



Country Profile: Guernsey, Channel Islands

Guernsey and the other Channel Islands represent the last remnants of the medieval Dukedom of Normandy, which held sway in both France and England. The islands were the only British soil occupied by German troops in World War II. Guernsey is a British crown dependency, but is not part of the UK. However, the UK Government is constitutionally responsible for its defense and international representation.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Guernsey
Continent:	Europe
Capital City:	St. Peter Port
Boundary Countries:	No land Boundaries
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	St.Peter, St. Sampson
Country Size:	78 sq km
Population:	65,573

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English, French, Norman-French dialect spoken in country districts
Currency:	British pound (GBP); note: there is also a Guernsey pound
Predominant Religions:	Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist
National Holidays:	Liberation Day, 9 MAy (1945)
Economic Status:	Financial services - banking, fund management, insurance - account for about 23% of employment and 32% of total income in this tiny, prosperous Channel Island economy. The evolving economic integration of the EU nations is changing the environment under which Guernsey operates.
Security:	Defence the responsibility of the UK
US Presence:	None (British crown dependancy)
Major Airports:	Airports: 2, Airports w/paved runways:2

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