



Guernsey Coastal Path

With its dramatic cliffs, secluded sandy bays, and turquoise waters, Guernsey offers some of the most stunning coastal scenery in the British Isles. Nestled in the Gulf of Saint-Malo off the Normandy coast, Guernsey covers an area of just 24 square miles, making it a compact yet captivating destination for coastal exploration. The Guernsey Coastal Path itself is a delightful 39 mile circuit of the island, beginning and ending in the capital, St Peter Port.

Guernsey is a paradise for wildlife enthusiasts and nature lovers. The island is famed for its diverse flora, which bursts into life throughout the year. The cliffs and heathlands are adorned with vibrant displays of wildflowers, including sea campion, red campion, nodding ox-eye daisies and the fleshy-leaved mesembryanthemum, once used to camouflage concrete bunkers. The coastal paths are quite simply a symphony of colour and fragrance, providing a sensory feast for walkers.

Birdlife on Guernsey is abundant, with a variety of resident and migratory species. Keep an eye out for peregrine falcons, kestrels, marsh harriers and sparrowhawks soaring above, while along the coastline, you'll spot oystercatchers, curlews, and variety of plovers. The island's cliffs and islets are a haven for seabirds such as puffins, razorbills, and guillemots, making every step a potential wildlife encounter.

Beyond its natural splendour, the Guernsey Coastal Path offers a window into the island's rich history and cultural heritage. As you walk, you'll discover ancient forts, picturesque chapels, and historic lighthouses. These landmarks tell the story of Guernsey's past, from its prehistoric dolmens to its strategic importance during World War II.

Prepare to be enchanted by the island's charm. Renowned for its mild climate, delectable cuisine, warm hospitality, and the promise of discovery around every corner, this is a journey that will leave you with lasting memories of Guernsey's rugged beauty and serene landscapes.



Summary

Why do this walk?

- Enjoy stunning golden sandy beaches and crystal clear waters.
- See an array of resident and migratory birdlife.
- Experience an abundance of coastal wildflowers.
- Enjoy delicious local cuisine from street food to fine dining.
- Visit the La Valette Underground Military Museum telling of Guernsey's military history.
- Explore rocky headlands and picturesque bays.
- Marvel at stunning panoramic views out to Herm, Sark, Jersey and France.
- Explore Napoleonic fortifications and many other significant historic sites.
- Savour Guernsey's charming capital, St Peter Port.



Essential Info

Length	5 - 6 Nights
Full Route Length	39 miles / 63 km

Grade

Easy to Moderate

Guernsey has a gentle landscape and with the exception of one 13 mile day on our shorter itinerary, daily trail distances don't exceed 11 miles, in fact most days vary between just 7 and 9 miles, therefore the vast majority of walkers will find walking the Guernsey Coastal Path a really comfortable experience.



Terrain: A combination of cliff and coastal paths, sandy beaches, some woodland, grassy commons and a few short stretches of road walking.

What's it like underfoot? For the most part the trail is on firm, dry surfaces, however some stretches can become muddy following heavy rain. Some of the steeper slopes benefit from concrete steps.

How Much Up & Down? Although the coastline is undulating and some sections have numerous ascents and descents, there are no hills to speak of and you will rarely find yourself much above 330 feet (100m).

Signposting & Navigation: There are very few signposts or waymarkers, however the guidebook is incredibly detailed and supported with a 1:15,000 map, therefore you should find it really straightforward. Helpfully, private roads and tracks tend to be clearly marked as such. Once out of built up areas and onto the trail coastal paths tend to be fairly easy to follow. Often there are several tracks, splitting for a time, then meeting up again.

It is important to note that Guernsey has one of the world's biggest tidal ranges. As much as 40 feet (12m) at spring tides. Please pay close attention to the tide tables and avoid venturing onto the beach when the tide is incoming as you can quickly become cut off. Do not attempt to walk from beach to beach around the foot the cliffs!

Weather: The weather on Guernsey tends to be a touch milder than the south



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of England, however you must be prepared because the weather can change quickly. Autumn is generally the wettest season. Whatever the time of year ensure you wear comfortable footwear and carry reliable waterproofs. It is important you carry plenty of water on warm days. As always, pack your floppy hat and sun cream!

Route

St Peter Port to Petit Bôt Bay

The opening stretch of the coastal path from St Peter Port to Fermain Bay happens to be one of the most popular walks on the island. Although relatively short, the path features numerous ascents and descents on flights of steps, with just enough woodland in places to give it a jungle-like feel, rather than a coastal walk. In spring, the path is adorned with a lovely carpet of bluebells, adding to the scenic beauty. Marker stones carved with place names guide the way to Fermain Bay, but be cautious of paths that lead steeply down to beaches and bays, as they usually result in having to climb back up!

Next up is Jerbourg Point which is also especially attractive when carpeted in flowers, and the vibrant colours help

distract from the concrete structures built during the German Occupation. A network of cliff and coastal paths allow for a little variation on this stretch of the path.

Rugged bays and headlands flank Icart Point, providing ever-changing views, as the well-trodden path stretches round Saints Bay, Le Jaonnet Bay and on to Petit Bôt Bay.

Petit Bôt Bay to Vazon

The trail from Petit Bôt Bay to Pointe de la Moye, Le Gouffre and La Corbière is fairly adaptable, featuring numerous spur paths that invite exploration of the rugged headlands. Beyond La Corbière, expect a series of steps, ascending and descending, as you make your way to a prominent German observation tower at La Prévôté.



From La Prévôté to Mont Herault, a picturesque stretch of cliff path connects the German observation tower to an older watch house, offering breathtaking cliff views along the way.

The Pleinmont peninsula, located at the extreme southwestern tip of Guernsey, is rich in historical and natural attractions. Here, you'll find various lookouts and fortifications, ranging from small coastal batteries to large German bunkers and an imposing observation tower. The dramatic cliff scenery is complemented by an abundance of flowers and shrubs, and is a prime location for bird watching, with over 150 species recorded.

Beyond here is Rocquaine Bay. Your route will depend on the tide. At high tide, the only option is to follow a busy road that lacks a continuous pavement. However, at low tide, a beautiful sandy beach becomes accessible, offering a more pleasant walking experience. Though the walk around the bay is short, it is dotted with points of interest. Additionally, an optional extension to the island of Lihou is possible, but only at low water during spring tides.

Vazon to Les Dicqs

This section of the walk is really quite easy



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and starts with a pleasant stroll along the promenade. As you continue, the path meanders around a picturesque headland dominated by the historic Fort Hommet. Easy coastal paths and road walking lead you seamlessly to Cobo Bay, a charming destination known for its scenic beauty.

Don't miss the opportunity to climb up to Le Guet, a fine rocky viewpoint offering breathtaking panoramas. This short detour is especially rewarding on clear days, providing an unparalleled view of the surrounding coastline.

The easy walking continues as the trail winds around low, flowery points, eventually bringing you to the tranquil shores of Port Soif.

Between Port Soif and Le Dicqs, you'll encounter four delightful little headlands

and five picturesque bays. Despite the proximity of the main coastal road, the area boasts plenty of coastal paths, and a well maintained footpath and cycleway run alongside the road, ensuring a pleasant and safe journey. This stretch of rugged coastal beauty, and accessible pathways, makes for a truly memorable experience.

Les Dicqs to St Peter Port

The final section of the trail includes all the headlands and bays on the north coast; Grand Havre, Baie de la Jaonneuse, L'Ancrese Bay and Fontelle Bay.

Take time to savour this stretch. There is a small fortification, Fort Pembroke, on the headland by Baie de la Jaonneuse which is worthy of hugging the coastline for.

L'Ancrese Common is a large public grassy common bordered by several beautiful beaches. This area is rich in history, featuring fortifications from the Napoleonic era and World War II bunkers, along with other significant historic sites. The common also boasts several ancient burial sites, including the La Varde Passage Grave & Millennium Stone, Les Fouillages, and the Le Dehus Burial Chamber, each offering a fascinating glimpse into the region's distant past.

Located at Fontenelle Bay on Guernsey's northern shore is Fort Doyle. Completed in 1805, the fort was an integral part of the island's fortification network designed to defend against potential French invasions. Initially, the fort was equipped with three 18-pounder cannons. During World War II, the occupying German forces significantly reinforced the area, adding three coastal defense guns, anti-aircraft guns, and mortars, making it a formidable stronghold.

Heading south, a simple walk round the built-up Belle Greve leads to the harbour in St Peter Port.



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Additional Days

St Peter Port

Located on Guernsey's east coast with stunning views out to neighbouring islands of Herm and Sark, St Peter Port is a picturesque town with charming cobbled streets, blending history with exceptional restaurants and delightful local shops. It is also home to the 800 year old Castle Cornet as well as Hauteville House, once the home of Victor Hugo, and now a fascinating museum.

Popularly known as 'Town', St Peter Port is the island-hopping centre of the Bailiwick. Consider a day trip to Herm or Sark with our friends at Island Coachways.

Petit Bot Bay

All our Petit Bot Bay accommodations lie about a mile or so inland making them the perfect place from which to explore the German Underground Hospital and Ammunition Store, just a 30 minute or so walk, or a short bus ride away. Covering an area of roughly 6,950 square metres (75,000 square feet) this vast maze of tunnels is the largest structural reminder of the German Occupation of the Channel Islands.

Vazon

If you'd like an active beach day then Vazon Bay is the place to be. Why not try surfing? Guernsey Surf School are based at the bay and they teach all abilities. There's plenty of great food on offer at Vazon Bay with everything from light snacks and ice cream through to rooftop dining with amazing views of the beach.

Nearby, inland, is St Saviour's Reservoir and Nature Reserve. It's the largest reservoir on the island and is home to ducks, waders and occasionally kingfishers. Firecrests and flycatchers find cover in the conifers along the shore. The path around the reservoir is known as the Millennium Walk.

Getting There and Away

General travel information for the Guernsey Coastal Path will be in your holiday pack.

Detailed instructions on getting to your first night's accommodation by car, or on foot from the nearest bus station, will also be included in the holiday pack on individual accommodation maps.

To view bus timetables please see CT Plus website buses.gg

Getting to St Peter Port:

By Air: Guernsey has an International Airport (GCI) located in the parish of Forest. Flights operate to Guernsey from over a dozen British airports as well as several airports in France and Switzerland. Buses run regularly between the airport and the capital, St Peter Port.

By Ferry: Ferries from Britain sail to St Peter Port from Poole and Portsmouth, while ferries from France sail from St Malo.

Getting Back:

As this is a circular route you will be walking back to your starting location so you can depart by the same means you arrived.





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How our holidays work

We specialise in self guided walks because we think it's the best way to really experience local landscapes, cultures & history. You walk under your own steam, at your own pace, safe in the knowledge that we have organised everything, and help is only a phone call away. We book all your accommodation, move your luggage between overnight stops, provide you with maps and guidebooks, and all the details you need for a successful holiday. You just turn up and walk!

Inbuilt flexibility

Our holidays are designed to be flexible and can therefore be tailored to suit your requirements. If you're looking for something different, or extra, from the holidays described here, give us a ring and



we'll do our best to please!

You can start on any day you like. We can arrange extra nights at any of the overnight stops, allowing for rest days or giving you more time to explore the locality. Or you can book part of a walk if you don't have the time to complete the entire distance.

How to Book

Once you have decided which holiday you wish to book, please fill in the form at the back of this brochure and either post or email it to us. We will get in touch with you shortly afterwards to confirm your holiday details.

Alternatively you can book on our website mickledore.co.uk, or telephone us in office hours.

Accommodation

Good accommodation and friendly hosts are an essential part of any holiday. We understand this and go out of our way to find the best. We put a great deal of effort into hand picking our accommodation and matching it to individual customer requirements. As well as visiting the

accommodation ourselves, we ask all our customers to complete a short evaluation on each night's accommodation, which then gives us an insight into the day-to-day operation and lets us spot any potential issues before they become a problem.

We use a variety of accommodation on Guernsey including family run bed and breakfast, small characterful country hotels and large luxury seafront hotels.

We are happy to book single rooms on our holidays but cannot normally book more than two for any one group. Single room bookings include a supplement.

Single Rooms

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What We Provide

All Holidays

Accommodation Overnight Bed and Breakfast accommodation in selected hotels, farmhouses, village inns, guest houses and family B&Bs. Full English or Continental breakfast.



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Guidebook A guidebook with route information, maps, photos and background information.

Information of Services Along the Route

A comprehensive Service Info sheet, including services such as cash points, banks, post offices, village shops, inns, cafes and taxis.

Maps A waterproof 1:40000 map from Harvey Maps covering the whole route.

Personal Itinerary A personal itinerary setting out each overnight stop, including large scale maps of each accommodation, to ensure you find it easily.

Emergency Telephone Support If you get in to difficulties during your holiday, we are always available to help, even out of office hours.

12.5% discount at Cotswold Outdoors We will issue you with a 12.5% Discount Card valid at all Cotswold Outdoor stores, and online, for the whole year on confirmation of your booking.

Options

Luggage Transport We will transfer your luggage between each overnight stop – leave your luggage at the accommodation when you set off in the morning, it will be moved on to your next B&B. You only

need to carry a small day sack with the clothes and provisions you require during the day's walk. We ask you to limit your luggage to one bag per person, up to 18kg .

Packed Lunches We are unable to pre book packed lunches on this route. However, some accommodations will be happy to prepare a packed lunch if requested on arrival.

Off Road Parking If you are travelling by car we can usually arrange off road parking for the duration of your trip. (There may be a small charge for this).

Arrangement of return transport We can also arrange your transfer back to your car, (or advise you when public transport is a better option).



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What's not Included

Evening Meals Your evening meal isn't included in the package, but we include full details and recommendations for each evening meal in your itinerary. You will normally be within walking distance of a pub and/ or restaurant, or where there is good food available at the accommodation, we'll book that for you. Allow about £30.00 per night.

Transport to the Start & Away from the Finish Have a look at the "Travel Info" tab above for suggestions. If you're still struggling, get in touch and we'll help you sort it out.

Travel Insurance It is important to note Guernsey is not part of the UK, and therefore their health service is not part of the NHS. For UK visitors, while some medical care is covered by a Reciprocal Health Agreement (RHA) Guernsey has with the UK, some treatment is not, and



neither are pre-existing conditions. It is crucial you have adequate travel insurance in place, as you will need to pay for any treatment which is not classed as an emergency, including repatriation, if this is needed, which can cost approximately £5,000.

Prices

Detailed prices for all our holidays are available on the website mickledore.co.uk.

About Mickledore

Mickledore Travel is based in Keswick at the heart of the English Lake District. We are one of the leading specialists in self guided walking and cycling holidays in the UK, and provide a friendly, professional and flexible service.

We are walkers and cyclists ourselves, so it really matters to us that you have a good holiday. We are still a small business, with a lot of local knowledge, and personal enthusiasm for the outdoors. If you've got any queries, we're always happy to help, so don't hesitate to pick up the phone or drop us an email, or call in and see us if you're in Keswick.

We specialise in UK holidays, and by concentrating on what we consider the best routes, we get to know the trails, accommodation, and local area intimately.

- All your accommodation has been carefully selected and is regularly monitored.
- We listen to you and tailor each holiday to meet your requirements.
- We have an excellent level of customer service.
- We have 15 years experience, and very high levels of customer satisfaction.
- Peace of mind – help is only ever a telephone call away.
- We are all outdoor enthusiasts – we know what makes a good holiday, and we want you to have one!
- 15% discount card for all your outdoor equipment purchases from Cotswold Outdoors.
- 100% financial protection – in the very unlikely event of Mickledore's financial failure, you receive a full refund.

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Financial Protection

Your payments are fully protected against our financial failure. We are members of the Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO), and have arranged bonding through ABTA. This means that in the unlikely event of our financial failure, any monies you have paid to us will be refunded. This bonding is fully compliant with the Package Travel Regulations and provides 100% financial protection.



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Mickledore Travel abides by AITO's Code of Conduct and adheres to the Quality Charter which can be viewed at www.aito.com. Visit the website to find out more about the Association or call 020 8744 9280.



Client Feedback

We're proud of our reputation for quality holidays. There are plenty of customer reviews on our Website but here's a couple of comments to give you a flavour:

Greetings from Canada, we send our special thank you for all your hard work in putting together our 'Coast to Coast' trip. The trekking was hard but our B&B's were very nice. We met a lot of wonderful people along the way and had much fun in the pubs.

Waldemar Sambor, North Vancouver Canada.

Dear All, thank you so much for a wonderfully organised holiday. Everything was superb. The attention to detail was brilliant and made a long hard walk so much more enjoyable. Thank you. Would you use Mickledore again? Yes, and I'll recommend you to anyone. Brilliant service. Thank you.

Helen Finlay, Hampshire UK

Every arrangement made by Mickledore went smoothly. The hosts and accommodations were extremely well-vetted. We also felt we chose the right tour in terms of distance, the route, and the number of days (including the rest day

which we used to much advantage, being able to take our time at Vindolanda). We found the hike challenging, but not overwhelming and we will highly recommend Mickledore to anyone who considers such tours.

Michael Pesch, Minnesota USA

All arrangements and planning responses were handled effectively and efficiently. Accommodation and baggage transfer all excellent and all went to plan. Very useful information provided about places to eat and where shops etc were located. Thanks for a great holiday we really enjoyed it.

Andrew & Christine Snell, Wiltshire UK

Holidays have been great adventures and experiences. That is underpinned by the confidence we have in the structure that Mickledore have in place for the trip. Everything/ everyone proved reliable.

Mrs Palmer, Kent

The holiday was well organised and everything ran smoothly. Having met other walkers on the trail either "going it alone" or using other tour operators I think Mickledore seems better in comparison especially on accommodation and taxi transfers. Keep up the good work.

Wendy Hulse, Cheshire UK



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When choosing from 4 or 5 days walking consider how far you'd like to walk each day, as well as how much time you'd like to spend exploring the many historical sites along the way. Our 4 day itinerary includes 2 lengthier days, while our 5 day itinerary has a more even spread and never exceeds 9 miles. This itinerary involves some short bus transfers.

Our 4 day itinerary has the longest day on the coastal path, a 13 mile walk around the south east corner of the island. Sandwiched between this another fairly lengthy 11 mile day is a leisurely 6 mile stretch alongside the delightful bays of Vazon and Cobo.

Round Trip from St Peter Port in 4 Days Walking Code: GC5

		miles	Km
Day 1	Travel to St Peter Port for your first nights accommodation		
Day 2	St Peter Port to Petit Bot Bay	9	14
Day 3	Petit Bot Bay to Vazon	13	21
Day 4	Vazon to Les Dicqs	6	10
Day 5	Les Dicqs to St Peter Port	11	18
Day 6	Depart from St Peter Port after breakfast		

The daily trail distances on our 5 day itinerary are more evenly spread, and never exceed 9 miles, ensuring you can enjoy your circuit of the island at a comfortable pace. Having walked from Petit Bot Bay to Portelet Bay you will travel the short distance to Vazon by bus for the evening, returning to the trail, again by bus, the following morning. Similarly, having walked from Cobo to L'Ancrese you will travel the short distance to Les Dicqs by bus for the evening, returning to the trail, again by bus, the following morning.

These short and convenient bus transfers range from just 10 to 20 minutes. Buses run hourly throughout the day Monday to Saturday and every other hour on Sunday. The small, flat fare, can be paid on the bus by card.

		miles	Km
Day 1	Travel to St Peter Port for your first nights accommodation		
Day 2	St Peter Port to Petit Bot Bay	9	14
Day 3	Petit Bot Bay to Portelet Bay then bus transfer to Vazon	8	13
Day 4	Bus transfer back to Portelet Bay then walk to Cobo	8	13
Day 5	Cobo to L'Ancrese then bus transfer to Les Dicqs	7	11
Day 6	Bus transfer back to L'Ancrese then walk to St Peter Port	7	11
Day 7	Depart from St Peter Port after breakfast		



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Contact Details

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Your Holiday

Holiday Code..... Holiday Name.....

Date of First Night..... Date of Last Night.....

Party Members

Title	First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth

Options	Rooms Required	Rest Days (give date & location)
Luggage Transport Y/N	No. Double Rooms <input type="text"/>	
Packed Lunches Y/N	No. Twin Rooms <input type="text"/>	
Off Street Parking Y/N	No. Single Occupancy Rooms <input type="text"/>	
Return Transfer required (additional charge) Y/N		

Comments (special diets, other requirements etc):

Upon receipt of your booking form Mickledore will send by email a confirmation with the full price and 20% deposit cost required. You can pay by card or cheque (GBP only for cheque).

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