



THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

A TRIBUTE TO THE GUERNSEY LITERARY & POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 10TH - 19TH 2020

Inspired by the wonderful, best-selling novel, and recent motion picture, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, we're happy to offer a tour of the Channel Islands. These lovely islands offer a range of experiences, from wildlife sanctuaries, to military museums, to breathtaking scenery.

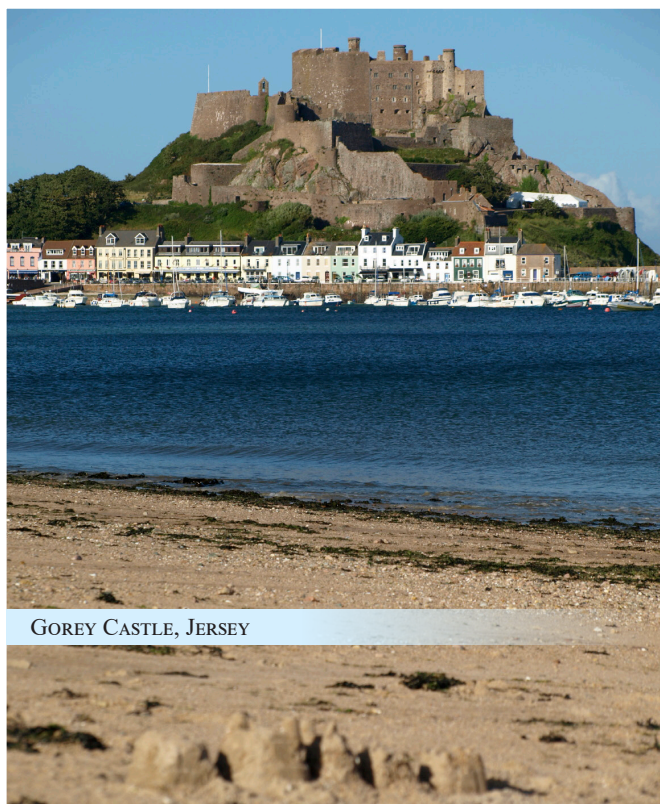
The Channel Islands (Les Iles de la Manche, in French) have a fascinating history, leading to their current semi-independent state. They are not represented in the English Parliament, but are self-governed and thus not subject to UK tax law. Their unique status stems from the fact that they are still considered to be part of the Duchy of Normandy, from the time when William the Conqueror owned both England and Normandy.

We'll see the vestiges of the occupation during the Second World War, in the underground hospital and the old concrete gun emplacements that still dot the cliff tops. It is, however, hard to really imagine the deprivation of those times when surrounded by such incredible natural scenery. And then there are the gardens. There are four Royal Horticultural Society gardens on Guernsey alone! We divide our stay between the two largest islands – Jersey & Guernsey – and take a short ferry ride from one to the other.

This September, join us on an exploration of the history and culture of these unique islands.



GUERNSEY



GOREY CASTLE, JERSEY

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE INCLUDED): **\$4180**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: **\$ 990**

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- FLIGHTS:** Round trip airfare to and from the Channel Islands from Gatwick Airport, including all taxes and service charges
- HOTELS:** 8 nights' accommodation in a first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
- GUIDES:** DISCOVER EUROPE tour guide throughout. Local guides for half day tours on Guernsey & Jersey
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
- FERRY:** One way ferry journey from Guernsey to Jersey

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed on receipt of deposit.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH - Evening departure from your chosen international gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

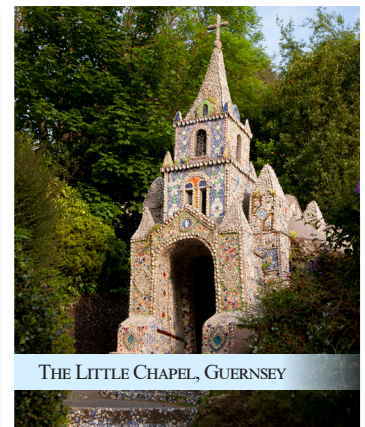
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH - Upon arrival, at London's Heathrow Airport, you will be met and escorted to your hotel in the Windsor area. After time to unpack and relax, the rest of the day is free to unwind and explore your surroundings. This evening we gather for a welcome dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR AREA**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH - Leaving Windsor this morning, we travel south to Gatwick Airport for the short flight to Guernsey. Temperate year round, the island has a unique English/French flavor and jet-set/family resort character. We'll transfer to our hotel,

check in and have free time to find lunch in the town before we embark on a tour which will introduce many of the places familiar from the novel *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*. We'll visit the 3500 year old Dehus Dolmen, stop at the Little Chapel, built in 1914 and reputed to be the smallest chapel in existence, and end in St. Peter Port. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: GUERNSEY**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH - A completely free day to relax and enjoy the atmosphere of the island. Your tour guide will be available to provide suggestions, directions and advice on the many possibilities available - perhaps even a day trip to Sark, the smallest of the Channel Islands. **(B) OVERNIGHT: GUERNSEY**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH - A day in the garden. The Channel Islands are renowned for their mild, temperate climate and the profusion of flowers and shrubs that thrive here. We'll begin at Sausmarez Manor. This garden is listed in the book *1001 Gardens to See Before You Die*, and has a wonderful sculpture collection dotted throughout the woodland jungle. After a break for lunch, we'll continue to La Petite Vallee, a mature garden with a wide range of exotic and traditional planting on terraces and slopes leading down to the sea. We return to St. Peter Port in time to visit Hauteville House, the home of Victor Hugo for 14 years, while he was in exile from France. We'll arrive back at our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: GUERNSEY**



THE LITTLE CHAPEL, GUERNSEY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH - Today we take the ferry to Jersey, the largest of the islands. After checking in to our hotel, we have time for lunch, before we take an afternoon tour. Scattered around the island are early Neolithic carvings, remnants of a medieval heritage, and every kind of attraction, from castles to golden beaches. Dinner at our hotel tonight. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: JERSEY**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH - Our day begins with a visit to La Mare, a working farm and vineyard surrounding a gorgeous 18th-century farmhouse. After a stop for lunch, we'll continue to the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. Established in 1959, the Trust was the brainchild of Gerald Durrell, author of the wonderful books upon which the PBS series *The Durrells in Corfu* is based. His older brother was the acclaimed novelist Lawrence Durrell. We'll return to our hotel in St. Helier for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: JERSEY**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH - This morning we'll discover more of Jersey's sites, including Mont Orgueil's medieval Gorey Castle, built in the 13th century and surrounded by sea and cliffs, and the German Underground Hospital, a series of tunnels built by German forces. Lunch is included today and afterwards you'll have a free afternoon in the capital of St. Helier to explore the town's attractions and shops, which offer everything from lavender to high-quality jewelry, and at prices generally 15% less than found in the rest of Europe! You might also check out the Jersey Museum or Elizabeth Castle, built in the harbor by Sir Walter Raleigh. In the evening, you are free to sample a local restaurant—perhaps Season's for its beautiful décor and great food, or Bohemia, Jersey's only Michelin Star restaurant. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: JERSEY**



ST. PETER PORT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH - Today after a leisurely breakfast and free time to relax, we will bid farewell to Jersey and take the afternoon flight back to London Gatwick. From here, we will make our way to our hotel in the Windsor area where we will have free time to settle in before we gather for a farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR AREA**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH - This morning you will have a transfer to nearby London Heathrow Airport for your return flights to the U.S. **(B)**