

60 Things To Do This Summer (2019)

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. Taste some Guernsey ice cream.
3. Marvel at the frescoes (wall paintings) inside Ste Apolline Chapel. Find out what this beautiful place has to do with teeth.
4. Go Fairy hunting at Le Creux ès Faïes, near Lihou headland.
5. Wander amongst the ruins of the Priory on Lihou Island. Dip your toes in the Venus Pool and look out for seals.
6. Take a breakfast picnic to Clarence Battery – great for the morning sun.
7. Write your name in the sand at Petit Port. On the way back, count the steps.
8. Find the Guardian of the Tomb in the Déhus Dolmen.
9. Make a flower garland for La Gran'mere du Chimquiere, outside St Martins Church. How old is she?
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. Find a piece of pottery with a letter on 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. Take part in Les Siauns Muchis (the fairy door trail). Download the map here www.lesiaunsmuchis.gg
29. Have a sunset picnic at Grandes Rocques.

At Castle Cornet:

30. Become a knight, princess or dragon in the Dressing Up Room.
31. Watch the Noon Day Gun. Don't forget to cover your ears! Have your photo taken with a Castle Gunner afterwards.
32. In the Militia Museum, find your favourite musical instrument.
33. Become a pilot and sit in front of the controls, in the 201 RAF Museum.
34. What on earth is a mangonel? Find out in the Story of Castle Cornet Museum.

At Guernsey Museum:

35. See the toys and visit the Bakers Bazaar Toyshop Timewarp.
36. Find the model of the jumping bugs.
37. Marvel at the artwork by Damien Hirst!

38. Visit the Japan exhibition: what is your favourite object in there?
39. Pick up a trail for the Museum and go hunting.
40. Windy & wet? Get cosy in Café Victoria and watch the world go by.

In Candie Gardens:

41. 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!
42. Have a snack in the shadow of Victor Hugo – a great spot for lunch.
43. Sit in the shade of your favourite tree and make up a story.
44. Go fish spotting in the Lower Gardens.
45. Listen to a Band Concert – every summer Sunday at 3pm in the gardens. It's free of charge.



At Fort Grey Shipwreck Museum:

46. Borrow a Discovery Sack (ask at the Office).
47. Find the underwater diver – what is he writing with?
48. How tall is the Hanois lighthouse?
49. Press the button to illuminate the Roman Ship timbers (next to Guernsey Pearl).
50. Go rock pooling beside the Fort. Great for a dip at high tide too.

At the German Naval Signal HQ:

51. Learn how to spell your name in Morse Code.
52. Find the glow-in-the dark paint.
53. Discover the name of Willi Hagedorn's dog.
54. What was the Enigma machine used for?

Dates for the 2019 diary...

55. Enjoy a KPMG Castle Night at Castle Cornet. Held this year on 12, 19 & 26 July and 2 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.
56. Join in with pirate-themed activities at Fort Grey for Rocquaine Regatta Day on Saturday 27 July, 1-3pm. Free entry at the Fort all day (10am-4.30pm).
57. Step back to medieval days at the Fete d'Etai summer festival on Sunday 18 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
58. The Big Geekend takes place on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September, 10.00-16.00 at Candie. Expect an eclectic weekend of hobbies and pastimes.
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 13 & 27 July and 10 & 24 August.

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

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