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FROM THE AIRPORT

Car Hire: Take advantage of the special easyJet inflight rates. Visit the Europcar desk on arrival or call +44 (0)1534 747770. Open from 7.30am-9.30pm seven days a week.

Taxi: It costs about £16 to get to St Helier, the largest town on the island.

BON APPETIT

■ UP TO €15 Appleboots

(Hamptonne Country Life Museum, St Lawrence. Tel. 01534 863955) Housed in traditional farm buildings, this restaurant is part of a country life museum and features local dishes such as cabbage loaves and Jersey bean crock.

■ UP TO €30 Tropical Bistro

(37 David Place, St Helier. Tel. 01534 619911) Very popular with locals because of its huge portions, this informal restaurant boasts friendly, mainly Portuguese staff. There's an extensive menu, but Portuguese food is the speciality, including *espetadas*: large skewers of meat and/or fish.

■ UP TO €50 Salty Dog Bar & Bistro

(Le Boulevard, St Aubin's Village, St Brelade. Tel. 01534 742760) Right on the edge of St Aubin's harbour, this stylish restaurant concentrates on nouvelle cuisine and local fresh produce. Try the creole fried scallops and king prawns, followed by sesame confit of crispy duck.

■ EXCLUSIVE Ocean Restaurant

(Le Mont de la Pulente, St Brelade. Tel. 01534 744101) Part of one of Jersey's finest hotels, this Michelin-starred restaurant has everything: great food, impeccable service and a fine view. Head chef Mark Jordan concentrates on very fresh local produce, particularly seafood. The £65 Menu de Terroir includes scallops, turbot, Jersey beef and a crispy thin apple tart.

NIGHT FEVER

■ **LOW KEY The Drift** (The Royal Yacht Hotel, Liberation Square, St Helier. Tel. 01534 720511) Centrally located late-night bar with a huge range of cocktails, drinks and snacks.

■ LIVE MUSIC Jersey Arts

Centre (Phillips Street, St Helier. Tel. 01534 700444) A lively centre for all kinds of arts, where you can also grab a bite to eat. Expect to see art exhibitions and concerts.

■ LATE & LIVELY Pure Bar &

Club (Caledonia Place, St Helier. Tel. 01534 870457) Next to the central Liberation Square, Pure features big-name DJs at the weekend and dance music during the week.

ON THE GROUND

■ **SHOP** - La Mare Vineyards produces two sparkling wines, two whites and a red, as well as apple brandy and cider. All these are for sale at the vineyard (Rue de la Hougue Mauger, St Mary).

■ **INSIDER TIP** - Fish 'n' Beads, at St Brelade's Bay, is surely the only place where you can sit beside the beach, have a snack and make jewellery.

■ **KEY AREA** - Grève de Lecq is a beautiful sandy beach on the north coast, with two beach cafés, two pubs and a Victorian barracks turned into a museum and visitor centre.

■ **THIS MONTH** - Irish comedian Dara O'Briain is bringing his hilarious show to Fort Regent, the huge entertainment complex built in an old fort. The *Mock the Week* star appears on 24 May (Tel. 01534 449827).

DAY TRIPPING

St Malo - Slightly more than an hour away by ferry, St Malo is a lively French port with masses of shops, restaurants and bars. You can take an organised day trip from Jersey, or choose to explore the town on your own. Just don't forget your passport!

NO WAY!

Jersey's expansive tidal system means the island almost doubles in size at low tide, leaving a huge area of seashore to explore.

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