



# SARK EXPLORATION & Opera Weekend

6-8 September 2019

A one-off weekend experience to learn about the smallest independent state in the Commonwealth, including a reception hosted by the Head of State at his private residence.

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# Visit me in "The gem of the Channel Islands" (Country Life Magazine)

Dear readers of my blog,

The car-free, self-governing Crown Dependency of Sark is renowned as a place where time has stood still.

Its 600 residents are governed by a hereditary Seigneur, the scenic island has been spared from over-development and offers kilometres of unspoilt coast.

A tourist destination during the summer that has been popular among my readers in the past, I have organised a relaxing and entertaining Sark weekend experience.

The accompanying programme includes a variety of guided hikes of the island and its coast, a tasting visit to the local gin distillery, a Sark-themed dinner at a historic property, and a tour of the 17<sup>th</sup> century Seigneurie! Activities are available for all different levels of fitness.

Sark is easily reached from London-Gatwick. After a 35 minutes flight on an airline recently voted Britain's Best Regional Carrier (Aurigny), you are transferred to the ferry and straight to Sark (45-minute ferry ride).

There is also one flight a day from London-Heathrow (with Flybe). Visitors are also free to extend their stay in the Channel Islands, and I can help with advice and arrangements.

We will probably have some UK national media travelling with us, and participants should be aware that they may appear in photos or film footage. The price per person in a double room is GBP 950, excluding flights. Single room sup-



**Your co-host**  
**Seigneur Christopher Beaumont**

*23<sup>rd</sup> Head of State of Sark*

*Sark's Head of State, Christopher Beaumont, will personally and exclusively host our group in the award-winning gardens of his private residence, the Seigneurie, for a Sunday matinee performance of world-class opera performers.*

plement of GBP 300. The trip is sold at cost, i.e., the organisers are not earning any money off it.

Early September is the best time of the year to visit Sark. The weekend will also function as an exclusive networking event bringing together an interesting mix of people (friends old and new).

I would be delighted to welcome you in our group and remain available for any of your questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Lorenz'.

Swen Lorenz



# Itinerary

## Friday

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIMING
06-Sep	Flights from Gatwick or Heathrow to Guernsey.	Please liaise with me to plan your best flight connection and onwards transfer to Sark.
06-Sep	Individual activities on Guernsey.	Individually arranged depending on guest's interests and prior knowledge of Guernsey, and arrival time.
06-Sep	Sark Ferry.	17.00 (arriving 17.45).
06-Sep	Dinner at La Sablonnerie, Sark's award-winning historic farmhouse hotel.	19.00 onwards, individually arranged. Dinner is included in the package.
06-Sep	First of two nights in Sark. We have secured the island's nicest accomodation options.	

## Saturday

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIMING
07-Sep	Choice of several guided walks (2h each and different levels of difficulty).	9.30 - 11.30.
07-Sep	Lunch at the hotel or at Hathaway's restaurant.	12.30 - 14.30.
07-Sep	Suggestions for activities such as gin distillery visit and tasting, further guided walks. Option to have the afternoon off.	15.00 - 18.00.
07-Sep	Champagne reception in a historic property in Sark's Dixcart Valley.	18.30 - 19.00.
07-Sep	Sark-themed dinner and Sark Opera stand-up performance during dinner.	19.00 - open end.

# Itinerary (continued)

## Sunday

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIMING
08-Sep	Option of several guided walks (2h each and different levels of difficulty).	8.30 - 10.30.
08-Sep	Check-out from hotel; suitcases brought to the harbour by the hotel.	10.30 - 11.00.
08-Sep	Transport to La Seigneurie by horse cart or on foot	
08-Sep	Reception at the Seigneurie and meeting the Seigneur.	11.30 - 12.30.
08-Sep	Sark Opera matinee performance at La Seigneurie.	12.45 - 14.15 (90 min).
08-Sep	Transport from Seigneurie to harbour.	14.30 - 15.15.
08-Sep	Chartered ferry for our group.	15.30 - 16.15.
08-Sep	Taxis to airport (30 min).	16.30 - 17.00.
08-Sep	Flight back to Gatwick.	18.05 - 19.20.

**Heathrow flights:** There is one daily flight from London-Heathrow to Guernsey, which is particularly useful for visitors from outside of the UK. If you prefer a Heathrow flight, please email me to discuss the best option. For everyone else I recommend one of the six daily flights from London-Gatwick.

If you'd like to extend your trip, please contact me to discuss the best options.