Jersey Events 2020 Dates.

From heritage events to vibrant music festivals, outdoor film screenings and sporting challenges, there’s so much going on in Jersey... Here’s a snapshot of events coming up in 2020.

New Year’s Day ‘Turkey Buster’ Walk
Wednesday 1 January
Location TBA
Stride out with the National Trust for Jersey on the annual New Year’s Day walk. It’s the perfect ‘active’ start to the year and a fun and social way to bring in the New Year. You will be guided by one of Jersey’s most experienced guides, Bob Tompkins, on a wonderful winter walk to brush off the Christmas ‘blues’ and lose a few calories in the process!
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Wassailing
Saturday 11 January
The Elms
Wassailing is said to awaken the cider apple trees and scare away evil spirits to ensure a good harvest! Come along to the Elms, bring ‘noise makers’, Join the procession, watch the trees being ‘toasted’ in the orchard, enjoy the singing and dancing and a tot of Sloe gin. Cider and sausages available from La Robeline at own expense.
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HEAT Culinary Competition
Monday 02 – Friday 06 March
HEAT is unique. It’s one of the best culinary competitions out there that gives students an opportunity like no other. It is a competition that equally judges both the kitchen and front of house. Qualifying heats are held throughout the UK with the main event taking place annually in March in Jersey. In previous years, chefs from Michelin starred restaurants leading the college teams have included Mark Jordan, Frances Atkins and Lee Smith. Savour a healthy serving of Jersey food and drink, cooked up by the rising stars of tomorrow.
https://heat.je

Taste Jersey
Monday 24 February to Sunday 29 March
Various Luxury Jersey Members
Highlighting the finest local produce and dishes crafted by the Island’s most talented chefs, Taste Jersey is a celebration of gastronomy. Developed by Luxury Jersey Hotels, in association with the Jersey Evening Post, this inaugural festival showcases the prestige and quality of the island’s top hotels and Mark Jordan at the Beach. With a number of local products coming into season in the next few weeks, diners are invited to tuck into an
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array of dishes on the specially curated menus, all of which put Jersey meat, seafood and vegetables firmly in the spotlight.

https://www.tastejersey.je/

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**Jersey Style Awards**

Thursday 07 May

The Royal Jersey Showground, Trinity

Save the date for Jersey’s most exciting red-carpet night of the year – 07 May 2020 showcasing the best of what Jersey has to offer across the arts, culture, retail, tourism and style sectors. To coincide with the island’s 75th anniversary of Liberation Day, join the island’s most glamorous red-carpet gala with some very special guests and celebrities, including an international music act.

www.jerseystyleawards.com

**The 13th Parish Festival of Independent Film and Music**

Thursday 14 May 2020 - Sunday 17 May

Jersey Art Centre

World class independent film festival featuring short films, features, animations and documentaries from around the globe as well as showcasing home grown talent from the Channel Islands. This will be our second event after a successful launch in 2019 which saw award-winning films from Portugal, Ireland, Sweden, France and Jersey being screened. Check out our website for up to date details.

www.13thparish.org.je

**Durrell Challenge**

Provisional date of Sunday 17 May (TBC)

Victoria Park to Jersey Zoo

The Durrell Challenge which is kindly sponsored by Butterfield Bank is a timed 13K road race. Runners will be treated to a stunning scenic running route which runners will start the heart of the island, taking them through lush green valleys and ending in the beautiful Jersey Zoo. Organisers encourage people of all abilities from around the globe to take part to raise valuable funds for the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. As in previous years, the 13k road race is just one element of a day of festivities welcoming everyone to Jersey Zoo for a Really Wild Day to raise valuable funds for this worthy cause.

http://www.doitfordurrell.com

**#LoveNature Festival**

Monday 25 – Sunday 31 May

Various National Trust sites and lands around the island including St. Ouen’s Bay

The National Trust for Jersey is staging its annual environment festival #LoveNature over the May half term. Set in and around St. Ouen’s Bay in Jersey’s National Park and at other Sites of Special Interest owned by the Trust, the event coincides with and showcases the open afternoon at Le Noir Pré to see the wild orchids in all their glory. Participants are invited to enjoy a week of all things ‘green’ such as scenic walks, bird tours, dawn chorus and sunset activities, bug safaris, pollinator picnics and a host of other wildlife activities.
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**Vistra Bloodwise Jersey Kids’ Triathlon**

Saturday 6 June (TBC)

Les Quennevais Sports Centre

The aim of the event is to raise valuable funds for the Bloodwise Charity, through participating in a fun kids’ triathlon event. The event is open to children of all abilities aged between 6 to 13 (Years 2-8). This event is designed to be fun and non-competitive. Our aim is to see every single participant successfully complete the course. The Triathlon event is family friendly and offers plenty of entertainment, food and drink options and plenty of prizes to be won.

https://jerseykidstriathlon.com

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**LEAF Open Farm Sunday**

*Sunday 07 June*

*Field behind Jersey Zoo*

This is the biggest single day in the British farming calendar when farms all across the British Isles are encouraged to open their gates and invite the public in. The Jersey Royal Company hosts the most southerly event and is doing this again for a 5th year. Come and meet the farmers and learn about Jersey Royals. Pick your own FREE sample to take home. Ride on a harvester. Take a selfie on a tractor. Talk soil health, environmental projects, pollinators, Action for Cleaner Water. Learn about how we interact with Digital and use drones. Book a tour round the pack house to see potatoes being graded and packed. FREE event.

www.farmsunday.org/

**Around the Island Walk**

*Saturday 20 June*

Starts at Elizabeth Terminal

The Walk started in 1991 and has raised over £2.3M for about 80 local charities. Normally over 1,000 take part with around 25% from the UK and a smattering from other countries. If you are able to publicise this event in Europe, particularly France, Germany and the Benelux countries it may bring in a few more from the Continent.

The trustees will decide the charities to benefit in December and registration will open in mid-January.

www.islandwalk.je

**Sunset Concerts**

*Friday 19 and Saturday 20 June*

Mont Grantez, St. Ouen

Enjoy live music in the beautiful natural setting of Mont Grantez headland overlooking St. Ouen’s Bay. Bring a picnic and enjoy fantastic live music as the sunsets and celebrate the summer solstice – the longest day of the year. This is the ultimate way to experience the delights of Jersey at this very special time of year.

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**The Western Hemi-Trail Marathon – Beaumont, Jersey, Solo and Relay Race – Trail Monkey**

*Sunday 5 July, 8am*
Starting at Beaumont on the beach (tides permitting), the race heads towards St Aubin’s, up our old friend Ghost Hill, and along to Noirmont Point, where you join the trails. From here you go to Portelet, Ouaisne, St Brelade’s, Beauport Bay, La Moye and on to Corbiere. A slight change of pace here to take in the Five Mile road so save your legs for this, before summiting Le Etacq and again hitting the trail proper at Gun Battery Moltke site. It’s a straight run along the trails from here to Grosnez, Plemont, Greve De Lecq and finally Devil’s Hole before coming out into St. Mary’s and heading towards St. Peter’s Valley. This bit is the fast finish along the cycle track that runs through the Valley, before hitting Sandybrook Lane and then coming back into the last few miles and the finish line at the Goose Green Car Park.

https://trailmonkeyjersey.com/western-hemi-trail-marathon/

30 Bays in 30 Days

Wednesday 1 to Friday 31 July

30 bays and beaches around the island

Jump in this July and swim in a variety of bays throughout the month. A fun way of making the most of our beautiful island and the feeling of having achieved something in the summer rather than it just flying by. Sea swimming has proven benefits for health and wellbeing and participants can visit new places or those bays they haven’t visited for years. Sea swimming makes you feel alive and loving life! Join the group swim at the start of the month then decide where and when to swim, joining the final group swim at the end of the month.

http://30bays30days.org.je/

The Awakening Wellness & Fitness Festival

Saturday 4 July

Celebrating the wellness and fitness movement, The Awakening Wellness & Fitness Festival will include a stage with celebrity fitness and live podcasts, as well as number of workshops, from fitness, to meditation and mindfulness, creativity. Healthy food, boutique shopping and children's activities will also be on offer. Alice Liveing, a personal trainer with 630k Instagram followers, and a food writer and Jasmine Hemsley, a TV presenter, have been announced as the guests of Jersey's first ever Festival.

https://www.facebook.com/events/458668121392801/

Accuro Jersey Triathlon

Sunday 19 July

Les Jardin De La Mar, St. Helier Jersey

The Jersey Triathlon is the most Southerly triathlon of the British Isles and is one of the most exciting, challenging and picturesque courses in Britain. The event is centred around Jersey's waterfront in St Helier, providing seamless transitions from swim to bike and bike to run. The popular course hosted the Jersey 2015 Island Games triathlon event and the 2019 event will follow a near identical course.

The Jersey Triathlon now operates with four different race categories, thus offering a distance for all levels of ability to participate. The largest of the races remains the 'Standard' distance, but the event also has a 'Super Sprint distance and a 'Jersey Sprint' distance, which is a variation on the normal Sprint distance (where bikes course is a longer 40km). The event also operates a multi distance Junior Triathlon on the same day.

http://www.jersey-triathlon.com

Reasons

Saturday 25 July

Coronation Park, St Helier
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Celebrating over five years of electronic and roots music in the beautiful grounds of Coronation Park in St Lawrence, Jersey, Reasons Festival make a return for another wonderful edition. Previous guests have come from a diverse range of genre backgrounds, including artists and DJs such as Alan Fitzpatrick, Calibre, B Traits, Claude Von Stroke and more.

https://www.ticketarena.co.uk/festivals/reasons-festival

Jersey Round Island Challenge

Date to be confirmed - No provisional date

The event which will be in its fifth year in 2020 has welcomed approx. 1000 challengers to take on the adventure challenge by either Swim, Canoe/Kayak, Row, SUP or Running around the stunning Island of Jersey. In doing so they not only took on a massive challenge but also took on one of the highest tidal ranges in the world! This epic challenge raises awareness and valuable funds for the Grace Crocker Family Support Foundation, a local charity that supports families in Jersey with sick children needing treatment in the UK. To date participants helped us raise an unbelievable £45,000+ for the charity. In 2016 the Jersey Round Island Challenge grabbed the attention of national media and was even listed by Red Bull as one of their top 11 UK Extreme Challenges. The event has also captured the attention of the Ultra Paddle League Series.

https://jerseyroundislandchallenge.com

Round The Rock – Trail Monkey

Saturday 8 August

Starting from The Steam Clock, St. Helier

At approximately 48 miles (77Km) and approx. 5000ft of ascent, this race circles around the island following the stunning granite cliffs of the North Coast to the golden sands of St. Ouen’s Bay and the South Coast. Trail Monkey are going to be celebrating ten years of this undiscovered gem of a race in 2020, and there will be a Ultra Option, a Marathon option, a Half-marathon option and also a 2 man and 5 man relay option, leaving runners no excuse not to get involved! Round The Rock has proved a favourite for many and they return year after year to soak up the relaxed atmosphere and testing course. Round The Rock is perfect race for those wanting to step up the distance and enter the ultra-world or as training for a longer event.

https://trail-monkey-running.eventize.co.uk/e/round-the-rock-2020-713

Battle of Flowers Parade

Thursday 13 August

Enjoy the spectacle of flower festooned floats, musicians, dancers and entertainers providing a tremendous atmosphere in the Grand Day Parade. First staged in 1902 in celebration of a Royal Coronation, The Jersey Battle of Flowers has grown over the past century to become one of the largest floral carnivals in Europe, and is without doubt, a major highlight in Jersey’s calendar of festivals and events.

www.battleofflowers.com

Battle of Flowers Moonlight Parade

Friday 14 August

The Battle of Flowers carnival atmosphere continues during the Moonlight Parade, featuring once again many of the parade floats and entertainment. The floats, which are festooned with thousands of illuminated lights, offer a totally different experience, and magical atmosphere. One of the most popular night time events in Jersey, the floral extravaganza concludes with spectacular fireworks and aeronautical displays (weather permitting).

www.battleofflowers.com
Weekender Festival 2020
Saturday 5 - Sunday 6 September
The Weekender Festival offers a full two-day diverse programme of arts that will immerse revellers within a fantastic festival experience. Witness global music artists and local acts over various music stages, coupled with gourmet food and drink, through daytime to evening and into the night.
www.weekenderjersey.com

Walking Through Autumn Festival
Wednesday 9 - Sunday 13 September
Various National Trust sites, lands, country lanes, footpaths and woodland around the island.
Enjoy a series of guided walks around the Island walking to and nearby National Trust sites and properties. Enjoy themed walks such as wildflower walks, nature and bird tours and heritage and town trails. Visitors can enjoy ‘behind the scenes’ opportunities such as afternoon tea in a walled garden and visits to historic properties en route.
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Beer Island 2020
Wednesday 18 - Friday 20 September
The Beer Island Festival at the Havre des Pas Lido will return for the second year, as a joint venture between the Be Served Group and the Jersey branch of the Campaign for Real Ale. A number of local visiting brewers and distillers will travel to Jersey to support the event. More than 50 craft beers, real ales and ciders from the UK, Europe and United States are due to be on offer as well as local brews from Liberation, Bliss Brewing, Stinky Bay and La Robeline Cider.
A full bar will also offer more than 20 gins as well as rums, wines and soft drinks. Food will include Genuine Jersey burgers, a Jersey Royal spud bar, Jersey Oyster raw bar and Jersey Dairy ice cream, walks such as wildflower walks, nature and bird tours and heritage and town trails. Visitors can enjoy ‘behind the scenes’ opportunities such as afternoon tea in a walled garden and visits to historic properties en route.

Heritage Open Day
Saturday 19 September
Various properties around the island
An opportunity to visit the National Trust for Jersey’s historic properties for free and which are not normally open to the public. Enjoy special events in some of the larger properties.
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RBC Super League Triathlon
Saturday 26 – Sunday 27 September
Super League Triathlon returns to Jersey in September and you can grab a piece of the pulse-pounding action. 50 of the best runners, swimmers and cyclists on the planet will charge through land and sea to chase the ultimate glory. Sound energetic? It is. But you needn’t be a world class triathlete to embrace the power of SLT. Anybody can be a champion this year with new race categories for every age and fitness level. Gear up for one of the most epic experiences in endurance sport.
https://superleaguetriathlon.com

Skipton Big Ideas
September – October (Exact Dates TBC)
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Skipton Big Ideas is an ambitious, large-scale exhibition that will inspire both the local community and visitors to the Island. The exhibition will focus on three-dimensional art that people can interact and engage with. Themed around key questions affecting modern society, artists working across multiple mediums will collaborate with architects to produce unique interactive installations.

https://www.arthouse.je

**Black Butter**

Thursday 22 to Saturday 24 October

The Elms, St Mary

Embrace the community spirit and participate in the ancient art of making Black Butter which takes place over three days at The Elms, the headquarters of the National Trust for Jersey. Apples grown for cider were once Jersey’s main crop. Today fewer cider apples are grown but the making of black butter (Le nièr beurre) carries on. Come along and peel apples, which are then cooked in a large copper pan or ‘bachin’ over an open fire or help to stir the mixture which is cooked until dawn. The event culminates in a produce market where the freshly made Black Butter is put into jars and sold.

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**Please note:** This list is regularly updated as 2020 events are confirmed – *most recently edited on 21 August 2019*. For the latest list check out events.jersey.com/events. For any queries, please contact product@visitjersey.je.