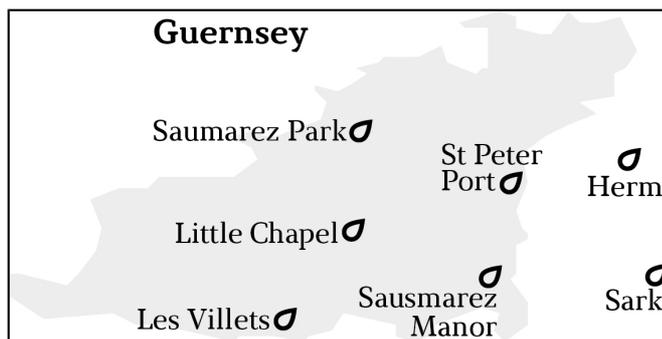


Guernsey, Herm and Sark 11 – 15 June 2018 from £1295

Included in the price

- Four nights' DBB at the 4-star St Pierre Park Hotel
- Return flights from Manchester to Guernsey
- Return coach transfers York to Manchester Airport
- Comfortable coaching on Guernsey
- Visits to Guernsey Freesia Centre, Folk Museum, Little Chapel, German Occupation Museum, private gardens of Grange Court and La Petite Vallée; Victorian Kitchen Garden; Candie Gardens and Castle Cornet; Gardens on Herm; Gardens of La Seigneurie on Sark
- Services of a Brightwater Holidays guide
- Porterage / Gratuities
- Welcome drink



Not included (per person)

- Single Occupancy Supplement £160.00
- Insurance TBA

Monday 11 June 2018

We depart from York for Manchester Airport to check in for our direct flight to Guernsey (provisional flight times: dep 0850/arr 1015). On arrival we will be met by our local coach and tour the island, beginning with a visit to the **Guernsey Flower Centre** to see the various stages of growing exotic freesia blooms. Savour the fragrance of these beautiful blooms while watching the planting of corms and the picking, bunching and boxing of freesias as they are prepared for despatch to the UK, Europe and the Republic of Ireland.

Next we visit the **Folk and Costume Museum**, a flagship attraction housed within a cluster of meticulously renovated traditional buildings within the largest public park on the island. We learn about the history of Guernsey's people over the past 250 years. Displays tell the story of daily life for those at home, school or working in one of the local industries that dominated life on Guernsey until the late 20th century. Costume lovers will enjoy the nationally acclaimed costume collection of over 8,000 pieces.

We continue to the **Victorian Kitchen Garden** at Saumarez Park and then the **Little Chapel**, a labour of love built by Brother Déodat, who started work in March 1914. His plan was to create a miniature version of the famous grotto and basilica at Lourdes in France. Today's is the third version. We then transfer to the 4-star **St Pierre Park Hotel**, St Peter Port set in a colourful garden the hotel has an indoor swimming pool with sauna and steam bath. After a welcome drink, dinner is served in the evening.

Tuesday 12 June 2018

Today we visit the tiny neighbouring island of **Herm**, crossing by boat from St Peter Port. Herm is just a mile and a half long and less than half a mile wide has no cars or motor vehicles, save for a few tractors, making it a particularly peaceful and pleasant place to visit. Here, with the Gardener, we will stroll around some of the private gardens on the island, where early summer flowers create a tapestry of colour and fragrance.

In the afternoon we return to **St Peter Port**, and visit the private garden at **Grange Court**, a large town garden with roses, folly, cactus vinery and mixed borders around rolling lawns, all immaculately maintained. It was the winner of the 2008 Island Garden Competition for the best perennial garden.

We continue to **Candie Gardens**, left to the people of Guernsey in 1887. The gently sloping upper lawn affords a panoramic view over St Peter Port and the neighbouring islands beyond. The Lower Gardens provide a rare example of a late 19th century Public Flower Garden as originally laid out. Dinner is served in the evening.

Wednesday 13 June 2018

We begin this morning with a visit to **Sausmarez Manor**, for a guided tour of the house. Highlights include the Widows Walk, the Nanny of the 28 children, the Sofa the Queen Mother sat on, the father of the 28 children and the first Royal Naval uniform. We explore the gardens, featuring a wide variety of exotic plants.

After a visit to **Catherine Best Jewellery** followed by an opportunity for lunch (not included) at the **Hotel Jerbourg**, we depart for the garden of **La Petite Vallée**, a mature three-acre garden with a wide range of exotic and traditional planting on the terraces and slopes leading down towards the sea.

Finally we visit **Castle Cornet**, which guards the approaches to St Peter Port's harbour. Contained within its walls is a profusion of plants both ancient and modern, found in four period gardens from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Dinner is served in the evening.

Thursday 14 June 2018

Today we transfer to the harbour at St Peter's Port and depart by boat for the neighbouring island of **Sark**. More than twice the size of Herm at 2 square miles in area, Sark also bans motor vehicles and on arrival at the port we will be taken up the hill to the centre of the island by horse and cart. Here we will visit the gardens of **La Seigneurie**, which were created on land bought by Seigneur Le Pelley in 1835. The Walled Garden is aligned with the Church Le Pelley built in 1820 and the central arches framed a view of the tower, a scene now obscured by the new Island Hall. The high walls give protection from the wind and, together with the mild micro-climate, allow many tender and half-hardy plants to thrive. The more unusual specimens are labelled. Probably the oldest surviving feature of the original layout is the formal rose garden edged with box hedging. Other features include a Victorian glasshouse which shelters some long-established vines; a productive vegetable garden which helps supply the café, and adjacent sensory and wildflower gardens. In the afternoon you can walk back to the harbour, or take the horse and cart if you prefer, in time to catch the afternoon ferry back to St Peter Port, and our coach to our hotel, where dinner is served in the evening.

Friday 15 June 2018

After check out we depart for a visit to **Les Caches Farm** followed by lunch at Le Gouffre (not included).

We then depart for our final visit, which is to the **German Occupation Museum**, which began when as a schoolboy Richard Heaume began collecting spent bullets in the local fields after the plough had gone by. In June 1966 Richard's parents allowed him to use the cottage opposite their house to display his collection. Bit-by-bit, purpose-built extensions were added to the small farming cottage, starting in 1976 with the transport corridor and tea room; in 1987 with the superb Occupation Street, and more recently in 2001 a further small extension housing a thought-provoking prison with information about the islands deportees and the tragic story of the Jewess taken away to the Nazi's Auschwitz concentration camp.

In the afternoon we transfer to the airport to check in for our homeward flight to Manchester (provisional flight times: dep 1720/arr 1845). On arrival we are met by our coach and return to York.