

Jersey's Best Beaches

BEAUPORT

Beauport is one of Jersey's most delightful beaches. A veritable sun trap on the south coast it could easily become overcrowded but the long trek down a fairly steep path from the car park at the top of the bay helps keep it from becoming too busy. South facing and surrounded on three sides by the cliff, the beach is sheltered from all but winds from due south. Soft, golden sand after the initial pebbles makes Beauport ideal for families.



GREEN ISLAND

Many local people, particularly those living in the east, would unhesitatingly name this their favourite beach. South facing, the beach is a sheltered suntrap, which is probably why everyone loves it so much. Much more sheltered than the stretch of open sand around the corner from La Mare to Greve d'Azette. There is soft sand and rocks for the children to play on and around.

GROUVILLE BAY

Long stretch of sandy beach safe for bathing. Facilities for water skiing, wakeboarding, fun canoes, banana rides, speedboat trips and motor dinghy hire are available during July and August.

ST AUBIN'S BAY

St Aubin's Bay covers the central part of Jersey's south coast and has a long sweep of unbroken sandy beach from St Helier Harbour to St Aubin's Harbour. Only the highest of tides cover all of the sand and at low tide the sea retreats approximately 300 metres to open up an enormous expanse of beach. South facing, the beach is in full sun along virtually its entire length from sunrise to sunset.

ST BRELADE'S BAY

Set in a beautiful location, St Brelade's Bay is Jersey's busiest resort beach with its tiny jetty and seaside parish church at the western end. South facing, the beach enjoys a long day when the sun shines, although the western end becomes shaded in late afternoon.

ST CATHERINE

St Catherine stretches from the breakwater a mile (1.6 kms) or so south along the east coast, taking in a number of rocky coves which are popular picnic spots. When the tide goes out, they are all joined by a stretch of flat, wet sand, but at most stages of the tide bathing is from rocks or the pebble beaches.



PLEMONT

This has got to be Jersey's most beautiful beach, a sandy cove on the north coast with rock pools, sea caves, an excellent café, safe bathing when the sea is calm and excellent surfing when it isn't. Its lovely sand is completely covered at high tide but when it retreats, it exposes numerous pools with sandy bottoms which are ideal for young children to play in.

PORTELET BAY

There's quite a climb down steps from the cliff top to Portelet beach, which helps prevent this very attractive and popular south coast location becoming too crowded. South facing, the beach is very sunny and sheltered by the cliff behind. It has soft, golden sand. Well worth the walk down the long flight of steps and the walk back up at the end of the day.

ST OUEN'S BAY

Most Jersey residents and many visitors consider St Ouen's beach the best of its kind. Miles of beautiful sandy beach, washed twice daily by the waves rolling in from the Atlantic Ocean stretch for five miles (8 kms) from end to end. This is a paradise for surfers, but with room and facilities for everyone.

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