

THE LIBERATION TRAIL

THE JOURNEY FROM OCCUPATION TO FREEDOM



We have created a series of special displays to celebrate the 80th anniversary year of the island's Liberation from German Occupation. Islanders and visitors are invited to follow the trail around St. Peter Port to discover the story of the Occupation, Liberation and Recovery of the island.

You can visit the venues in any order.



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THE LIBERATION TIMELINE GEORGE CROSSAN GALLERY

10TH APRIL - 23RD JUNE

A fascinating and comprehensive timeline of the German Occupation. From the horror of invasion, through the hardships of Occupation, to the joy of Liberation. Explore newspaper extracts, historical documents and photographs, object images and much more. This is an ideal starting point for visitors to explore The Liberation Trail.

FREE ENTRY - CHECK WEBSITE FOR OPENING TIMES

2

THE WAR IS OVER THE GRAND HALL, ROYAL COURT

15TH APRIL - 16TH JUNE

Liberation commenced when Korvetten Kapitain Reich told the Bailiff of Guernsey "The war is over" that was around 10 am on 8th May 1945 and following that at midday a special sitting of the States of Guernsey went on to explain what the people of Guernsey could do to enjoy their new freedom. Our display covers the handover of power, the German surrender, and the Royal Court at this most poignant time in the island's history.

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3

ISLAND MEMORIES PROJECT: LIBERATION 80 GUERNSEY MUSEUM FOYER

28TH MARCH - 5TH OCTOBER

Guernsey Museum's new oral history archive aims to preserve islanders' memories for future generations. This display shares clips from the project's first phase of interviews alongside items from the era.

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DEAR UNKNOWN FRIEND GREENHOUSE GALLERY - GUERNSEY MUSEUM

28TH MARCH - 22ND JUNE

This contemporary art exhibition focuses on the experiences and challenges surrounding the evacuation of Islanders, using artefacts provided by Island Archives, Guernsey Museums and the Priaulx Library. It features the work of 13 local artists whose pieces tell the stories of evacuated Islanders.

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SURRENDER, LIBERATION AND RECOVERY - THE GERMAN STORY GUERNSEY MUSEUM TERRACE

28TH APRIL - 23RD JUNE

What happened to the German Forces during the surrender and Liberation of Guernsey? Discover what role the German soldiers had to play in the recovery of the island.

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PAPERS, PLEASE ISLAND ARCHIVES

14TH APRIL - 23RD JUNE

What documents would you carry on the streets of Occupied Guernsey? The administration of Occupation created thousands of permits, licenses and letters. Step back in time to 1941 to an imagined Douzenier's office when the order for a 'photographic census' of the population creates a mountain of paperwork for the clerks.

STATES OF GUERNSEY ISLAND ARCHIVES FREE ENTRY - CHECK WEBSITE FOR OPENING TIMES

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A DARK CHAPTER GUILLE-ALLÈS LIBRARY

14TH APRIL - 23RD JUNE

In 1942, Hitler ordered that almost 2,500 Channel Islanders were to be deported to internment camps in Europe. A Dark Chapter recounts the harrowing story of the trauma of the Deportation, life in the camps, and the resilience of those who endured. It also reveals the little-known story of the Library during the Occupation, and the librarian who found himself among those deported.

GUILLE-ALLÈS PUBLIC LIBRARY FREE ENTRY - CHECK WEBSITE FOR OPENING TIMES

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PAST AND PRESENT: 80 YEARS OF FREEDOM TRAIL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE - MARKET SQUARE

8TH MAY - 29TH AUGUST

On May 9, every year Guernsey commemorates Liberation Day - the end of the German Occupation. But how did the people of the island celebrate on the day itself, in 1945? Featuring images from the new book *Liberated Guernsey Past and Present* by Marco Tersigni and Simon Hamon, this trail reveals what you would have seen in St Peter Port, 80 years ago.

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LIBERATION: RE-OCCUPATION & RECOVERY PRIAULX LIBRARY

15TH APRIL - 16TH JUNE

Guernsey's story from the German surrender of the Channel Islands, through British military rule, to the resumption of civil government. Follow the island's journey from the joy of Liberation into the economic austerity and political renewal essential for Guernsey's recovery from Occupation.

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