**DESTINATION**

Guernsey

For the perfect mix of stunning scenery and the best of contemporary living, Guernsey is an ideal destination. The island has a rich history and is a thriving business centre. Make the most of the great outdoors, from thrill-seeking coasteering to walks along the cliff paths, or lazy days on beautiful beaches.

**STAREVENTS BOOK NOW...**

**EVENTS DON’T MISS OUT!**

- **18-27 SEPT. GUERNSEY INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL.**
  When it comes to food and drink islanders are rightfully proud of their local produce, with plenty of events taking place throughout the year, across all the Bailiwick islands.

  New for 2015 is the Guernsey International Food Festival, which takes place in September, so book your flights now. During the Festival, there will be fantastic promotions on offer in restaurants and cocktail bars as well as markets and shows, interactive events and plenty for the children to do, as well as the grown ups.

  Activities will be centred around the capital St Peter Port, but festival fever will spread across the island. The festival will allow visitors to explore the amazing array of produce that comes from the island, in both restaurants and farms from both the very talented island and guest chefs.

  This fast-paced, fun and energetic week is sure to leave you hungry for more. visitguernsey.com/food-festival

More events and further information can be found at visitguernsey.com

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- **1-2 AUG. TORTEVAIL SCARECROW FESTIVAL.**
  Take a wander through the beautiful parish of Torteval in the southwest of Guernsey and enjoy the 12th Torteval Scarecrow Festival. Follow the trail through some of the delightful rural lanes and pick your favourite scarecrow entries which come in all shapes and sizes. The Trail takes approximately 90 minutes at a gentle stroll and a programme describing the scarecrows can be purchased at the Parish Church torteval-scarecrows.org

**BLUE SKIES SUGGESTS...**

**LA FRECATE**

La Fregate Hotel is one of Guernsey’s four-star hotels. It merges the character and charm of an 18th-century house with the amenities of a modern business and leisure hotel. Set on a hill overlooking St Peter Port harbour and the other Channel Islands of Herm, Sark, Alderney, Jersey, and on a clear day the coast of France, it is ideally located for both business or pleasure visitors.

The hotel is set in its own secluded terrace gardens, yet is only two minutes’ walk from the town shopping centre and the island’s bustling business sector. Continual refurbishment in all areas of the hotel means it’s evolved into a unique boutique hotel of which the staff are understandably proud.

The restaurant’s sea view terrace is a spectacular location on which to enjoy a light lunch and glass of wine or something more substantial, whilst whiling away the afternoon. Head Chef Neil Maginnis creates menus using seasonal and local produce whenever possible. Naturally there is a predominance of fish and shellfish from the local waters, all prepared and cooked with precision. All featured hotels can be booked with booking.com via www.blueislands.com/hotels

**DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT**

**HEAD TO THE (SHEEP) RACES**

If you’re lucky enough to be in Guernsey between 17-19 July, hop across the water for a day at the races, Sark style. One of the most popular events in Sark’s calendar, the sheep racing is a fun day out for all the family with plenty of events for the children, as well as the main event - sheep racing. Try to book your boat and accommodation in advance, as this is a popular weekend.

**RESTAURANTS**

**GRAB A BIT! MINT BRASSERIE AND TEAROOM**

Tucked away on the site of Bruce Russell Gold and Silversmiths boasting an outdoor terrace for sunny days, this countryside farmhouse style brasserie and tearoom offers wholesome lunches and intimate evening dining but for an indulgent treat, pop in for a homemade scone, cheeseburger or cake.

**RESTAURANT ROSSO**

Whether lunch, brunch or dinner, head to Rossos big brother Red Grill House and Cocktail Bar for a drink or two. Try the popular Porn Star Martini, a modern classic with Absolut vanilla vodka,passoa liqueur, fresh passion fruit and homemade vanilla sugar. Served with a fresh passion fruit dusted with vanilla sugar and a long shot of bubbly on the side.

**AIRPORT INFO**

**CHECK-IN.** Close to big cities and easy to connect to or from blue islands. Guernsey airport offers complimentary refreshments.

**TAXIS.**

**EUROPCAR: see www.blueislands.com.**

**BUSES.**

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