

# Jersey Coast Path Guided Trail

**Tour Style:** Guided Trails

**Destinations:** Channel Islands & England

**Trip code:** JELDW

**Trip Walking Grade:** 3



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

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Jersey is the largest of the Channel Islands, between England and France. An independent, English-speaking territory with a mix of British and French cultures, it's known for its beaches, walking trails as well as its defensive castles. Measuring just 45 square miles, it has 50 miles of varied coastline to explore. We will walk the entire coastal path in a clockwise direction. At the north of the island you'll find rugged cliffs and secluded coves. In the south and west you'll find the broad sweeping bays of St Aubin's and St Ouen's. To the east pretty harbours and bays as well as the iconic Mont Orgueil Castle.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- Full Board en-suite accommodation
- Experienced HF Holidays Walking Leader
- All transport to and from the walks
- Transfers to and from Jersey airport to your hotel
- "With flight" holidays include return flights from London and hotel transfers - flights from Manchester available on request

## HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk along beaches, cliffs and by castles
- Fascinating history from Neolithic burial chambers to the concrete defences built by the German forces in World War 2
- The largest of The Channel Islands with a mix of British and French cultures

## TRIP SUITABILITY

This Jersey Coast Path Guided Walking /Hiking Trail is graded 3 which involves walks/hikes on well-defined paths, though often in hilly or upland areas, or along rugged coastal footpaths. These may be rough and steep in sections and will require a good level of fitness. Coastal paths such as this often feature a considerable amount of ascent and descent due to the nature of the coast, so you should be prepared for this. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the relevant fitness and equipment required to join this holiday. Provision cannot be made for anyone who opts out. Please be sure you can manage the daily mileage and ascent detailed in the daily itineraries. The walking day is normally 6 to 7 hours. It is important for your own enjoyment, and that of your fellow guests that you can maintain the pace. It makes a lot of sense to spend time getting some additional exercise before your holiday. We suggest that you try to fit in a number of longer walks, including some on hilly terrain. Other exercises such as cycling, jogging and swimming are also excellent for developing increased stamina.



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrival Day At Greenhills Country House In St Peters

Check-in is available at Greenhills from 15.00 and you may meet your leader on the transfer to the hotel. Otherwise your leader will be at reception at 18:30 to meet the group and for a quick introduction to the holiday before dinner.

## Day 2: Corbière To Plemont

Our route takes us the full length of St Ouen's Bay which provides a perfect natural arena for many sports, including motor racing, board sailing and surfing. After crossing the bay we climb the headland passing Le Pinnacle, a 200ft outcrop of pink granite. We walk along the headland to the ruin of Grosnez Castle, a 14th century fort. Continuing along the undulating cliff path we arrive at Plemont Bay.

8½ miles (13.5km) with 250 feet (75m) of ascent

## Day 3: Plemont To Bonne Nuit Bay

Our walk takes us on the dramatic northern cliff-top path to Greve de Lecq with its sandy beach, mill conversion pub and cafés. We continue to the Priory Inn where a detour can be taken to visit the Devil's Hole; a collapsed cave. We now cross the Mourier Valley and walk on to Sorrel Point. We finally descend to Bonne Nuit Bay, a once famous haunt of smugglers of Spanish brandy, French wines and tobacco.

9 miles (14km) with 950 feet (285m) of ascent and 1,170 feet (350m) of descent

## Day 4: Bonne Nuit To Gorey

The toughest day of walking on the holiday. Leaving Bonne Nuit Bay we pass La Crete Fort, a mid 19th century guardhouse and now the Lieutenant Governor's weekend retreat. Heading east we pass La Petit Port on our way to Bouley Bay. Here we join the undulating coastal path that takes us to the White Rock, above Rozel Bay. We continue to Flicquet Bay where we see our first Jersey round tower, one of 30 built in the 18th century to help counter a French invasion.

12 miles (19km) with 1,450 feet of (435m) ascent and descent

## Day 5: Free Day

Today no walks are organised allowing you to explore the island on your own. Bring your National Trust card if you have one, as it can be used in Jersey.

## Day 6: Gorey To St Aubin

Depending on the tides, much of this walk can be undertaken along the beach. Leaving Gorey Pier we walk along the promenade to La Rocque Harbour. We continue to St Helier passing the Victoria and South Piers and the Commercial Buildings which were built by wealthy merchants in the early 1800s. Leaving St Helier we continue our walk along St Aubin's Bay.

11½ miles (18.5km) with 100 feet (30m) of ascent and descent.

## Day 7: St Aubin To Corbière

We restart our walk from St Aubin Harbour which was once the main base for the Jersey cod merchants. We continue across St Brelade's Bay where we have the opportunity to visit the ancient church and the Fisherman's Chapel. We now cross the headland above Flicquet Bay and aim for the former German Artillery Observation Tower, to finish our walk at Corbière.

8 miles (13km) with 770 feet (230m) of ascent and 670 feet (200m) of descent

## Day 8: Departure Day

We have arranged transfers for you to be taken to the airport to catch your flight.

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## ACCOMMODATION

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### Greenhills Country Hotel, St Peter - Jersey Coast Path

This is a centre-based holiday located in St Peter, which provides a central location for the walks. The 4-star Greenhills Country Hotel is a recently refurbished 17th century country house built from Jersey's honey-coloured granite, set in the beautiful countryside of St Peter's Valley. All rooms include tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, toiletries, TV, and WiFi. Drying facilities are available at the hotel.

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## USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

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You'll find evidence of Jersey's fascinating history; Neolithic burial chambers, dolmens, Norman castles and concrete defences built by the occupying German forces during the Second World War can all be seen.

We try to create a relaxed atmosphere on the walk but please listen to safety instructions from your leader.

Keep members of the group in view especially when weather or visibility is poor. If you leave the group, then your leader will no longer have responsibility for you. Our leaders consider the safety of the group as a whole and are likely to be more cautious over potential risks such as bad weather.

### Joining Instructions

**Arrival Day:** The transfer for all guests from Jersey Airport to your hotel is included in the price of your holiday. Upon arrival at Jersey airport exit through security into the Arrival Halls and make your way to the **"Tantivy"** desk and give them your name. They will direct you to the next available transfer coach to the Greenhills Country Hotel. The transfer by coach to your hotel takes approximately 15 minutes.

Our "with flight" package includes return flight from London. We can also book flights from Newcastle/Teeside/ Isle of Man/Glasgow/Southampton on request.

**Departure day:** We will arrange for you to be taken back to the airport to catch your flight.

**By fast ferry:** Condor Ferries operate services between Poole in Dorset and St Helier (sometimes with a stop in Guernsey). After disembarking, you can then either take a taxi to the hotel or travel by bus from St Helier's Liberation Station, which is about a 10 minute walk from the ferry terminal. Bus routes 8 (all year) and 28 (June to September) both stop at Greenhills. The stop reference number for Greenhills is 2729. Then a 5 min uphill walk to the hotel. For more details visit the very useful Liberty bus website: [www.libertybus.je](http://www.libertybus.je). Tantivy also transfer guests in connection with ferry arrivals but transfer from the ferry port is not included in your holiday price.

## Essential Information

### Essential Equipment

To enjoy walking/hiking comfortably and safely, footwear, clothing and equipment needs to be suitable for the conditions. Safety and comfort are our priorities, so our advice is to come prepared for all eventualities.

- Footwear with a good grip on the sole (e.g. Vibram sole) is the key to avoiding accidents
- Waterproof walking/hiking boots providing ankle support and good grip are recommended (ideally worn in), and specialist walking socks to avoid blisters.
- Several layers of clothing, which can be added or removed, are better than a single layer (include spares)
- Fabrics (lightweight and fast drying) designed for the outdoors are recommended
- Waterproof jacket and waterproof over trousers
- Warm hat and gloves. Gaiters are an optional but useful extra
- Denim jeans and capes are not suitable on any walks
- Rucksack with a waterproof liner
- Thermos flask for hot drink
- Water bottle (at least 1 litre)
- Spare high-energy food such as a chocolate bar
- Small torch
- First aid kit – your leader's first aid kit doesn't contain any medication or blister kits (such as Compeed)

### Optional Equipment

- Walking poles are useful, particularly for descents
- Insect repellent
- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Sun cream
- Camera

## Trip Information

### Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is an essential requirement for this holiday. Jersey has a reciprocal health agreement with the UK, which means that emergency treatment is free, but you'll have to pay to see a GP and you won't be covered for the cost of returning to the UK (repatriation) or routine monitoring of existing conditions.

## Useful Information

Jersey has its own currency. This currency is sterling but is not accepted in the rest of the British Isles. British pounds are accepted just like anywhere else in the UK and change given can be a mixture of British and Channel Islands money. Should you need a Bureau de Change to change back any currency; these can be found at several locations and banks in St Helier as well as several other locations on the island.

### Suggested Reading and Maps

Your leader will carry all the necessary maps and guides. For your own interest you may consider buying or looking at some of the following:

Jersey 1:25,000 Official Leisure Map - latest edition 2017

Walking on Jersey: 24 Routes and the Jersey Coastal Walk by Paddy Dillon - Cicerone Press, 2015

Jersey by Geoff Daniel - Sunflower Landscapes, 2017

Our experienced and knowledgeable volunteer leaders undergo a thorough assessment to lead you on your

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Guided Walking/Hiking Trail and are delighted to share their knowledge and enthusiasm with you.

Please ensure you complete and hand in your registration form on arrival and let the leader know about any medical problems you may have. This may be useful in the event of a problem on the walk and will be treated confidentially by the leader.

### **In The Event Of A Problem**

If you become separated from the party, please stay where you are. Your leader will retrace their steps to find you.

All our leaders carry a mobile phone, group shelter, spare maps and a compass. In the unlikely event your leader is incapacitated, please use any emergency kit in their rucksack. Call the emergency services (call 999 in the UK, or 112 overseas).

Please then try to call the hotel where you are staying to let them know there is a problem.

### **Ticks**

Ticks are tiny creatures that live in vegetation and can attach themselves to passing animals or walkers and may carry a risk of Lyme Disease. Please refer to NHS advice and guidelines for information prior to your holiday.

## **HOW TO BOOK**

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When you're ready to book, you can choose to **book online** or book **over the phone**. Our website offers secure online booking for our holidays, is available 24/7, and offers more in-depth information about all our holidays. If you prefer to call us, our experienced and knowledgeable team are available to answer any specific questions you have and can offer guidance as to which holiday is best suited to your needs.

Our office is open: Monday to Friday: 9am – 7pm Saturday: 9am – 1pm Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday: closed

### **PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT**

To secure the holiday of your choice, you will need to pay a deposit: UK & European Holidays: £150 per person and Worldwide Holidays: £250 per person. You can pay your deposit by debit or credit card with no additional card fees charged or make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account, please see details under BACS payments. You can also pay your deposit by cheque within seven days of booking. Cheques should be made payable to 'HF Holidays Ltd' with your booking reference / Order ID on the back.

### **NON-MEMBER FEE**

Non-members can join our holidays by paying a Non-Member's fee of £30 per person per holiday. Alternatively, full membership is available from £100 – visit [hfholidays.co.uk/membership](http://hfholidays.co.uk/membership) for details.

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Please quote your booking reference / Order ID when you make your payment online: Bank Name: Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ) Account Name: HF Holidays Ltd Account Number: 35923304 Sort Code: 40-51-62 IBAN: GB92HAND40516235923304 Swift / Bic Code: HANDGB22

Once we have received your booking and deposit, we will send a confirmation invoice to the lead name. Please check this carefully. For bookings 'with flights' it is essential that the names on your booking confirmation invoice match those on your passport for bookings overseas. Please advise us immediately of any errors. Any name changes after the balance of your holiday has been paid will be subject to a fee levied by the airline.

## MANAGE MY BOOKINGS

Payments can also be made through the Manage My Booking function on our website. Click on the link at the top of our homepage. This is available to all customers who provide an email address at the time of booking.

## YOUR FINAL BALANCE

The balance is due 10 weeks before departure. As with paying your deposit, you can pay your final balance by debit or credit card, make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account or pay by cheque.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is an important part of any booking and essential for one of our holidays. HF Holidays works with specialist. Insurance Brokers Campbell Irvine Direct. For more information or to obtain a quote call them on 01702 427 236 or visit [hfholidays.co.uk/insurance](http://hfholidays.co.uk/insurance)

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In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary.

The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

## PRICE GUARANTEE

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