

Jersey: a life less ordinary

Striking scenery, a safe and inclusive society, miles of sandy beaches, high performing schools, an enviable work-life balance, a heritage, political and economic stability, low personal taxes, warm summers and mild winters.

Embark on an exciting new adventure in Jersey.

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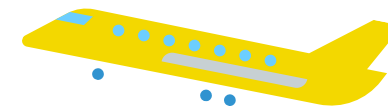


Jersey is idyllically situated between England and France.

As an Island it offers the best of both worlds, a beautiful coastline with a great beach vibe and quaint and quiet countryside.

A small population with clear parish identities our Islanders benefit from true community spirit and lifestyle.

Read on to find out more.

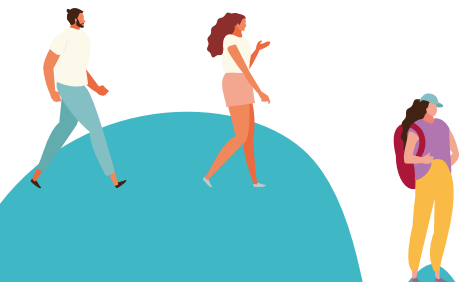


Distance to London:

200 miles
(45 mins. by plane)

Language:

English



Population:

103,000



Currency:

GBP £

Getting to know your new home



Where is Jersey?

Just 14 miles (20km) from the west coast of France and 85 miles (137km) from the south coast of England, you'll find the island of Jersey.

The island is easy to get to from the UK and mainland Europe. There are up to 40 daily flights in and out of the island.

What is a Crown Dependency?

Jersey is a Crown Dependency which means it's not part of the UK but a self-governing possession of The Crown.

Jersey has been a Crown Dependency since 1290 and has its own democratically elected parliament, government, tax system, and laws. However, the island does have a close historic relationship with France and the UK and relies on the UK for defence and international relations. It is also part of the Common Travel Area (CTA) which allows British citizens to move freely between the UK, Republic of Ireland, and the Channel Islands without a passport.

A unique Anglo-French culture

Not entirely British and not entirely French, Jersey combines the feeling of being abroad with the comforting familiarities of Britain.

Jersey has special historical, social, cultural, economic, and constitutional links with both Britain and France. These have been formed and maintained over hundreds of years, giving the island its proud and unique Anglo-French culture.

When you arrive in Jersey, British influences are clear to see in the island's infrastructure, language, currency, and economy. Meanwhile, the influence of French culture can be seen in Islanders' French surnames, French road names, the native Jèrriais language (also known as Jersey French) and the Norman-influenced legal system.

An unspoilt landscape

For a small island, Jersey packs in some vastly diverse scenic landscapes.

From white sandy beaches to dramatic clifftop views and caves, from lush green woodlands to rolling farmland, and from modern marinas to historic fishing harbours – there's a piece of paradise to suit you. And the best part – 48 miles of unspoilt breath-taking coastline are never more than minutes from your door!



Language and currency

We speak English and use British Pounds (GBP), but with a Jersey twist.

Jersey may be located closer to France, but the island's main language is English. Other languages spoken include Portuguese, Polish and French, and some people even still speak the local dialect, Jèrriais.

The British pound is the main currency used in Jersey and accepted island wide. The local Jersey pound, which is of the same value, is also used.

Jersey is also favourably positioned for digital connectivity with one of the fastest broadband speeds in the world and fibre connectivity to every home and office across the island, cementing the island's growing reputation as a digital front-runner.



Climate

Jersey's southerly position and sheltered proximity in the Bay of St Malo means islanders enjoy warm summers and mild winters.

As well as the temperate weather, Jersey also boasts the highest number of sunshine hours in the British Isles. The sea temperature in the summer can reach 18 degrees C!

Winters are also mild meaning you'll often see sea swimmers all year round!



History

Delve back hundreds and thousands of years into Jersey's history and you'll be certain to unearth something that surprises you. There are so many extraordinary stories to be uncovered.

Did you know that Jersey has some of the world's best-preserved ancient burial sites which are older than the pyramids built by the island's oldest inhabitants? Or that New Jersey in the USA was named after the Isle of Jersey? The island was also occupied by the Nazis during the Second World War. Thousands of years of history have shaped this unique island into what it is today.

Getting around

Jersey is 9 miles (14.5km) long by 5 miles (8km) wide. This makes getting around the island easy! It also means you can have a job in the town centre without the commute, and you can use environmentally friendly transport such as bikes and electric vehicles without worrying about distance. We have a network of green lanes with a 15 mph limit which provide a perfect environment for dog walks, strolling, cycling and horse riding.

By foot or bike

Jersey is a cyclists' and walkers' paradise. With island-wide networks of cycle paths, coastal routes, and cycle lanes, commuting and exploring on two wheels is both safe and straightforward.

By bus

There is an excellent year-round bus service with over 800 stops around the island. All services depart and return to St Helier, the town centre.

By taxi

Taxis and car back services are available across the island.

By car

It takes just 30 minutes to drive from one side of the island to the other. Cars can be hired from a few different locations across the island also.

Electric vehicles

With a network of 25 electric vehicle charging locations – and growing – a public charge point is never more than 1.5 miles away in Jersey. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Pets

We understand that some family members have fur and 4 legs, and Jersey is the perfect place for pets.

If you're moving from the UK, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, or the other Channel Islands with a pet dog, cat, or ferret, there aren't any official requirements your pet needs to meet, and they don't need to have a passport.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

Dogs on Beaches

All of Jersey's beaches are dog and horse friendly so your animals are able to enjoy a good run – and splash – around our generous coastline. There are some time restrictions for certain months of the year. Click [here](#) to find out more.



Things to do

For a small island, Jersey is big on things to do. From the great outdoors to historical tours, and from quality gastronomy to boutique shopping, there's something for everybody and budget.

Jersey is a playground for adults and children alike. Its sublime beaches, dramatic cliff paths, green countryside, and extensive network of cycling lanes, provide the perfect environment for outdoor activities like water sports, hiking, dog walking, running, rock climbing, beachcombing, and cycling. Other activities on offer include Jersey Zoo; boat trips to Les Écréhous and the Minquiers; boutique shopping; spa days at one of Jersey's luxury hotels; tours of castles, forts, German bunkers, and underground tunnels; museums; and the cinema. There's plenty for sports lovers too, with regular Jersey Rugby matches, a truly unique ocean view Horse Racing course at Les Landes, Jump Jersey, Jersey Bowl, and several well serviced sports centres.



Food lovers Paradise

Jersey is home to over 400 restaurants, cafes and bars serving up a fresh, abundant, and flavoursome range of cuisines. The island also grows and exports world-famous produce. If you love food, you've come to the right place.

From thick and creamy Jersey ice cream to the earthy Jersey Royal and ocean-flavoured oyster, Jersey packs a flavourful punch in its local produce. Add to that an array of other locally and sustainably caught seafoods, fruit and vegetable honesty boxes, vineyards, breweries, distilleries, and even tea farms, you'll be spoilt for choice. There is a place to eat to suit every palette and every budget, from beach shacks and tasty takeaways to gastro pubs and luxury fine dining. And with your food making its way from the ground or the sea to your plate in less than a day, your food is sure to taste fresh and flavoursome. As well as the local sustainable produce, Jersey is also home to SCOOP and other environmentally friendly and sustainable shops.

Shopping

If you're looking for a spot of retail therapy, look no further.

With a mixture of boutique shopping, local jewellers and producers, independent department stores, farm shops, historic markets, pop-ups, and big high street brands, there is a wonderful array of shopping experiences to discover. Visit St Helier's pretty, pedestrianised cobbled streets and squares, as well as other small towns and villages around the island. Shopping in Jersey is also VAT free, giving you the opportunity to make some savings.



Community events

Learn to live like a local

From Liberation Day to summer-time music festivals, and from challenging sporting events to fun family-friendly fetes, islanders love to come together and celebrate their heritage throughout the year. Some notable key dates and events to look out for are:



Barclays Jersey Boat Show, May Bank Holiday weekend

The largest free entry event in Jersey, the 3-day family-friendly Jersey Boat Show celebrates all things maritime.



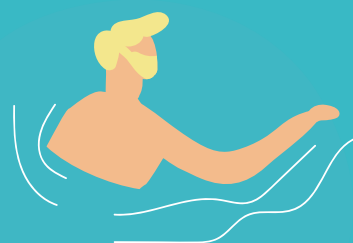
Liberation Day, 9 May

One of the most significant dates in Jersey's annual diary to celebrate the day the island was freed from Nazi occupation following the Second World War.



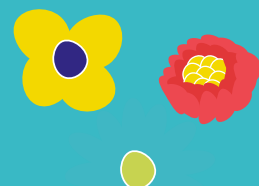
Jersey International Motoring Festival, June

A 4-day family-friendly celebration of the history and future of motoring with vehicle displays, motorsports, food and drink stalls, and music performances.



30 bays in 30 days, July

Islanders are encouraged to don their swimming hats and dive into the sea to support Jersey Hospice Care and The National Trust by swimming in 30 bays during the month of July to help raise funds for two vital local charities.



Jersey Battle of flowers, August

An annual 2-day carnival parade of floral displays with marching bands, music, dancers, and entertainment.



Weekender, September

The Channel Islands' largest annual summer music festival bringing over some big names in the music industry. Past headliners include Bastille, Mabel, and Two Door Cinema Club.



Arts and culture

To be the first in the know about Jersey's vast array of cultural events, pay special attention to events run by the Government of Jersey, Jersey Heritage, Jersey Opera House, Jersey Arts Centre, CCA Galleries, The Harbour Gallery, and Alliance Française de Jersey.



Cider and black butter making.

Jersey is full of quirky cultural differences and the tradition of making black butter is like no other. Islanders embrace the community spirit and meet to peel and cook apples in a large copper pan over an open fire until dawn. Jersey's history with apples dates back for hundreds of years where apples were grown for cider making.



Sunset concerts

As an island, Jersey lends itself well to uninterrupted westerly sea views and also stunning sunsets. During the summer months a host of events are held in historic locations acting as natural amphitheatres to provide great music and a special place to enjoy post work food and drink.



Charity events

Islanders love to come together to raise money for local causes. Highlights include the 5km Colour Festival Run, the Jersey Marathon, the Headway Mont Orgeuil Castle Challenge Abseil, and the famous round the island walk along the entire coastline.



Christmas markets

Find some of Jersey's finest local artisans at the bustling 'Genuine Jersey' Simply Christmas market. Another firm favourite is the vibrant Norman Christmas Market.

Jersey competes at a UK level, get involved in spectator sports.

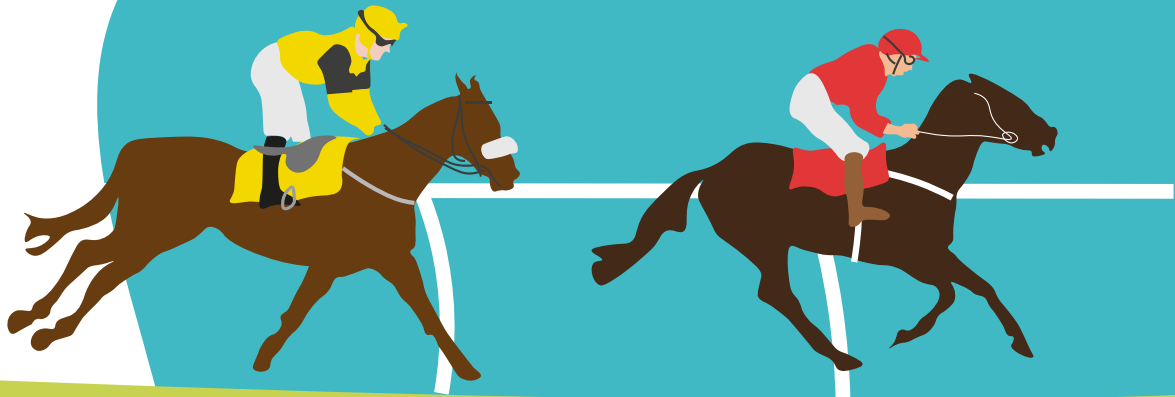


Sailing

Jersey hosts numerous competitive sports, including national regattas around the island, an Island rally where several roads are closed to support the race as well as the horse racing where spectators can enjoy the vista of neighbouring Channel Islands.



Motorsport



Les Landes Race Course

The Jersey Bulls football team are making prolific growth through the leagues and can be seen competing in the FA Cup.



Jersey Bulls F.C.



Netball



Gyms



Get in contact with our team
to find out more information.

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