Jersey Guided Walking with Sightseeing



Trip style:	Destination:	Walking Grade	Carbon Footprint:
Walking with sightseeing	Jersey, Channel Islands & UK Walking Holidays	2	212kg CO2

HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Discover the best of Jersey with the perfect mix of short, guided walks (3-5 miles), combined with time spent sightseeing. Our walks explore Jersey's shorter walking trails and take in a fantastic selection of unmissable visitor attractions, plus a few hidden gems, too. Highlights include visits to the impressive medieval Mont Orgueil Castle, the ancient neolithic site of La Hogue Bie, and the Jersey War Tunnels to find out what island life was like under Nazi occupation. We'll top it all with a tour and tasting session at La Mare Wine Estate, a British vineyard creating wines fit to rival any you'll find in nearby France.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Visiting some of the island's award-winning visitor attractions
- Learning about Jersey's fascinating history and culture
- Scenic short walks exploring the best of the island
- Relaxing by the beach or taking a dip in the pool
- Enjoying the comforts of the Somerville Hotel
- A more personalised experience thanks to small group sizes (maximum 15 people)

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
- Entrance to Jersey War Tunnels, La Hogue Bie, Elizabeth Castle, La Mare vineyard tour, Mont Orgueil Castle
- All transport to and from walks where necessary
- Return flights from London 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 leader 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 **Hidden Gems - Val De La Mare Arboretum and Jersey Wetlands Centre**

Distance: 4 miles (6km)

Descent: 265 feet (80m)

Above the stunning backdrop of St Ouen's Bay sits Val de la Mare Arboretum. We'll start our day by exploring this collection of rare and endangered tree species before heading through an area once known as the Forgotten Forest. We'll continue our walk to the Jersey Wetlands Centre. Home to a diverse array of birdlife, this is an excellent place for spotting marsh harriers so be sure to bring your binoculars!

From the Wetlands Centre we continue along the coast to Jersey Pearl and the Channel Islands Military Museum. We've time here to visit one or both of the attractions. Jersey Pearl is free to visit, the military museum, should you wish to visit, is payable locally (approx. £8).

Day 3 **La Hogue Bie & Elizabeth Castle**

Distance: 3.5 miles (5km)

Ascent: minimal

Optional: 4 miles (6km) walk to the hotel from Elizabeth Castle

One of the 10 oldest buildings in the world, the neolithic burial mound of La Hogue Bie (entrance included) is ours to explore this morning. La Hogue's ancient chamber, once a sacred place for ceremonies, was built to align with the rising sun at the spring and summer equinox. There's also a medieval chapel and a fabulous archaeology museum on site which is home to the world's biggest coin hoard, found in a field on the island, in 2012.

Today's walk is through the parish of St Saviour, passing the Millenium Stone. The route will take us down into St Helier where, if the tide is out, we can walk the causeway (out and back is approx 1.5 miles) over to the island for a visit to Elizabeth Castle (entrance included). If the tide is in, we'll catch the amphibious boat over to the island.

We'll learn about the castle's links to Sir Walter Raleigh, King Charles II, and the Battle of Jersey, all whilst enjoying scenic views over the bay.

There's the option to walk back to the hotel along the promenade, or to catch one of the many public transport options.

Day 4 Free day

Relax and enjoy the pool at the Somerville, or head off and explore independently, the choice is yours.

Day 5 War Tunnels and Watermills

Distance: 3 miles (5km)

Ascent: 260 feet (80m)

Of all the must-see sights on the island, the Jersey War Tunnels & underground hospital are undoubtedly the most memorable. Learn about the German occupation of the island and the impact it had on the islanders through a collection of exhibits telling stories of the resistance and Jersey's eventual liberation. Please note - *the tunnels are cool, please pack a fleece or a jacket, whatever the weather outside. Entrance included.*

This afternoon, we'll explore one of Jersey's most picturesque valleys, walking by the island's only surviving (working) watermill - Le Moulin de Quétivel. A beautiful setting surrounded by water meadows.

The final stop on our walk today is St Mathew's Glass church to admire its dazzling collection of René Lalique glass.

Day 6 Devils Hole to La Mare Wine Estate

Distance: 4 miles (6km)

Ascent: 610 feet (190m)

This morning, a winding path takes us down to Devil's Hole, an impressive and strangely eerie blowhole that has been eroded into Jersey's coastline over millennia. Our walk then takes us on to Sorel Point, passing secluded coves and jagged cliffs, before turning inland and taking us to La Mare Wine Estate.

We'll enjoy a "Tour and Tasting Experience" (entrance included) and get to wander through the rose and herb gardens as well as the vineyards and apple orchards. The estate produces more than just wines, so even if you're not a wine lover, there's plenty there to learn and explore, in a beautiful setting.

Day 7 Dolmen De Faldouët to Mont Orgueil Castle

Distance: 3 miles (5km)

Ascent: 233 feet (70m)

The peaceful wooded paths of St Catherine's lead us to the atmospheric site of Dolmen de Faldouët, one of the best-preserved passage tombs in the world. From there, we continue our walk to the pretty harbour of Gorey, where the striking medieval Mont Orgueil Castle (entrance included) towers above the harbour. There are steps up to the castle, but the climb is worth it – it offers some of the best views in Jersey and a fascinating history.

Day 8 Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

DAILY WALK OPTIONS



Gentle walking grade 2

Full or half-day gentle walks on good paths, with plenty of time for rest stops, views, and places of interest. Typically, 3-5 miles (5-8km) with around 350ft (100m) of ascent with few or no stiles.

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.

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Joining instructions for Jersey Walking with Sightseeing

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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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