

Winter Season Update



The 2022 season (Financial year October 2021 to September 2022)

The 2022 season (Financial year October 2021 to September 2022) saw volumes (passenger numbers) and cargo recover to similar levels to 2018 & 2019.

In spite of increasing costs and the Guernsey visitor market only in slow recovery, a lower than pre-pandemic number of cruise ship calls and tour operator groups the 2022 summer season was busy and successful.

Predominantly the schedule was operated by "Corsaire de Sercq" with the Sark Venture providing some additional capacity when and if required.

The use of the one vessel, with large capacity and good fuel economy helped considerably to make operating savings and the faster crossing times, later first sailing time was popular with the passengers.

The success was undoubtedly assisted greatly by sunny and settled summer weather.

The challenge is now to build on a successful summer with a good winter season.

The Company will be introducing a series of special offers in the run up to and post Christmas periods and introducing a number of sailings on Sundays after the Christmas break.

Weekend Breaks & Sunday Sailings



Pre Christmas

In the run up to Christmas, as we have done over the last few years, there will be a scheduled service operating to and from Sark every Sunday (except of course Christmas Day and New years Day) This will allow for weekend breaks both to and from Sark.

Post Christmas

In the past Sunday services have reduced significantly or ceased in the period January through to March. Next year; to allow for the promotion of short/weekend breaks both to and from Sark. The following sailings have been added.

Additional Sunday sailings:

Sunday 8th January

Sunday 22nd January

Sunday 5th February

Sunday 19th February (Half Term)

Sunday 26th February (Half Term)

Sunday 12th March

Sunday 26th March

Times:

Depart Guernsey **14:00**

Depart Sark **15:00**

Sunday Sailings

The Sunday sailings, which enable visitors to come for 1- or 2-night weekend breaks more easily (Friday evening or Saturday morning, returning Sunday afternoon), means there is an opportunity to extend the Christmas and New Year festive period further, to help to support our island economy.

- If you have a **special offer** that you would like included on the IoSS website, please email us with all the details.
- If you'd like us to list an **event that you're organising over any of those weekends**, or any other time, please email us with all the details, and a poster if applicable.

We encourage you to open over these weekends to welcome visitors to the island so that we can show that Sark remains open for business and is a year-round destination, especially for those within the Bailiwick looking for a staycation.

The booking window (*the amount of time a booking is made before the date of travel*) for short breaks and day trips is very close in to the travel date. We would recommend that you refresh the offer regularly otherwise we tend to see people “filing and then forgetting”.

Run up to Christmas offer


As normal we will be introducing our December day trip promotion and this year in order to support Sark events in the lead up to Christmas we will be offering the promotional fares from Guernsey to Sark as well as Sark to Guernsey.


The (£)12 Day Trips of Christmas 



Visit Sark this December
and take advantage of one
(or more) of the
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The advert to promote the Guernsey Sark day trip will be in the Guernsey Press the last week of November. Posters to promoter the Sark originating trips will be placed at the same time (the fares are loaded on the system and can be booked now!)

Into the New Year



Through 2022 inflation has been driving costs up at a high rate. The cost of fuel alone has nearly doubled since 2019. Consequently in spite of making cost savings wherever practical there is a need to increase fares/revenue to ensure that the Company can remain viable in the long term.

To support the winter services and to encourage volumes, fares will be held at the 2022 levels through to the start of March.

There will also be a range of special offers and promotions in the New Year to encourage staycations in Sark and tailored offers for Sark residents travelling to Guernsey or further afield.

We will also retain the discounted day trip fare for Sark residents, unfortunately it will need to be increased from **£16.50** to **£17.75** to bring it in line with the single fare. However this is still a £12 saving over the Guernsey originating peak day trip fare.

2023 Fares:

ADULT SINGLE **£17.75** CHILD **£9.00**

ADULT DAY RETURN (OFF PEAK) **£28.00** CHILD **£14.00**

ADULT DAY RETURN (PEAK) **£29.75** CHILD **£15.00**

ADULT PERIOD RETURN **£35.00** CHILD **£17.50**

ADULT GROUP (OFF PEAK) **£27.50** CHILD **£13.75**

ADULT GROUP (PEAK) **£28.50** CHILD **£14.25**

INFANT (0-2YRS) **FREE**

Into the New Year - Schedules



The strategy for the 2023 schedule will follow lessons learned from 2022 and assumes that volumes by day/ by month will follow a similar pattern.

Sailings in **Orange** will be added subject to demand. The service will be operated primarily by the Corsaire Venture sailings will be added when and if required.

The core/peak sailings are in the reservation system and open for bookings.

Saturday 1st April to Sunday 18th June & Monday 4th September to Saturday 30th September							
Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Depart Guernsey	0830	0830	0830	0830	0830	0830	
	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015
	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
	1510	1510	1510	1510	1510	1510	1510
	1650	1650	1650	1650	1725	1650	1650
Depart Sark	0920	0920	0920	0920	0920	0920	
	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110
	1245	1245	1245	1245	1245	1245	1245
	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600
	1745	1745	1745	1745	1815	1745	1745

Into the New Year - Schedules



Monday 19 th June to Sunday 16 th July							
Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Depart Guernsey	0830	0830	0830	0830	0830	0830	
	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015
	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
	1510	1510	1510	1510	1510	1510	1510
	1650	1650	1650	1650	1725	1650	1650
Depart Sark	0920	0920	0920	0920	0920	0920	
	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110
	1245	1245	1245	1245	1245	1245	1245
	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600
	1745	1745	1745	1745	1815	1745	1745

Monday 17 th July to Sunday 3 rd September							
Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Depart Guernsey	0830	0830	0830	0830	0830	0830	
	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015
	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
	1510	1510	1510	1510	1510	1510	1510
	1650	1650	1650	1650	1725	1650	1650
Depart Sark	0920	0920	0920	0920	0920	0920	
	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110
	1245	1245	1245	1245	1245	1245	1245
	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600
	1745	1745	1745	1745	1815	1745	1745

Luggage/Baggage and Cargo



With increasing numbers of staying visitors and resident travel the issue of the size, weight, and volume of luggage tends to become an issue.

For clarification and as a reminder:

The luggage/baggage limit is 1 x suitcase/bag per passenger and 1 item of hand-baggage (small backpack, handbag etc.)

The safe repetitive lifting weight if on a moving surface (the boat) is in the range of 15kg or under and we would ask that passengers keep the weight of their baggage to within the range of 15 to 23kg (this also brings the limit into line with airline allowances).

We do realise that there are times as an island resident that you may need to transport more goods/baggage than the accepted limit. Most of the time we will accept the excess if within reason, (*the current record is 15 bags between two passengers*) but would ask that you inform the office prior to the sailing and that where possible you avoid the peak sailings and or low tides.

Shopping - There is limited storage space on both passenger vessels for stored luggage, we would kindly ask that shopping is carried onto and off the vessel by the shopper....

We do reserve the right to refuse and or charge for excess luggage £2 per kilo or £30 per item (whichever is greater).

In all cases if you require assistance please ask a member of crew or the quay hand for assistance.