



V75 2020
6 Day Itinerary

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The Channel Islands were the only part of the British Isles to fall into enemy hands, when they were occupied by Nazi Germany between 1940 and 1945.

2020 will be the 75th anniversary of Jersey's Liberation following Occupation during WW2. Jersey will mark this milestone by identifying and telling compelling stories to ensure Jersey's Liberation legacy lives on. As well as the stories of hardship and suffering, Jersey will curate stories to bring the brave spirit of Jersey and its people to life.

Events and experiences will be organised throughout the year to mark this poignant anniversary. The island will reveal modern execution methods, interactive installations and media to ensure the content resonates with all, but also creates a product story and engagement piece for all generations that can remain as an accessible legacy for the island.

Day 1

Discover Jersey's rich history with a stay at the [Pomme d'Or Hotel](#). Originally built in 1837, the hotel is part of the fabric of Jersey life. The hotel's prime site overlooking the Harbour, proved to be an ideal location for the German Naval Headquarters during the WW2, when Jersey was occupied by Nazi forces. The hotel's position overlooking Liberation Square harks back to 1945, when the Union Jack was raised on the balcony of the hotel, marking the Liberation of Jersey from Occupation.

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Group rates available for tour operators. Contact Oliver Appleyard or email groups@seymourhotels.com.

Afternoon

See a different side to Jersey's Occupation story by RIB. Reach thrilling speeds on the water as you witness stunning scenery, WW2 landmarks and enjoy excitingly wildlife such as dolphins and seals in their natural habitat.

[Jersey Seafaris](#) invite you to delve into Jersey's occupation story and hear fascinating tales of war and heroism with two seafaris options:

Occupation Seafaris: Join Jersey Seafaris and explore Jersey's stunning north coast with an expert in Jersey's history on-board. Hear tales and accounts of Jersey's Occupation story such as 'Operation Hardtack' and of soldiers on the islands of Les Ecrehous / Les Minquiers.

Liberation Seafaris: Celebrate the end of five years of Occupation and enjoy a fast-paced RIB trip out to Les Ecrehous where we will slow down and enjoy a 1940's style vintage style afternoon tea.

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Tour operators receive a bespoke online booking code via Bookeo. The payment does not need to be made through the website, but Jersey Seafaris take the customer's payment for the full value of the Seafaris. Jersey Seafaris will invoice the tour operator at the end of each month, for all trips booked, minus 10% commission. After booking each individual, Jersey Seafaris can print out the confirmation or email forward on to the tour operator's customer. Jersey Seafaris require all customers' names and phone numbers, in case cancellations need to be made on the date of the Seafaris when in Jersey.

Evening

Bunkers at Night - With access to over 20+ WW2 sites, [Jersey War Tours](#) have created a unique tour for small or large groups that will invite visitors to experience unique bunkers, batteries, tunnels and towers which are not open to the public. They will show you how Jersey was made into an impregnable fortress and share insight as to what the Third Reich created with forced or conscripted labor.

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No commission. Jersey War Tours are available for private hire allowing companies to sell their own tickets. All bookings to be made online. Tour available in English only. Available 51 weeks of the year throughout 2020. Evening tours will not be available between 04 - 09 May 2020 but daily daytime tours.

Day 2

Morning

Climb on board a 1950s **vintage open top bus**, with [Jersey Bus and Boat Tours](#) and breathe in Jersey's south coast views as you head up to the [Jersey War Tunnels](#).

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Built by the Germans using forced and conscripted labour, the Jersey War Tunnels house an immersive exhibition within an underground tunnel complex. Discover the hardship, the heartache and the heroism, in the words of the people who were there. Visitors can enjoy the war trail, garden of reflection alongside a visitor centre, gift shop and the new [Vega café](#).

The café has been refurbished with its new décor, furnishings and general atmosphere to deliver a truly authentic 1940's experience, run by retired islanders. You might meet 81-year-old Jean McLaughlin, who is extremely knowledgeable about island life during the war, being the founder of the Jersey Evacuees Association!

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Tour operators receive a reduced rate of 10% at Jersey War Tunnels if groups are over 10 people. Visitors can buy a French or German guide book. Audio guides available to hire in both languages.

Day 3

All Day

There are many events and tours to choose from during your visit to Jersey. Many of our local guides will inspire you with moving, unforgettable stories, inviting you to see history in a different light, viewing it through the lens of adversity, perseverance and the strength of community.

[History Alive!](#) offer a selection of different tours covering the period of Jersey's occupation, for those with a general interest, to those who are military history enthusiasts!

“The German Occupation – Life in Jersey” takes a full day. The German Occupation changed Jersey forever. Loss of freedom, hardship and millions of tons of concrete and steel! A more general tour covering the impact of the Occupation upon Jersey's residents as well as the Island itself. Few people who have only known freedom will understand how

occupation changes human behaviour – sometimes for the better but often for the worst. This tour circles the island and therefore includes most of Jersey's best scenery. Visits to Channel Island Military Museum (which is in a former bunker) will be included if open.

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The [Channel Island Military Museum](#) is housed in a German bunker which once formed part of Hitler's Atlantic Wall defenses. Sitting right on the sea wall the bunker dominates the surrounding area. Within the bunker itself are many rooms full of artefacts both military and civilian which help tell the story of the five years of occupation. There are hundreds of interesting pieces to look at as well as lots of reading material, there is also a 40-minute commentary of locals recounting experiences of the time.

Open from March 26 to 31 October 2019.

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Evening

Take in a **film screening** at one of our Occupation sites. [Cine Stef](#) organises secret evenings in hidden bunkers for an immersive cinema experience. In a secret location, watch history come to life as the doors are opened for an evening of suspense and spectacle beyond your imagination.

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Films can be tailored for English, French and German audiences. Stefan speaks English and French. All bookings to be made over the phone.

Day 4

All Day

It's easy to set out on your own and explore the island on foot. Jersey Heritage has curated the self-guided [Resistance Trail](#). Once you're on track, use our green lanes to ramble through farm and field and discover Jersey's sites of civilian wartime protest and defiance in occupied Jersey. The trail will give you a sense of the solidarity and patriotism that existed widely in the island community during the Occupation.

Fuel up on fresh, Jersey seafood at [Faulkner Fisheries](#), housed inside a German bunker, at the end of the Five Mile Road in St. Ouen's Bay. Rest your legs over a hearty pint of Liberation Jersey Ale and tuck into delicious Jersey seafood before venturing out once more with a spring in your step. You're never far from a public bus or friendly local to point you in the right direction.

Day 5

Morning

Spend the morning exploring the award-winning Jersey Heritage attraction, the **Occupation Tapestry**, housed within the [Maritime Museum](#). The tapestry was woven by islanders to celebrate the 50th Anniversary from Liberation. The twelve richly colourful panels of the tapestry, depict life and hardship under military rule and were created from the memories and stories of islanders who experienced it first-hand.

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Afternoon

With access to over 20+ WW2 sites, [Jersey War Tours](#) have created unique tours for small to large groups that will invite visitors to experience unique bunkers, batteries, tunnels and towers which are not open to the public. Experience the Occupation Heroes Tour and The Bunker Hunters Tour, available daily. Discover the stories from Islanders and Allied soldiers, who made the victory possible.

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Day 6

Near Guernsey Airport lies the **German Occupation Museum**, which provides great insight into everyday life during the occupation, complete with a recreation of an occupation-era street. It is also home to a number of Second World War vehicles and fortifications.

La Villette Underground Military Museum is found at the southern end of St Peter Port, set in a series of tunnels used for U-Boat fuel storage during the occupation. As well as memorabilia and exhibits from the occupation era, the museum also houses fascinating items from the First World War.

Almost on Guernsey's west coast is overlooked by an imposing fortification either built or improved by the occupying forces. Many are preserved by local volunteer group Festung Guernsey, and are available to explore for yourself.

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For further information on any of these experiences please contact product@visitjersey.je