Jersey Guided Walking



Trip style:	Destination:	Walking Grade	Carbon Footprint:
Guided Walking Holidays	Channel Islands, UK Walking Holidays & Jersey	4 & 5	151kg CO2

HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

For excellent coastal walks, WWII relics, and a better-than-average British weather, a guided walking holiday in Jersey ticks all the boxes. When you're not busy admiring beaches and bays like St Aubin and St Ouen, you'll stumble upon battle-worn castles, ruined forts, and places that played a pivotal role in history. Learn about the island's time under Nazi occupation and discover what remains of German coastal fortifications that were once part of Hitler's Atlantic Wall against allied invasion.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- The choice of two walks a day, one easier, one harder
- Exploring the best of Jersey's coast and countryside
- Discovering the island's fascinating history
- Dramatic geological features including the Devil's Hole and the Pinnacle
- Relaxing by beautiful bays and beaches
- Stunning coastal scenery

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Comfortable en-suite rooms in our partner accommodation(s)
- Cooked or continental breakfast every morning
- Three-course evening meals, plus tea & coffee
- Guided walks with an experienced HF Holidays Leader
- All transport to and from walks where necessary
- Return flights, including hold baggage and airport transfers

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Day 1 **Arrival Day**

You're welcome to check in at the Somerville Hotel from 3pm onwards. Your HF walking leaders will be on hand from 6:30pm, when we'll gather to give you a warm welcome and explain the plan of action before dinner.

Day 2 **Noirmont Point & St Brelade**

Today's walks leave directly from our hotel and head along Jersey's south coast to explore the delightful headland of Noirmont Point, with its dramatic sea views and German occupation remains. We'll have ample time to explore the quaint seaside resort of St Brelade and its parish church.

Option 1 - Noirmont Point & St Brelade

Distance: 6½ miles (10 km)

Ascent: 250 feet (80m)

In summary: Following the Jersey Coast Path to Noirmont Point, we get spectacular sea views and the chance to investigate various remains of German artillery and defences. We then head gently down to Ouaisne Bay and the Paleolithic site of La Cotte de St Brelade before continuing to St Brelade. Stroll along the promenade to visit St Brelade Church and Fisherman's Chapel, the oldest place of worship on the island, before returning to St Aubin by bus.

Highlight: The rocky headland of Ouaisne Bay contains one of the most important archaeological sites in Europe, La Cotte de St Brelade, once home to Neanderthals.

Option 2 - Circular via Noirmont Point, St Brelade & the old Railway Line

Distance: 8½ miles (13.5 km)

Ascent: 550 feet (160m)

In summary: Starting out on the same route as the Option 1 walk, after exploring Noirmont Point we continue to the headland above Ouaisne Bay and take steep steps down through a quarry to reach the wide sandy bay below. Depending on the tide, we either continue along the beach to St Brelade or follow the route via Le Grouin. After time to enjoy St Brelade Church and Fisherman's Chapel, we retrace our steps to Le Mont Sohier and take green lanes to join the old railway track, following its shady path back to our hotel.

Highlight: View the restored bunkers and gun emplacements of Batterie Lothringen at Noirmont Point, Jersey's WWII war memorial.

Day 3 East Coast To Gorey Harbour

We explore the island's east coast, travelling to Rozel where our walks begin and finishing in the fishing port of Gorey, dominated by the imposing Mont Orgueil Castle. We'll enjoy coastal stretches plus the chance to visit Jersey's finest dolmen and the island's largest reservoir.

Option 1 - Dolmens, Woods, Reservoir & Mont Orgueil Castle

Distance: 7.2 miles (11.6 km)

Ascent: 512 feet (193 m)

In summary: Starting on the outskirts of St Martins, we follow a green lane into St Catherine's Wood. The gentle walk through the woods ends at a small reservoir and we are soon in the middle of St Catherine's Bay. We head south along the coast path to Archirondel Tower with a spectacular view of St Catherine's Bay. Heading inland, we reach the Dolmen de Faldouet, built around 6,000 years ago and its 24 ton capstone. It aligns with the rising sun on the spring and autumn equinox. Continuing on minor lanes, our route then takes us to the Queen's Reservoir before descending to the coast and following the promenade towards the harbour at Gorey. You may choose to visit Mont Orgueil Castle, or simply spend time admiring the boats in the harbour or enjoying the various cafes and bars.

Highlight: Striking medieval Mont Orgueil Castle towering above Gorey harbour.

Option 2 - Dolmens and Queen's Reservoir to Gorey Harbour

Distance: 10.5 miles (17 km)

Ascent: 600 feet (180 m)

In summary: Starting from above Rozel, we descend to visit the Neolithic Dolmen de Couperon, a Neolithic passage grave or long cist. It is 27ft long and dates back to 3500BC. After a bit of coastal walking, we follow some green lanes to enter St Catherine's Wood. There is then some more coastal walking to Archidrondel Tower with a spectacular view of St Catherine's Bay and its harbour wall. From here, we head inland to the Dolmen de Faldouet before continuing to the Queen's Reservoir to follow the undulating path that circumnavigates it, with a chance to spot birds and wildlife on its waters and surrounding woodland. We then return to the coast to finish our walk with views of Mont Orgueil Castle as we enter Gorey Harbour.

Highlight: A great mixture of inland and coastal walking, with the option to visit Mont Orgueil Castle.

Day 4 St John's To La Greve De Lecq

These walks explore the rugged scenic north coast of Jersey, starting with a journey to the inland village of St John's. Both routes begin on minor lanes, but then take us along superb stretches of the Coast Path and passing the Devil's Hole, a major geological landmark. Both walks finish at Greve de Lecq with its superb beach and cafes.

Option 1 - St John's to La Greve de Lecq via the Coast Path

Distance: 7.1 miles (11.5km)

Ascent: 670 feet (205m)

In summary: Starting with a brief visit to the 13th century St John's Church, we take a short diversion to the village graveyard to see the ornate tomb of the holiday camp entrepreneur, Billy Butlin who lived in the parish. Retracing our steps, we then head north along a quiet country lane to reach the coast at St John's Millennium Cross. From there, we follow the new coastal footpath to Sorel Point to admire the view. Continuing west along the undulating coast path, we reach our next landmark – Devil's Hole – a yawning chasm in the cliff. From here, our path takes us over a number of rocky headlands to reach the charming beach resort of La Greve de Lecq, with time for a swim or paddle before returning to our hotel.

Highlight: Peer into Devil's Hole, a collapsed cave where the sea has formed a blowhole.

Option 2 - St John's to Greve de Lecq via Bonne Nuit and the Coast Path

Distance: 9 miles (14.5km)

Ascent: 850 feet (260m)

In summary: Starting in St John's, our route heads east along green lanes before descending through La Vallette (Jersey National Park) with fantastic views down to Bonne Nuit Bay, with its sheltered harbour. We then turn west and follow the Coast Path, also including the new coastal footpath, and on to Sorel Point. As with around Fremont Head and on to Sorel Point for some splendid views. As with the Option 1 walk, we continue to Devil's Hole and on over a number of rocky headlands to reach the La Greve de Lecq with a chance for a dip before our transport returns us to the hotel.

Highlight: Striking clifftop views on the most dramatic part of the island.

Day 5 **Free Day**

Today no walks are organised, allowing you to explore the island on your own or relax.

Day 6 **Plemont & Grosnez Castle**

Today we return to the dramatic north coast, this time to explore the north-west corner, including Plemont, Grosnez Castle and the Pinnacle.

Option 1 - Jersey Pearl to Greve de Lecq

Distance: 6 miles (9.5 km)

Ascent: 500 feet (150 m)

In summary: From our drop off at the Jersey Pearl, we will either walk along the beach or the foreshore around St Ouen's Bay to Le Grande Etacquerel, depending on the tide. We then ascend to the cliff path skirting the island's horse racing course and pass the Pinnacle, the site of a prehistoric settlement. Reaching the ruins of 14th-century Grosnez Castle, on a clear day we can enjoy fantastic views out north to the other Channel Islands. We then continue east along the Coast Path to Plemont Bay and a chance for refreshments before finishing in Greve de Lecq.

Highlight: Dramatic rock formations and views from a ruined castle.

Option 2 - St Ouen's Church to Greve de Lecq via Le Valle de la Mare Reservoir

Distance: 9.5 miles (15 km)

Ascent: 500 feet (150 m)

In summary: Starting with a visit to St Ouen's Church, we walk on green lanes and paths to La Valle de Mare Reservoir, home to many species of birds and wildlife. Our route then returns us to the coast in the middle of St Ouen's Bay, where we follow the Coast Path north to the Jersey Pearl. From here our walk follows the Option 1 description as we pass the striking Pinnacle and the ruins of Grosnez Castle to reach Plemont Bay. Our day finishes at the beach resort of Greve de Lecq.

Highlight: The contrast of the rugged coastal path with Jersey's inland greenery and second-largest reservoir

Day 7 St Brelade To St Aubin

Our final day of walking explores the south-west corner of the island, including the dramatic headland of La Corbière with its iconic lighthouse flanked by rocks and reached via a causeway.

Option 1 - St Brelade to St Aubin via Corbière

Distance: 7 miles (11.5 km)

Ascent: 500 feet (160 m)

In summary: A short transfer takes us to St Brelade Church where our first day's walk finished. We follow the Coast Path above Beau Port and past the island's prison at La Moye to reach the south-west tip of the island at Corbière. If tidal conditions permit, we can walk out across the causeway to the lighthouse itself (additional 1 mile/1.5 km). We then return to St Aubin and our hotel using the tree-lined footpath which follows the old Corbière railway line.

Highlight: Striking views of Corbière Lighthouse, the most photographed spot in Jersey.

Option 2 - St Brelade to St Aubin via Corbiere & Les Quennevais Dunes

Distance: 8 miles (13 km)

Ascent: 650 feet (200 m)

In summary: Beginning in St Brelade, we follow the Coast Path to reach the south-west tip of the island at Corbière with spectacular views of the lighthouse and the chance to cross the causeway to reach it, if tidal times permit (additional 1 mile/1.5 km). From here our walk continues on the Coast Path past La Pulente to Le Braye. We then head inland across Le Quennevais dunes, considered to be the fourth richest in Europe for flowering plant life, and pass a Neolithic standing stone sometimes known as La Dame Blanche. Finally, we join the Corbière Trail following the old railway line back to St Aubin and our hotel.

Highlight: Exploring the sand dunes at Le Quennevais, known as Les Blanches Banques, one of the ten largest single dune systems in the British Isles and home to a large variety of scarce insects.

Day 8 Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

DAILY WALK OPTIONS



Gentle walking grade 4

The most active Gentle grade, with longer walks, some ascent, and possible steps, stiles, or off-path uneven ground. Typically, 6-7 miles (10-12km) with around 1,000ft (300m) of ascent.



Moderate walking grade 5

Some walking experience needed. Full day walks which may include some short but steep ascents and descents throughout the day, and varied terrain. Regular stops. Typically, 8-9 miles (13-15km) with around 1,300ft (400m) of ascent.

ACCOMMODATION

Somerville

The family-owned 4-star Somerville is a delightful country house hotel, nestled in the hillside overlooking the quaint village of St Aubin. Enjoying fabulous views over the harbour and across the bay to Elizabeth Castle, the hotel is a great base for our walking holiday with nearby access to public transport to explore on your free day. You will find friendly service and all the modern conveniences to make your holiday comfortable. Tides restaurant focuses on top-quality food using seasonal ingredients, and the Voyager lounge and bar offer a stylish and relaxing environment to enjoy a glass of something delicious. The hotel is set in lush gardens and has an outdoor swimming pool (heated mid-May to mid-September). Rooms have been recently refurbished and have tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, bathrobes, toiletries, TV and Wi-Fi.

FOOD & DRINK

Dining at the Somerville Hotel

Our holidays in Jersey are half-board, with breakfast and evening meal provided at the hotel.

Dietary requirements

Our partner hotels can cater for most dietary requirements, but it is important you advise us of any allergies and dietary restrictions you have at the time of booking.

TRAVEL DETAILS

By air

Our 'with flight' holiday includes group return flights to Jersey. For flight times and prices please follow the booking process. If you choose this option, we automatically include return transfers between the airport and hotel. Upon arrival at the airport, exit through security into the arrivals hall where you will find the "Tantivy" desk. Please give them your name and they will direct you to the next available transfer coach to the Somerville Hotel. The transfer by coach to your hotel takes approx. 20 minutes.

If you prefer to book the holiday without flights and make your own travel arrangements, there are numerous flights from UK regional airports to Jersey. If you would like us to arrange your return transfers between the airport and hotel, which is included in the cost of your holiday, you must contact us on +44 (0)20 8732 1250 or email reservations@hfholidays.co.uk at least 8 weeks before your holiday start date to provide your flight details. If you do not contact us, we will assume you are making independent travel arrangements.

All passengers aged 16 and over are required to provide photographic ID at the check-in desk and at the departure gate.

By ferry

Condor Ferries operate services between Poole in Dorset and St Helier (sometimes with a stop in Guernsey). After disembarking, you can 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 12A, 14 & 15 all stop at St Aubin South, then it's a 5-minute uphill walk to the hotel. For more details visit the Liberty bus website: www.libertybus.je.

Tantivy also provides transfers between the ferry terminal and Jersey hotels, but this is not included in your holiday price. If you would like to book transfers directly, please visit their website: Transfers | Tantivy Blue Coach Tours.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Packing list

Weather conditions in the UK can vary throughout the day, and conditions in the mountains may be cold and windy even in summer. Use the following list as a guide when preparing for your holiday.

Essentials

- Suitable waterproof walking boots with ankle support and good grip
- Waterproof, wind-resistant jacket with a hood, taped seams and a hydrostatic head rating of at least 10,000 mm
- Waterproof overtrousers
- Spare warm clothing, such as a synthetic insulated jacket
- Comfortable walking clothing (jeans & waterproof capes are not suitable)
- Warm mid-layers, such as fleeces
- Gloves and a warm hat, even in summer
- Rucksack with a waterproof liner
- Water bottle with a capacity of at least 1 litre
- Flask for hot drinks
- Sunscreen
- UV-protective sunglasses
- Spare high-energy food
- Head torch and spare batteries for holidays between October and March
- Passport (if applicable)
- Visa (if applicable)
- Copy of your travel insurance policy

Recommended

- Several base layers, with long or short sleeves
- Cushioned walking socks to avoid blisters
- First-aid kit, including plasters, insect repellent, a midge net and a tick-removal tool
- Sit mat
- Waterproof pouch for valuables
- Rubbish bags
- Wallet or purse

- Camera
- Walking poles
- Sun hat
- Gaiters
- Mobile Phones
- Swimwear (please see accommodation information for hotel facilities)
- Membership cards for English Heritage, the National Trust or similar heritage organisations in Scotland and Wales, if you are a member. These may be useful when visiting attractions during your itinerary or on your free day.

USEFUL INFORMATION

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.

Currency for Jersey

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.

Travel Insurance for Jersey

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.

Maps and Guides for Jersey Guided Walking

Suggested Reading and Maps

Your leader will carry all the necessary maps and guides. For you 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

TRIPNOTE VALIDITY

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