

AN ENCHANTED ISLE OF BREATHTAKING BEAUTY BY GLENN SWIFT

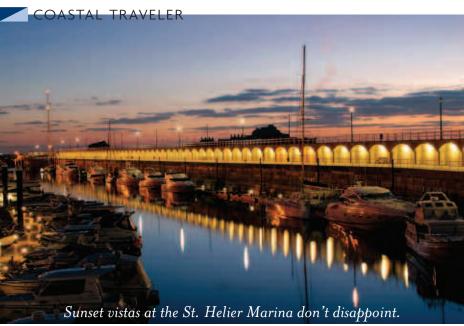
coastline dotted with dazzling it is not a part of the flowers, dominated by sweeping bays and dramatic cliffs, populated it a colony. Confused? I don't blame you! by a people with peculiar accents -Tony Soprano, the other Jersey.

Located just 14 miles off the north-Jersey, the largest of the Channel Islands and the most southerly island of the cliffs, peculiar accents — this British Isles. Like the other Channel Crown. It is a British island and its resi-

United Kingdom, nor is

The island's link (as is the case with all welcome to Jersey! No, not the Jersey of of the Channel Islands) with Great Britain is through the British Crown, who is recognized as the Head of State. west coast of France lies the isle of A lieutenant governor, through whom official communications with the United Kingdom are directed, represents the sovereign island. Acts of the British Islands (Alderney, Guernsey, Herm and Parliament, however, do not apply Sark), Jersey is a parliamentary democ-routinely to the island, except upon the racy and a dependency of the British consent of the island's parliament, called the States of Jersey. By agreedents hold British passports. However, ment, the United Kingdom has assumed

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TWO OF JERSEY'S

FINEST EATERIES

BEAUBISTRO

This restaurant has a

beach-side location with

fantastic views from al

tables. Lunch and dinner

are served March through

LES FONTAINES TAVERN

A 15th-century building with unique features, this

to-life Jersey atmosphere and is a favorite among

ocals. Suitable for all ages

lunch and dinner are served year-round.

responsibility for the island's defense and foreign affairs. Once again, even in these matters, the United Kingdom acts only with the consent of the

islanders. Accordingly, the Jersey Parliament frequently legislates independently from the Parliament of Great Britain, making its administration parallel, rather than subordinate to the parliament in Westminster. How in the world did this bizarre political relationship come to pass?

In the early Middle Ages, the Channel Islands became a part of the Duchy of Normandy. When William, Duke of Normandy (aka the Conqueror), William conquered England in 1066 and was crowned William I, the title to the islands automatically passed to the British Crown. The islanders

have pledged their allegiance to the Crown ever since. The legacy of the Normans, however, is still very visible in Jersey.

The unique customs and traditions of the island reflect a fascinating and complex history dating to the Norman period. The imprint of the Normans can

> be clearly seen in the distinct Norman-style farmhouses scattered throughout the island, as well as in the dozens of narrow, winding lanes, many of which were built a millennium ago. Perhaps the most obvious legacy of these amazing people of centuries past is the Jersey language.

island speaks English – with Jersey accent, say the English – you will still hear Le Jerriais spoken in the countryside and occasionally in town. Le Jerriais is a French dialect dating to the days of Norman rule. Nearly 6,000 islanders still speak this centuries-old language.

As for the island itself, the sea dominates the landscape with views of the Atlantic Ocean accessible from virtually history and culture, why not visit every point on the island. Despite its Jersey? ... the other Jersey. \$\mathcal{L}\$

small size, Jersey offers an extraordinary level of variety, providing visitors with a kaleidoscope of sensory stimuli. Approach the island by air and you will see lush valleys, well-kept fields and unspoiled coastline. Arrive by sea and the rocky grandeur of Corbiere, the sweep of St. Aubin's Bay and picturesque Elizabeth Castle set the scene for a grand encounter with a small but delightful island, whose wealth of scenery, history and sheer beauty is nearly overwhelming.

Visitors will be pleased to find more than 450 miles of roadway - a mix of fast roads and small country lanes offering endless opportunities for exploring and discovering the unexpected and impressive. Jersey also has a network of more than 40 miles of Green Lanes, where a speed limit of 15 mph is strictly enforced, giving priority to walkers, cyclists and horseback riders.

As for boating, there is an endless array of magnificent seascapes in and around the island. Keep in mind, however, that this is the English Channel - not the most idyllic body of Although everyone on the water. Not only are the currents swift and the seas rough, but the island grows and shrinks twice a day (as the tide ebbs and flows) in excess of 40 feet – one of the highest tidal ranges in the world. Charters are your best bet if you want to travel around the island by boat. The St. Helier Marina is located just a few blocks from the town center and they can answer all of your questions on the chartering subject. For more information, call 011-44-1534-885508.

With sweeping seascapes and a rich

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IMPORTANTINFORMATION

GETTING THERE

Jersey is accessible by air through a number of major carriers (British Airways, American Airlines, Continental Airlines, Delta, United and US Airways). You must fly via the United Kingdom or France. Consequently, travelers will be subjected to customs regulations on both the island and the mainland. **NOTE:** Anyone entering Jersey who is not a citizen of the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland must have a valid passport.

CURRENCY

Although Jersey has its own currency, the British pound is accepted everywhere on the island. Jersey is not, however, a member of the European Union, so the euro is not accepted.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Many of the hotels on the island frequently offer package deals, affording travelers significant discounts. For more information on lodging and these package deals, contact Jersey Tourism at 011-44-1534-500700 or visit www.jersey.com. Their highly trained and friendly staff provides a free booking service and can answer all of your questions about visiting the Channel Islands.

MOST POPULAR SITES

Built in the 1590s, the castle was named after Queen Elizabeth I by Sir Walter Raleigh while he was governor of Jersey. There are some fascinating exhibitions

ELIZABETH CASTLE AND THE HERMITAGE

detailing the castle's role through

the centuries.

HAMPTONNE COUNTRY LIFE MUSEUM

Here you will find a cluster of faithfully restored farm buildings - two thatchedroof houses, a cider house, a bakery, a wash house and stables - along with costumed characters, representing previous centuries, describing island life through the ages.

harbor at Gorev.

The winner of two national awards, this extraordinary museum uses modern technology and dramatic displays to tell the amazing story of Jersey.

Built in the 13th century to protect the

island from the French, this dramatic

medieval fortress towers over the

MONT ORGUEIL CASTLE

THE JERSEY MUSEUM