



GUERNSEY

One of the two main islands in the Channel Islands, Guernsey is located in the English Channel near the coast of France. A self governing territory, the islands have developed a vibrant financial services industry. Guernsey is also known as a popular holiday destination for both French and British tourists and is rich in history having survived occupation in World War Two. Its primary industries are financial services, horticulture, agriculture and tourism.

Cost of Living: Guernsey enjoys a very high standard of living with a relatively low cost of living.

Accommodation: Rental accommodation can prove quite expensive. Expatriates must have a Housing Licence to avail of cheaper housing. This is usually granted with the work permit.

Transport: Driving is on the left and there is an excellent public transport system. You must have an original copy of your international driving licence and remember that the speed limit is 40mph.

Socialising: The quality of life is hard to match with a wide range of sporting past-times and an active social environment. There are regular trips to France and companies organise friendly inter-company competitions.

Dress Code: As in Ireland, the office dress code is professional but depends on the company policy.

Taxation: Tax rates are very favourable at 20%.

Getting There: Employers generally pay the cost of relocation and 1 return flight a year. There are daily flights to the UK.

Visas: Although technically part of the UK, expatriates must have a valid work permit which the company would apply for on your behalf. Documents required include notarised copies of academic qualifications, medical certificate, employer references and at least 2 references of good character.



KEY FACTS

Population: 65,573

Area: 78 km²

Capital City: St. Peter Port

Languages: English, French

Currency: Pound Sterling (GBP)

Time Zone: Greenwich Mean Time

CLIMATE

From Easter to October temperatures average at 20-21°C (68-70°F). These months give an average of 200 and 260 hours of sunshine. Rainfall is mainly during the cooler months.