

Served with peas and tartar sauce

STEAK & ALE PIE

Served with chips, peas and gravy

CHICKEN MADRAS

Served with rice, poppadom & mango chutney

BEEF BURGER & CHIPS

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These special and often limited edition products are only available through travel retailers like us, so there's no chance of finding the same on the high street. Who doesn't love something exclusive?

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For a taste of the products and great deals in our shop, reach for Adore magazine in the back of your seat pocket. However, head straight to the shop if you don't want to miss anything!

”



FREE GIFTS

Look out for free gifts that come with many purchases, from designer tote bags and key rings to branded travel cushions.



WINE CARRIER

If you're taking full advantage of your duty free allowance, then our six bottle re-usable fabric wine carriers will make it so much easier to carry off your purchases.

ADORE BEAUTY CONSULTANTS

If you are travelling on board Condor Liberation, you'll have the benefit of our beauty consultants to help you choose the right skincare or make-up product, keep you up-to-date with the latest fragrance trends or assist in finding a perfect gift.



GIFTING

With such fantastic savings to be made onboard, it's the ideal opportunity to stock up on gifts for any occasion, from Champagne and fine wine to fragrance, skincare sets and gadgets, plus travel exclusive products for ultimate originality.

Our price promise

We offer big brands at unbeatable tax free or duty-free prices. If you find any of our range on sale at a lower standard price in any UK high street store or supermarket, we will refund the difference.*

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR ALLOWANCE

It's good to know how much duty free each person can take home. Brexit has resulted in generous increases on wine and spirits for UK bound passengers, as you can see below. For Jersey, Guernsey and France allowances see p97.

Allowance per person	
Spirits and Liqueurs	4 litres
or Champagne/Port/Sherry	9 litres
Wine	24 bottles
Cigarettes	200
or Cigarillos	100
or Cigars	50
or Tobacco	250g
Tax free fragrance/skincare/accessories/gadgets etc	£390 worth

SUPPORTING

Island life



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Helping the community and supporting island life is a win-win situation. Not only can we lend a hand in all sorts of ways to help and support worthy causes, but it also gives us a great sense of pride to do so

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£20,000

Donated in 2022

21

Community Fund initiatives supported

28

Events and causes supported

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hrough providing sponsorship, travel vouchers and donations from our Community Fund, Condor Ferries plays an important role each year helping worthy causes. We support much loved Island clubs and events, from the annual Dragon Boat Race and British Sand Ace Motocross championship to Guernsey North Show and Battle of Flowers and Liberation Day Commemorations.

This summer, Guernsey hosted the Island Games for a third time, a biennial event celebrating international sport with island communities around the world. Condor

Ferries scheduled sailings for team travel between the UK, Jersey and Guernsey to accommodate.

Every year, our popular Community Fund provides monetary grants to social enterprises and individuals in the Channel Islands who give up their time to develop community activities, such as Wetwheels who provide boat trips for Guernsey Charities and Guernsey Sailing Trust who make sailing accessible for all local children.

Condor continues to provide free travel to France from the Islands for donated humanitarian aid destined for Ukraine.

Pictures left to right: Covering the cost of boat trips for Guernsey Charities through Wetwheels; providing funding for roller skates so aspiring skaters can develop their skills; keeping Guernsey Sailing Trust's sailors warm and dry with new waterproof jackets.

YOUR PERFECT

Island escape

WITH OVER 45 HOTELS TO CHOOSE FROM

Escape to Jersey and Guernsey with Condor Breaks and enjoy a holiday experience like no other! With more sunshine than anywhere else in the British Isles, breath-taking coastlines, picture-perfect countryside and gourmet dining, the Islands will reward you with an unforgettable getaway.

“ We’ve partnered with some of the top hotels in Jersey & Guernsey, so now you can book your hotel when you plan your travel

”

Our dedicated on-island agents will tailor-make your perfect break with a choice of over 45 hotels and self-catering apartments, from five-star retreats to family-friendly hotels and countryside boltholes. You’ll sail across with Condor Ferries enjoying the chance to unwind in the spacious lounges, relax with a drink and bite to eat, and visit the onboard duty free shop to grab a few bargains.

Our holidays feature a range of offers such as free nights, complimentary upgrades and discounted meals, so you know you’re getting the best value for money.

Visit the ‘Free Night Offer’ page on our website for more details.

Spa Breaks

Add a little luxury to your break with our range of spa hotels featuring indoor and outdoor pools, saunas, steam rooms, fitness centres and a range of treatments to rejuvenate mind, body and soul.

The cosmopolitan **4* Royal Yacht Hotel** is located by Jersey’s yacht marina in St Helier and offers a luxurious adults-only spa, with a sauna, aromatherapy room and spa bath. Plus, free nights on offer throughout the year!

The **4* Hotel de France, Jersey** is an all-round perfect venue - for families, a retreat break or weekend away. A luxurious spa and fitness centre sits alongside award-winning gardens and the new La Terrasse Restaurant and Bar. And, it’s only a 10-minute walk from St Helier’s centre.

Value Breaks

One of our most popular weekend break hotels is the **3* Beachcombers**, minutes from the Royal Jersey Golf course, Queens Valley Reservoir and beautiful Gorey Harbour. It is also ideally placed to explore the east of the Island with the stunning views of Mont Orgueil Castle a stone’s throw away. 3-night

weekend breaks start from only £247 per person, including ferry travel with your car, room and breakfast.

Fine Dining

The **Duke of Richmond** is a **luxury 4* hotel** in St Peter Port’s heart, overlooking the tranquil Cambridge Park and also featuring impressive coastal views. It has an outstanding reputation for dining with the much-loved **Leopard Bar & Restaurant** awarded the **AA One Rosette** for Culinary Excellence. A beautiful place to dine, a cocktail on the sunny terrace, a drink in the remarkable cellar or bar, or afternoon tea in the Conservatory – the choice is yours.

City Breaks

The **3* Duke of Normandie, Guernsey** is a small, cosy hotel in St Peter Port, just a short walk from the bustling high street. With its own gastropub, **The Pickled Pig**, you can dine on delicious food in the comfort of your hotel. Stay 7 nights and receive a £50 food voucher.

Hotel for Dogs

Bring all the family, including your four-legged friend. Our range of dog friendly hotels is ever-expanding and includes the **4* St Pierre Park Spa and Golf Resort, Guernsey** on the outskirts of St Peter Port. Their designated dog friendly hotel rooms will be stashed with treats and when you’ve finished your outdoor adventures, your pooch can chill at your feet in the dog friendly lounges, bars and terraces.

For more information on our hotel collection and self-catering apartments across Jersey and Guernsey visit www.condorferries.co.uk/holidays-breaks

COMING SOON!

Breaks to Brittany and Southern England.



Pictures top to bottom: The spa at the Royal Yacht Hotel; Duke of Richmond Hotel.



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“
Every consumer who switches to a brand that’s genuinely sustainable is making a small but positive difference

David Mills, Sustainaholics founder.

”

Today, consumers are shopping with sustainability at the top of their mind; they look for cruelty free make-up, fair-trade products and higher welfare practices.

It’s a trend that’s gaining momentum, especially when you consider the power of the Gen Z demographic who are more planet conscious than previous generations and engage with innovative and pioneering brands with authentic sustainability credentials.

Travellers are aware that the cost of their journey is carbon emissions, and many will support positive actions where they can. With this in mind, Condor Ferries have partnered with Sustainaholics, who distribute purpose driven brands with sustainability at the core, to help minimise their impact of the production process on the planet and also positively contribute to society. Our ever-expanding range of new sustainable products gives our passengers the choice to buy inspirational brands that offer ethical alternatives, to better known traditional brands.

Here’s a small taste of what’s available in the onboard duty-free shop today, currently with £5 off the usual Condor Ferries price. Let’s check out their credentials.

England’s first carbon-negative gin, **Cooper King Dry Gin**, is a fresh and vibrant gin distilled in Yorkshire, in a self-built distillery powered by 100% renewable energy. Each bottle removes 1kg more CO₂ from the atmosphere than it emits and plants 1m² of native UK woodland.

Crisp fresh apple aromas with a hint of vanilla custard on the palate, is what you get with **Avallen Calvados**, a natural apple brandy from Normandy, made from just purely apples and water. As a Climate Positive, Certified B Corp, and a 1% for the Planet member, the makers really champion the planet. Their pioneering paper bottle removes more CO₂ from the atmosphere than it takes to produce.

Enjoy the unique flavour of **Oxford Rye Whisky 2017**. Oxford Artisan Distillery is the only distiller in the world to use ancient heritage grains, grown within 50 miles of Oxford, which bestow a flavour not achievable from commercial grain; a signature maltiness with caramel undertones that wins them rave reviews. Supporting these ancient farming methods, that use no agri-chemicals, encourages biodiversity in the Oxfordshire countryside.

Dutch Barn claims their vodka is as clear as their conscience. Using a unique process, they handcraft crystal clear vodka from British apples for a crisp, fresh, smooth spirit - so mellow you can drink it neat. The distillers stand by the principle of balancing profit with purpose and are a pending B Corp, who measure and offset their carbon emissions by supporting worldwide projects.



Save £5 Cooper King Dry Gin 70cl, now only £24⁹⁹, Avallen Calvados 70cl, now only £22⁹⁹, Dutch Barn Vodka 70cl, now only £17⁹⁹, Oxford Rye Whisky 2017 70cl, now only £38⁹⁹



JERSEY HIGHLIGHTS

Image provided by Paul Lakeman Photography



1.
**MARITIME MUSEUM,
ST HELIER**
Discover stories and artefacts from Jersey's rich seafaring past. It's also home to The Occupation Tapestry, woven by Islanders to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Liberation.

2.
JERSEY ZOO
Jersey Zoo is ready to welcome the whole family! Get up close with over 132 species of animals from the tiniest fruit bat to the huge gorillas.

3.
CATHERINE BEST
At St Peter's Windmill, browse award-winning jewellery inspired by the beauty of Jersey's landscapes, then enjoy a coffee on the restaurant terrace beneath the Windmill's sails.

4.
DEVIL'S HOLE
Peer 200ft down from a viewing platform into this 100ft wide eerie blowhole, and watch the waves crash through the tunnel entrance onto the rocks below.

5.
ST CATHERINE'S BAY
Lots of small coves to discover and at the northern end is the breakwater, where a walk to the end is breathtaking before popping into the popular Breakwater Café.

6.
LA MARE WINE ESTATE
In the grounds of an 18th-century granite farmhouse, this 25-acre working estate produces wines, spirits, preserves and confectionery. Tours, tasting and cream teas available.



JERSEY

UNDER WATER

EXPLORERS

You might think snorkelling is for holidays in the Caribbean or Maldives, but Jersey has its own fair share of underwater wonders. The recently launched Snorkel Portelet trails, will take you on a journey through anemone-rich rocky reefs, kelp forests and underwater gullies, in some of the finest shallow marine habitats in the British Isles.

Jersey boasts a treasured coastline with the northwest notable for the greatest diversity of seaweed in the British Isles, and the southwest home to some of the richest clam beds in Northern Europe. Last year, to raise awareness of Jersey's coastline and its need for greater protection, Blue Marine Foundation launched a snorkel trail - called 'Snorkel Portelet' in partnership with Societe Jersiaise. The Island's extensive seagrass beds, kelp forests and maerl beds all play a role in absorbing blue carbon, and their protection, along with other important habitats, could help Jersey meet its net zero carbon goals in-line with its carbon neutral strategy.



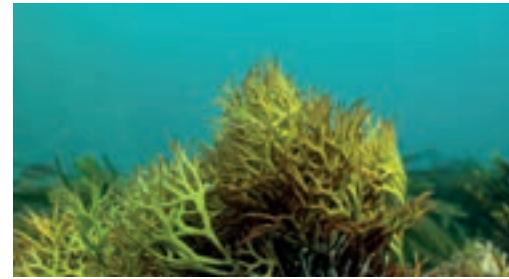
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Only 6.5% of Jersey’s waters are protected and our team would like to see these Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) expand to form the basis of a Marine Park

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explains Freddie Watson at Blue Marine Foundation. *“Ideally this would cover at least 30% of Jersey’s territorial waters (in line with Jersey’s commitment under the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework) to protect its essential habitats which deliver for fisheries, biodiversity, climate and people.”*

The snorkel trail is the first of several new underwater dive experiences planned and is an enthralling, visually-rich self-guided trail. Visitors can explore fish-rich rocky reefs, kelp, sand banks and a seagrass bed that are natural habitats for a range of marine life including ballan and cuckoo wrasse, spider crabs and snakelocks anemones.



It is located within Jersey’s first No-Take-Zone (NTZ) – (a Government initiative with Societe Jersiaise), where it’s an offence to remove any marine species, such as shellfish or seaweed from the sea habitat.

“Everything in Jersey’s remarkable coastal ecosystem performs a crucial role, be it seagrass, a small invertebrate or a larger mobile marine species,” Freddie Watson from Blue Marine Foundation continues. *“It is important to leave them in place to understand how climate change is affecting our marine ecosystem.”*

This oasis of marine life is nestled between stunning headlands in relative isolation from the rest of the island. A winding pathway of 200 steps, surrounded by densely vegetated cliffs, reaches down to picturesque, golden sands and clear water. A small islet located in the middle of the bay, Janvrin’s Tomb (or Île au Guerdain), is surrounded by water at high tide. At low tide, the islet becomes accessible via a soft sand bar.

The snorkel trail is helping to connect children with the delights of nature that lie beneath the water’s surface. In educating Jersey’s younger generation about the beauty and fragility of the seas, the hope is that they will be inspired to value and protect the Island’s assets in the future.

“Anyone experiencing the marine world can see firsthand for themselves what most people will have only seen on a screen” adds Freddie Watson. *“This not only creates amazing lasting memories, but it also helps foster a deeper connection with the natural world.”*

As part of the project, Jersey’s communities are stepping up to help better understand any changes in the Island’s coastal flora and fauna. Visitors are encouraged to upload pictures and details of the marine life they see to an app. They are also asked to share their snorkel experience here on social media using the tag #SnorkelPortelet.



Under The Waves

Keen to follow the snorkel trail? This quartet of magical underwater gardens is named after anemones found beneath the Jersey waves:

SNAKELOCKS

This fascinating site is rich in numerous snakelocks anemones which are distinctive for their squat brownish bodies and long, wavy, brightly-coloured snake-like tentacles. In addition to the energy captured from photosynthetic algae, they capture prey such as prawns and tiny fish using their long stinging tentacles. You’ll also see plenty of fucus seaweeds, sheltering wrasse and crabs, hiding amongst the crags of the rocky reef.

BEADLET

With its thick seagrass, rugged gullies and rocky caves, this site is named for the curious beadlet anemone, which resemble small blobs of jelly that release 192 stinging tentacles, arranged in 6 circles, to catch small prey. As the bruisers of the pack, beadlets aggressively fight off other anemones. You’ll also see shy spider crabs and beautiful ray-finned grey mullet.

DAHLIA

Explore the boulders and rocky overhangs where dahlia anemones hide to spot the beautiful striped tentacles that gave this species its floral name. Though commonly reddish brown, dahlia come in a range of gorgeous pinks, purples, yellows and oranges.

For camouflage, fragments of sand, shell and gravel stick to grey warts on the body. You can also spot various types of colourful wrasse at this site.

STRAWBERRY

You’ll be wowed by the ornately coloured strawberry anemone on the rocky reefs and oarweed on this site. This rose-coloured stinging polyp sits attached to rocks or coral waiting to stun passing prey with its venom-filled tentacles. You’ll also see a variety of gobies (gobiidae) and bottom-dwelling blennies (blennioidei) here.

Snorkel Safe

- Never snorkel alone.
- Never snorkel in rough weather.
- Only snorkel during mid to low tide when the sand bar is exposed.
- Be vigilant of moving vessels.
- Ensure equipment is well-fitted and fully functional.
- A correctly fitting wetsuit and set of fins are essential to keep you warm and mobile.
- Dial 999 if in need of emergency services.

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The Moorings

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Unwind on the sunny terrace with views of the picturesque harbour of Gorey, underneath Jersey's most iconic landmark Mont Orgueil. Local shellfish galore with a crisp bottle of rosé, that's an afternoon as it should be done at The Moorings. With the oyster beds in eyesight on a low tide, Jersey Royal fields above you, and the scallops having travelled no further than the next bay along, the food can hardly get fresher! A family run business, with 14 rooms as well, it's the Island's first and only *Mr & Mrs Smith Hotel* paving the way for a new style of relaxed elegance. Food is served all day in the restaurant, café or al fresco-breakfast, lunch and dinner! Not to mention the oyster happy hour from 5-6pm every day. See you at The Moorings!

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JERSEY

FOODIE WALKS

From stomach rumbling strolls to walks to whet your appetite, Jersey's harbour-edged foodie haven of Gorey serves up the Island's tantalising tastes on a plate, says travel writer Sarah Woods.

As a harbour-town with a rich seafood tradition, Gorey has long been highly prized for its exquisite food culture and produce, yet this small, unassuming coastal settlement has remained off-the-radar to most visitors. As one of Jersey's best kept secrets, Gorey has been a gastronomic go-to with local islanders but when guides starting

introducing small, private food tours to the fishing town, the culinary secrets of Jersey's little-known foodie epicentre were unearthed. Fringed by fields of crops, farms and dairy cattle, and flanked by the sea, Gorey's green fields and hills roll down to the coast, meeting the sea at a mix of rugged cliffs, secluded bays and big beaches. Savouring the food of a destination is part of

discovering its history, customs and cultures. In Jersey, traditional dishes are a rich broth of culinary influences, from the gastronomic kitchens of Northern France, creators of paper-thin crepes, salty buttermilk cheeses, and succulent scallop dishes, to the cooking heritage of South Coast of England with its sweet pastries, clotted cream, and fruit wines.



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We run food and foraging tours that bring the Jersey food scene to life,” explains Trudie from Jersey Walk Adventures. “We explore age-old recipes and connect with the food-giving Jersey landscape

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Walking food tours in Gorey, and other of Jersey’s rich foodie heartlands, typically allow visitors to soak up the Island’s culinary hotspots by nibbling on specialities, sipping on traditional brews and sampling delicious local fayre. As you wander along sea-facing paths and curious backstreets, your guide - a passionate Jersey food enthusiast with tales to tell - truly whets the appetite with their tips for the best seafood, unmissable Jersey produce and tasty dairy treats. For this is no ordinary walk, it’s a stroll full of tantalising flavours, tastes, aromas and compelling gourmand narratives. Gorey’s food heritage dates back many centuries. Jersey Royals grown on the town’s steep castle-facing fields and generations of Gorey fishermen have hauled bass, mullet and conger eel ashore. The town’s beguiling food spots serve some of the Island’s best locally caught fish and seafood.



High-quality local produce and age-old foraging traditions form the bedrock of Gorey, a culinary heartland surrounded by crops, farms, dairy herds and the sea. Much of what is eaten on Jersey comes from close by, and one of the Island’s tidal treats are walks across the seabed itself to discover oyster and mussel beds with views out to France.

“Our tours bring an understanding of the Jersey terrain, and the exquisite and unique delicacies it yields,” adds Jersey Walk Adventure’s Trudie. *“We taste as we go!”*

Expect to find morsel-sized samples of smoked meat, crumbly cheeses, salty samphire and Jersey cream to try in the delicatessen, cafes, food stores and stalls in Gorey. Order plump lobster, melt-in-the-mouth spider crabs, doughy Jersey Wonders and sharp fruit sorbets dolloped with thick local fresh Jersey cream. Try freshly dug Jersey Royals dripping in rich, yellow butter and sample fruit wines pressed from dark, sweet island berries. See freshly hauled fish



at the shore-side, their scales glistening with iridescent rainbows. Pick whelks and scallops and savour the salty crunch of wild kelp. Taste delicious Jersey distilled gin flavoured with local raspberries or sip on a glass of crisp Jersey cider. Savour the Island’s famous black butter, an old farm-house delicacy made from sugar, lemon, liquorice, spices and apples.

Other culinary temptations that punctuate a foodie walk around Gorey are nips of apple brandy and Royal potato vodka. Feeling decadent? Toast your experience with a bottle of Jersey’s finest ruby wine red from La Mare Wine Estate vineyard. Then prepare

yourself for the finest fresh oysters sprinkled with Jersey oak smoked sea-salt and washed down with locally produced sparkling wine.

In Gorey’s oldest pubs, there’s a chance to share wine and swap tales for a unique insight into Jersey culture. On a stroll you’ll get to chat with local cooks, island chefs and restaurant owners. For a rugged foodie experience, you can explore the landscape for a guided taste of wild Jersey edibles. Fancy a tippie? Vineyard tours and a gin distillery experience includes tasting in resplendent scenery. Walks are joyous in Jersey, such are the heavenly views, but add in superb cuisine and it becomes a true sensory indulgence.

Tasting Jersey

- Foodie strolls to taste Gorey’s edible delights can easily be enjoyed without a guide (see jersey.com for downloadable maps)
- Jersey food mixes British and French culinary influences with ingredients and recipes from communities of Portuguese and Polish
- Fascinating pub walks and tastings around Gorey’s historical inns are run by walkingtours.jerseyheritage.org/gorey-pub-walk
- Jersey is famous for its rich dairy produce, especially creamy milk, cheese, ice cream and clotted cream
- Traditionally cooked as the tide went out, Jersey Wonders are sweet doughnut-like cakes, but neither filled with jam nor coated in sugar
- A tidal treat is a stroll across the oyster and mussel beds in the Royal Bay of Grouville jerseywalkadventures.co.uk
- Seasonal food tours to a dairy farm, orchard, vineyard and fishery tours plus trips to cafes famous for cream teas are run by jerseyuncovered.com
- Jersey’s national dish is Bean Crock (les pais au fou) - a dish of beans and pork, similar to a French cassoulet
- Seaweed as fertiliser gives waxy Jersey Royal potatoes their delicious taste
- Jersey has superb seafood with bass, mullet, oysters, scallops, crabs, lobster, whelks, muscles and even conger eel caught off-shore
- Orchard apples and pears, woodland fungi, hand-reared Jersey beef, quails eggs, and coastal kelp, sea salt and samphire are all delicious local delicacies



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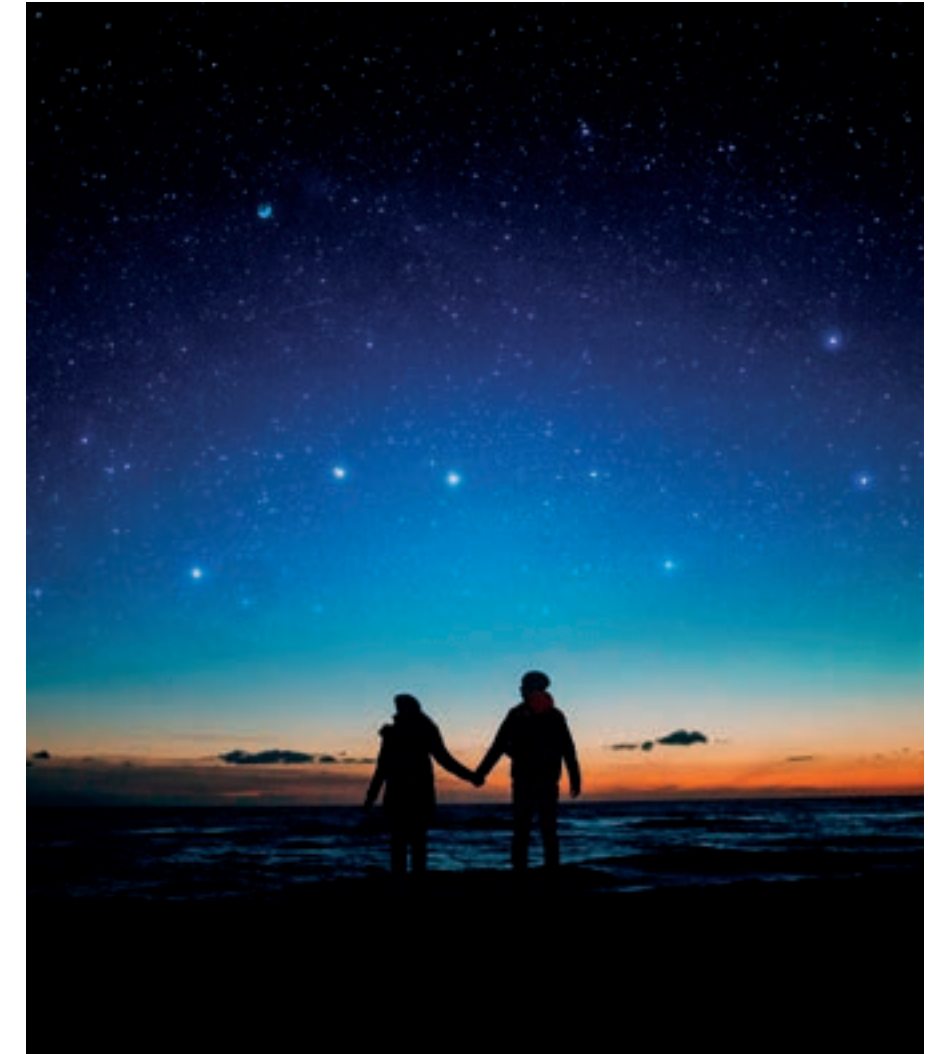
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JERSEY

MOON WALKING

Jersey's beautiful beaches are magical by day, but can be utterly enchanting after sunset. Sarah Woods looks at how walking the Island's shoreline after dark can be illuminating once twinkling glow worms emit their blue-green laser show.

Darkness needn't be a thing to fear and shy away from when exploring Jersey's beautiful countryside, thanks to the Island's bioluminescence. This beguiling natural wonder makes beaches dazzle and glimmer with a strange greenish flickering glow that turns the sands an eerie shade of silver and daubs on a backdrop of sky and waves that are inky black. It distorts simple silhouettes and applies shades and tones into a firework of vibrant hues that, bizarrely, remains one of Jersey's best kept secrets and offers visitors a laser light display at their feet.



One of the most surprising aspects of walking in darkness is how it enhances the senses. You'll hear more, develop extraordinary night vision, and late night walks at a quieter, cooler time brings a whole new sensory enjoyment of the great outdoors.

Jersey's flickering glowworms were once almost unknown to anyone except the local fishermen, and shrouded in maritime myth. Today anyone prepared to walk the beach in Jersey's La Rocque Harbour after dark can witness Mother Nature's light show at the Island's south-east tip

Despite being relatively easy to locate, very few people have actually seen the phenomenon, probably because the rocky unlit seashore isn't the easiest walking trail to navigate at night. Yet those prepared to pull on their walking boots once the sun has dipped below the horizon, will be treated to an awe-packed walk full of subtle shades of light and wonder that brings a startlingly fresh perspective to island life.

It seems implausible that Jersey's magical seabed of shimmering constellations is provided by a species of shy small brown worms. However, as long as it's dark, the moon isn't full, and there aren't any street lights close by, the dazzle of the glowworms is easy to see. Flickering brightly in twenty-second bursts, before switching off to recharge, Jersey's spectacular chemiluminescence showers this stretch of shoreline in a theatrical otherworldly glow.

Encountering the glowworms is best done with a guided walk with **Jersey Walk Adventures**, a company that has been introducing visitors once the ocean recedes at night fall. Low tide exposes the star-like shapes of luminous green twinkle and sparkle and walkers can watch as bioluminescent

creatures dance across the seabed, radiating a fairy-light glow. Knowledgeable guides explain the phenomena of a light energy that comes from a chemical reaction on the Jersey coastline. Wriggling worms churn the sands to keep it aerated and soft in texture and where they glow and glitter in complete darkness will be under around 40ft of ocean once high tide returns.

There's a magic to darkness which brings swooping bats, hunting owls and other fluttering, chirping, flapping nighttime wildlife to the Jersey shoreline and its jaw-dropping oceanic green-blue glow. It only takes a few minutes for eyes to adjust to nocturnal shadows and enjoy star-lit views of moon-drenched landscapes, but the magical memories of bioluminescence last a lifetime.

Booking for a 2-hour Bioluminescence Walk with **Jersey Walk Adventures** is easy online, by phone or by email. The meeting point is Ackaless, La Grande Route de la Cote in Grouville. Cost is £12 - £21, tel: +44 (0) 7797 853033, email: info@jerseywalkadventures.co.uk, or visit: www.jerseywalkadventures.co.uk.

Participants should expect to get wet feet and be prepared to walk across a mile of uneven terrain (walking poles and Wellington boots are available for hire). Small tour groups are available, or you can book a private hike subject to low tides and the lunar phase.

Top tips for a Nighttime Rambles

Night walks extend your daily window of time for getting outdoors. Here's some inspiration for the challenge of after-dark adventures!

- Walking at nighttime is a wonderfully rewarding and different experience
- Take someone with you so that the darkness isn't intimidating or threatening
- Only walk at night as a solo in a safe location
- Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and terrain. Pack a torch
- Take it slow. Darkness makes terrain a little more challenging
- Slow down and don't expect to cover the same distances that you would in daylight
- Sunsets are a good start to an evening walk
- Choosing a night when the moon is at its fullest will enable you to see much more
- Keep an eye out for nocturnal wildlife such as foxes, owls, bats, badgers and deer
- Be aware of cooler nighttime temperatures
- Use your headtorch sparingly - it'll help you adapt and amplify your night vision.
- Try to find a torch with a red-light setting



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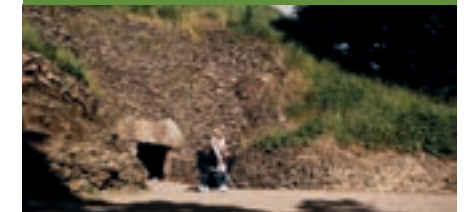


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KEEPING UP WITH THE JONES'

Passion, enthusiasm and a love of Jersey drove husband and wife team Matthew and Iselin Jones to transform one of the Island's tired little harbour hotels into a world class venue that now graces the pages of one of the world's most exclusive hotel collections.



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It's a winning combination of skills with Matthew born into a local family of restaurateurs and a Director of Jersey Pottery for 20 years. Norwegian wife Iselin worked many years in local news, as a face on ITV Channel Television, and also spent some time in law. Together it works well with Matthew taking the lead on the food development and restaurant side, whilst Iselin is more focused on accounting, interiors and the hotel side.

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Matthew and Iselin's two children, Florence and Sidney are also a firm fixture around the hotel and the Pier, and both of Matthew's eldest sons Jasper and Oscar, work as waiters and barmen when they're not studying or globe-trotting. The Moorings is therefore, very much a family affair!



The couple took over The Moorings at the latter end of Covid, to take on a new opportunity. Whilst the property needed a lot of work and investment, the location and its history were just something Matthew and Iselin couldn't turn down.

Rather than shy away from a lockdown venture, the couple embraced the challenge and signed the lease on 1st June 2021. Extensive works took place throughout the summer months to transform a run-down restaurant, bar and hotel that hadn't seen proper investment in decades to a stylish year-round business with a warm, welcoming and cosy feel.

Working with Matthew's brother and sister-in-law at Landes Interiors in St Martin, the couple based their palette for the decor around their gorgeous leafy wallpaper and sumptuous blue velvet banquette fabric. Lighting was a huge investment and Iselin and Matthew took their time to get that spot on. They stumbled upon lampshades by chance, thanks to family business Collectiviste, which imports them from Bali. Guests will note that the light reflection on the ceiling both in the restaurant and in the bedrooms is wonderful - and creates the perfect relaxing vibe.

They sourced individual items around existing furniture, but wherever possible found a place for the best of the old, reupholstering and restoring bar stools and tables, as well as armchairs in the bedrooms. Iselin and Matthew both felt it was important to

respect the building's heritage and the many memories enjoyed by so many people for whom The Moorings had been a special place for years. It was an exhausting project but a rewarding one, though some hairy touch and go moments included having to dig up the mains drains leading out from the kitchen, the week before opening!

The restaurant was ready to open at the end of October 2021, which was a tricky time in the UK. People were still working from home, with restrictions being tightened in the lead up to Christmas, but the couple's momentum ensured The Moorings was incredibly busy right the way through until New Year's Day 2022. After a post-festive break, the Moorings re-opened later in January 2022.

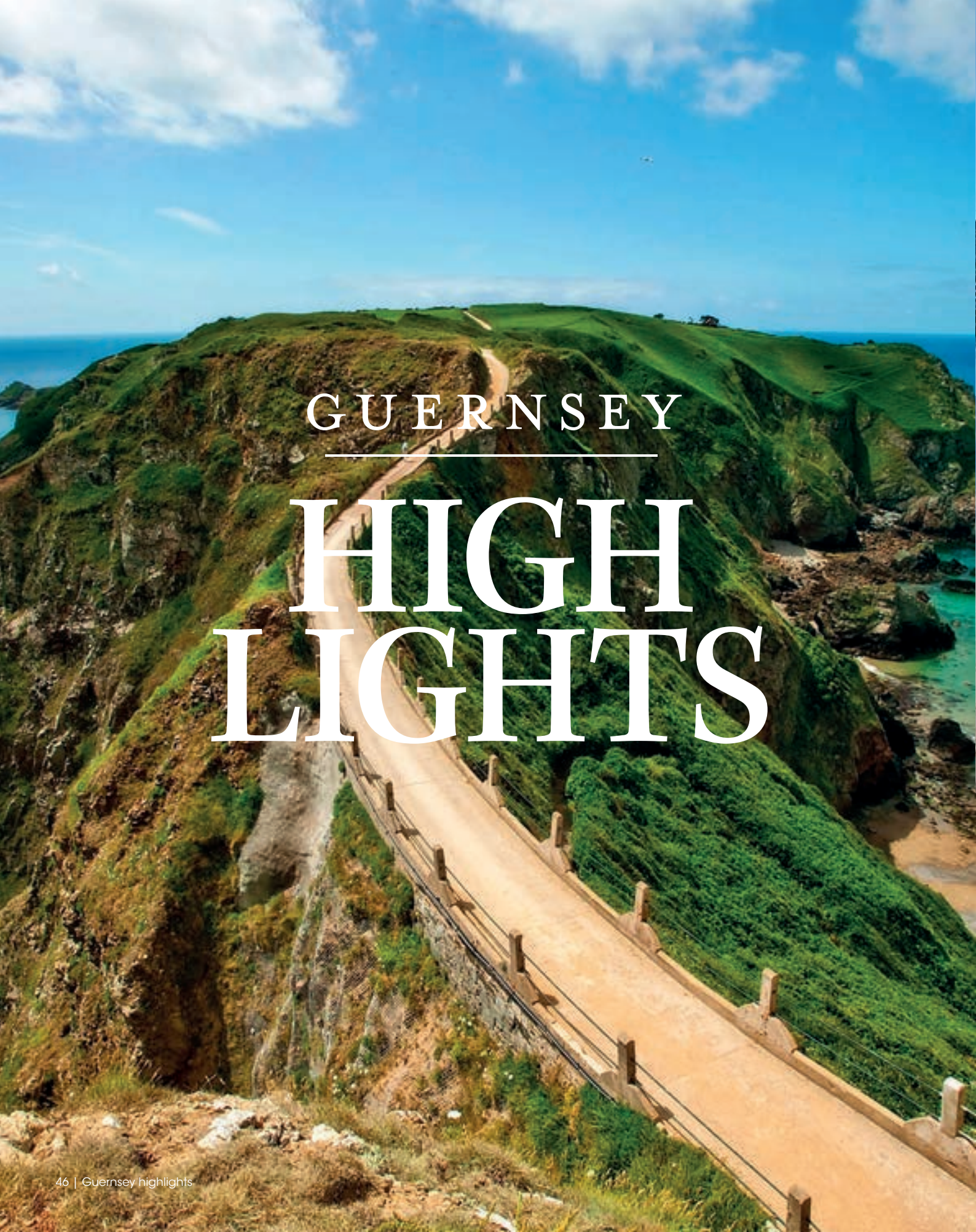
Today, Matthew and Iselin can look back on the rebirth of The Moorings with considerable pride - and appreciate that they've been incredibly lucky. Early on, just after the restaurant opened, they were paid a surprise visit by the founder of Mr & Mrs Smith, Tamara Lohan. Thankfully, she looked beyond the rubble in the bedrooms, and felt the couple's vision, and passion for what they were mid-way through creating. She loved what she saw and asked The Moorings to join the collection, which meant they were able to launch the rooms with Mr & Mrs Smith at the end of Feb 2022 - something that was truly beyond Iselin and Matthew's wildest dreams at the time!



It didn't end there either, the restaurant also gained a listing in the Michelin Guide earlier this year, which is exactly where they had always hoped the restaurant would be positioned. They have never been aiming for stars, but a listing reflects the restaurant's ethos of showcasing the best island produce cooked simply, with love.

So, what's next?

Opening seven days a week was always their big aim, something they have achieved this summer. Granted, with a little bit of creativity. On Sunday and Monday evenings, rather than a full a la carte menu, they are serving Kenyan curries and Fish and Chips to live music. On Tuesdays it's just the café menu, but they are open seven days a week, which they aim to keep up throughout the year. For now, this iconic landmark hotel is basking in a magnificent transformation, from a tired little harbour property in dire need of lots of TLC to the pages of one of the world's most exclusive hotel and restaurant collections.



GUERNSEY HIGHLIGHTS



1. SAINTS BAY

This beautiful sandy cove, with crystal clear water, is a hidden gem encircled by cliffs. A fisherman's landing to the right of the bay provides a great photo opportunity.

2. HAUTEVILLE HOUSE

Literary lovers can step in to the magical home of world famous author, Victor Hugo who spent 15 years here in exile.

3. CASTLE CORNET

Still standing 800 years on at the mouth of St Peter Port harbour. A fascinating insight into Island history and bigger than it first appears, allow three hours for a visit.

4. ST PETER PORT

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GREAT GUERNSEY

OUTINGS

Whether you are in Guernsey for a family holiday, a break or even a day trip, things to do and see are plentiful. Read on for a roundup of our best ideas.

Guernsey offers the best of coast and country. An Island that measures just 65 sq km still manages to be packed with opportunities to enjoy whatever piques your particular interests. Sports enthusiasts have wealth of outdoor activities on their doorstep, such as coasteering, surfing and paddleboarding, while history lovers can explore military museums and relics left from the World War II occupation. If nature is your thing then enjoy countryside hikes or spot puffins and seals in the waters around Herm and Sark.



VISIT HUGO'S HOUSE

Good for Day Trippers: around 15 mins on foot or by bus from St Peter Port

Victor Hugo finished his enduring novel, *Les Misérables* from Hauteville House, where he lived for 14 years, while in exile from France. You'll see evidence of his hugely creative mind through his obvious flair for interior design. The house is a mix of several styles, with plates on the walls, silk fabrics on the ceilings and engraved quotations on the door frames. Join a timed tour with one of the museum's well-informed guides if you've a thirst for the story of his life here.

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HANG OUT IN MARKET SQUARE

Perfect for Day Trippers: just a 13 min walk along the north Esplanade

Market Square was built in the 1770s in the rectory garden of the Town Church. The Market Buildings provide the perfect Victorian backdrop for whiling away a few hours at cafés and restaurants with internal and alfresco tables overlooking Market Square, where during the summer months different events are hosted from musical ensembles to photographic displays. There's also plenty of shopping to be had here and throughout the cobbled streets of St Peter Port town, with no added taxes to enjoy!

VALLETTE BATHING POOLS

Good for Day Trippers who like a cold water swim: around 20 mins on foot or 15 mins by bus from St Peter Port

There might not be a beach in St Peter Port but you can still enjoy a bracing sea dip at Vallette Bathing Pools, which were built during the Victorian period to answer a craze for cold-water swimming. If cold water swimming is your thing, then you'll probably even give it a go on a day trip! Jump in with the locals in one of four pools: the horseshoe, the women's pool, the men's pool and the children's pool. The water is refreshed by the tide twice a day.

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Pictures top to bottom: Oyster harvesting in Herm, Candie Gardens, Trying out Coasteering.



VISIT SAUSMAREZ MANOR

Just outside St Peter Port, Sausmarez Manor is one of the finest examples of Queen Anne colonial architecture and is rumoured to be the work of Sir Christopher Wren. It is actually still a private home, but you can peek inside by joining a guided tour or visit the gardens, dotted with sculptures. There's even a mini train for the little ones. If you can, visit on a Saturday morning when the grounds at the front of the manor host a local farmers' market.

sausmarezmanor.co.uk

ISLAND HOPPING

Here for more than a few days? Then hop on a ferry from St Peter Port and head to one of the three smaller neighbouring islands in the archipelago. Each with its own special charm and identity. On Sark, you'll step back in time with there being no cars, just stunning clifftops walks, and as the world's first Dark Sky Island, it's a stargazers paradise. A 20 minute boat ride will take you to the tranquil island of Herm with long stretches of white sand and cliff paths with views to the French coast. Or choose the island of Alderney, home to historical sites, golden beaches and rich wildlife.

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Pictures left to right: Glimpse through the artist's eyes on the Renoir Walk, Take a ferry from St Peter Port to Sark, Alderney or Herm.

EXPLORE CANDIE GARDENS

High above St Peter Port, Candie Gardens is home to the oldest known heated glasshouses in the British Isles and dates back to the late 1700s. Bring a picnic to the Victorian public flower garden or the Victor Hugo garden, found behind the famous statue of the French literary giant where quotes from the writer's work are interspersed among some of his favourite plants and flowers. Venture to the top of the gardens to explore the Guernsey museum and one of the Island's best art galleries.

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TRY GUERNSEY OYSTERS

Hatched and farmed in the Bailiwick waters (around Guernsey or Herm), is assurance that no oyster tantalising your tastebuds while on Guernsey will have travelled more than ten miles. Take a RIB to see the farms on Fisherman's Beach in Herm to discover how oysters are grown and harvested here — and learn how to shuck one perfectly. Tours end with plenty of tasters, all washed down with a glass of champagne.

guernseyoysters.com

WALK IN RENOIR'S FOOTSTEPS

When impressionist artist Pierre-Auguste Renoir came to Guernsey for a quick holiday in 1883, he ended up staying for a month and painting 15 views of Moulin Huet Bay, one of which hangs in London's National Gallery. "What a pretty little place!" he exclaimed in a letter home. "What pretty paths! Superb rocks, beaches such as Robinson must have had on his island." Explore those same pretty paths yourself on a self-guided Renoir Walk and look out for empty frames capturing the view that Renoir painted.

artforguernsey.com/renoir/

TRY OUT COASTEERING

If you like a high octane activity, then get coasteering. It's kind of like a coastal version of parkour and the best way to explore the more inaccessible nooks and crannies of the coastline by scrambling over rocks, swimming in gullies and caves and jumping into rock pools. Wetsuits, hard hats and buoyancy aids are provided and you can spend an exhilarating couple of hours where your busy mind is lost to total concentration on navigating your surroundings. Tours are provided by Outdoor Guernsey, which also offers kayak tours, archery and climbing.

outdoorguernsey.gg



EXPLORE WWII RELICS VISIT CASTLE CORNET

Good for Day Trippers: La Vallette Underground Museum is around 20 mins on foot or 13 mins by bus from St Peter Port

From concrete watchtowers, forts and bunkers to tunnels and underground hospitals, the German occupying forces heavily fortified Guernsey against possible invasion. Its military buildings remain some of the best-preserved sites of Hitler's Atlantic Wall. At the German Occupation Museum, you'll find crystal radio sets used by the locals to get news from England. Then there's La Vallette Underground Military Museum and the German Underground Hospital, housed in the tunnels built by forced labour from Europe. Try the Occupation Memories and Smugglers Tales hiking route, an easy three-mile walk taking in the occupation museum and other sites.

BOARD A RIB TO SPOT SEALS

Book a RIB adventure to explore the coast of neighbouring Herm or Sark. It's a must do trip for nature enthusiasts, with the possibility of seeing seals, puffins, dolphins and guillemots. Your guide will fill you in on Herm's rich history and answer any questions. The puffins are in residence until the end of July, so following that the seals become the focus of the experience along the Herm coast.

islandribvoyages.com

Good for Day Trippers: around 20 mins from St Peter Port on foot, or 13 mins by bus with a 9 min walk along the causeway

This ancient castle, connected to the mainland by a concrete causeway forming part of the harbour breakwater, has maintained guard over St Peter Port for over 800 years. You can join a guided tour of the castle's five museums and four historic gardens — and try not to jump as the scarlet-clad gunners fire the midday gun. Don't forget your camera – it really is the best place to snap the striking capital.

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WOW! WHAT A VIEW FROM VICTORIA TOWER

This striking monument was built to commemorate Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's visit to Guernsey in 1846 - the first from a reigning monarch. It is constructed largely from red granite mined from the quarry near Cobo Bay. Climb the 99 steps to the viewing platform to be mesmerised by the views over the north, east and west coasts of the Island. Collect the key to the tower from the Guernsey Museum in Candie Gardens and you'll get 30 minutes private viewing. Perhaps the perfect place to propose?

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SURF'S UP AT VAZON BAY

Small and friendly is Guernsey's surf scene, and most of the local surfers can be found chasing the swell at Vazon, a large sandy bay on the west of the Island dotted with surf spots and rental shops. Never tried but fancy giving it a go? Now's your chance! Book a lesson at Guernsey Surf School, where all the teachers are qualified beach lifeguards, as well as keen local surfers. There's also a mini surf camp for kids aged 8 - 15 years.

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Pictures top to bottom: La Vallette Underground Military Museum, Surfers on Vazon Beach, WWII Radio Tower in the distance.

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On the edge of the harbour, the Slaughterhouse has been reborn as a stunning bar and eatery, where great food and drink come together in a spectacular historical building.

The menu features lots of crowd pleasers, from light bites and lobster to burgers and steaks. It's certainly well worth a visit. This landmark building, beautifully positioned on the edge of St Peter Port harbour, scooped the 2017 Guernsey Design Awards for its innovative redesign and change of use. Experience the many different areas of the restaurant, such as the sun-drenched, sheltered courtyard, which is a great place to unwind with a drink from the bar. For stunning views southwards over Havelet Bay, a raised private terrace also serves food and drink. Inside, the bar boasts one of the largest ranges of wines, beers and spirits in Guernsey, and on the mezzanine level, each window offers a picture postcard view of St Peter Port and is the perfect place to enjoy lunch or dinner.

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TWO WHEELING

GUERNSEY



Cycling isn't just for Lycra-clad enthusiasts, with Guernsey offering dozens of accessible cycle tracks aimed at the casual rider, from meadow lanes and valley trails to sea-hugging bike paths, says Sarah Woods.



Exploring Guernsey on two wheels is a seductive proposition that allows for interaction with the island's iconic landscapes from a new perspective. Few things are more invigorating than the sensation of the seasons on your skin as you and your bike explore Guernsey's immersive scenery with a glorious sea-breeze in your hair. Sightseeing the island from the cycle saddle requires minimal pre-planning as there are a range of cycle hire shops that offer bikes to suit everyone's needs. Rent mountain bikes for adults and children, together with options for tag-a-longs, seats and trailers for babies and toddlers. Guernsey's cycle-friendly network of Quiet Lanes known as the Ruettes Tranquilles give priority to bikes, walkers and horses. Fancy cycling without the effort? Then opt for an electric-bike to enjoy the island's thigh-pumping hill climbs without breaking out into a sweat!

Clos du Valle

Easy 🚲 | 1 hour | 14km

This ride at the top of the Island boasts fine coastal views and leads down twisty narrow lanes to a part of Guernsey that was once a separate isle. Known as the Clos du Valle, it has an intriguing history with the reclamation of the water channel between the two islands, a defence against possible French invasion. As you pat your pedals and glide along the lanes you'll venture past fortifications, forts and loopholed towers with Pembroke, Le Marchant and Doyle worthy of a visit for commanding views alone. Pass Neolithic funerary chambers at La Varde Dolmen and Le Dehus Passage and pretty stone-built roadside miners' cottages on a ride with ever-changing views out over the sea with Alderney and Les Casquets lighthouse in the distance.

Coast and Country

Easy 🚲 | 1.5 hours | 11.5km

Covering a mix of quiet country lanes and busier coastal thoroughfares, this gentle ride over even terrain provides opportunities to deviate to absorb the scenic contrasts of rugged rocky headlands and golden sandy bays. See the historical fortifications at Rousse with its fine loopholed tower dating back to 1779 and anti-German coastal defence Grandes Rocques. On the inland stretch, the route weaves through pleasant rolling pastureland and past charming traditional old Guernsey farmhouses and showcases Guernsey's dramatic views across the Island's striking northern stretch.

Cliffs and Rural Splendour

Moderate 🚲🚲 | 1 hour | 11km

Flat flower-filled meadows characterise the first couple of miles of this route, as it ventures into the Island's highest part, skirting the edge of the airfield. Then, by way of pretty country lanes, it heads for the southern coast cliffs of Le Bigard with its quaint old cottages, tall green hedgerows and bounty of summertime wild flowers. Twisting skinny lanes lead on to beautiful Le Gouffre, where you can park the bike and stroll around the headland soaking up jaw-dropping views of the cliffs. The ride snakes onward to the charming village of Le Variouf where a steep descent is followed by hairpin bends, and another thrilling downhill run at Petit Bôt Valley. At the bay, discover a delightful sandy beach tucked between towering cliffs once favoured by smugglers.

Talbot Valley Loop

Moderate 🚲🚲 | 1.5 hours | 17km

Circling around the beautiful Talbot Valley and Fauxquets Valley this picturesque ride takes you up into the hills and passes through verdant countryside. After quiet country lanes, the route crosses Kings Mills Road to a brisk climb high above Fauxquets Valley where gasp-inducing vistas are your rewards!

Marvel at the patchwork of farms, woodlands and a glorious West Coast panorama before steadying yourself for a steep freewheeling descent. Next embark on an out-of-the-saddle slog up to the Talbot Valley where birdsong is the only distraction. Then it's on to the tree-lined valley where the German Underground Hospital is a tunnel in the rocks before a gentle downhill run takes you to St Matthew's Church where the graveyard contains the memorial of John le Tocq, Guernsey's 19th-century "high-wheeler" cyclist — a fitting finale and a suitable spot to raise your water bottle in a toast.

Jerbourg Peninsula

Hard 🚲🚲🚲 | 2 hours | 20km

This route starts at the tip of Jerbourg Peninsula and has truly spectacular sea views across all the Channel Islands and France on a clear day. You pass Doyle Column, which occupying German forces destroyed in 1944, but was re-erected in 1953. Delve into the country lanes of St Martin's to see the ruins of Sausmarez Mill before entering the stream-riddled Moulin Huet Valley. Next it's a run down to Saints Harbour then along the steep eastern edge of Petit Bôt Valley - the beauty of this stretch is incredible. Elevated pasture stretches to the narrow leafy lanes of St Martin's Parish Church and its neolithic Statue-menhir, which even today commands considerable local superstitious respect.

Around The Reservoir

Hard 🚲🚲🚲 | 1 hour | 11.5km

Climbing away steeply from Vazon Bay, this route is blessed by contrasting views across the panoramic vista of the West Coast beaches and the tree-lined St Saviour's reservoir. Running downhill from St Saviour's church, the route twists and turns until it reaches the dam wall. You'll pass through stunning inland scenic beauty before reaching L'Eree, and the Fort Saumarez headland. Beneath, spot the mysterious isle of Lihou which can be visited, dependent on tide times. The passage grave known as Le Creux es Faies, is nearby, which local folklore believes to be Fairyland.



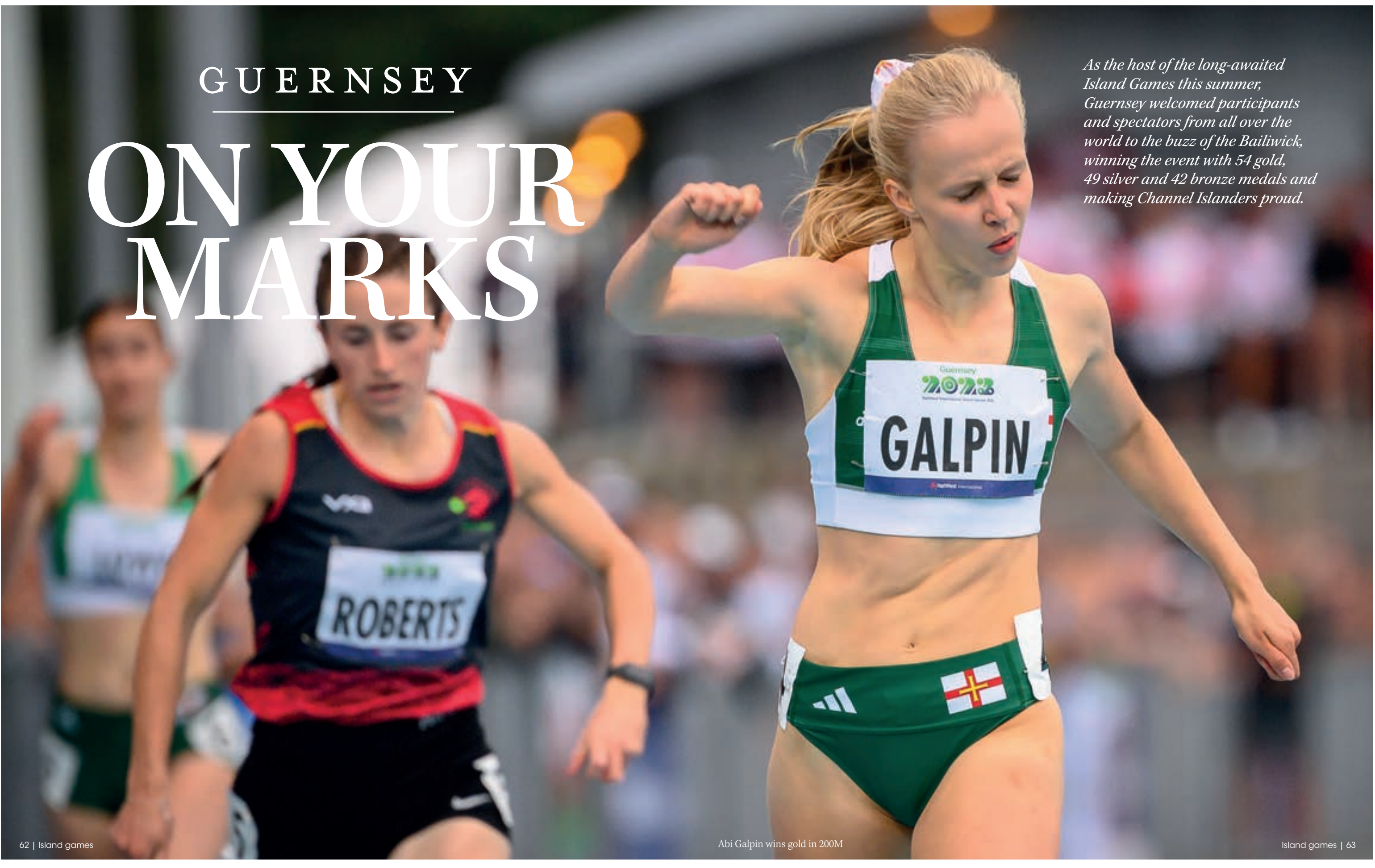
Cycling Guernsey

- Cycling is easy on Guernsey's cycle-friendly lanes the Ruettes Tranquilles
- Guernsey's 'Green Lanes' give priority to bikes, walkers and horses island-wide
- Hire a bicycle from Adventure, GO Guernsey Bike Hire and Outdoor Guernsey
- Or rent an e-bike if you enjoy cycling without the sweat!
- See: www.gov.gg/cycling for cycle maps and tips

GUERNSEY

ON YOUR MARKS

As the host of the long-awaited Island Games this summer, Guernsey welcomed participants and spectators from all over the world to the buzz of the Bailiwick, winning the event with 54 gold, 49 silver and 42 bronze medals and making Channel Islanders proud.





An opening ceremony set the scene for Guernsey 2023, enticing thousands of spectators onto St Peter Port seafront. It was a heart-pumping, music filled spectacle that filled the streets from mid-afternoon with Gibraltar leading the 24 teams taking part. The procession snaked from North Beach to the Albert Pier with each participating nation adding water from their own island to a fountain especially designed by the host island for the mixing of waters - a poignant symbolic gesture that is the Games' equivalent of the lighting of the Olympic flame.

Sport can be so much more important to communities than purely a way to improve physical health. It helps strengthen neighbourhood bonds, boost mental wellbeing and nurture inclusion and social connections. It also has the power to inspire change, which is why the Island Games 2023 in Guernsey chose 'Inspiring Islanders' as its motto. The Island Games are a reminder that sport isn't purely about elite participation, it is about social and recreational joy. The event enraptured Guernsey from Saturday 8th to Friday 14th July and offered 522 gold, 522 silver and 584 bronze medals up for grabs.

More than 2,100 athletes from 24 island nations descended on the Bailiwick of Guernsey with His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and his wife Mrs Cripwell some of the earliest to sign up as part of a team of 1200 volunteers at events island-wide. The Games are made up of 205 events across 14 different sports: an A to Z that runs from archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, bowls, cycling and football to golf, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, tennis, and triathlon. With all the events entirely free, the Island Games were accessible to everyone with no tickets required - so people could simply turn up to watch. The Island's bus service run free-of-charge throughout the week. Cycle park areas were extended to encourage spectators to arrive by two-wheels, not four. Around St Peter Port, 'park and stride' points were added for those keen to attend on foot.

Pictures top to bottom: Alastair Chalmers in the 400M hurdles; triathlon team relay; Guernsey vs Isle of Wight with Kieran Mahon.



Together with huge crowds of locals, which was a sizeable proportion of the whole Island cheering on every athlete taking part, the three Crown Dependencies - the Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey, and the Isle of Man - enjoyed an ancient friendly rivalry, chasing each other for medals. Enthusiastic islander spirit and positivity deluged the Island and extended a warm Guernsey welcome to islanders from all around the world; from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean and from the North Atlantic to the Caribbean, including the families, trainers and supporters of participants as well as the competitors themselves.

Innumerable highlights included many personal bests and new records. There were crashes (Manx triathlete, Matt Looker came off his bike two-thirds of the way around the cycling leg of the endurance event at Rocquaine Bay), smashes (119 goals scored in 34 football matches, for an average of 3.5 goals per match!) and, of course, fiercely fought clashes between local rivals, Jersey and Guernsey.

One of the standout events was undoubtedly the 4 x 400m men's relay - an exhilarating event that had every single spectator yelling and cheering. Alastair Chalmers, a Commonwealth Games bronze medalist, helped Guernsey win by running with his brother Cameron together with his good friends Peter Curtis and Josh Duke.

In the pool, Guernsey's dream team of Tatiana Tostevin, Laura Le Cras, Orla Rabey and Ailish Rabey set a new record of 4:14.30 in the 100 metre medley relay.

Pictures left to right: Hannah Brehaut in the Time Trial; Andy Bridgman, winner of IG gold in the ILCA 7 Fleet.



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Cheers were also deafening in support of Jersey's 4 x 50m relay team of Oliver Brehaut, Isaac Dodds, Robert Jones and George Storey who brought home a silver.

Other worthy mentions go to Sark's silver-medal-winning Olympic Trap Team, Nicholas Dewe and Stefan Roberts. And to Jersey's 4 x 100m track relay team of Aidan Lane, Jamie Oldham, Tyler Johnson and Steven Mackay who won gold after hosts Guernsey dropped the baton. Guernsey's Oriana Wheeler clinched a gold in the 400m individual medley race with shooter Andrew Torode winning the Island's first gold of the event at the Pistol Club's outdoor range.

In a fairytale ending, host Guernsey came out on top, topping the leader board with an incredible tally of 145 medals. Jersey secured a second-place finish, with 41 gold, 41 silver and 44 bronze medals under its belt. More importantly perhaps than the medal haul, is that Guernsey delivered an iconic games, fuelled with invigorating energy that the entire Channel Islands were truly proud of. In every sense, in every way, the Games were a roaring success. All eyes are now on Orkney as it prepares to host the next Games in July 2025!

Medal table

ISLAND	G	S	B	T
Guernsey	54	49	42	145
Jersey	41	41	44	126
Isle of Man	20	16	27	63
Faroe Islands	17	21	26	64
Isle of Wight	15	15	8	38
Gotland	11	5	8	24
Saaremaa	10	8	3	21
Menorca	7	8	4	19
Ynys Môn	6	7	5	18
Cayman Islands	5	4	9	18
Aland	4	4	6	14
Gibraltar	3	3	10	16
Bermuda	2	2	6	10
Greenland	2	1	3	6
Falkland Islands	1	2	1	4
Gozo	1	2	1	4
Western Isles	0	4	1	5
Shetland Islands	0	3	4	7
Hitra	0	1	5	6
Orkney	0	1	1	2
Sark	0	1	0	1
Alderney	0	0	0	0
Froya	0	0	0	0
St Helena	0	0	0	0

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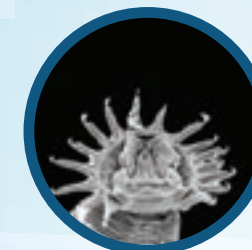
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Crayfish burrow into river banks causing severe bank erosion

Protect the environment and the fishing you enjoy by following these simple steps. It's even more important when you visit a new waterbody, whether at home or abroad:

CHECK

Check your equipment, clothing and footwear when you leave the water. Remove any mud or plant material and leave it at the site.

CLEAN

Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can. Use hot water if possible.

DRY

Dry everything thoroughly for as long as you can before using it elsewhere, ideally for 48 hours.

Find out more about invasive plants and animals and how you can help to stop the spread at:

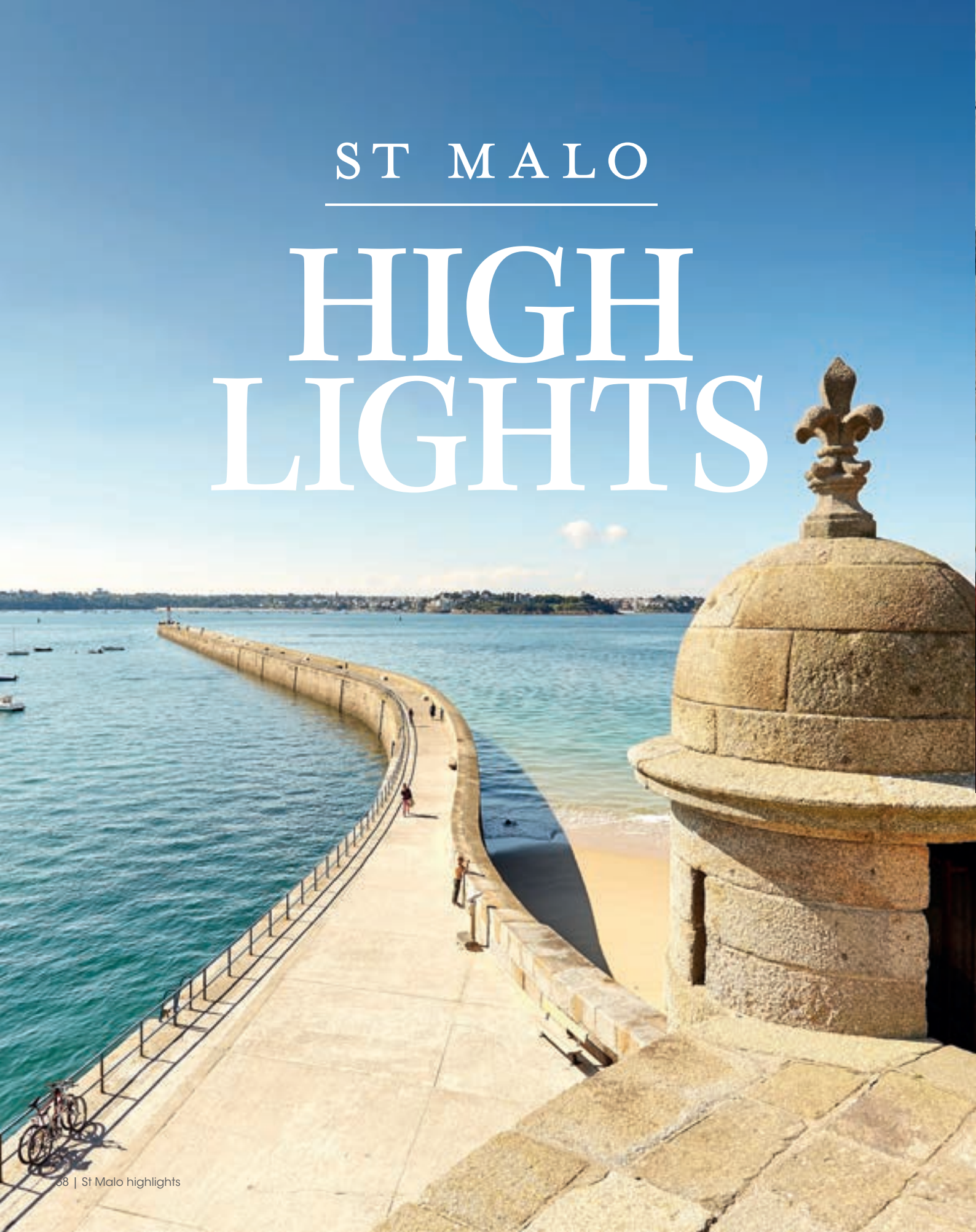
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ST MALO

HIGH LIGHTS



1. RAMPARTS

Known as the walled city, St Malo is surrounded by ramparts that allow visitors to walk around the entire old city and enjoy the spectacular views of the marina, seafront and much more!

2. LA CITÉ D'ALETH

While used as a German base during WWII, this mid-18th century fort now serves as a memorial for the moving history of St Malo and its liberation during WWII.

3. GRAND AQUARIUM

For a family favourite, St Malo's Grand Aquarium hosts a huge variety of underwater life with over 600 species of fish, giant turtles and even a shark tank!

4. THE CARVED ROCKS OF ROTHENEUF

Don't miss the breathtaking sculptures of monsters and dragons, carved into the granite cliff rocks at the sea edge, by a hermit, Father Adolphe Fouré, in the 1870s.

5. MUSÉE JACQUES CARTIER

This 16th-century manor house was the home of controversial explorer Jacques Cartier (1491–1557), and now is a museum to illustrate the explorer's life.

6. ILE DU GRAND BÉ

At low tide, cross the beach to walk out via Porte des Bés to Île du Grand Bé, the rocky islet where the great St-Malo-born, 18th-century writer Chateaubriand is buried.

ST MALO'S HIDDEN HISTORY

Architecturally rich and aesthetically stunning, St Malo's meticulous stone-by-stone reconstruction after the devastation of D-Day received a final finishing touch when the cathedral spire was added 50 years ago, earning it an important place in world history.



Indeed, rather than detract from St Malo's character, the incredible reconstruction makes it a unique, fascinating and architecturally important city - both aesthetically and historically. The results are spellbinding.

With its unique façades and towers that rise up from the port city's fortifications, the beauty and charm of 12th century St Malo, boasts a captivating silhouette. However despite stunning medieval architecture, St Malo was almost completely destroyed by shelling and naval gunfire in 1944, with 80 percent of the city lost. In the aftermath of post-war destruction, the first idea was to raze the town to the ground in order to build a new modern city like Le Havre and Brest. However despite the challenges, city authorities eventually opted for a sympathetic reconstruction involving the mammoth task of painstakingly sorting through 500,000 cubic metres of rubble. For this, the citizens and civic leaders of St. Malo deserve heartfelt recognition for making a human decision, not one purely of economics.

Handsome St Malo today with its narrow streets and courtyards, owes much

to the astonishing reconstruction that has meticulously restored the city to its former glory. The work took 12-years, spanning from 1948 to 1960, and involved the city being rebuilt brick-by-brick and spire-by-spire. Skilled craftsmen using age-worn skills carefully recreated St Malo's architecture using reclaimed materials and original features salvaged from the debris. This ensured the preservation of the city's authentic medieval character that included the rebuilding of almost 700 of St Malo's 865 dwellings. With the main body of work completed by 1960, the walled city once again reclaimed its place as one of the most beautiful in France's Brittany region. Backdropped by the striking Bretagne coast, visitors could once again stroll along the parapet to soak up truly breath-taking views.

Yet, it took a further 12 years to put the final finishing touches to St Malo - the erection of the spire atop Saint-Vincent cathedral. It signified the end of a beautifully executed

quarter-century of reconstruction on the 15-metre high rocky outcrop where flags topped sturdy stone ramparts. Today, 50 years after the spire was carefully lowered in position, the city is as close to the original as it is possible to be, with just a few necessary modifications. St Malo's rugged castle was replicated and transformed into a grand City Hall while hospital and prison buildings were relocated outside the city walls. Stylish mansions were rebuilt with identical granite facades and, a half-century later, there still remains no obvious signs of modern construction. Rummaging through the rubble retrieved untold monuments and stones that were carefully dismantled for use in the rebuild. The attention to detail has been astonishing in the recreation of this character-packed settlement from the winding cobblestone streets and fortress to the coastal town layout. Even historians exploring on foot have difficulty believing that St Malo isn't the original city.

Jutting out from the coastline, St Malo was founded in the 1st century BC, a short distance south of its current location. The first settlement, in what is now St-Servan, was built by Celtic tribesmen at the entrance to the Rance River. After the fall of the Roman Empire, a new settlement was created by monks fleeing the British Isles. After 1144, the town became home to the French Corsairs, the King of France's pirates who grew their wealth by pillaging ships in the English Channel. Prosperity brought wealth and growth and the settlement expanded with the walled coastline playing a key role for centuries to come in defining Saint-Malo's place in the world.

Good to know

- An ancient French settlement with origins back to 1st century BC, St Malo is a port city located on the Brittany coast
- It was shelled and bombed into ruins by the Allies during the battles that followed D-Day
- Over 80 per cent of the buildings were totally destroyed
- Recreating St Malo involved salvaging the authentic stones, facades, features and monuments of the city amongst 500,000 cubic metres of rubble
- St Malo's restoration took 12 years although finishing touches weren't added until 12 years after that
- Today the beautifully reconstructed ancient walled city is the most visited place in Brittany
- The port of St Malo is famous for seafaring adventurers, extortion and pillaging pirate tales
- Cobbled streets are rich in character inside the walls of the atmospheric old city La Ville Intra-Muros
- Don't miss the Quic-en-Groigne tower, the Pélicot house built like a ship's stern, the shipowners' houses and Hôtel d'Asfeld
- The locals of St Malo are known colloquially as 'Malouins'
- Take time to pause between Saint-Louis and Saint-Philippe bastions to absorb views onto the estuary and Dinard

NORMANDY

MONT SAINT MICHEL



The Bay of Mont-Saint-Michel offers a wealth of outdoor and cultural attractions. Gillian Thornton explored coast and countryside.



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Now everybody stand close together, then run on the spot!
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It was, without a doubt, the strangest instruction I've ever been given on a guided walk.

Look out across the broad shallow bay of Mont-Saint-Michel and at low tide, the landscape looks a benign mix of shallow pools and golden sand. But once the tide turns, the water rushes in and can cut walkers off in moments. Just one reason why no-one should set out on foot without an expert guide.

But there's another hazard in this glorious coastal landscape. As we pounded our legs up and down, the saturated sandbar beneath our feet turned to a shiny trampoline of deadly quicksand. Stand still and you'd be stuck fast, but follow our guide's demonstration and you should live to tell the story over dinner. The secret? Instead of trying to pull straight out, you just spiral one leg upwards onto firmer ground and then the other.



This was my second bay walk with Chemins de la Baie, whose expert guides run low-tide walks around the year - an unforgettable way to discover both the human and natural history of the bay. The first time, I'd enjoy blue skies and sunshine above the iconic silhouette of Mont-Saint-Michel; this time, it was grey and raining. But as I soon discovered, there's a unique atmosphere whatever the weather.

This island community topped by an abbey church is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site, one of France's most popular visitor attractions with its narrow winding street, cavernous church, and panoramic high level views. Officially the Mount stands in Norman waters, but the triangular bay around it is shared between Brittany and Normandy, and there are numerous ways to enjoy it.

Love your seafood?

Head to Cancale in Brittany at the western limit of the bay to try the area's famous oysters and explore coastal and inland footpaths. Some maritime history? Then make for Granville in Normandy at the northern apex.

Granville's Upper Town stands on a strategic rocky promontory originally fortified by the English. Take in the views, explore the winding streets and then head downhill to the gleaming marina. Here I set sail for a half-day cruise on board La Granvillaise, a traditional sailing boat or bisquine once used for fishing the bay. On a blue-sky afternoon with a gentle breeze, there seemed no better way to enjoy distant views of the UNESCO-listed island.



Picture: Villa Les Rhumbs, Christian Dior's childhood home

You also catch a glimpse of Villa Les Rhumbs, childhood home of couture legend Christian Dior whose pink-washed cliff-top house is now a museum hosting an annual exhibition. This year's theme - 'Le Génie d'un Créateur' - celebrates the creativity of Dior who was largely influenced by his Granville childhood (29 April to 5 November).

Following the coast south, I enjoyed a circular walk along the granite cliffs above Carolles for an unusual perspective on Mont-Saint-Michel and the uninhabited island of Tomberlaine. A third island also once rose from the waters of the bay but for the last 4,000 years Mont-Dol has been surrounded by Breton countryside, the sea having receded across the centuries.

Visit the Maison de la Baie in Vains near Avranches (April to September) for an interactive look at the local landscape, wildlife, and tides, including the mascaret or tidal bore. And, if you have a sweet tooth, drop in at nearby Cara-meuh! - a fourth-generation family farm that has diversified into all things caramel from sweets, sauces and biscuits, to home-produced cheese, honey and meat.

Final stop on my tour was Avranches, tucked into the far eastern corner of the bay where the river Sée meets the sea. This charming town is home to the Scriptorial, a fascinating insight into the illuminated manuscripts made by medieval monks at the abbey of Saint-Michel. Ask for the children's booklet if you have family in tow.

And don't miss the green space of Place Becket. King Henry II of England knelt here in 1172 before papal delegates from Rome in return for absolution for his part in the murder of Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury. The cathedral is long gone - destroyed during the French Revolution - but time stands still as you look towards the hazy outline of Mont-Saint-Michel, an inspirational view across the centuries, whatever your beliefs.

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www.ot-montsaintmichel.com
www.normandie-tourisme.fr
www.cheminsdelabaie.com
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CHERBOURG HIGHLIGHTS



1.
**LE MONT ST MICHEL,
LA MANCHE**

A remarkable example of mediaeval religious and military architecture which was one of Christianity's most important pilgrimage sites from the 8th to the 18th century. Also famous for its 'sons et lumières' shows.

2.
**CITÉ DE LA MER,
CHERBOURG**

A family attraction on man's adventures under the sea. Themed on the famous Titanic, it is an exhibition like nowhere else in France. You can see the largest submarine open to the public in the world, along with a huge aquarium featuring 17 tanks.

3.
**MAISON DU BISCUIT,
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BEAUMONT**

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4.
**MUSÉE CHRISTIAN
DIOR, GRANVILLE**

The villa "Les Rhumbs", Christian Dior's childhood home, is perched on a cliff ridge overlooking the sea. The garden, built by Madeleine Dior, the couturier's mother, is today one of the few "artists' gardens" of the early 20th century still preserved.

5.
**AIRBORNE MUSEUM,
SAINTE-MERE-EGLISE**

Situated in the square of this small town, a few miles from the D-Day landing beaches, facing the church where parachutist John Steele famously was caught, relates the heroic adventure of paratroopers of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Division.

6.
**JARDIN BOTANIQUE
DE LA ROCHE-
FAUCONNIÈRE**

This botanical garden grows over 3,000 species of rare and unique plants from the Southern Hemisphere. It once belonged to a great 20th century botanist, Dr Charles Favier.

CHERBOURG

Escape to the Château

DES RAVALET



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Cherbourg has plenty to offer Condor Ferries passengers at the start or end of their French holiday, but don't miss out on a delightful outdoor attraction that's barely 15 minutes' from the port. Family-friendly and free to visit, Château des Ravalet stands in a tranquil park on a shady hilltop lane in neighbouring Tourlaville

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here's been a castle on the site since the Middle Ages, but the present property was built between 1562 and 1575 by Jean II de Ravelet in classic Renaissance style. However the imposing façade with its turrets and tall chimneys gives no clues to the estate's chequered fortunes.

In 1603, brother and sister Julien and Marguerite, children of Jean III de Ravelet, were executed for having an incestuous relationship. Strapped for cash, the family eventually sold the castle to Charles de Franquetot who redesigned the interior. But in 1661, the unfortunate Charles was assassinated by his valet, and from then on, the estate passed from one owner to another.

By the time it came into the Toqueville family in the late 18th century, Ravelet was being run as a farm, but in the 1860s, René de Tocqueville renovated the chateau and laid out the park with lawns and flowerbeds, artificial lakes, grottos and glasshouses. He even devised an innovative electrical system, powered by a turbine in a water mill, to floodlight the castle and greenhouses.

Wander today through the geometric French garden and informal English park, and it seems as though little has changed, but delve deeper. Life here has been far from smooth since René's inspired makeover. He too was forced to sell the estate in 1910, and just four years later, Ravalet was requisitioned as a World War I hospital, the park as accommodation for soldiers. Left in poor repair after the

conflict, the estate was bought by the town in 1935, only to see its once grand rooms occupied by French, German, and American military during World War II.

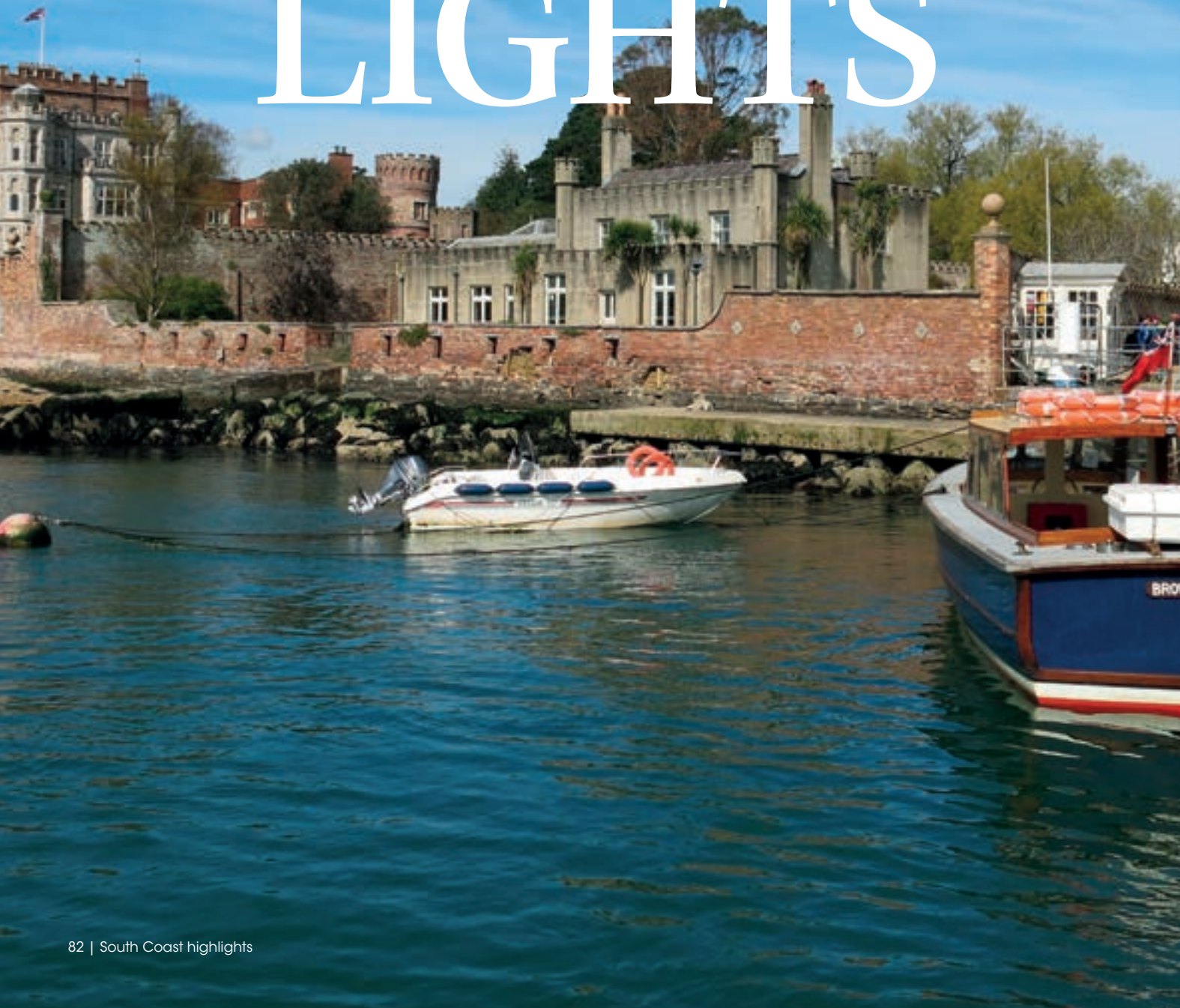
Happily however, Château des Ravalet is now very definitely on the up. Restoration began in earnest in the 1960s. The exterior regained its Renaissance splendour and in 1996, Château des Ravalet was classified Monument Historique. Functions took place in the grounds and although an infestation of dry rot kept the interior out of the public eye until 2014, five main rooms are now open each summer for exhibitions.

Ravalet's 20-hectare park has also been awarded both Jardin Remarquable and Eco Jardin status. And whilst two World Wars and the great storms of 1987 and 1999 have inevitably impacted on René de Toqueville's garden design, his ornamental lakes and fountains have been lovingly restored. Open to the public free of charge throughout the year, the tranquil gardens with their flowerbeds, glass houses and exotic trees once more reflect Ravalet's 19th century grandeur, with the contemporary additions of picnic areas and a children's playground.

As I walk between the box hedges and rose bushes to a soundtrack of summer bird song, I can only marvel at René's vision for his beloved home. Somehow I think he would be thrilled to see 21st century visitors enjoying his precious plot.

Domaine des Ravalet, Rue du Château, 50110 Cherbourg-en-Cotentin.

SOUTH COAST HIGHLIGHTS



1. STEAM TRAIN IN SWANAGE

Enjoy a unique journey through beautiful scenery passing the magnificent ruins of Corfe Castle, travelling down to the blue flag beach at Swanage.

2. BROWNSA ISLAND

The largest island in Poole harbour, with regular ferry crossings from Sandbanks, is a haven for wildlife and is home to abundant peacocks and the endangered red squirrel.

3. HENGISTBURY HEAD

Situated on the south of Christchurch Harbour, Hengistbury Head is ideal for walkers, with views over the Isle of Wight and the Isle of Purbeck.

4. MONKEY WORLD APE RESCUE CENTRE

Meet a selection of rescued primates from around the world here in Dorset. If the centre sounds familiar, you may have seen it on the TV show, Monkey Life.

5. RINGWOOD BREWERY

Take a brewery tour. Taste the malted barley, sniff the hops and see the fermentations bubbling away and enjoy a complimentary drink in their Pin Room.

6. MOORS VALLEY COUNTRY PARK & FOREST

Great for families with miles of fantastic walking and cycling trails, adventure play equipment, tree top walkway, 'Go Ape!' high ropes, visitor centre and restaurant.

SOUTH COAST

LOCK, STOCK

AND TWO
BEER BARRELS

The unique and characterful beers and ales produced at Gritchie Brewing Company are made from film director, Guy Ritchie's own homegrown barley and the local water that runs under his home.

Guy Ritchie is best known as film director, producer and screenwriter on productions that include Sherlock Holmes and British black comedy gangster film, Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels. Down time is spent with his wife and their three children in the idyllic Wiltshire countryside.

Nestled in Cranborne Chase, a nationally designated AONB, near Salisbury, is Ashcombe House, a Georgian manor house Ritchie bought in 2001. It is also home to an onsite brewery, where Ritchie produces his own homespun beer. Gritchie Brewing Company offers a selection of Pale Ales, Lager, IPA and Stout, stocked in several locations across the Southwest.

The brewery produces six core principal beers: English Lore, Angel's Lore, Moon Lore, Session Lore, Sun Lore and Winter Lore. Their fermenters are named after the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel, each lend a characteristic to their brews.





Private function room at the brewery.

We catch up with Guy Ritchie and award-winning brewer, Kane Upton, who oversees the operational side of the Brewery, to find out more.

What is the story behind using archangels for the fermenters and brand design?

The brewery's range of beers are named Lore, after loric traditions of England, word-of-mouth customs passed on through the generations. Most British pub names are inspired by Lore. 'The Greene Man' has its roots in the Lore of England while the 'The Hope and Anchor' or 'Cross Keys' for example, have more Biblical loric roots. We have four fermenters named after the four Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel, allowing us to combine the history of both traditions, English and Biblical, in our beer.

ARCHANGEL RAPHAEL

Raphael is symbolic of having a healing nature. This beer epitomises reassurance, warmth and companionship.

ARCHANGEL URIEL

Uriel brings light. This beer is pale in colour and represents poetic simplicity.

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL

Gabriel offers up strength and judgement – a rewarding beer for outdoor adventurers.

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Michael symbolises mercy and loving kindness. This beer is effervescent and gentle.

Their beers are truly homegrown, with Maris Otter malt barley being harvested from their fields and the local water sourced from beneath the ground of their land.

Specially selected hops are blended with classic varieties and new breeds to help shape each beer's unique flavour.



gritchiebrew.com



Award-winning brewer, Kane Upton.

Guy, what is it about Wiltshire and living in the south of England that you love?

The English countryside has yet to be rivalled by any other countryside I am familiar with. I'm not specifically predisposed to any region of the British countryside, but I happen to have found myself nestled in the bucolic combes of Wiltshire.

With plenty of craft beers on the market what inspired you to make your own? How did Gritchie come alive?

I have always been obsessed by the flavour, history and evolution of the unique character of English cask ale, so it seemed fitting that I should set up a brewery. I'm interested in trying to add a subtle and contemporary change to the traditional drink of Britain. Using ingredients I could see growing from the front door of the Brewery, curiosity and creativity have led to a range of lager and craft ales all of which stem from this fascination.

What is so important about growing your own barley and using your own aquifer in the production process of the beer?

We have a very unique water profile which assists with the consistency, that's the key to producing a successful product. By using the barley and the water source we have the connection to the land and its produce which is also very important to me.



There is a bar scene in the 2019 film 'The Gentleman' that cameos the beer brand – does this happen in all your movies?

Only when appropriate! If the story requires that the character is having a beer, they may as well have the best.

Guy's personal favourite ale, which was in fact the one used in 'The Gentleman', is English Lore, a traditional English Pale Ale brewed using ingredients from the Ashcombe Estate. The Brewery is always working to develop their range and have some exciting new craft beers in the making that are hoped to be released in September. Four new beers are to be added to the Brewer's Lore range, which will sit alongside their traditional beer range to cater for the ever-developing craft beer industry.

So where is the best place to find your craft beer?

Our core and craft range are available through our website, at the Compton Abbas Airfield which is set to be the Gritchie Brewing Co. tap room and also a wide range of free houses and bottle shops throughout Dorset, Hampshire and Wiltshire.

Why Guy Ritchie bought Compton Abbas Airfield

One of North Dorset's must see venues, Compton Abbas Airfield, was bought by Guy Ritchie in February 2023. It sits atop a hill in the Cranborne Chase area of natural beauty with stunning views over Shaftesbury and beyond. Here you can feast your eyes on beautiful historic aircraft and observe the comings and goings of the light aircraft community, while enjoying a meal and pint of Gritchie's beer.

Guy's interest in the airfield, apart from living next door, is his ideal in keeping alive social spaces, where like the pub, egalitarian friendliness thrives. In a recent interview, he spoke about how he feels there has been a contraction of social spaces over the last 20 years, where people can congregate and encourage a local identity. Set against a backdrop of aviation and loving the heritage of a bygone era, he is invested in keeping the social aspect of this venue flourishing as well bringing to the fore a celebration of aviation. The building has had a make-over and the food offering elevated; future plans for the airfield may centre around giving visitors an enhanced experience of aviation through the addition of a museum.

SOUTH COAST

Walk like an Alpaca

Sarah Woods picks the best countryside walks in Dorset to do with cute Peruvian alpacas: curious and friendly companions who enjoy the region's peaceful, stunning views - and lush, green grass.

If you've never thought of an alpaca as a walking companion, think again - especially if you're in Dorset. Alpaca trekking isn't new. South Americans have been working with domesticated alpacas for over six centuries.

However, we now know that they will thrive almost anywhere where there is lush, green pasture - which is why south-west England's verdant landscape has welcomed alpaca to its terrain. Alpacas are character-packed, inquisitive animals with perky ears who are nosy and interactive. They also love to go on long quiet walks along trails, across fields and through woodlands.





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Dorset’s organised alpaca walks all run on a pre-booked basis and once you’ve cuddled, fed and petted, there’s a brief health and safety chat followed by the fitting of head collars and leads. Group sizes vary, with walks involving between two and ten alpacas. These woolly wonders are trained to walk in a line and to not nibble on too much grass along the way!

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Beautiful Dorset is perfectly equipped for alpaca walks with its abundant peaceful countryside cloaked in emerald green moss and fragrant wild-clover carpets. Rustling hedgerows and chirping birds provide an audio backdrop to the gentle thud of the two-toed alpaca hooves on the trail. During walks, participants learn that alpacas are members of the camel family, used in the Andes Mountains for 6,000 years for food. Prized the world over for their fleecy coats, alpacas come in more than 20 colours, from white and beige to brown, black and grey. They are shorn to make warm, soft, lightweight textiles, such as Peru’s famous poncho. However their native lands extend through the Andes, from Bolivia and Colombia down to Peru, Ecuador,



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and Argentina. With large bodies and legs, long necks, small ears and fluffy tails, these adorable ungulates have blunter faces and shorter ears than their cousins, the llama.

Most treks include a short break half-way along the trail, often with a cookie and a flask of hot chocolate for the humans and small chunks of apple, broccoli stalk, carrot and turnip for the alpacas. This is the perfect chance to snap photos and scrutinise the temperament of these docile animals. They have padded feet, so soft that they barely displace the grass they walk on. They also emit a gentle high-pitched hum and a deep mellow tone of contentment.

Treks at **Alpaca Adventure** in Hugglers Hole, Shaftesbury last around 30-40 minutes with plenty of time to feed and pet the herd. Groups of up to ten people can enjoy the alpaca walking, with booking essential - you can even adopt an alpaca for £35 per year! Tel: 01747 853180 or visit: www.alpacadventure.co.uk

Walks at **Dorset Alpaca Walking** at Court Barn in Frampton, Park in Dorchester run March to October (Sat and Wed bookings only) and begin with participants rounding up the herd. There’s plenty of time to get to know them and discover their individual character during the two hour experience - and there is also the option to enjoy cakes, scones and drinks after your walk in a beautiful countryside setting. Court Barn is located on a private lane set in parkland laid out by ‘Capability Brown’ in an area designated as being of ‘Outstanding Natural Beauty’. You can also stay overnight in a shepherd’s hut Tel: 07784 379302 or visit: www.dorsetalpacawalking.co.uk

You can visit **Happyard** at Bridevalley Farm, Greenford Land in Kingston Russell by appointment on Mondays, Wednesdays and over the weekend. You can meet alpacas, pet, feed and treat them as part of a 90 minute session that includes an introduction to alpacas and their babies. You will also get the chance to interact with them, learning how to walk them before a walk around the farmyard. A whole range of fun experiences also includes ‘Be a farmer for a day’. Tel: 07554 675543 or visit www.happyard.co.uk

Meanwhile **Portland Alpacas at Fancys Farm** in Glacis offers stunning views of the Jurassic Coast, has six woolly companions to walk with and serves cream teas overlooking Chesil Beach. Tel: 07966 671877. **Shilvington Alpaca Walks** in Portesham, offer fascinating alpaca treks for anyone 12 years old+ www.shilvington.co.uk/alpaca-walks

As the closest place to Bournemouth that offers alpaca walks, **Hope Farm Alpaca Rescue** Mill St, Corfe Mullen in Wimborne is popular year-round. An immersive experience allows plenty of interaction on a bird-filled woodland path. Weekends only. Tel: 01202 287126 or visit: www.hope-farm-alpaca-rescue.business.site

The alpaca walk at **Longthorns Farm** in Longthorns, Wareham is a chance to trek with a group of friendly male alpacas on an hour and 45 minutes experience through scenic woodlands with a knowledgeable guide. Each walker receives a goody bag! Tel: 01929 401539 or visit: www.longthornsfarm.co.uk



Did you know?

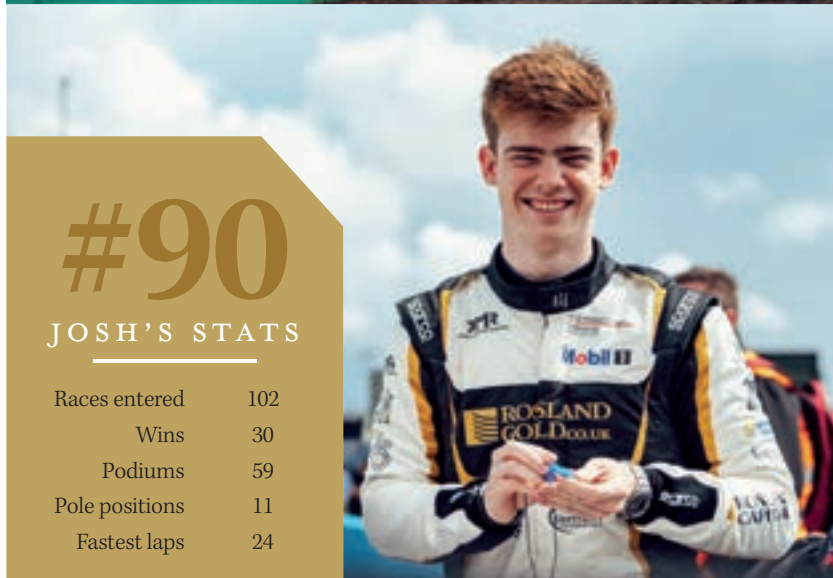
- Alpacas don’t have any top front teeth
- Annoyed alpacas will spit at a member of the herd it’s upset with
- Gestation lasts an average of 342 days (11-12 months)
- Mating males make a noise called “orgling,” which sounds like a car that won’t start
- Alpacas and llamas are different in size (alpacas are considerably much smaller)
- Alpacas give birth to just one offspring (a baby can weigh up to 9kg)
- Alpacas are known for a humming noise that varies in tone
- The natural lifespan of an alpaca is 15 to 20 years
- Alpacas are part of a branch of the camel family (Camelids)
- The scientific name for Alpaca is *Vicugna pacos*
- Alpacas can vary in length from 119cm to 265cm
- Adults weigh between 45kg to 80kg



SOUTH COAST

Driving for success

It's always good to recognise local talent, so that's why the team at Condor Ferries couldn't help but give a big shout out to an incredible young man, who despite health challenges has made an extraordinary ascent into the world of motor racing.



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JOSH'S STATS

Races entered	102
Wins	30
Podiums	59
Pole positions	11
Fastest laps	24

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I've never taken anything for granted, I've overcome big hurdles with Type 1 Diabetes. To even be behind the wheel of a race car is a massive achievement, let alone a Porsche 992 Cup Car with 500 horsepower. The doctors told me I would never race when I first got diagnosed, but to persevere in spite of this just shows that you should never give up!

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Hard work, dedication and perseverance - Josh Malin epitomises all three qualities with his performances on the race track week after week. A young racer with an infectious smile and humble personality, Josh has never taken his journey in motorsport for granted, with his latest triumphs the result of years of effort that have secured him a consistent rise up the UK motorsport ladder. Testament to his talent, he has just been named as one of the British Racing Driver's Club (BRDC) Rising Stars and is also a brand ambassador for performance motorsports racewear, Walero!

"I did sim racing as a kid and pretty much all my life, it was actually my neighbour, Jon Halliwell who ran the Mazda MaX5 championship, that first got me thinking about the step into the real world of racing in 2015, when he came over for dinner and saw my sim rig. He asked if he could have a go and it just spiralled from there!"



WEBSITE: WWW.JOSHMALINRACING.COM
 FACEBOOK: JOSH MALIN RACING
 INSTAGRAM: JOSH.MALIN

"I beat him by 4 or 5 seconds and he was in awe, especially as I was self-taught! We struck up a deal to see what I could do behind the wheel of an actual Mazda MX5."

For those of you who aren't familiar, simulated racing, commonly known as simply sim racing, is a racing game software that attempts to accurately simulate auto racing and uses real-world variables such as fuel usage, damage, tyre wear and grip, and suspension settings.

In 2017, Josh took the step up to compete full time in the MaX5 championship and go on to securing a win in the MK1 class competition.

"It was fantastic to win the championship in our second year of competition. I remember feeling like Lewis Hamilton when I came round that final corner on the last lap. I felt proud that I could come into this as a rookie and be up to speed immediately, challenging for wins."

In 2018, Josh entered the next level of MaX5 racing, again proving his worth with multiple wins and podium finishes and another championship victory. Josh and his family were now thinking about the next logical step and how to achieve it. After looking at Caterhams and Radicals they settled on the Ginetta GT5 championship with Richardson Racing, where in his first season he secured multiple podium finishes and his first win at Donington Park in 2019! He finished 5th in the standings at the end of the season, a fantastic achievement for a rookie with no prior experience. Josh went on to clinch the championship in the Pro Class in 2020, despite the challenges the global pandemic threw into the mix.

After tasting success in Ginettas, Josh set his sights on competing in the iconic Porsche Carrera Cup GB with the help of the Richardson Racing Team.

"The team had told me that they had a spare 911 chassis sitting around and they offered us a brilliant deal to get onto the grid for the 2021 season. I owe them a lot of gratitude for their help with ensuring we would be competitive from the get go."

"However, it was a true baptism of fire! The step up was massive, going from a car with 160 horsepower to one with just over 500 was terrifying, but my god was it exciting."

The 2021 season proved positive for Josh as he battled it out for top honours in the rookie category with fellow racer, Kiern Jewiss, finishing second in the standings. However, there followed a crossroads for Josh as he didn't quite have the funding for another season in the Carrera Cup GB, so he had to press pause. Meanwhile, a friend and fellow racer at Richardson, Jack Bartholomew, had to pull out of racing due to an accident and Josh was drafted in to fill his place for three rounds of the season.

Seizing the opportunity with both hands, he collected a podium finish at both Knockhill and Snetterton and the newly named 'Super Sub' was back in the race.

"It felt great to get the opportunity to get behind the wheel again and secure two podium finishes in Jack's absence, the belief from the team to ask me to stand in meant everything but I think I did them proud with some good results that showcased what I can do behind the wheel of a Porsche, even after months on the sidelines!"

Furthermore, Josh's success behind the wheel would help to secure the Teams Championship for Comline Richardson Racing, a fantastic achievement for the team and a real sense of personal pride for Josh.



This year Josh returned to the Porsche Carrera Cup GB full time with Rosland Gold Racing by Century Motorsport, after replacing Gus Burton for the remainder of the season. Wasting no time in picking up on his successes of 2022, he secured three podium finishes after joining the series at Thruxton for round three and beyond.

What a success story, but it is also a tale of someone not allowing a disability get in the way of his dreams. Josh has battled hard to overcome the added obstacle of being diagnosed a Type 1 Diabetic when he was 4 years old. His dream, even at that early age, was to be a racing driver, having watched Formula 1 on TV with his parents, but medics told him that would never be achievable.

There are other obstacles too in the world of Motor Sport racing especially the daunting amounts of money you need to find to make it a reality. Josh wants to use his platform and his story to show that you should never give up and anything is possible when you try hard enough to achieve it.

Currently, Josh receives sponsorship from leading precious metal specialist, Rosland Gold and The Car Guys TV, an automotive YouTube and social media video channel for petrolheads.

"It's incredibly challenging finding the money needed to race, and since Covid finding sponsors has been especially hard. Unfortunately, at the level I compete, I need to raise money in order to be able to race. We're always on the look out for sponsors especially with the 2024 season in sight ... so if anyone reading this is interested, then please get in touch!"

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While onboard you may automatically be connected to a maritime satellite mobile network.

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We recommend you disable data roaming and "Wi-fi assist" to avoid premium rates being charged by your network provider.

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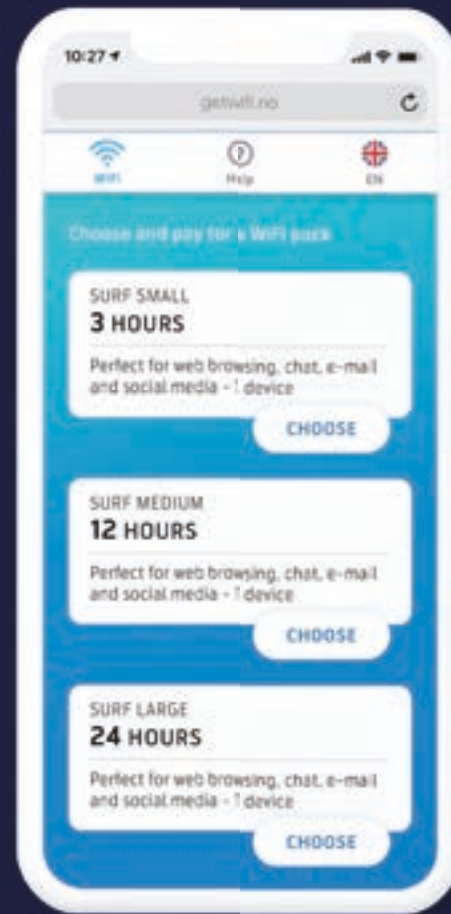
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Ouvrez les paramètres wi-fi et sélectionnez le réseau « SSID »

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Select a wi-fi package with the number of hours you want access, and pay by card. You are now online! You can also buy wi-fi at the reception desk on board.

Sélectionnez un forfait wi-fi avec le nombre d'heures d'accès que vous désirez, et payez ensuite par carte bancaire. Vous êtes en ligne ! Vous pouvez également acheter le forfait wi-fi à la réception à bord du bateau.



WiFi service coming soon on Condor Islander and Commodore Clipper.

Your personal DUTY FREE ALLOWANCE

For UK bound travellers, Brexit heralds big increases to your personal duty free allowance for wines, beers and spirits. The table below is our best guide, but we advise that passengers check with local customs for the most up to date information.



	UK	Jersey	Guernsey	France
Spirits / Liqueurs	4 Litres Over 22% ABV		1 Litre Over 22% ABV	
	OR		OR	
Fortified Wine	9 Litres Under 22% ABV (e.g. Champagne, Port, Sherry)		2 Litres Under 22% ABV (e.g. Champagne, Port, Sherry)	
	PLUS		PLUS	
Still Wine	18 Litres (e.g. 24 x 75cl bottles)		4 Litres (e.g. 6 x 75cl bottles)	
	PLUS	PLUS	PLUS	PLUS
Beer or Cider	42 Litres (e.g. 5 cases 24 x 330ml)	16 Litres (e.g. 2 cases 24 x 330ml)	50 Litres (e.g. 6 cases 24 x 330ml)	16 Litres (e.g. 2 cases 24 x 330ml)
	PLUS		PLUS	
Cigarettes	200 OR 100 Cigarillos or 50 Cigars OR 250g Tobacco OR 200 Tobacco sticks		200 OR 100 Cigarillos or 50 Cigars OR 250g Tobacco	
	PLUS		PLUS	
Other Goods	£390 (e.g. fragrances, cosmetics, gifts, gadgets and souvenirs)			430€ (e.g. fragrances, cosmetics, gifts, gadgets and souvenirs. If under 15 years 150€)

You cannot combine allowances with other people to bring in more than your individual allowance. You must be 17 years or over to qualify for allowances on alcohol and tobacco in Channel Islands, 17 years or over for alcohol and 18 years or over for tobacco in France.

Safety procedure/ Procédures de sécurité

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

you will hear the general emergency signal which consists of seven short blasts followed by one long blast on the ship's whistle and alarm bell.

ACTION :

On hearing this signal all passengers must proceed to the Muster Station, located outside on Deck 7, at the rear of the ship. If you are in your cabin, you must leave immediately closing your cabin door and proceed to an exit following the green arrows towards the Muster Station on Deck 7. Remain calm and follow the crew's instructions at all times.

The Muster Station is identified by a green and white sign with an arrow in each corner pointing towards a group of passengers.



LIFEJACKETS :

Lifejackets will be issued by a crew member at the Muster Station. Use only when instructed by the crew. Lifejackets will be issued for all infants and children weighing less than 32kg/5st.

EVACUATION :

Each part of the vessel has a designated evacuation route as shown on the vessel plans. In the unlikely event of an emergency, life boats and life rafts will be deployed.

Our fully trained crew will direct you to your nearest life raft evacuation point or lifeboat embarkation point.

REMEMBER :

Take off high heeled shoes and remove sharp objects. All baggage must be left onboard. In case of smoke follow the low location lighting which can be found in the alleyway at deck level.

If you discover a fire or any other emergency situation notify a crew member or activate a manual call point.



PLEASE, BEFORE SAILING :

take the time to familiarise yourself with the safety plan and evacuation route.

EN CAS D'URGENCE

Vous entendrez le signal d'alarme. Cette alarme comprend sept coups courts suivis d'un coup long sur la sirène du navire.

ACTION :

A ce signal, tous les passagers doivent se diriger vers le poste de rassemblement, situé à l'extérieur du pont 7, à l'arrière du navire. Si vous êtes dans votre cabine, vous devez la quitter immédiatement en refermant la porte derrière vous et vous diriger ensuite vers la sortie en suivant les flèches vertes menant au poste de rassemblement sur le pont 7. Veuillez garder votre calme et suivez toujours les instructions de l'équipage.

Le poste de rassemblement est indiqué par un panneau vert et blanc, une flèche dans chaque coin pointant à un groupe de passagers.



GILETS DE SAUVETAGE :

Les gilets de sauvetage seront distribués par un membre d'équipage au poste de rassemblement. Ne les utilisez qu'avec l'autorisation de l'équipage. Des gilets de sauvetage seront distribués pour tous les nourrissons et les enfants pesant moins de 32kg/5st.

EVACUATION :

Chaque partie du navire a un itinéraire d'évacuation désigné, comme indiqué sur les plans du navire. Dans l'éventualité d'une évacuation, les radeaux et les canots de sauvetage seront déployés.

Notre équipage est entraîné aux situations d'urgence et vous dirigera vers les points d'embarquement et d'évacuation des radeaux et canots de sauvetage les plus proches.

ATTENTION !

Otez les chaussures à talons et retirez tous objets coupants. Ne prenez aucuns effets personnels avec vous. En cas de fumée, suivez les éclairages au sol qui se trouvent dans les allées.

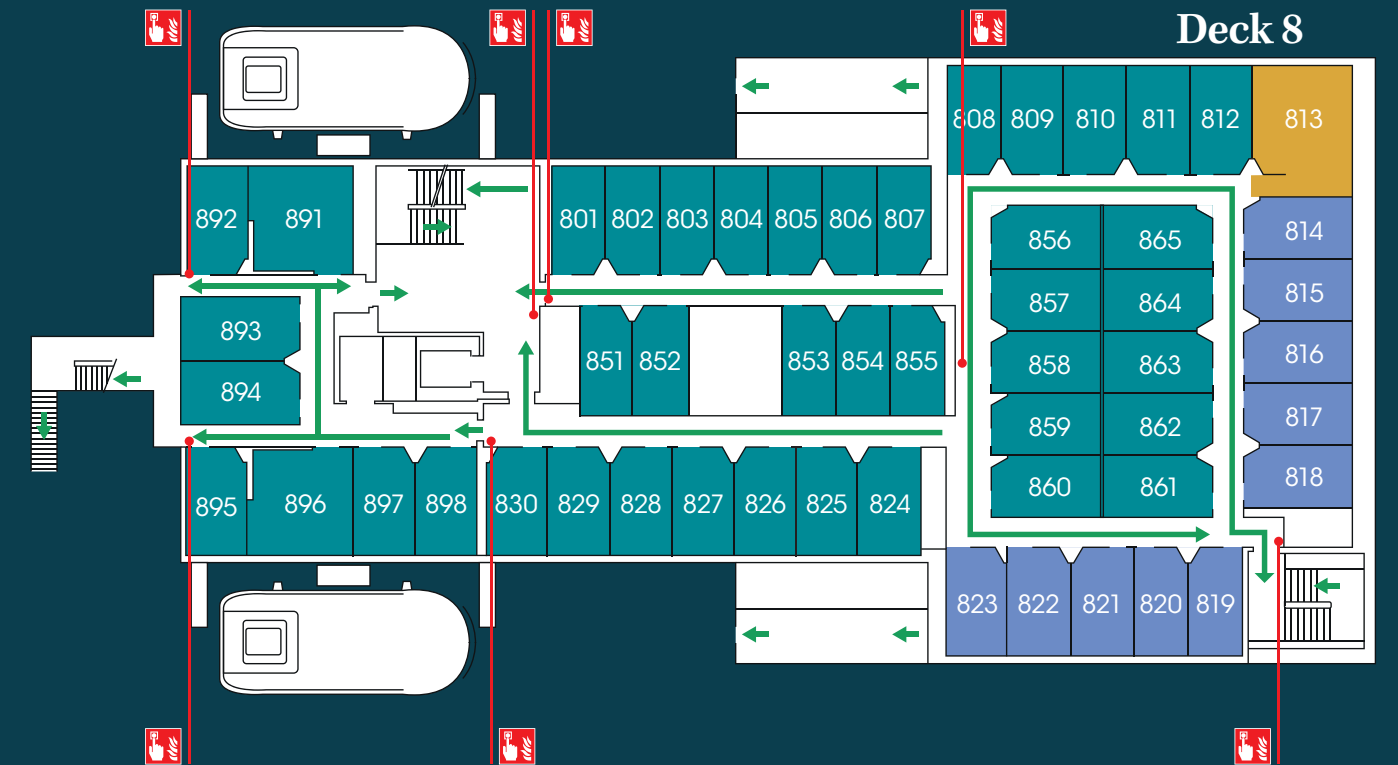
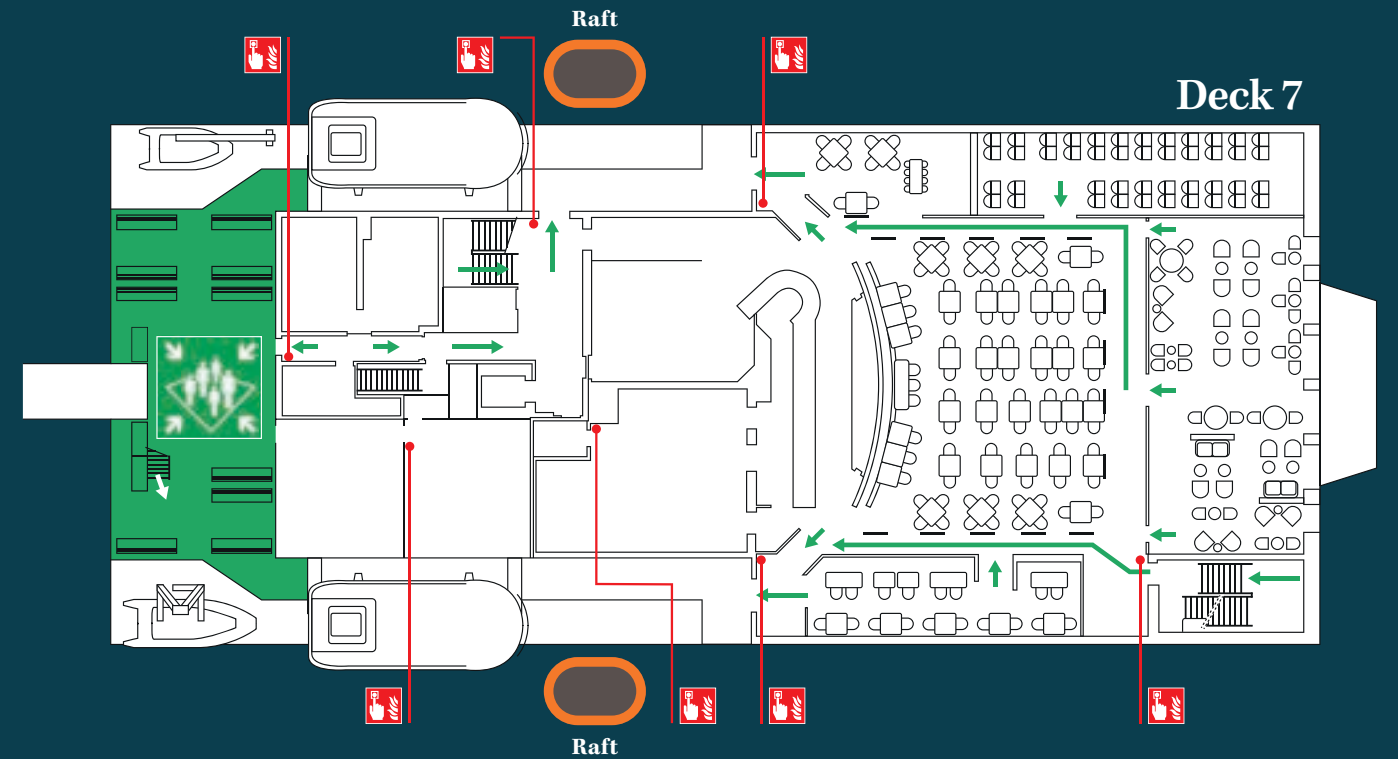


Si vous découvrez un feu ou toute autre situation d'urgence, prévenez un membre d'équipage ou activez un point d'appel d'urgence.

AVANT LE DEPART :

Prenez le temps s'il vous plait de vous familiariser avec le plan de sécurité et les issues d'évacuation.

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LIFEJACKETS / GILETS DE SAUVETAGE



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