

60 Things To Do This Summer

Explore heritage with ideas from Guernsey Museums - just for fun, tick them off as you go.

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1. Climb Victoria Tower. The key can be borrowed free of charge from Guernsey Museum. Play 'eye spy' at the top.
2. Leave flowers for (or tap the head of) La Gran'mere du Chimquiere, outside St Martins Church. How old is she?
3. Marvel at the frescoes (wall paintings) inside Ste Apolline Chapel. Find out what this beautiful place has to do with teeth.
4. Take a breakfast picnic to Clarence Battery – great for the early morning sun.
5. Go Fairy hunting at Le Creux ès Faïes, near Lihou headland.
6. Wander amongst the ruins of the Priory on Lihou Island. Dip your toes in the Venus Pool and look out for seals.
7. Taste some Guernsey ice cream – or try making a Guernsey dish.
8. Write your name in the sand at Petit Port. On the way back, count the steps.
9. Find the Guardian of the Tomb in the Déhus Dolmen.
10. Pose as a witch or wizard at Le Trépiéd dolmen. Walk to the nearby Mont Chinchon battery. How many cannons are there?
11. Find the biggest stone you can inside La Varde Dolmen.
12. Make a den at Le Guet. Find the watch house and look at the view.
13. Go inside Tower 13 at Petit Bot. Don't forget your bucket & spade for the beach.
14. Pick your favourite piece of pottery at the Little Chapel.
15. Take a selfie with the statue menhir outside Castel Church. Go inside the Church to see the amazing frescoes.
16. Go exploring inside Rousse Tower. Find out why it was built.
17. Rainy & cold? Wrap up warm and go for a bracing walk from Fort Le Marchant to Fort Doyle. Great for puddles.
18. Climb to the top of Vale Castle and point out 10 landmarks. Tell someone a funny joke.
19. Learn 'Old McDonald' in Guernésiais (*JEHR-nehz-yay*) or Guernsey French. Go to www.youtube.com/Guernesiais
20. Find Tower 14 on the cliffs above Saints Bay. Follow the path down to the bay.
21. Play 'hide and seek' at the Chateau du Marais ('ivy castle').
22. Be inspired at Moulin Huet, like Renoir, and make your own artwork on the beach using only things you can find there. (While near Moulin Huet, play 'pooh sticks' in the water lanes).
23. Spend time playing at Delancey Park. Find the remains of the Dolmen there.
24. Do Les Vardes Quarry Nature Walk around the Ronez Quarry.
25. Enjoy a story in Guille Allès Library. Can you find the portraits of Guille and Allès?
26. Find Mont Herault Watch House and draw the view from there.
27. Walk, scooter or bike to La Table des Pions ('fairy ring') and make a wish. What's the name of the Fort nearby?
28. Have a sunset picnic at Grandes Rocques.

At Castle Cornet:

29. Become a knight, princess or dragon in the Dressing Up Room.
30. Watch the Noon Day Gun. Don't forget to cover your ears! Have your photo taken with a Castle Gunner afterwards.
31. In the Maritime Museum, find Admiral de Saumarez's golden sword. Which animal is featured on the handle?
32. Who was Joey? Discover his story in the RGLI Museum.
33. Find the skeleton in the Story of Castle Cornet Museum. What was found buried with it?

At Guernsey Museum:

34. Listen to old Guernsey stories in the Museum's new Folklore Gallery.
35. Learn to walk, talk & write like an Ancient Egyptian in the Timewarp.
36. Find the lock of hair which belonged to a famous man.

37. Travel back to Edwardian Guernsey ('Unseen World' photography exhibition on until 10 September). Try on the costumes and pose, very seriously, for a photo.
38. How many different animals can you name in the 'Tree of Life' painting?
39. Windy & wet? Get cosy in Café Victoria and watch the world go by.

In Candie Gardens:

40. Can you find the ancient Ginkgo Tree? It has leaves shaped like this (see right). The tree is a 'living fossil' and is the only survivor of a group of trees which are older than the dinosaurs!
41. Have a picnic in the shadow of Victor Hugo – a great spot for lunch.
42. Go fish spotting in the Lower Gardens.
43. Listen to a Band Concert – every summer Sunday at 3pm in the gardens. It's free of charge.



At Fort Grey Shipwreck Museum:

44. Borrow a Discovery Sack (ask at the Office).
45. Find the hand-operated foghorn.
46. Which lighthouse can you see from the Fort? Find the model inside the Museum.
47. See Guernsey's Roman Ship (next to Guernsey Pearl).
48. Go rock pooling beside the Fort. Great for a dip at high tide too.

At the German Naval Signal HQ:

49. Learn how to spell your name in Morse Code.
50. Find out what was buried in this bunker.
51. Discover the name of Willi Hagedorn's dog.
52. What was the Enigma machine used for?

Dates for the diary...

53. Enjoy a KPMG Castle Night at Castle Cornet. Held this year on **21 & 28 July and 4 August**. Free entry to the Castle 6-9pm with plenty of live music & entertainment. Bring a picnic or take advantage of the food on sale.
54. Come to Les Bibides, the toddler group with a flavour of Guernésiais. Children up to age 7 welcome. **Thursday 27 July**, 10am at Le Grand Courtil, St Martins.
55. Join in with pirate-themed activities at Fort Grey for Rocquaine Regatta Day on **Saturday 29 July**, 1-3pm. Free entry at the Fort all day (10am-4.30pm).
56. Bop along to the sounds of The Beatles. Local tribute band *Day Trippers* perform in Candie Gardens on **Sunday 30 July** at 2pm. Find The Beatles plaque in Candie Gardens.
57. Step back to medieval days at the Fete d'Etai summer festival on **Sunday 20 August**. Lots to see and do for all the family at Castle Cornet. Free entry to those dressed in medieval costume – and there's a costume competition with prizes too. For more family events at Guernsey Museums visit www.museums.gov.gg/fezri
58. One for the older children & adults: watch outdoor theatre at Castle Cornet. Check shows & dates during August at www.guernseytickets.gg
59. Step back in time at 26 Cornet Street, Guernsey's Victorian Shop & Parlour (open **Tuesdays to Saturdays 10am – 4pm**). Gaze at the old-fashioned sweets in glass jars & bring your pocket money if you fancy taking some home in a paper bag.
60. Marvel at the shrine of shells at Fort Hommet. The Shrine of the Sacred Heart is open 2-4pm on **Saturday 5 August & Saturday 2 September**.

Please note that this list includes suggestions only and details may be subject to change.

Historic sites are often dangerous and include uneven surfaces, steps & sheer drops – children must be supervised at all times.

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