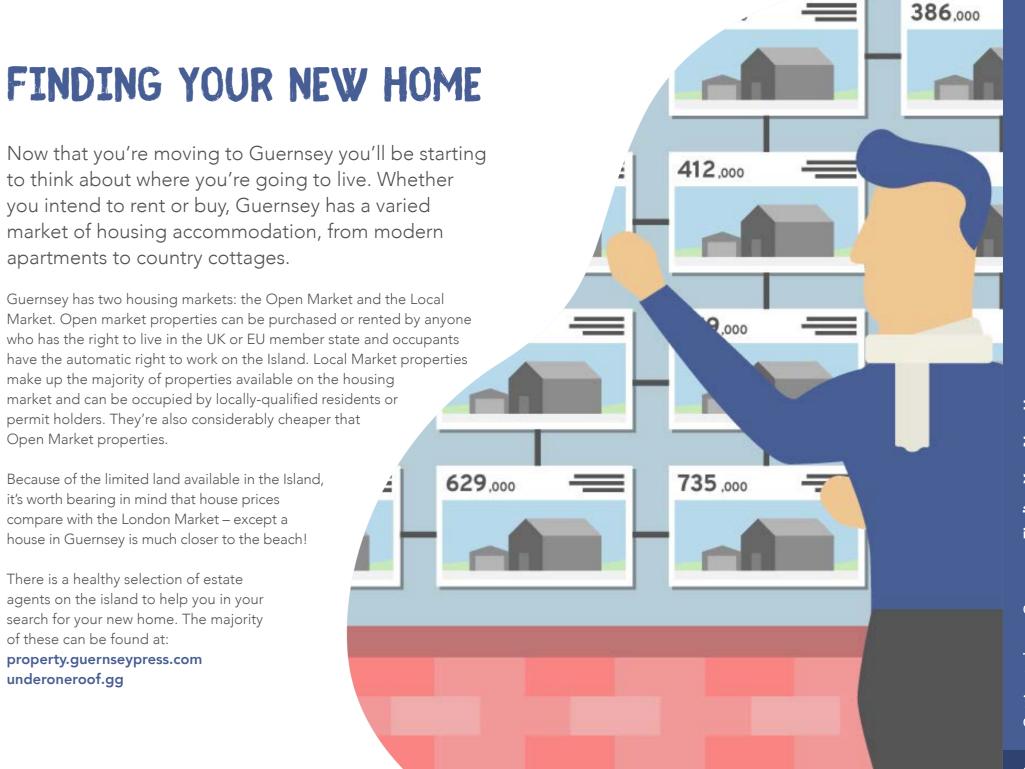


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GOVERNMENT AND VOTING

The Bailiwick of Guernsey (Guernsey, Alderney, Herm and Sark) is a crown dependency, meaning that it is part of the British Isles, but not the United Kingdom.

We have an Island-wide voting system to elect our 38 representatives – called People's Deputies – in Guernsey. A further two representatives from Alderney make up the States of Deliberation.

General Elections are held every four years to appoint Members to the States of Deliberation. To qualify to vote in the elections you must:

- Be 15 years of age or older (although you can't vote until you're 16)
- Be ordinarily resident in Guernsey
- Have been ordinarily resident in Guernsey for the last two years consecutively or for a total of five years at any time

For further information on elections and voting go to **gov.gg/elections**

BANKING AND MONEY

Although we're geographically closer to France, here in Guernsey we use the same currency as the UK meaning that English banknotes and coins can be used on the Island. We also produce our own locally issued banknotes and coins, including unique £1 notes.

The high street banks in Guernsey are Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds Banking Group and Natwest. If you have an account with a bank which does not have a branch onisland, make sure you set up online banking if you need to access these accounts whilst you're here.

TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS

Guernsey has a number of air and sea links to the other Islands in the Bailiwick and beyond.

For a full list of operators and destinations go to visitguernsey.com/travel/getting-here

GET CONNECTED

We know that you will want to be up and running as soon as possible when you arrive on island, this includes getting connected with your broadband, mobile and utilities. We have put together a list of contact details to help you get started.

MOBILE AND INTERNET PROVIDERS

Sure web.sure.com/guernsey
JT jtglobal.com/guernsey
Airtel-Vodaphone airtel-vodafone.com

UTILITIES

Guernsey Water water.gg
Guernsey Gas gsygas.com
Guernsey Electricity electricity.gg

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Government Services gov.gg
Guernsey Post guernseypost.com
TV Licencing Guernsey Post Ltd issues TV licences instantly at
guernseypost.com but cannot assist with further enquiries. For a full
service go to tvlicensing.co.uk

It's also worth noting that if you have an existing phone contract in the UK, you may receive additional charges if your contract provider does not include Guernsey as part of its UK coverage. When you move to the island you may want to change to an on-island provider or choose a UK provider which offers the coverage you will need without additional tariffs.



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PUBLIC AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

All public holidays are the same as in the UK, plus an additional one on 9th May when Islanders celebrate Liberation Day.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The public holidays for 2022 are:

Friday 3 rd January	New Years Day
Friday 15 nd April	Good Friday
Monday 18 th April	Easter Monday
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 9 th May	Liberation Day
Monday 2 nd June	Bank Holiday
Monday 3 th June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Monday 29 th August	Bank Holiday
Monday 26 th December	Boxing Day
Tuesday 27 th December	Christmas Day (substitute day)

SCHOOL TERM TIMES

All school term times are agreed and published 18 months ahead and are similar to some areas of the UK. Term times for this school year are:

Autumn Term 2022	
Friday 3 rd September	Term Starts
Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October	Half Term
Wednesday 22 nd December	Term Ends

Spring Term 2023	
Wednesday 6 th January	Term Starts
Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February	Half Term
Friday 7 th April	Term Ends

Summer Term 2023	
Tuesday 26 th April	Term Starts
Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June	Half Term
Friday 15 th July	Term Ends

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GETTING AROUND

There are plenty of ways to get around in Guernsey. Whether you prefer to travel by car, bus, taxi, cycle and even walk it won't take you long to get used to navigating your way around the Island.

BY CAR

Driving in Guernsey is different. Many roads in Guernsey are narrow lanes with high hedges and granite walls and the maximum speed limit for the island is 35mph (56kph).

The filter in turn system is unique to driving in the Channel Islands and takes a bit of getting used to. At these junctions all directions have equal priority and cars must take it in turns to enter the junction. These junctions are clearly signposted and marked on the floor with yellow hatched paint.

You'll also notice that road markings are in yellow rather than white like in the UK. A large yellow arrow lets you know you are about to approach a junction, and a yellow line at the junction means you should give way. Yellow lines along the curb mean no parking. You can find more about how driving in Guernsey is different at gov.gg/drivingingsy.

Sat Nav does exist in Guernsey but as the roads are often narrow and close together it is sometimes difficult for the Sat Nav to pinpoint your exact location. However, Google maps does work, and having a map handy in your car will help you get used to navigating around. Before long you will know the island like the back of your hand!

If you bring a car over to Guernsey you will need to re-register it within 14 days of your arrival. In addition to the registration fee, a 'first registration duty' will be applied to all new and second-hand vehicles being imported and registered in Guernsey for the first time. Full details on this can be found at gov.gg/registeringingsy. You will also need to exchange your licence for a Guernsey driving licence within a year of arriving – finally you can replace that photo with the bad haircut you had 8 years ago! The exchange process depends on the type of licence you currently have, for more details go to gov.gg/dvl.



BY BUS

The bus service on Guernsey operates daily and will take you almost anywhere on the Island for £1.25 per journey. If you use the bus regularly you can purchase a Puffin Pass which reduces the cost to only 75p per ride! For full details of the routes and timetables, visit buses.gg.

BY FOOT OR BICYCLE

Being only 25 square miles in size, Guernsey is ideally suited to getting around by bike. The island has a network of lanes called Ruette Tranquilles. These designated routes promote a recommended speed limit of 15 mph with priority given to walkers, cyclists and horseriders.



PARKING

All public parking in Guernsey is free. However, most on-street parking and car parks in principal shopping areas are marked as disc zone and you must use a 'parking clock' to indicate your time of arrival, day or night. The time limit for that particular disc parking place starts from the time you parked your vehicle. Disabled parking spaces are also available and can be used when displaying a valid blue badge permit which are available from Driver & Vehicle Licensing at Bulwer Avenue (DVL) . Parking clocks are available for purchase from DVL, the Guernsey Information Centre and the Police Station.



BY TAXI

Guernsey has a regulated, licensed taxi service based at three ranks in St Peter Port, St Sampson (on the Bridge) and at Guernsey Airport. 4 accessible taxis are also available on island. It is advisable to book taxis wherever possible, especially when you wish to travel early in the morning or during the evening when demand is greatest. For a list of the taxi companies available on island go to visitguernsey.com/taxis



ACCESSIBILITY

The good level of accessibility in Guernsey will help everyone enjoy many excellent historical sites, cafes, bars and restaurants that the Island has to offer.

Good, clear information on accessibility enables people to plan their journeys in advance, and to know that they will be able to move around with dignity and without discomfort. The AccessAble access guide provides a great resource covering local venues for many aspects of Island life, as well as helpful information on local businesses. You can find the guide at accessable.co.uk/organisations/guernsey or download the app.

Signpost.gg is a website that provides easily accessible information for parents and carers of disabled children as well as offering information on the services and support available in Guernsey for disabled adults.



BRINGING PETS

We know that some family members have four legs. Here's what you need to know about bringing your pets to the Island.

If you are moving from the UK you will be able to bring your pets over without a pet passport. If you are moving here from outside the UK you will need a pet passport. You can find out more about this at gov.gg/petimports.

DOGS ON BEACHES

Most of Guernsey's beaches are dog friendly during the summer months, but between 1st May and 30th September there are some where dogs are not allowed. These are:

Fermain, Petit Bot, L'Eree, Vazon (Northern end), Cobo, Port Soif, L'Ancresse, and Pembroke.

While enjoying a gentle stroll on the beach with your furry friend, be sure that they don't disturb the wildlife, particularly birds, that can be especially vulnerable during mating season (February to July). And of course, like anywhere else, please pick up after your dog.

For more information go to gov.gg/dogban

DOG TAX

Owners of dogs in Guernsey are required to buy a licence from their parish authority for each dog they own. Dog tax is payable annually at a rate of £10.00 per dog and is renewable each January by 31st of the month.

Tax is due for all dogs over the age of 6 months - the only exceptions being assistance dogs. (e.g. guide dogs for the blind or hearing dogs for the deaf). For the method of payment you should contact your parish, details of which can be found in the Parish Contacts of the States of Guernsey web site.

gov.gg/parishes

VETS

Vets4Pets - 01481 239101 Isabelle Vets (Route Isabelle) - 01481 723863 Isabelle Vets (L'Islet) - 01481 241056 Northside Veterinary Centre - 01481 248464 Les Eturs Veterinary Clinic - 01481 257708 St Martins Veterinary Centre - 01481 238300



COST OF LIVING

On average the cost of housing and food is more expensive than in the UK.

Additional costs for living on the Island are usually offset by the average income which is higher in Guernsey than the UK. Living on an island means you never have far to travel, so you can wave goodbye to train season tickets and endless commuter traffic jams, along with the associated costs! Island life also means taking advantage of experiences available on your door step which have no added cost, whether it's swimming in the sea, running on the cliff paths or cycling along the coast, there are plenty of activities you can enjoy for free.

Unlike in the UK, Guernsey and Alderney are not part of the NHS so islanders pay for primary healthcare such as visiting the GP or the Emergency Department. Secondary healthcare is free for residents and paid for through social security contributions which are automatically deducted from your wage. On your arrival in the Bailiwick, you and your family will need to register with Employment and Social Security (ESS) in order to be able to access medical cover. Once you are registered you will be entitled to access all medical benefits.

In order to avoid a gap in medical cover, it is a good idea to register online **before you arrive**. You can find details of how to do this on **gov.gg/socialsecurity**. Depending on your health needs it is recommended that you look into health insurance cover whilst living in Guernsey.

The Island offers a mix of private and state funded education. The States of Guernsey provides financial support for students attending university in the UK based on a means-tested grant scheme. For more information go to gov.gg/studentfinance

WASTE AND RECYCLING

Guernsey's Waste Strategy encourages islanders to reduce waste, and provides services and facilities that make it easy to reuse and recycle. We separate our waste into different bags (blue, clear and glass refuse) and boxes (black food waste box) at home so that they are sorted and recycled in the best way when collected.

Blue and clear recycling bags can be obtained free of charge upon presentation of a recycling bag voucher. To request your first voucher, go to **gov.gg/recycling**.

Every household in Guernsey has a weekly waste and recycling collection. These collections are arranged by each parish, so your collection night will depend on where you live. To find out your collection day and more information on waste collection, go to gov.gg/waste.



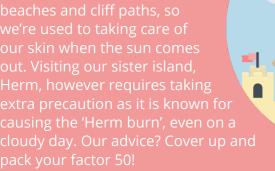
ACT LIKE A LOCAL IN 10 EASY STEPS

make the most of Island life.



BEWARE OF THE HERM BURN

we're used to taking care of our skin when the sun comes extra precaution as it is known for



BRACE YOURSELF FOR THE BOXING DAY SWIM



3 GET LOST IN A MAZE OF **COUNTRY LANES**

disorientated when exploring



GET IN THE FESTIVAL SPIRIT

out about upcoming events, visit visitguernsey.com/explore-our-events



5 GET STARRY EYED IN SARK



EAT FRESH WITH SOME HEDGE VEG

home grown and homemade stalls at the end of their





7 LEARN THE LINGO EH!

the Island. We've picked out



WOTCHER! - Hello

CHIRRI! – See va!

PUSHANG – Bicycle

BEAUSIE – a shortened name for Beau Sejour, the leisure centre

A WRAP – a towel with arm holes, popular with locals when

A LA PERCHOINE – Guernsey-patois meaning

GOING AROUND SARK TO GET TO HERM – a long diversion

and keen to preserve. Go to language.gg to find out more.

GET YOUR WELLIES ON AND GO ORMERING

restaurants, so to taste them you'll need



GRAB SOME BEANJAR AND EAT LOCAL



10 TRY YOUR LUCK AT THE MEAT DRAW

SHOPPING

The main shopping area in Guernsey is the high street in St Peter Port where you will find high street brands sitting between unique independent boutiques. St Sampson also has a collection of smaller shops which offer a range of products.

The main supermarkets are Waitrose, M&S and the Co-operative with smaller cornershops at convenient locations across the island. There are also independent butchers, farm shops, farmers markets and fishmongers where you can find local, fresh produce.

SHOPPING ONLINE

If you shop online it is worth checking whether the company delivers to the island. You will also find that many retailers remove 20% VAT at point of purchase.

If you visit the UK and make a purchase, you can claim back your VAT on items which you bring back to Guernsey. For information on how to claim back VAT, go to gov.gg/article/120182/Claiming-back-VAT.

WOTCHERS



10-5 million BC

Up until this point in history Guernsey was still on the seabed. It wasn't until about 2.6 million BC that the land emerged from the sea due to a series of ice ages causing sea levels to rise and then fall. During this time Guernsey was connected to France whenever sea levels fell, and at around 8000 BC Guernsey finally became an Island.

50BC - 400AD

For almost 500 years, St Peter Port was a Roman town. In around 280 AD one of the Roman ships caught fire and sank in St Peter Port Harbour. It was found and excavated in the 1980s and is now on display opposite Fort Grey in St Pierre du Bois.

1204

Fast forward to the 13th century and this a very significant date for Guernsey as it separated from Normandy but was retained by the English Crown. The Channel Islands have been separate crown dependencies ever since.

1350

Guernsey was hit by two devastating events; Black Death and the 100 years war. Little is known of the actual impact of Black Death on the Islands but the 100 years war resulted in the Islands being raided and occupied by the French on numerous occasions.

1642 - 1651

During the English Civil War, Guernsey supported Parliament while Castle Cornet was held by the King, resulting in regular skirmishes between the Castle and St Peter Port. By the end of the war, Castle Cornet was the last Royalist stronghold to surrender.

1689

The end of Guernsey's neutrality gives birth to privateering. By 1713, there were 113 Guernsey privateers in operation. These 'legal' pirates would seize enemy ships on the shores of the island, taking the ship's cargo as a reward.

1819

In this year, the famous Guernsey cow became a protected breed.

1822

Guernsey starts to print its own money.

Guernsey born printer, Thomas De La

Rue went on to found the world's largest
commercial banknote manufacturing company.

1833

The first tourist guide to Guernsey is published. Today, Guernsey is a popular holiday destination visited by thousands of tourists every year.

1855

After his exile from France, the famous writer Victor Hugo moved to Guernsey. During his time on the Island he wrote some of his most celebrated works, including the world renowned Les Miserables.

1884

With the growing industry on the rise, Guernsey tomatoes were exported to the UK for the first time. Almost 100 years later, at its peak, there were over 9.5 million trays of tomatoes exported in a single year.

1940-1945

During the height of World War II the Island was occupied by Nazi Germany. Over 17,000 people were evacuated to the UK before the Germans invaded leaving them cut off from their families for 5 years. The island was liberated on 9th May 1945, a day which is now a public holiday for Islanders.

1963

The first merchant bank opened office in Guernsey, marking the start of the finance industry. Financial services is now the largest sector in Guernsey's economy and comprises 18% of employment on the Island.

PARISH COMMUNITY

Guernsey has a story to tell around every corner, down each alley and tucked away in its forts and castles, ruins and ancient tombs. The island is made up of 10 parishes which each have their own individual character, so whether you prefer the bustle of town, cliff walks with views across the other islands, or lazy days by the beach, there is a parish to suit every occasion.

TORTEVAL

The relatively remote location of Torteval in the South West of the island is the punch line to many a local joke about having a 'long commute to town', despite it still only being around a 20 minute journey by car. Torteval is also host to one of the more unique festivals on the island – the Scarecrow festival. Held each summer, over 60 scarecrows depicting topical themes line the trail which starts at the parish church.

ST PIERRE DU BOIS

Known locally as St Peters, St Pierre de Bois is the home parish of the Le Creux ès Faies. a well preserved Megalithic passage tomb. Guernsey folklore says the passage is the entrance to the Fairy Kingdom and fairies can be seen there at midnight on moonlit nights. We're not sure if it's true, but it's worth a visit during the day, if only for the views.

CASTEL

Castel (pronounced 'Cat-elle') is home to some of Guernsey's best beaches for water sports and barbeques. Sitting on the wall at Cobo beach with a bagful of fish and chips watching the sunset is the ideal way for any islander to spend a summer evening.

ST SAVIOUR

One of Guernsey's more rural parishes, St Saviour has a healthy network of ruettes tranquilles as well as being home to the island's reservoir which provides a water supply to the island. It is worth noting that this is the reason that the road cannot be gritted in winter as the rock salt may contaminate the water supply. So on the rare occasion there is snow in Guernsey it's best to plan ahead so that you get home safely.

FOREST

Forest is the highest parish on the island with altitudes of up to about 100m, and because of this it is home to the island's airport. Making up part of the South coast, the parish has some of the island's more secluded beaches and coastline which are best explored by kayak or canoe.

VALE

Interestingly, before it was drained and reclaimed in 1806, Guernsey was separated into two islands by a tidal channel known as the Braye du Vale. Nowadays, Vale is home to the sweeping sands of L'Ancresse Bay and an 18hole golf course, one of three golf courses on the island.

ST SAMPSON

St Sampson is the second biggest 'town' on the Island and has a more industrial feel owing to its large harbour which receives many of the goods shipped to the island. Don't be confused when locals refer to this area as 'the Bridge' – there is no bridge! The name comes from a bridge which used to exist here before the land was reclaimed and the gap was filled in, but the name has stuck!

ST PETER PORT

VALE

ST SAMPSON

St Peter Port is the Capital of Guernsey and the place to be to experience great restaurants, bars and the nightlife. If you live in an outer parish, take advantage of the night buses that run on Friday and Saturday nights for a cheap ride home after your evening out.

ST MARTIN

One of the most popular parishes to live in, St Martin connects the bustle of town with the scenic views of the South East coast. Take the cliff path down to Jerbourg point on a clear day to have spectacular views of Sark, Herm and across to Jersey.

ST ANDREW

St Andrew is the only landlocked parish on the island with a landscape of small hills and valleys. The parish is home to the Little Chapel, possibly the world's smallest chapel which is decorated with broken china, shells and pebbles.



VALE

GETTING INVOLVED

Whether you're looking for the opportunity to try something new or wanting to continue doing the things you love, Guernsey has plenty of ways to get you involved in island life.

THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON ACROSS THE ISLAND..



Web search online



Local newspapers



Parish newsletters



Visit Guernsey Website



Local radio, BBC Guernsey (93.2MHz) and Island FM (104.7FM)



Facebook Groups

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Sports Commission guernseysports.com

VOLUNTEER

Guernsey Communit Foundation foundation.gg



Guernsey Arts Commission arts.gg

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