Guernsey

Travel Facts

US State Department Travel Advisory

Consult the US State Department website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in Guernsey or the U.K. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html





Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

US Embassy/Consulate

None (British crown dependency); +(44)(20) 7499-9000; US Embassy London, 33 Nine Elms Lane, London, SW11 7US, United Kingdom

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html

Telephone Code

44

Local Emergency Phone

112 and 999

Vaccinations

The following vaccinations for Guernsey: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies,, influenza, and COVID-19.

Climate

Temperate with mild winters and cool summers; about 50% of days are overcast

Currency (Code)

Guernsey pounds (GBP)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): G



Type G

Major Languages

English, French, Norman-French dialect spoken in country districts

Major Religions

Protestant (Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist), Roman Catholic

Time Difference

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March; ends last Sunday in October

Potable Water

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International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

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Tourist Destinations

Little Chapel; Castle Cornet; Hauteville House; Fort Grey & Shipwreck Museum; Dehas Dolmen; German Occupation Museum; Sausmarez Manor

Major Sports

Soccer, cycling, tennis, squash, cricket

Cultural Practices

Guernsey is very similar to UK proper with largely reserved, polite people, albeit with a French twist in the street names and places. The local lingo known as Guernésiais, is also decidedly French and, although rarely be heard by visitors, is taught in some schools in an effort to preserve the local heritage.

Tipping Guidelines

A service charge is not normally added to the bill, unless it is a large party; therefore, it is acceptable to leave 10% of the total. Taxi drivers do not expect tips. It is acceptable to tip hotel staff a small amount if they provide excellent service. Leave the extra change at a bar or nightclub.

Souvenirs

Hand-knit sweaters, copper decorative items, hand embroidered items; duty-free fashion, jewelry, alcohol, and tobacco

Traditional Cuisine

Bean jar — a one-pot dish typically made with pig's trotter, haricot beans, butter beans, bay leaves, onions, and carrots; the dish is baked for 6-8 hours and typically served with crusty bread and Guernsey butter

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