GUERNSEY COASTAL PATH

The beautiful island of Guernsey nestles in the bay of St Malo, 70 miles off the south coast of England. Walking around the islands coastline will be an experience that leaves a lasting impression. Hidden bays with crystal clear water tempt many a walker down to the shore. Long swathes of golden sand contrast with the rugged cliffs decorated with colourful wild flowers. Walking on Guernsey changes with the seasons. Springtime is a delight when the ancient woodland is sprinkled with bluebells and summer is a riot of colour with exotic flowers in full bloom — around every corner you really are greeted with a different view!

Your journey starts and ends in St Peter Port, the capital of Guernsey, a town unlike any other which has been shaped by a rich history and is well worth exploring. Your walk around Guernsey will be one of contrasts and ever-changing scenery. The south coast boasts wild and rugged walking where you will hear the roar of the waves as they buffet the cliffs beneath you. The west is where the cliffs and coves give way to sea-grass fringed sand dunes. The landscape changes again in the north. Rocky inlets pepper the coastline sheltering brightly coloured fishing boats. The island is dotted with towers, forts and hidden bunkers which are reminders of events that have shaped these islands and illustrate the areas tumultuous past.

• Tasting fresh fruit from the gardens at one of the islands many 'Honesty Stalls'
• Feeling the fine powdery sand between your toes as you walk along Cobo Beach
• Admiring the aquamarine sea below as you walk atop the cliffs of the South Coast
• Experiencing the unique islands of Herm and Sark

WHY CHOOSE A SELF GUIDED WALKING HOLIDAY WITH US?

Macs Adventure is a small, energetic company dedicated to delivering adventure excellence. We are passionate about delivering outstanding walking holidays where every last detail is taken care of. Each holiday we offer is unique, tailor made to meet your requirements. From your first contact with Macs Adventure you will deal with a local specialist who knows the region intimately.

Self guided walking holidays are a wonderful relaxed way to discover the magic of the Channel Islands. Free to travel at your own pace and wander off the beaten track, you will discover the beauty of the landscape, the warmth of the people and the long history of this spectacular land. In the unlikely event you should require emergency support our office is always more than happy to help with your queries. So, from the moment you decide to visit Guernsey you can relax and look forward to an unforgettable self-guided walking holiday.

Starting/Finishing Point: St Peter Port
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DETAILED ITINERARY

The walk starts and finishes in St Peter Port, the centre of island life and the vibrant capital. The town is considered to be one of the most attractive in Europe with its pretty harbour and patchwork of architectural styles. Sitting proud on a rocky outcrop Castle Cornet stands guard over St Peter Port. It makes a great place to admire the town and the views to the neighbouring islands.

Guernsey is easily accessible from the UK and Europe with regular flights from many airports and ferries from Weymouth, Poole and Portsmouth.

Day 1: St Peter Port to Petit Bot Bay – 10 km/7 miles

Leaving St Peter Port you are immediately graced with bluebell carpeted woods as you head towards Fermain Bay. You will pass the first of many ‘Pepper Pots’, loop holed towers which are dotted around the island to defend the coastline. The cliff top walking is spectacular on the south coast of Guernsey.

Brightly coloured flowers cling to the cliff face and colonies of seabirds can be seen sheltering on the craggy outcrops. You will pass the bay of Moulin Huet which was painted by Pierre-Auguste Renoir in 1883.

Overnight: Petit Bot Bay area

Day 2: Petit Port Bay to Vazon Bay – 20km/13 miles

Cliff top walking and stunning coastal views remain a feature of todays walk. The views inland are also pretty with patchwork farmland and glimpses of the spire on Torteval Church.

The Pleinmont peninsula on the south west point of Guernsey is dramatic with many lookouts and fortifications. Over 150 species of bird have been recorded here making it one of the best places for bird watching on the island.

As you travel round the south west corner of the island the rugged cliffs give way to wide expanses of sand. Standing on the beach looking out to sea gives you a real sense of how vast the ocean is with nothing between you and North America. This is the perfect opportunity to take off your socks and boots and have a paddle or watch the surfers out to sea.

A visit to Lihou Island, the most westerly point of the Channel Islands is a must. Only accessible at low tide it used to be inhabited by and order of Benedictine monks and is now home to an abundance of bird and marine life.

Overnight: Vazon Bay area

Day 3: Vazon Bay to Vale area – 9km/6 miles

Today’s walking starts off quite easy, from Vazon Bay along the promenade bringing you to the headland dominated by Fort Hommet, one of the many coastal forts on the island.

The path then brings you to Cobo Bay with its fine sandy beach which is one of the most popular on the island. The spectacular viewpoint at Le Guet is not to be missed as you make your way along the coast. A detour to visit the gardens at Saumarez Park is a must to see their Victorian walled garden and to explore this National Trust estate.

Overnight: Vale area

Day 4: Vale area to St Peter Port – 16km/10 miles

The north of the island is punctuated by small rocky inlets where you see brightly coloured boats of lobster fishermen bobbing in the sea as they land their daily catch.

The churches of Vale and St Sampson have a long and varied past and are well worth exploring.

The coast path then brings you back around to the start of the walk in St Peter Port.

Overnight: St Peter Port

Day 5: Choose one of the neighbouring islands to explore

You are spoilt for choice this morning with the islands of Sark and Herm on your doorstep. Both and both of them offer great walking opportunities.

Sark: Sark has spectacular walking with one of the most admired points being the knife edged arête La Coupee which connects Sark with Little Sark. You can spend the day exploring the south (9.5 miles) or the north (6.25 miles) or both if you have the time!

Overnight: St Peter Port

Transport: Ferries to Sark operate daily and take 40mins - Sark Shipping Company.

Herm: Herm is a gem of an island with enough to explore to keep you busy for the day. The walk around the coast path is 4 miles long which gives you plenty of time to take in the fine coastal views or do a bit or puffin spotting at Point Sauzebourge.

Overnight: St Peter Port

Transport: Daily ferries operate from St Peter Port and take 20mins - Travel Trident.

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Navigation
This route is graded as easy to moderate, it is mainly walking on existing pathways, bridleways and some minor roads. Beach walking is an option depending on the tides. The route is not extensively waymarked but is easily navigated with the guidebook, route notes and maps that we provide. It is always useful to be able to navigate with a compass in case of adverse weather. GPX tracks are also accessible on the Macs Smartphone App, so you can simply follow the route on your phone.

Walking Direction
We offer this walk in a clockwise direction around the island starting and finishing in St Peter Port.

Additional Nights
Many of our clients choose to add extra nights along the walk to sample more of the wonderful walking and attractions available on Jersey. Extra nights can be added anywhere along the walk although we would recommend an extra night in St Peter Port as this is the capital of the island and offers easy access to the rest of the island as well as Herm and Sark.

Fewer Nights
If you wish to reduce the number of nights we can tailor your trip to your requirements.

Accommodation
One of the highlights of this walking holiday is the high standard of the accommodation. We specifically choose the hotels, inns, guesthouses and B&B’s to ensure that you enjoy every minute of your stay. They all offer a warm welcome to walkers, traditional hospitality and delicious local food. Due to limited accommodation availability for one night stays we may have to accommodate you in one location for more than one night. If this is the case, Guernsey has an excellent local bus network which can be used to travel to the start of the walk.

Single Rooms and Solo Walkers
If you require single rooms within your party we would be happy to accommodate you although there is a single room supplement payable.
We welcome solo walkers on Guernsey although you should of course take extra care in the outdoors when walking solo. A supplement will apply to baggage transfers.

Meals
A hearty breakfast is included each morning. Lunch and dinner are not included so you are free to choose from the available options. Most of your accommodations will more than happy to provide a packed lunch on request and this can be booked on arrival. Dinner is available either at your accommodation or nearby pubs or restaurants.

Equipment
Your information pack has a detailed equipment list which includes standard walking gear such as good walking boots or shoes, warm and waterproof clothes and a day pack.

Baggage Transfer
Your bags will be transferred from your accommodation as per your itinerary and moved onto your next overnight accommodation. We ask you to limit your luggage to one bag of up to 20kg per person.

Dogs
Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate walkers with dogs as many of the accommodation providers do not accept pets.

Getting to and from Guernsey

By Air: You can fly direct from London Gatwick and Stansted or a number of regional airports.

By Ferry: There are regular direct ferries from Poole (3hrs), Weymouth (2.5hrs) or Portsmouth (11.5hrs). All routes are with Condor Ferries.

Travel Insurance
It is a condition of booking with us that you have suitable travel insurance that covers you for cancellation, curtailment, illness or injury. It is always advisable to book insurance as soon as you confirm your holiday.

We operate holidays in some of the most beautiful areas of the world and try to operate in an environmentally aware and sustainable manner. We do this by following our M.A.C.S. Responsible travel policy. The full policy is available online and the cornerstones of this policy are:

• Minimise Impact & Maximise Benefit
• Action & Advocacy
• Carbon & Communities
• Sensitive & Sustainable

This walking holiday is best enjoyed between March and October. You can start on any date that suits your travel plans and you will find up to date availability on our website. Guernsey is very popular so it is best to book as far in advance as possible.
you are able to.

Detailed up to date prices for our Guernsey Holiday are available on our website.

Included

• Hand picked bed and breakfast accommodation in en suite rooms wherever possible.
• Door to door baggage transfer.
• A detailed info pack and guide book and map for the group leader.
• Emergency telephone support from our office in the event of a problem.

Excluded

• Travel to the start or from the finish of the itinerary.
• Travel to and from Sark/Herm
• Lunches, dinners, snacks and drinks.
• Travel Insurance.
• Personal Equipment.
• Taxi transfers or public transport should you need to skip a stage.

Once you have read all the information in this factsheet or our website and would like to go ahead with your booking you can book securely online at www.macsadventure.com or by telephone on +44 (0) 141 530 8886

HOW TO BOOK

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