

Chapter 1 : Channel Islands

Island Hopping - let us tailor make a holiday for you Suggested itinerary to visit three islands. If you want to truly appreciate the beauty of the Channel Islands then don't just stop at one, try a little island hopping.

Transfer to Hotel Saints Bay, your home for the next 4 nights. The Saints Bay hotel enjoys a spectacular location on the southernmost cliff of Guernsey. Every day starts with a sumptuous English breakfast but today you are pampered by a welcome dinner excluding drinks. Good to know is that the chef in Saints Bay has learned the trade from Gordon Ramsay! Hotel Saints Bay Category: Days 2 - 4 - Guernsey You explore every corner of the island and wallow in the authentic island atmosphere. Peter Port, the capital of Guernsey is a captivating picturesque town. While the morning is an excellent time for a city discovery or a visit to the museum, afternoons are perfect for a leisurely stroll, a hike, a bike tour or just taking in some sunshine. Guernsey has plenty of things to offer to the both the passive and active holiday makers! Day 5 - Guernsey

Jersey Today you are transferred to the harbour in time for your trip to Jersey aboard the Condor ferries. Your new home away from home is Hotel The Inn, an extremely comfortable city hotel in St. Helier with a design look. Helier where you will find an abundance of restaurants. Days 6 - 7 - Jersey You explore the island according to your own taste and interests. The major islands Jersey and Guernsey are often mentioned in the same breath. Yet they are very different in terms of atmosphere and character. Jersey, unlike Guernsey, has the atmosphere of a global village. It is a versatile island. There are beaches, shopping and lots of sightseeing opportunities, including Jersey Zoo, Elizabeth Castle and the famous war tunnels, which make for a fascinating visit. This will be a stunning 4-day visit, nature wise and gastronomically as well. Thanks to the many delightful fish and seafood dishes served in the restaurants on the island and the Seafood Espetada specialty of your own hotel. Day 8 - Jersey - Rotterdam Breakfast at the hotel. You will be picked up at the hotel and taken to the airport. Today you fly from Jersey to Rotterdam. Should you wish to make the trip in reverse order? We have got good news for you. That too is possible! Don not fear, you will never be lost to long or have wandered off too far".

Chapter 2 : The Pacific War in Color: Island Hopping | Smithsonian Channel

Download the Channel Islands Trip Notes Our Channel Island Hopping visits the islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Herm. These stunning islands enjoy a great climate and a relaxed way of life.

Blog Island Hopping After the Battle of Midway , the United States launched a counter-offensive strike known as "island-hopping," establishing a line of overlapping island bases, as well as air control. The idea was to capture certain key islands, one after another, until Japan came within range of American bombers. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, the first stage of the offensive began with the Navy under Nimitz, and Marine landings on Guadalcanal and nearby islands in the Solomons. Inexperienced with guerilla warfare, weather-beaten, sick, and short on artillery and rations, the Australians and Americans could not dislodge the dug-in Japanese. General MacArthur sent Lt. General Robert Eichelberger to lead the Buna campaign. On December 9, , the Allies stormed Gona and captured it during the last week of January MacArthur then turned his attention to the key Japanese airfield at Lae and control of the coastline facing New Britain. After a series of land and sea attacks, the Allies landed in New Britain at the end of Solomon Islands Guadalcanal To make the first Buna Allied offensive in the Pacific more effective, the Americans readied a separate attack from a different direction. That decision brought American forces into the Solomon Islands and U. Army infantry onto the island of Guadalcanal. On the morning of August 7th, , the First Marine Division followed heavy naval preparatory shelling, and landed on the north beaches east of the Tenaru River. In a three-month struggle marked by disease diarrhea, malaria, dysentery, skin fungus , and many casualties, the marines took an airfield and established a beachhead roughly six miles wide and three miles deep. During the last weeks of and the first weeks of , the Americans strengthened their foothold on Guadalcanal by reorganizing and bringing in fresh troops, the Second Marine Division and the 25th Infantry Division. The Japanese held off five American battalions for a month, which delayed the advance west long enough for the defenders to evacuate 13, men from the island. Shallow reefs surrounded those islands, making it difficult to navigate large watercraft through narrow rock channels. Also, Japanese soldiers in pillboxes, and deeply dug in, were nasty obstacles to overcome during the New Georgia Campaign. Heavy rains reduced visibility almost completely, and high winds and rough seas wreaked havoc with the landing operation. Amphibious vehicles had to follow the sound of breaking waves to find the shore. In the ensuing chaos, six landing craft became lodged on the coral reef, while others discharged troops at the wrong site and then had to reload. Over the next four days, marines and Solomon Island soldiers, supported by mm howitzers from the d Field Artillery Battalion, rooted out the Japanese from Wickham Anchorage. On August 5th, , the capture of Munda airfield was assured, giving the Allies a huge vantage point. However, it was only one phase of the New Georgia campaign. Japanese were still on New Georgia, as well as on other surrounding islands. Those islands had to be taken or neutralized before the Americans could continue island-hopping up the Solomons chain. While firing their remaining artillery, Japanese forces desperately attacked through the ravines and gullies of northern New Georgia. A pounding barrage of counter mortar fire by the th mounted tank-infantry rained down on the the Japanese, devastating them in front of the American line. After suffering terribly more than 5, killed , the remaining Japanese troops left behind their wounded and retreated off the island. With the highest number of non-combatant U. During those operations the First Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, became the first black American infantry unit to engage in combat during the war. The 60, elite Japanese troops, concentrated in the southern half of the island, did not want a repeat of Guadalcanal. Although the western part of Bougainville was left relatively undefended by the Japanese, the Allies concentrated on attacking from the sea and the sky. The Japanese responded with naval and air vessels from Rabaul, but were pummeled and sustained heavy casualties. Four days later, on November 5th, Admiral Halsey dispatched a carrier air strike against Rabaul, thus knocking down many Japanese planes and forcing the naval forces to flee to the open ocean. The battle for Bougainville proved to be the site of some of the fiercest battles during World War II. In November , command of all island operations passed from General Griswold to Lt. In the Solomons, most of the Japanese soldiers who escaped fought again another day. Gilbert Islands Near the close of , a thrust at the Gilbert

Islands from the Central Pacific, in which Tarawa, Makin, and Apamama were seized, paved the way for the assault on the Marshall Islands on January 31. Previous raids by bombers of a U. Navy task force had brought the Gilberts under fire in January. The following August, "devil dogs" marines spent an active night there demolishing installations and most of the small Japanese barracks. Landings at Makin and Tarawa, miles away, were planned to begin simultaneously by two separate landing forces from Task Force 54, Rear Admiral Richmond K. A complement of six fleet carriers, five light carriers, six battleships, six cruisers, and 21 destroyers were deployed; 7, troops of the 27th Infantry Division also were deployed. While the 27th Division Landing Team, with attached units, took Makin on the 20th of November, the Second Marine Division was to assault Tarawa, leaving one of its combat teams in reserve for the support of one or both operations. If that reserve remained uncommitted, it was later to occupy Apamama. LVTs Landing Vehicle, Tracked, popularly called "alligators," were ordered to move at once to the flanks and there establish positions defending the beaches. After four days of relatively low resistance, Makin was secured. However, Tarawa was a different story. Betio, the primary island of Tarawa atoll, is only two miles long and yards wide, but it had the only airstrip in the islands and was vigorously defended by highly trained Japanese troops. Machine gun positions, concrete bunkers and pillboxes Japanese foxholes, mines, and eight-inch coastal gun emplacements, told a story of formidable Japanese defenses. Admiral Keiji Shibasaki Japanese commander on Betio boasted that a million men could not take Tarawa in a hundred years. After two hours of heavy bombing, and before dawn on November 20th, the first wave of marines stormed the Tarawa atoll. While the Americans inched inland, the 4, Japanese defiant defenders were slowly crushed. Only 17 Japanese troops, of the original 4, made it out alive. The capture of Wakde on the northeastern coast of New Guinea in May was followed by the seizure of Biak and Noemfoor. During the summer, a Japanese army attempting to break out from Wewak in Australian New Guinea was chastened. The invasion of Morotai in September placed American forces within miles of Mindanao. Marshall Islands Near the close of, a thrust at the Gilbert Islands from the Central Pacific, in which Tarawa, Makin, and Apamama were seized, paved the way for the assault on the Marshalls on 31 January. American forces gained control of Kwajalein, Majuro, and Eniwetok, and their fleet and air arms moved forward. At the same time, American carriers attacked Truk heavily, and that formidable enemy naval base in the Carolines was thenceforth immobilized. Saipan, Tinian, and Guam in the Marianas fell to American arms in summer. The capture of the Marianas, and later Iwo Jima, provided fixed bases for B Superfortress air attacks against Japan and surrounding islands. With the first Battle of the Philippine Sea, the U. Navy administered a crushing defeat of the Japanese fleet that tried to interfere with the American push westward. In September and October, the Americans occupied Ulithi in the western Carolines for use as an anchorage and advanced fleet base, and took Angaur and Peleliu in the Palau Islands, situated close to the Philippines. Attu and Kiska became a U. Furthermore, the islands had important military value for the enemy because, if successfully held, they would more easily managed to take territory farther down the coast. With the island captured, the Kamikazes would have to operate from Okinawa or Kyushu. On February 19th, the U. That came after 10 weeks of relentless bombing from carrier-based planes and medium bombers. The preliminary bombardment was the heaviest up to that point in the war. A total of 70, U. Marines charged the sandy beaches of Iwo Jima, against an opposing force of 27, Japanese. The beaches were eerily quiet as the Higgins boats landed ashore and the marines began to offload. The minimal resistance, however, proved to be only a bluff to draw the exposed marines onto the beaches. It was then that 27, determined Japanese defenders, led by General Tadamichi Kuribayashi, opened up from a vast underground network of caves and tunnels. The relentless pre-invasion bombardment from naval and air forces had done little damage. While literally inching their way across the island, the marines were able to secure Iwo Jima after 36 days of brutal combat. But victory came at a heavy price. Admiral Nimitz remarked, "Among the Americans who served on Iwo Island, uncommon valor was a common virtue. The day began and ended with the heaviest concentration of naval gunfire ever used to support an amphibious landing. Together they fired 3, tons of shells at Okinawa during the first 24 hours. The initial charge by U. The battle proceeded in four phases: Although the first three phases encountered only mild opposition, the final phase proved extremely difficult because the Japanese were deep underground and naval gunfire support was ineffective. The battle of Okinawa proved to be the bloodiest

battle of the Pacific War. Thirty-four allied ships and other craft of all types were sunk, mostly by Kamikazes , and ships and craft were damaged. The fleet lost aircraft. The total American casualties in the operation numbered more than 12, killed including nearly 5, navy and almost 8, marine and army and 36, wounded. A-bomb On July 2, , while the Sixth Marine Division rested, trained, and prepared for the expected invasion of mainland Japan, the first atomic bomb was tested in New Mexico. An alternative to invasion was now a definite possibility. The morning of August 6, , an atomic bomb exploded over Hiroshima. Three days later, Nagasaki suffered a similar fate. No mainland invasion would take place; the fighting was over.

Chapter 3 : Island Hopping in Guernsey - Blue Islands

Island Hopping Explore the Bailiwick of Guernsey with an Island Hopping Holiday It's not just the Greek islands that can offer an island hopping vacation; the Bailiwick is a stunning archipelago much closer to home, that can easily be explored in a single trip or package tour.

There are over 20 curving bays and beaches, miles of spectacular cliff walks, winding lanes and hours of sunshine to enjoy. Peter Port is the capital of Guernsey and is a town of narrow cobbled streets offering a great visit. During our stay you have the opportunity of visiting the two fascinating islands of Herm and Sark both are quiet and peaceful. The Peninsula Hotel Guernsey, is ideally situated on a sandy beach on the north-west coast of the island. The hotel has wonderful views over Grand Havre Bay from the front and boasts a lovely sheltered beach at the edge of five acres of private landscaped gardens. Guest rooms are all en-suite with Wi-Fi, tea tray and TV. The local bus runs from outside the hotel giving easy access to the Island. Friday We depart Macclesfield for the short journey to Manchester Airport. We take a morning flight to Guernsey. Upon arrival in Guernsey, we will transfer to our hotel. Saturday After breakfast we have a tour of the Island. We take in many of the pretty sights and call for lunch whilst we are out and about. Sunday Today we have the option of visiting the Island of Sark. The island is three miles long by one and a half miles wide, almost cut in two it is linked by La Coupee causeway. On Sark you will find enchanting bays, caves, pools and no cars. The only modes of transport on the island are bicycle, tractor or horse drawn carriage. Well worth a visit! Tuesday Our tour today takes us across to the neighbouring Island of Herm. This tiny island of acres has a surprising variety of natural scenery. There are no cars or roads just a delightful coastal walk around the island that takes you through wooded valleys, undulating grassland and beautiful beaches. Wednesday The last day to top up your tan or perhaps catch the local bus and do a little shopping in St. Thursday Morning at leisure. Around lunch time we head for the airport and our flight home. Full day tour to Herm including ferry. Flight times and itinerary subject to change.

Chapter 4 : Guernsey, Sark & Herm Island Hop Package - Unique Guernsey Experiences

Island Hopping on The Channel Islands Photo Credit: Benjamin Herndon The Channel Islands National Park is known as "The Galapagos Islands of the North" for its unique flora and fauna, which is found nowhere else on the planet.

Arrival Day Day 2: After ascending to Clarence Battery and Fort George we join a much more rural path to Fermain Bay, with its loop-holed tower. On a clear day this corner of the island offers fine views of the other Channel Islands and France. This is quite a tough, but beautiful walk. The coastal bus service offers an earlier return option for anyone who finds the complete walk a little long. Sark Our boat journey from St Peter Port takes us directly to Sark in less than an hour and we begin our walk directly from the Maseline Harbour tunnel. Pretty country paths and car-free lanes quickly reach the south coast and our path meets extensive views over Derrible Bay. Little Sark offers quiet lanes, cliff views, charming houses and the remains of silver mines. Returning to the village initially, our route then drops back to the harbour for our return boat. Guernsey Our second walk on Guernsey continues from Le Gouffre and rejoins the rugged south coast. The cliff path here has some fairly steep ups and downs but the Pleinmont Headland rewards us with wonderful views out towards Hanois Lighthouse, nature reserves and commanding historic towers. After the mysterious-looking Fairy Ring, we rejoin civilisation at Portelet Harbour. Our final destination for the day is pretty Vazon Bay, which is protected by the imposing Fort Hommet. The coastal bus service offers a return option for anyone who finds the complete walk a little long. Herm A morning sailing takes us over to the tiny island of Herm, to the east of St Peter Port, in just 15 minutes. Regardless of whether the boat lands at the harbour or Rosaire Steps we progress south with views to Jethou Island privately leased by philanthropist Sir Peter Ogden. From Belvoir Bay the walk levels out and we pass pretty Shell Beach and loop across the green. With our circuit complete, the quaint harbour village offers a souvenir shop and refreshments at the Mermaid Tavern. Alderney An early flight takes us to Alderney, the closest island to France geographically, and set apart from the rest of the Channel Islands. Its isolation offers a completely different feel to its visitors. Walking around the island can be done in the day and this route offers spectacular cliff paths brimming with military history and an abundance of wildlife at every turn. The cliff path leads to the sweeping horseshoe of Longis Bay, and Mannez Lighthouse at the north-east end of the island. Passing Braye Harbour with its enormous breakwater, the circuit of the island concludes with views of romantically situated Fort Clouque, before heading back to the airport. Guernsey Continuing from Vazon Bay, our final walk on Guernsey completes our circuit of the island. At Le Grand Havre we reach Vale, which, before human intervention, was once separated by water from the rest of Guernsey. The itinerary may be subject to change at the discretion of the leader with regard to the weather and other external factors

Travel By air: An Airport transfer is included in the price for both those who have booked a flight with us and for independent travellers. The transfer will be arranged to meet your flight. On departure day, we have arranged for you to be taken back to the airport to catch your flight home. The inter-island flights between Guernsey and Alderney are included in your holiday price. Luggage is restricted to 1 item per passenger with a maximum weight of 6 kgs. All passengers aged 16 and over are required to provide photographic ID at the check-in desk and at the departure gate

By air: There are numerous flights from UK regional airports to Guernsey. All passengers aged 16 and over are required to provide photographic ID at the check-in desk and at the departure gate

By ferry:

Chapter 5 : Alderney | Visit Guernsey

Island Hopping Why limit yourself to holidaying on just one beautiful island, when you can explore the surrounding islands on an island hopping holiday instead! Island hopping breaks are becoming increasingly popular and we've put together a great offer to experience Guernsey, Sark & Herm all in one trip.

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Island Hopping Whilst it's possible to visit these islands independently, for ease of travel and sheer convenience it's worth considering a package holiday where all accommodation and inter-island ferry or flight connections are included and booked in advance.

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Channel Islands National Park, Ventura, CA , USA Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard tour of the enchanting Channel Islands. Hike wild, windswept trails bordered with blazing wildflowers.

Chapter 8 : Channel Island Hopping – Guernsey – Herm & Sark – Roy McCarthy Coaches – Mac

Tailor your own island hopping adventure Guernsey is the perfect base to explore the neighbouring Channel Islands from. Travel directly to the unique islands of Sark, Alderney, Herm and Jersey from Guernsey and discover exquisite coastlines, stunning countryside and old world charm; ideal for day trips or a longer escape.

Chapter 9 : Island Hopping in The English Channel| Jersey & Guernsey | Connections

The Pacific War in Color: EPISODE 3 Island Hopping. Ways to Watch; Watch Videos; Under the command of Admiral Nimitz in , America advances towards Japan, engaging in a new series of island-hopping invasions through the Central Pacific.