

ICOFORT CONFERENCE 2006

Channel Islands Programme

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Thursday, 28th September

ICOFORT members assemble at Merton Hotel, Jersey.

- 14.00** **Conference Registration / Briefing**
16.00 **Conference Programme commences**

Mont Orgeuil (13th – 20th cent.) – principal royal fortress & leading tourist attraction, to view recently completed restoration works, accompanied by:-
Antony Gibb/Architect & Refurbishment Project Manager/ICOMOS member
Doug Ford/Archaeologist: Jersey Heritage Trust

- 19.00** Dinner: Merton Hotel
20.30 Inaugural Conference Session: Programme

Friday, 29th September

- 07.30** Breakfast
Le Hocq Tower (18th cent.) – early coastal tower of Conway pattern.
Fiona Smith/States Conservation Officer
Transfer by DUKW (at high water) to:-
Elizabeth Castle (16th – 20th cent.) – island fortress with full interpretation.
- 13.00** Lunch
Lothringen Battery (WWII) – restored German command post & battery site.
Michael Ginns/Vice-President: Channel Islands Occupation Society (Jersey)
Lewis & Kempt Towers (19th cent.) – English pattern Martello Towers
Fort Regent (19th – 20th cent.) – the new garrison fortress commanding St.Helier.
- 19.00** Vin d'Honneur at Société Jersiaise, Jersey Museum
Francis Corbet/President: Société Jersiaise
- 20.15** Dinner: Merton Hotel
21.15 Conference Session

Saturday, 30th September

- 07.30** Breakfast
09.30 Check-in Jersey Airport / *Blue Islands* flight
10.00 Departure for Alderney
Annes Battery (WWII) – remains of German naval battery.
Fort Clonque (19th cent.) – Victorian fort restored as holiday units by Landmark Trust.
- 13.00** Lunch
Fort Tourgis (19th cent.) – Victorian fort currently subject of development proposals.
Fort Grosnez (19th cent.) – the first Victorian fort used as a depot for Breakwater maintenance.
Alderney Breakwater (19th cent.) – the island's major landmark and vestige of Admiralty plans.
- 19.00** Dinner: States Committee Room, Court House
20.00 Conference Session

Sunday, 1st October

- 07.30** Breakfast
The Arsenal (19th cent.) – the principal artillery and engineer store, part converted for housing.
Fort Albert (19th cent.) – the last Victorian work in polygonal form, presently derelict.
Biberkopf Strongpoint (WWII) – well preserved German infantry position with fieldworks.
Fort Chateau à l'Étoc (19th cent.) – Victorian fort converted for housing.
- 13.00** Lunch
Forts Corblets, Quesnard, Houmet Herbé & Raz (19th cent.) – outlying Victorian batteries.
Mannez Flak Battery (WWII) – German coast artillery command post in well-preserved battery.
The Nunnery (18th-19th cent.) – built on Roman foundations to Saxon Shore fort configuration.
Essex Castle & Longis Lines (19th cent.) – the Victorian garrison hospital on 16th cent. fort.
- 17.00** Check-in Alderney Airport / *Blue Islands* flight
17.25 Departure for Guernsey
19.00 Dinner: La Trelade Hotel
20.00 Conference Session

Monday, 2nd October

- 07.30** Breakfast
Clarence Battery (18th-19th cent.) – surviving outwork of Fort George (now demolished)
George Gillespie/Acting Manager, States Design Services.
Castle Cornet (13th-20th cent.) – principal royal fortress and leading tourist attraction.
Peter Sarl/Director of Heritage Services.
Chateau des Marais (14th cent.) – concentric walled enclosure with later features.
Evan Ozanne/former Deputy Director of Tourism & Fortress Guernsey
Vale Castle (Iron Age - 20th cent.) – predominantly 17th cent. fort with later features.
Heather Sebire/States Archaeological Officer
- 13.00** Lunch
Rousse Tower/Battery (18th-19th cent.) – restored early coastal tower, magazine & battery.
Andrew Dyke/Architect & Chairman: National Trust Buildings Committee.
Fort Hommet (19th-20th cent.) – Napoleonic/Victorian battery with restored German casemate.
Richard Heaume/Proprietor: German Occupation Museum
Fort Richmond (19th cent.) – only surviving Victorian defensible barracks (derelict).
Mark Hollingsworth/Technical Estates Manager
Mirus Battery (WWII) – abandoned site of largest German battery in Channel Islands.
Colin Partridge/former Military Architectural Consultant to Fortress Guernsey
Dollmann Battery (WWII) – reconstructed German battery with 22cm replica gun.
Ian Brehaut/Partner: Guernsey Armouries
St. Jacques Naval HQ (WWII) – restored German Signals bunker with interpretation.
Philippe Martin/Chairman: CIOS Forts Sub-Committee
- 19.30** Dinner: La Trelade Hotel
21.00 Closing Conference Session

Tuesday, 3rd October

- 07.30** Breakfast
08.10 Check-in Guernsey Airport / *Blue Islands* flight
08.40 + 09.15 Departures for Jersey

Conference closes – members depart

NOTE: The sites listed/underlined on the above itinerary will form the principal subjects for study during the tours in all three islands. Invariably, the historic sites have German WWII works inserted in them. In addition, we shall be passing other sites, not listed, where a brief stop for photography/discussion may be made. The content and order of the programme will be entirely at the discretion of the Tour Organiser/Island Coordinators and may be varied.