

Herm Island, Channel Islands, UK

The smallest publicly accessible Channel Island and one of the English Channel's best-kept secrets — a 1.5-mile car-free haven of white-sand beaches, wildflower paths, and cliff-top views stretching to Guernsey, Sark, and France.

⚓ Tender (no pier — Herm Harbour or Rosaire Steps)

🕒 Typical call: 4–6 hrs

🇬🇧 Currency: British Pound (GBP)

🌐 Language: English

🏖️ Best beaches in the Channel Islands

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Herm Harbour (high tide) or Rosaire Steps (low tide)

Best For: Beaches, walking, puffin watching, total escape from cars & crowds

Walk to beach: Shell Beach 20–25 min from harbour; Belvoir Bay 25 min

Don't Miss: Shell Beach, Mermaid Tavern crab sandwich, St. Tugual's Chapel

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 Rideshare ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Shell Beach & Coastal Walk** — Follow the main spine path north-east to Shell Beach, famous for millions of tiny shell fragments deposited by the Gulf Stream.
- **Belvoir Bay Swim & Sunbathe** — Herm's most sheltered cove, tucked between low cliffs on the east coast.
- **St. Tugual's Chapel & Herm Common** — A tiny 11th-century Norman chapel in Manor Village near the island's centre, with stained-glass windows depicting local scenes and Guernsey cows...
- **Puffin Watching (April–July)** — A colony of Atlantic puffins nests on the cliffs off Herm's south-east coast (Puffin Bay) from mid-April through July.
- **Kayak & SUP on Shell Beach** — During peak summer months, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards are available to rent directly on Shell Beach, giving a unique water-level view of Herm's...

BEST WALKS

- **Harbour to Shell Beach** ~25 min one way | Easy | Flat gravel path — From Herm Harbour follow the main central path north-east past the White House Hotel gardens.
- **Full Island Circuit** ~5 km | 1.5–2 hrs | Easy–moderate — Circumnavigate the island clockwise: north from the harbour along the west coast to Herm Common, then south along the dramatic eastern cliffs past Shell Beach and...

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Allow 2 hours for the return journey. You need time for the Herm ferry back to Guernsey plus the cruise tender to your ship. Miss the last ferry and you miss the ship.
- Ask about tides. Landing at Herm Harbour or Rosaire Steps depends on the tide — confirm with ferry crew which landing point the return service uses before you head off exploring.
- Currency is British Pounds (GBP). Guernsey Pounds are also used and are equal in value. Credit cards accepted at the Mermaid Tavern and White House Hotel. The island is mostly cashless-friendly but carry a little cash.
- Don't skip the crab sandwich at Shell Beach Café or the Mermaid Tavern — fresh Guernsey crab, caught locally, is the island's signature snack.
- Layer up for the ferry crossing. Even on warm days the Channel crossing can be breezy and cold. The island itself is sheltered, but the boat ride isn't.
- Your phone may roam onto French networks. The Channel Islands are close to France — check with your carrier about roaming charges before you sail.

Herm Island, Channel Islands, UK — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Shell Beach | A famous white-sand beach on Herm's northeast coast, its sand mixed with millions of tiny shells washed in by Gulf Stream currents. | 2 St Tugual's Chapel | A tiny 11th-century chapel near Herm Harbour, one of the oldest buildings on the island. |
| 3 Herm Common | A gorse-covered headland on the island's northern tip with coastal footpaths and views across to Guernsey. | 4 Belvoir Bay | A sheltered sandy bay on the east coast, reached via a coastal path, popular for swimming. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |