

Information brochure about Guernsey Museum in Candie Gardens.

Welcome to Guernsey Museum.

On arrival

On entering the Museum, you will enter through the shop. Please report to the Reception desk on arrival and departure. A member of staff will direct you to where rucksacks and coats can be kept during your visit. (Rucksacks are not allowed inside the Museum galleries).

Visiting the Shop

You are very welcome to visit the shop but please do so in groups of 8 (maximum). Each group must be supervised by an adult at all times.

History of the Museum

The Museum opened in 1978. It was purpose-built and includes a 19th century bandstand into the design..

Rona Cole Art Gallery

This gallery is named after the Museum's first Director. It features the most important paintings in the museum's collection. The gallery is a small space but includes over 200 artworks! Some artworks are kept in drawers because they are too sensitive to light. You can pull out the drawers but please be careful at all times. In this gallery, can you find....

- The bust of Victor Hugo by Rodin (Hugo was a difficult subject and would not sit still!)
- The portrait of Georges Métivier (he wrote in the Guernsey language, Guernesiais, which is a form of Norman French)
- The Venus Pool by Toplis (this is a spectacular, enormous rock pool in Sark)
- The Tree of Life by Le Vasseur (the Museum commissioned this local artist to produce an artwork for the year 2000 – check out the animals!)

Collecting the World

This section of the Museum displays some of the most exotic and beautiful objects from around the world. In this gallery, can you find:

- The jellyfish made from glass (you can watch the video about them)
- The large crystal

- The Haida mask
- The pocket watches

The Early People of Guernsey

In this gallery, can you find:

- The video which shows how Guernsey was formed (look for the 'sea levels' video)
- The model of Le Déhus Dolmen (this passage grave is in the Vale parish)
- The Roman amphora (used to transport liquids such as wine or oil)
- The Guernesiais area (use the headphones to listen to the Guernsey language)

The Folklore of Guernsey

Folklore of Guernsey was opened in 2017. This is the place to learn about Guernsey culture, superstitions and stories. In this gallery, look out for Guernesiais (Guernsey language). Can you find:

- The cottage (listen to the stories in English or Guernesiais)
- The mummified cat (this was found under a hotel in Guernsey)
- The map of Guernsey (can you locate the Museum on the map?)

The Brian White Gallery

This gallery displays temporary exhibitions. Usually they last for about three months. This is the timetable for summer 2018:

- 30 Mar - 10 June - **Medical Services in the Great War 1914-18** - Powerful exhibition using original diaries and recollections of local men and women. They sacrificed their lives to helping the injured & dying during the war.
- 22 June - 16 Sep - **Hugo - Visions of Exile** – Hugo is world-famous for being an author but did you know he was also an artist? Enjoy looking at these thought-provoking artworks from Guernsey's most famous resident.

The Discovery Room

This is a space for visitors of all ages to explore old fashioned games, books and toys. Please be careful with everything in the Discovery Room. Have a look in the cabinets and explore the *Time Warp*. The *Time Warp* changes every year and the theme for 2018 is inspired by the 25th anniversary of the film Jurassic Park. You are welcome to use the 'dressing up' clothes but please remove your shoes. Please do not wear costumes which are too small for you, as this will damage the fabric. Help us keep this room tidy by putting things away when you leave. Thank you.

Candie Gardens

Guernsey Museums stands at the top end of the magnificent Candie gardens. Visitors can discover a wide variety of plants from all over the world in this stunning garden. There are interesting trees and places for quiet reflection. There are statues of Queen Victoria and Victor Hugo in the gardens. Behind Queen Victoria is the Priaulx Library, which is a public library specialising in family history. It is open to the public.