

Jersey Coastal Path Guided Trail

Tour Style: Guided walking

Destinations: Channel Islands, United Kingdom & England

Trip code: JFLDW

Trip Walking Grade: 3



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

An independent, English-speaking territory with an intriguing mix of cultures, Jersey is the largest of the Channel Islands that sits between England and France. Not only does it boast better-than-average British weather, but also beautiful beaches, impressive castles, and seaside towns that have all the laidback charms of a European resort. Though the island measures just 45 square miles, it has 50 miles of varied coastline to explore, and our experienced leaders will guide you along the entire coastal path which circumnavigates the island. Discover the rugged cliffs and secluded coves of the north, the broad sweeping bays of St Aubin's and St Ouen's in the south and west, plus the pretty harbour towns and the iconic castle-crowned Mont Orgueil in the east.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Comfortable en-suite rooms in our partner accommodation(s)
- Cooked or continental breakfast every morning
- Three-course evening meals, plus tea & coffee
- Guided walks with an experienced HF Holidays Leader
- All transport to and from walks where necessary
- Return flights from London Gatwick, Heathrow, Bristol, Birmingham, Glasgow, Manchester or Southampton to Jersey, including hold baggage, and airport transfers

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Circumnavigating the entire island
- Discovering the island's fascinating history
- Enjoying the most stunning coastal walks in the UK
- Relaxing by the beach or taking a dip in the pool on your free day
- Staying at the comfortable Somerville Hotel
- A more personalised experience thanks to small group sizes (maximum 15 people)

TRIP SUITABILITY

This Jersey Coast Path Guided Walking /Hiking Trail is graded 3 which involves walks/hikes on well-defined paths, though often in hilly or upland areas, or along rugged coastal footpaths. These may be rough and steep in sections and will require a good level of fitness. Coastal paths such as this often feature a considerable amount of ascent and descent due to the nature of the coast, so you should be prepared for this. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the relevant fitness and equipment required to join this holiday. Provision cannot be made for anyone who opts out. Please be sure you can manage the daily mileage and ascent detailed in the daily itineraries. The walking day is normally 6 to 7 hours. It is important for your own enjoyment, and that of your fellow guests that you can maintain the pace. It makes a lot of sense to spend time getting some additional exercise before your holiday. We suggest that you try to fit in a number of longer walks, including some on hilly terrain. Other exercises such as cycling, jogging and swimming are also excellent for developing increased stamina.

Your fitness

Having a solid base of fitness before your holiday will ensure you've the best chance of completing the holiday and enjoying it to boot. Here's a few simple tips to help you get fit and ready for your challenge:

- Get out walking - whether the weather, get out there, and start building your fitness months before your holiday
- Build your distance gradually and get a number of 6-8hr hill days in
- Ideally, try and do two consecutive days training if possible
- Take the stairs every time
- Train on different terrain
- Train with your day pack and your walking boots too, to ensure they're well worn in before your holiday
- Other sports help improve your walking fitness too. The best ones are jogging, cycling, swimming, which will build your stamina, and yoga which will help strengthen your core and improve balance
- Time training will help ensure you enjoy your holiday to the max.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

You're welcome to check in at the Somerville Hotel from 3pm onwards. Your HF Holidays Leaders will be on hand from 6:30pm to give you a warm welcome and explain the plan of action before dinner.

Day 2: St. Aubin To La Corbiere

Distance: 8 miles (14km)

Ascent: 560 feet (170m)

Descent: 650 feet (200m)

We'll start our walk from the hotel door this morning and head down to Noirmont, Jersey National Park. We'll continue across St Brelade's Bay where we can visit the ancient church and the Fisherman's Chapel. It's then time to cross the headland above Flicquet Bay and aim for the former German Artillery Observation Tower, to finish our walk at Corbière.

Day 3: To La Greve De Lecq

Distance: 10.5miles (16.5km)

Ascent: 560ft (170m)

Descent: 505ft (154m)

Today's route takes us the full length of St Ouen's Bay which provides a perfect natural arena for many sports, including motor racing, board sailing and surfing. After crossing the bay, we'll climb the headland passing Le Pinacle, a 200ft outcrop of pink granite. We'll walk along the headland to the ruin of Grosnez Castle, a 14th century fort. Continuing along the undulating cliff path we pass Plemont Bay and to Greve de Lecq with its sandy beach, pub, and cafés.

Day 4: To Bouley Bay

Distance: 10.5 miles (16.5km)

Ascent: 1400ft (425m)

Descent: 1470ft (450m)

Our walk today takes us on a visit to a collapsed cave known as the Devil's Hole before we cross the Mourier Valley and on to Sorrel Point. We'll descend to Bonne Nuit Bay, a once famous haunt of smugglers of Spanish brandy, French wines, and tobacco. Leaving Bonne Nuit Bay, we'll pass La Crete Fort, a mid-19th century guardhouse and now the Lieutenant Governor's weekend retreat. Heading east we pass La Petit Port on our way to Bouley Bay.

Day 5: Free Day

Each week there's a free day when no walks are organised. This is an ideal opportunity to relax around the hotel or explore independently. Bring your National Trust card if you have one, as it can be used in Jersey.

Day 6: To Tower 5

Distance: 9 miles (15km)

Ascent: 560ft (170m)

Descent: 625ft (190m)

This morning we'll join the undulating coastal path that takes us to the White Rock, above Rozel Bay. We'll continue to Flicquet Bay where we'll see our first Jersey round tower, one of 30 built in the 18th century to help counter a French invasion. Depending on the tides, much of the next stage of the walk can be undertaken along the beach. Leaving Gorey Pier, we'll walk along to end our day at Tower 5.

Day 7: To St Aubin

Distance: 10 miles (16km)

Ascent: 80ft (24m)

Descent: 105ft (32m)

On our final day we'll follow the trail to St Helier passing the Victoria and South Piers and the Commercial Buildings which were built by wealthy merchants in the early 1800s. Leaving St Helier we'll continue our walk along St Aubin's Bay, to end our circumnavigation of the island, at St Aubin.

Day 8: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

ACCOMMODATION

Somerville

The family-owned 4-star Somerville is a delightful country house hotel, nestled in the hillside overlooking the quaint village of St Aubin. Enjoying fabulous views over the harbour and across the bay to Elizabeth Castle, the hotel is a great base for our walking holiday with nearby access to public transport to explore on your free day. You will find friendly service and all the modern conveniences to make your holiday comfortable. Tides

restaurant focuses on top-quality food using seasonal ingredients, and the Voyager lounge and bar offer a stylish and relaxing environment to enjoy a glass of something delicious. The hotel is set in lush gardens and has an outdoor swimming pool (heated mid-May to mid-September). Rooms have been recently refurbished and have tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, bathrobes, toiletries, TV and Wi-Fi.

Food & Drink

Our holidays in Jersey are half-board, with breakfast and evening meal provided at the hotel.

Dietary Requirements

Our partner hotels can cater for most dietary requirements, but it is important you advise us of any allergies and dietary restrictions you have at the time of booking.

TRAVEL DETAILS

By Air

Our 'with flight' holiday includes group return flights from London to Jersey. For flight times and prices please follow the booking process. If you choose this option, we automatically include return transfers between the airport and hotel. Upon arrival at the airport, exit through security into the arrivals hall where you will find the "Tantivy" desk. Please give them your name and they will direct you to the next available transfer coach to the Somerville Hotel. The transfer by coach to your hotel takes approx. 20 minutes.

If you prefer to book the holiday without flights and make your own travel arrangements, there are numerous flights from UK regional airports to Jersey. If you would like us to arrange your return transfers between the airport and hotel, which is included in the cost of your holiday, you must contact us on [+44 \(0\)20 8732 1250](tel:+44(0)2087321250) or email reservations@hfholidays.co.uk at least 8 weeks before your holiday start date to provide your flight details. If you do not contact us, we will assume you are making independent travel arrangements.

All passengers aged 16 and over are required to provide photographic ID at the check-in desk and at the departure gate.

By Ferry

Condor Ferries operate services between Poole in Dorset and St Helier (sometimes with a stop in Guernsey). After disembarking, you can either take a taxi to the hotel or travel by bus from St Helier's Liberation Station, which is about a 10-minute walk from the ferry terminal. Bus routes 12A, 14 & 15 all stop at St Aubin South, then it's a 5-minute uphill walk to the hotel. For more details visit the Liberty bus website: www.libertybus.je.

Tantivy also provides transfers between the ferry terminal and Jersey hotels, but this is not included in your holiday price. If you would like to book transfers directly, please visit their website: [Transfers | Tantivy Blue Coach Tours](#).

USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Holiday Information

We try to create a relaxed atmosphere on the walk but please listen to safety instructions from your leader.

Keep members of the group in view especially when weather or visibility is poor. If you leave the group, then your leader will no longer have responsibility for you. Our leaders consider the safety of the group as a whole and are likely to be more cautious over potential risks such as bad weather.

Joining Instructions

Arrival Day

The transfer for all guests from Jersey Airport to your hotel is included in the price of your holiday. Upon arrival at Jersey airport, exit through security into the Arrival Halls and make your way to the **"Tantivy"** desk and give them your name. They will direct you to the next available transfer coach to the Greenhills Country Hotel. The transfer by coach to your hotel takes approximately 15 minutes.

Our "with flight" package includes return flights from London. We can also book flights from Newcastle/Teeside/ Isle of Man/Glasgow/Southampton on request.

Departure Day

We will arrange for you to be taken back to the airport to catch your flight.

At least 8 weeks before your holiday start date, please contact us on 020 8732 1250 or e-mail reservations@hfholidays.co.uk with your travel plans and expected time of arrival and departure. If you will not be using our transfers, please let us know.

By Fast Ferry

Condor Ferries operate services between Poole in Dorset and St Helier (sometimes with a stop in Guernsey). After disembarking, you can then either take a taxi to the hotel or travel by bus from St Helier's Liberation Station, which is about a 10 minute walk from the ferry terminal. Bus routes 8 (all year) and 28 (June to September) both stop at Greenhills. The stop reference number for Greenhills is 2729. Then a 5 minute uphill walk to the hotel. For more details visit the very useful Liberty bus website: www.libertybus.je. Tantivy also transfer guests in connection with ferry arrivals but transfer from the ferry port is not included in your holiday price.

Joining Instructions (Without Flights)

Alternatively, tailor your journey to suit you by booking your holiday 'without flights' and you'll have the freedom to book your own flights from your local airport.

Shared group transfer

You can still purchase a seat on our group airport transfer, but you must arrive in destination prior to the main group. It is your responsibility to book flights which allow enough time to meet our shared transfer.

Please note, all flight times are subject to change. If your arrival and/or departure time changes and no longer fits our group transfer, we will be unable to delay departure for you. Should this occur, we will refund you the cost of the transfer and you can either make your own way to the accommodation or we can book a private taxi transfer (at your expense). HF Holidays cannot be held responsible for your onward travel if you are unable to meet the transfer coach.

Private taxi transfer

Depending on your destination, we may be able to arrange a private taxi transfer for you. Please call us up to 5 weeks in advance to enquire about availability and costs for this option on 0203-974-8865.

*Subject to availability

Essential Information

Essentials

To enjoy walking/hiking comfortably and safely, footwear, clothing and equipment need to be suitable for the conditions. Safety and comfort are our priorities, so our advice is to come prepared for all eventualities.

- Footwear with a good grip on the sole (e.g. Vibram sole) is the key to avoiding accidents
- Waterproof walking/hiking boots providing ankle support and good grip are recommended (ideally worn in), and specialist walking socks to avoid blisters.
- Several layers of clothing, which can be added or removed, are better than a single layer (include spares)
- Fabrics (lightweight and fast-drying) designed for the outdoors are recommended
- Waterproof jacket and waterproof over trousers
- Warm hat and gloves. Gaiters are an optional but useful extra
- Denim jeans and capes are not suitable on any walks
- Rucksack with a waterproof liner
- Thermos flask for a hot drink
- Water bottle (at least 1 litre)
- Spare high-energy food such as a chocolate bar
- Small torch
- First aid kit – your leader's first aid kit doesn't contain any medication or blister kits (such as Compeed)

Optional extras

- Walking poles are useful, particularly for descents
- Insect repellent and a midge hood is highly recommended for Scotland
- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Sun cream
- Camera

Useful Information

Jersey has its own currency. This currency is sterling but is not accepted in the rest of the British Isles. British pounds are accepted just like anywhere else in the UK and change given can be a mixture of British and Channel Islands money. Should you need a Bureau de Change to change back any currency; these can be found at several locations and banks in St Helier as well as several other locations on the island.

Ticks

Ticks are tiny creatures that live in vegetation and can attach themselves to passing animals or walkers and may carry a risk of Lyme Disease. Please refer to NHS advice and guidelines for information prior to your holiday.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is an essential requirement for this holiday. Jersey has a reciprocal health agreement with the UK, which means that emergency treatment is free, but you'll have to pay to see a GP and you won't be covered for the cost of returning to the UK (repatriation) or routine monitoring of existing conditions.

TRIP NOTE VALIDITY

These Trip Notes are valid based on the date printed at the bottom of the page. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure. We will send you the latest trip notes prior to departure through a link in your pre departure documents or we can send you a copy in the post if preferred.

In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary.

The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

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