As well as being a picturesque island in the heart of the Channel Islands, Jersey is recognised as a world-leading financial centre. With history at every turn, walkers will be captivated by the unspoilt landscape and families can relax on pristine beaches. Jersey was originally under Norman rule; however, it has been under English rule since the ascent of William Duke of Normandy to the English throne in 1066.

HOTEL CRISTINA. The contemporary Hotel Cristina overlooks the beautiful bay of St Aubin’s. Although the hotel is central, with St Helier 1.5 miles away, it is surrounded by pretty country lanes and is ideal for walks. Guests can indulge at the hotel’s award winning restaurant, enjoy a snack at the Terrace Bar or soak up the Jersey sun by the heated outdoor swimming pool. Hotel Cristina reopens on 20th April.

FEAST. Feast is situated on picturesque Corey Pier, right below the castle with perfect views over the harbour. In winter it’s a haven of cosiness due to the roaring open fire. Favourite dishes include sticky ribs, creamy fish pie, sizzling garlic prawns and rosemary and pepper crusted sirloin steak.

MERCHANT HOUSE BRASSERIE. Set alongside the Jersey Museum, the Merchant House Brasserie is an unpretentious restaurant that offers diners traditional and robust British recipes in relaxed, modern surroundings.

AIRPORT INFO
CHECK-IN. Closes 30 mins before departure. Blue Islands has its own dedicated customer lounge.
TAXIS. Outside terminal or Domino: 01534 747047, or Flying Dragon: 01534 888333.
BUSES & TRAINS. No. 15 to St Helier every 20 minutes.
PARKING. Short and long term parking available at the airport. www.airport.gov.je

EVENTS
1 APRIL. EASTER MONDAY HORSE RACING. A day at the Jersey Race Club is great fun for all the family, and at Les Landes racecourse you can be guaranteed a fabulous day out to remember.
23 APRIL. 7pm-8.30pm. LINDY HOP DANCE WORKSHOP. Just in time for Liberation Day, learn how to Lindy Hop in true 1940s style. Run by the Jersey Arts Centre. Non-members - £10. enquiries@artscentre.je
26-29 APRIL. JERSEY JAZZ FESTIVAL 2013, HOTEL METROPOLE. Including the Mercury Quartet, the Brian White Jazz Quartet, the Jersey Jazz Quintet and Laura Zakian, an amazing jazz vocalist who will send shivers down your spine.
30 APRIL. 1 MAY. ADAM ANT & THE GOOD, THE MAD AND THE LOVELY POSSE AT FORT REGENT.
4-6 MAY. JERSEY BOAT SHOW. Now in its sixth year, the three-day show takes place right in the maritime heart of St Helier and gets the boating season off to a great start. Featuring power and sail, history, food, drink and entertainment.
8-12 MAY. LIBERATION MUSIC FESTIVAL. Beautiful and atmospheric music in stunning settings celebrating the Liberation of Jersey. A highlight is the Gala evening featuring virtuoso soloists including Sir James Galway and supported by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.
11-18 MAY. SPRING WALKING WEEK. Explore Jersey’s natural beauty in a series of free guided walks designed for you, whatever your age and experience.
12 MAY. AN EVENING WITH ANTON AND ERIN AT FORT REGENT. See the Strictly Come Dancing favourites perform.
18-26 MAY. JERSEY FOOD FESTIVAL. A week-long celebration of the iconic Jersey Royal potato and the bountiful seafood and dairy produce for which the island is famous. Enjoy farm and dairy tours, low water walks and producer tours culminating in an al fresco food event in St Helier.

RESTAURANTS
HOTEL CRISTINA. The contemporary Hotel Cristina operates flights to Jersey from Bristol, Geneva, Guernsey, London City, Manchester, Southampton & Zurich. For full timetables, see pages 120-121.