



THE OTHER CHANNEL ISLANDS

Guernsey, Herm, Sark, Alderney

Monday 11 May - Monday 18 May

One of the most important Neanderthal sites in Western Europe; 2500 BC La Varde passage grave, and Les Fouillages tomb, on Guernsey; best-preserved Roman fort in British Isles, on Alderney; Guernsey Museum of Archaeology; wall-paintings of 14c Ste Apolline Chapel, unchanged for 600 years; early Georgian Saumarez Manor, occupied by same family for 800 years; Victor Hugo's house, where he wrote 'Les Misérables'; shell beach and megalithic tombs on Herm; granite quarries used for repair of London Bridge; horse-drawn carriage trip round car-free Sark; museum commemorating Channel Islands' occupation by Nazis; Sark distillery; Garden of La Seigneurie, Sark; Fort Albert, Alderney, most-advanced 1850s fort design in Europe; George Gilbert Scott church; Napoleonic and German forts on Guernsey and Alderney; Little Chapel, smallest in world, decorated with seashells and pottery; evening chocolate tasting as well as an evening wine tasting!



Old Government House

St Ann's Place

St Peter Port

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We anchor our seven day tour in St Peter Port on Guernsey. With its cobbled streets and Regency architecture, it is one of the prettiest harbour towns in Europe. Our historic hotel, The Old Government House Hotel, sits proudly on the hill in the heart of St Peter Port, just minutes from the quayside. The hotel's vantage grants lovely views over St Peter Port and out to the islands of Herm and Jethou, with Sark a little further off. The grande dame of Guernsey hotels. OGH, as it's affectionately known is full of old-world charm and traditional five-star service, with thoroughly modern amenities. It is full of objets d'art, antique furniture, etchings and prints. Bold colour choices add to the cheer, such as striking green and white stripes in the French-themed brasserie or deep reds and magentas in the restaurant. Walls are swathed in fabric and floors are carpeted. Its exceptional food, traditional hospitality and beautifully designed rooms will make this a perfect place to return to every afternoon.

The Old Government House Hotel & Spa has operated as a hotel since 1858 but its history dates back to 1796 when it was the official Governor's residence for the island and the Bailiwick, which includes Alderney, Herm and Sark, until 1842. The last Lieutenant Governor to use it as Government House, was General Sir James Douglas. John Gardner purchased the property and launched it formally as Old Government House in 1858 where it was quickly established within Victorian society as "An old and comfortable country mansion". The hotel has been extended and modernised but has never lost its character and charm.

From 1940 to 1945, the Germans occupied it as their General Staff Headquarters. The war over, great alterations were made. The hotel was enlarged and refurbished, yet its unique atmosphere of dignity and good fellowship remained and these qualities are as evident today as they were in the Gardner's time.

MONDAY 11 May

Guernsey

11.50 Suggested Aurigny flight leaves Gatwick
1.15 Arrive Guernsey
1.45 Welcoming Lunch in hotel
2.45 NF lecture, 'The Channel Islands: A Perfect Marriage of French and English?'
3.45 Candle Gardens stroll on way to private visit in Priaulx Library
5.00 Tea in Hotel
7.00 Dinner in hotel.

TUESDAY 12 May

Guernsey

10.30 Coffee
11.00 Lecture: 'Archaeology of the Channel Islands': Dr Philip de Jersey
12.30 Lunch in Hotel
1.30 Minibus to La Varde, Les Fouillages and Le Trepied Megalithic monuments
3.30 Tea near Museum
4.00 Guernsey Museum with Curator of Collections
7.00 Dinner in Hotel

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY

Herm

10.30 Leave from St Peter Port Harbour for Herm on Travel Trident ferry
11.15 Coffee at Mermaid Tavern
11.00 Walk to cromlechs and Shell Beach
1.00 Lunch at Mermaid Tavern
3.35 St Tugual's Chapel visit
4.15 Leave on return ferry to Guernsey
7.00 Tea in hotel Dinner in Hotel

THURSDAY 14 May

Guernsey

10.30 Leave on minibus for The Little Chapel, smallest functioning chapel in Europe
11.15 Leave for Castle Cornet, private guided tour
12.45 Lunch at Fat Rascal, 2 Le Fefebvre St
2.30 Victor Hugo's House
4.00 Return to hotel
6.00 Evening wine tasting in cellar of hotel
7.00 Dinner

FRIDAY 15 MAY

Sark

09.30 Private boat to Sark
10.30 Arrive Sark
11.00 Sark Museum
12.30 Lunch in iconic Stocks Hotel
2.00 Garden of La Seigneurie 3.00 Private carriage ride on Sark 4.00 Tea at 'quirky' Harbor Cafe 4.30
Return to Guernsey by private boat 5.30 Arrive Guernsey
7.00 Dinner in Hotel

SATURDAY 16 May

Guernsey

11.00 Visit Saumarez Manor
12.30 Lunch at Saumarez Manor
2.00 Saumarez Manor Sculpture Park
3.00 Visit Fort Grey Martello Tower
4.00 Return to hotel for tea
7.00 Dinner in Hotel
8.30 Evening chocolate tasting at Ben le Prevost

SUNDAY 17 May

Alderney

0900 Ferry leaves for Alderney (Little Ferry company)
10.00 Arrive Alderney
10:30 Coffee at Mel's Tearoom 38 High Street
11:15 Alderney Museum visit
12.30 Lunch at Jack's Brasserie 56 Victoria Street
2.30 Alderney Railway scenic journey
4.00 Leave for Guernsey
5.00 Arrive Guernsey
7.00 Closing Dinner in Hotel

Monday 18 May

UK

14.40 Suggested flight from Guernsey
15.40 Suggested flight arrives London Gatwick

£2595 members, £2645 non-members, £466 single room supplement, deposit £300, includes seven nights accommodation and all tuition: full breakfast, coffees, all lunches in the Hotel, and all dinners including wine; all lectures and private visit arrangements, and all taxi, boat and rail travel during the tour (please note that this cost excludes flights to and from Guernsey)