

VISIT GIBRALTAR

A UNESCO World Heritage Destination



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Introduction

Gibraltar is a popular and vibrant tourist destination at the entrance to the Mediterranean, one of the busiest sea-lanes in the world. It has been an iconic landmark since ancient times, a military fortress with a rich and fascinating history that has left its mark on the character and resilience of its people.

Gibraltar is a British Overseas Territory and The Rock itself is a dramatic limestone outcrop jutting out of the sea and on its summit are viewing platforms providing breathtaking views of the North African coast and Spain.

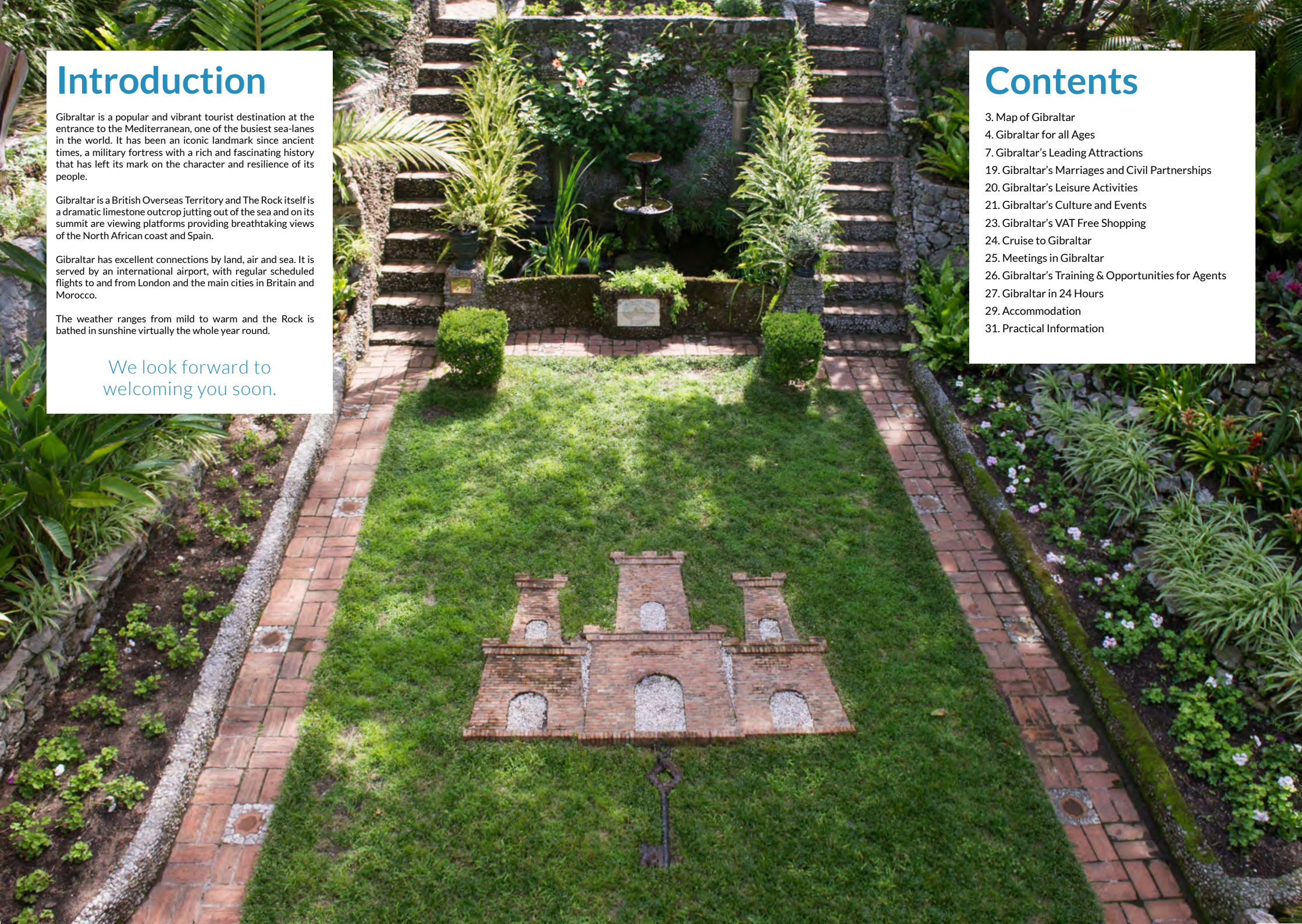
Gibraltar has excellent connections by land, air and sea. It is served by an international airport, with regular scheduled flights to and from London and the main cities in Britain and Morocco.

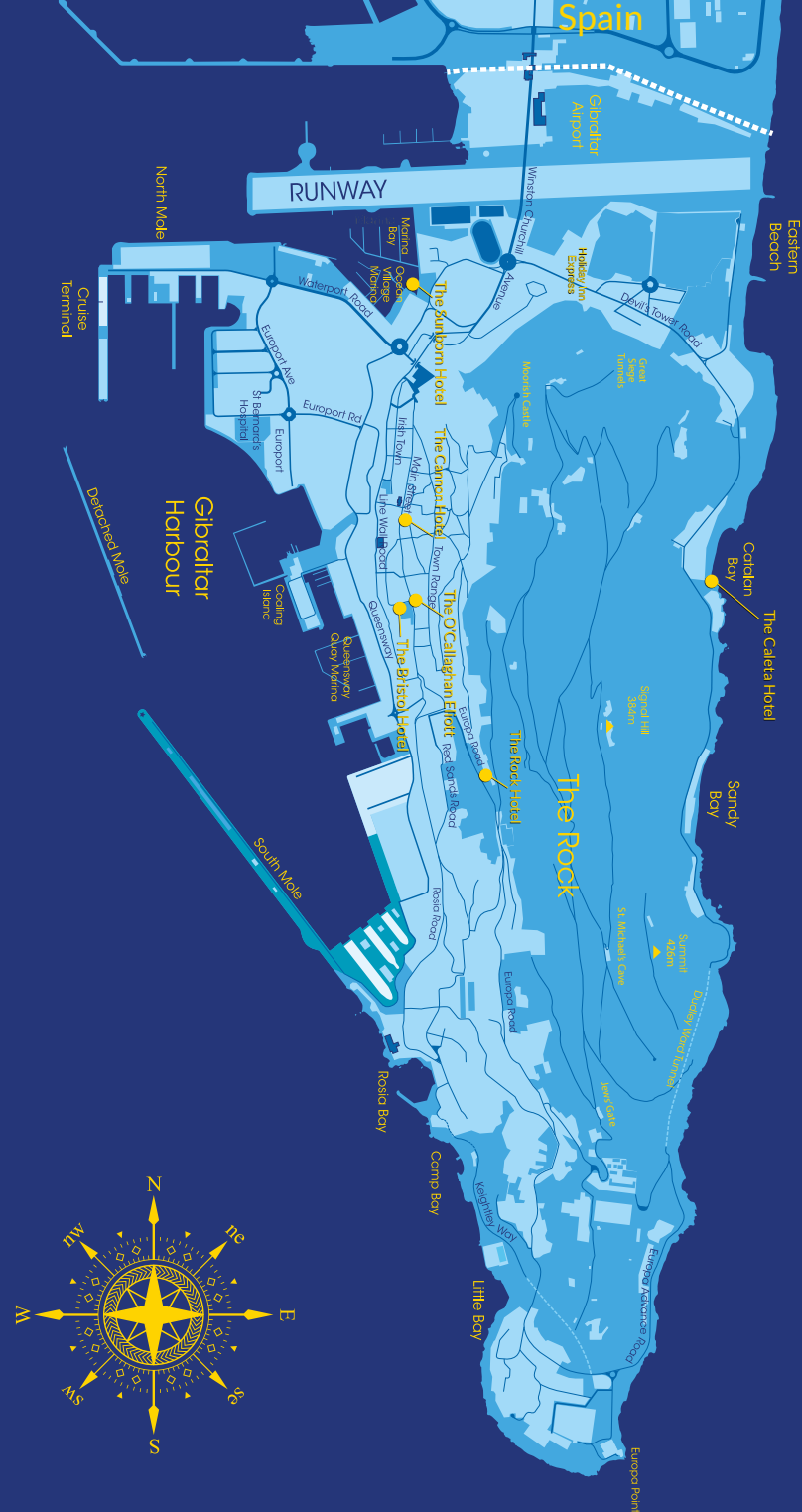
The weather ranges from mild to warm and the Rock is bathed in sunshine virtually the whole year round.

We look forward to
welcoming you soon.

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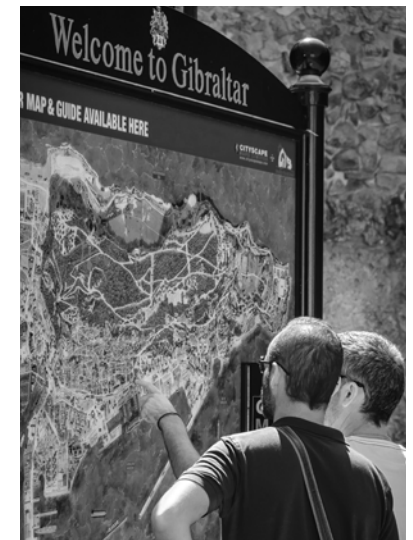
GIBRALTAR FOR ALL AGES

Gibraltar is an ideal short break leisure destination. It has an outstanding tourist product, offering value for money and a package that combines heritage, entertainment, history, a vibrant nightlife and an exceptional cultural blend. Gibraltar offers an excellent range of hotels and services delivered by warm, hospitable people, guaranteed to make you want to repeat the experience.

A series of exciting world class attractions such as the awe-inspiring prehistoric cavern of St Michael's Cave and beautiful natural sites, are the backdrop that will guarantee a memorable experience and a holiday of a lifetime, in what is fast becoming the preferred short-break destination of the western Mediterranean.

For those who enjoy contact with nature, there are several newly refurbished trails available in the Gibraltar Nature Reserve, Upper Rock, in addition to the historic Gibraltar Botanic Gardens with its very own wildlife park of exotic species.

As a safe and compact destination, Gibraltar is the ideal location for families. Its open spaces include the Commonwealth Park in the heart of the city and the King's Bastion Leisure Centre which is ideal for children with its cinemas, ice-skating rink, amusement arcade and bowling alleys. With Morocco and Spain in close proximity, two and three centre holidays are possible.



A WORLD OF FLAVOUR

Visitors to Gibraltar will be struck by the vibrancy and colour of local life. It is against this backdrop that so many cultures live harmoniously and a wide range of internationally inspired dishes can be found.

Local specialist dishes include 'Calentita', a local delicacy made from chickpea flour; Pinchitos, kebabs made of spiced lamb or chicken cooked over hot coals; 'Torta de Acelgas', a spinach pie; and 'Pan Dulce', a specialist bread traditionally eaten at Christmas. Gibraltar's true flavour comes together once a year at the 'Calentita' food festival which takes place each summer at Casemates Square. The festival is a display of the destination's diversity and local customs.

As well as local dishes, stalls include a range of international cuisines. Gibraltar's Main Street and Casemates Square are at the centre of its Mediterranean café society with traditional coffee houses dating back to the 1800s. At night, Chatham Counterguard transforms into a vibrant night scene with lively bars and restaurants full until the early hours. With the sea a strong part of its legacy, fish is a popular staple of Gibraltarian cuisine. There are many specialist Mediterranean and fish restaurants and a further variety of international cuisines can be found around Gibraltar.

Running parallel to Main Street is Irish Town that is well worth a visit with its historic coffee houses, specialist ironmongers, pubs and attractive restaurants. You can find most ethnic and international cuisines in Gibraltar, including Indian, Chinese, Thai, Argentinian, Moroccan, Kosher and European, such as British, French, Spanish and Italian. For a meal on the go, there are fast-food restaurants and conveniently located sandwich bars, plus plenty of 'ye olde' English pubs and pavement cafés.



THE SEA AROUND GIBRALTAR

Known as one of the mythical pillars of Hercules, and bathed almost entirely by the Atlantic ocean and Mediterranean sea, the rock has been a haven for seafarers for over 1000 years. The bay of Gibraltar is intrinsic to life on the rock.

Beneath its waters, Gibraltar's historical legacy continues with a spectacular underwater world of more than 30 wrecks and reefs. Dive opportunities include the remains of ships from Napoleonic times and WWII. Gibraltar's two marinas offer great ambiance and dining out facilities. For those who enjoy their sport on, rather than under, the water there is an abundance of activity such as sailing, stand up paddle boarding and the popular dolphin tours. It is possible to arrive into Gibraltar as a sailing novice and leave a confident seafarer in only a couple of weeks.

Gibraltar's lighthouse at Europa point is the only remaining lighthouse operated outside of the UK by trinity house. As a leading port of call in the Mediterranean, Gibraltar is visited by cruise ships from around the globe. A number of tours and shopping excursions are available to visitors on arrival into port.

EVENTS

Gibraltar has now become home to a variety of events during the year attracting international attention. Some of the major events of the annual calendar include:

GIBRALTAR CHESS FESTIVAL
(FEBRUARY)
www.gibraltarchesscongress.com

GIBRALTAR BACKGAMMON
CHAMPIONSHIP
(FEBRUARY)
www.gibraltarbackgammon.com

GIBRALTAR INTERNATIONAL
DRAMA FESTIVAL
(MARCH)
www.culture.gi/event/gibraltar-drama-festival

GIBRALTAR INTERNATIONAL
CLASSIC & VINTAGE VEHICLE
RALLY (MAY)

GIBRALTAR INTERNATIONAL
COMIC CON (MAY)
www.gicc.gi

GIBRALTAR WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL
(JUNE)
www.gibraltarproductions.com

CALENTITA FOOD FESTIVAL (JUNE)
www.calentita.gi

GIBRALTAR CALLING MUSIC FESTIVAL
(SEPTEMBER)
www.gibraltarcalling.com

GIBRALTAR JAZZ FESTIVAL (NOVEMBER)
www.gibraltarjazz.gi

GIBUNCO GIBRALTAR INTERNATIONAL
LITERARY FESTIVAL (NOVEMBER)
www.gibraltarliteraryfestival.com

Further information can be found
on www.visitgibraltar.gi

DID YOU KNOW?

Gibraltarians are a mix of people who came to the Rock of Gibraltar over the centuries and are a mix of British, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Moroccan, Maltese and Jewish.

DID YOU KNOW?

Gibraltar occupies a strategic position linking the Mediterranean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean. The Strait of Gibraltar divides Europe from Africa.

GIBRALTAR'S

LEADING ATTRACTIONS

Gibraltar has much to see and do. The impenetrable fortifications which surround the Rock are testament to a turbulent past of sieges and military conquest.

ST MICHAEL'S CAVE & LOWER ST MICHAEL'S CAVE

This beautiful natural grotto was prepared as a hospital during WWII; today it is a unique auditorium. There is also a lower segment that provides the most adventurous visitor with an experience never to be forgotten, however, these tours need to be pre-arranged.

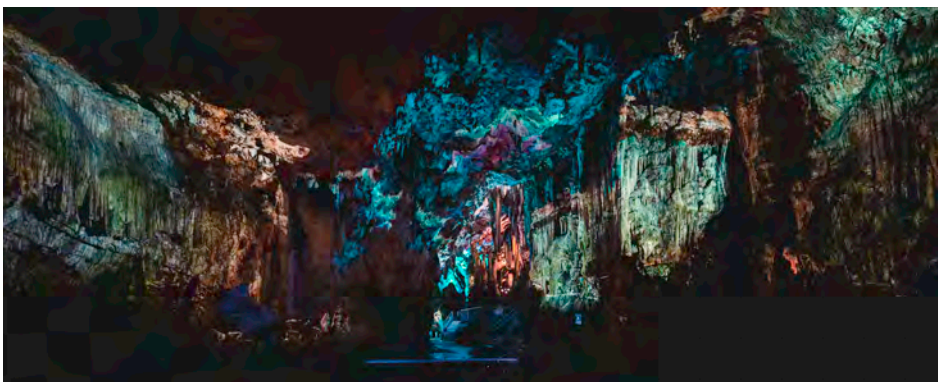
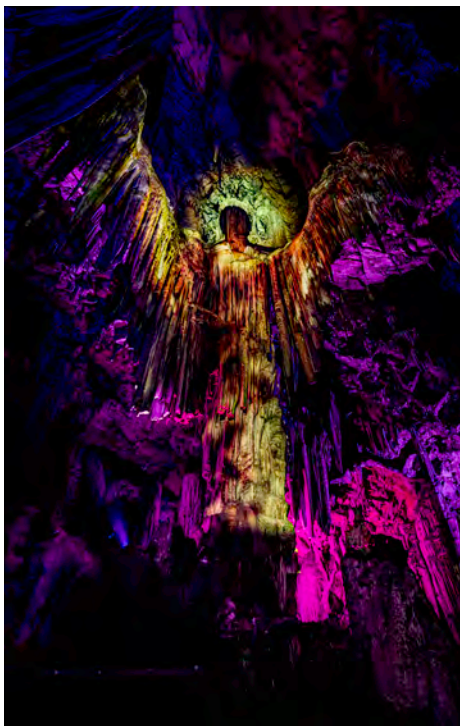
'The Awakening' at St Michael's Cave

An immersive light and sound installation expressing layers upon layers of history fused with the Rock. These ancient clocks now lay dormant. The Awakening illuminates these sculptures of time and reawakens their hidden story.

As you journey through the cave system you will encounter these giant ancient clocks brought back to life, vast hidden forms and towering flowstones that once again are in full motion.

The experience culminates within the main cavern in a 360-degree projection and light spectacle.'

The awakening show takes place every 20 minutes.



GREAT SIEGE TUNNELS

The Great Siege Tunnels are an impressive defence system devised by military engineers. Excavated during the Great Siege of 1779-83, these tunnels were hewn into the rock with the aid of the simplest of tools and gunpowder.



THE WINDSOR BRIDGE

This tourist attraction is definitely not for the faint-hearted, but more intrepid residents and visitors can visit the new suspension bridge at Royal Anglian Way. This spectacular feat of engineering is 71 metres in length, across a 50-metre-deep gorge.



THE WORLD WAR TWO TUNNELS

The World War Two Tunnels created a city inside a city, a fortress inside a fortress, as the British army prepared for an imminent German invasion from a network of tunnels deep within the Rock.





9.2" GUN, O'HARA'S BATTERY

Located at the highest point of the Rock, O'Hara's Battery houses a 9.2" gun with original WWII material on display and a film from 1947 is also on show.



PRINCESS CAROLINE'S BATTERY & MILITARY HERITAGE CENTRE

The Military Heritage Centre at Princess Caroline's Battery is a small underground exhibition centre.



GIBRALTAR, A CITY UNDER SIEGE EXHIBITION

One of the first buildings ever constructed by the British in Gibraltar. Undoubtedly, the most important aspect of the building is the graffiti that can be seen on the walls, the earliest of which dates back to 1726.



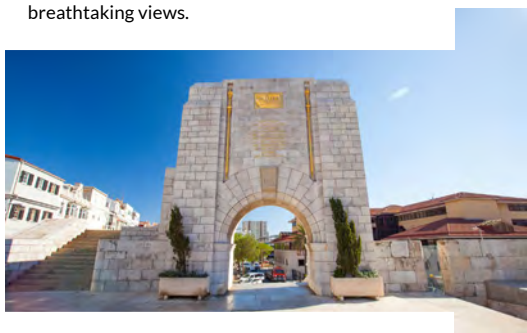
THE MOORISH CASTLE

The superbly conserved Moorish Castle is part of the architectural legacy of Gibraltar's period of Moorish occupation. The dominant Tower of Homage, part of a broader system of medieval fortifications, is a fine building that dates from the 12th century. It was largely destroyed when the Spaniards reconquered Gibraltar (1309-1333) and subsequently rebuilt.



THE CABLE CAR

Running since 1966, the Cable Car takes you to the top of the Rock where you can witness breathtaking views.



AMERICAN WAR MEMORIAL

This prominent arch was built into the main city wall in 1932 to commemorate the achievements and comradeship of the U.S. Navy and the Royal Navy during the First World War.

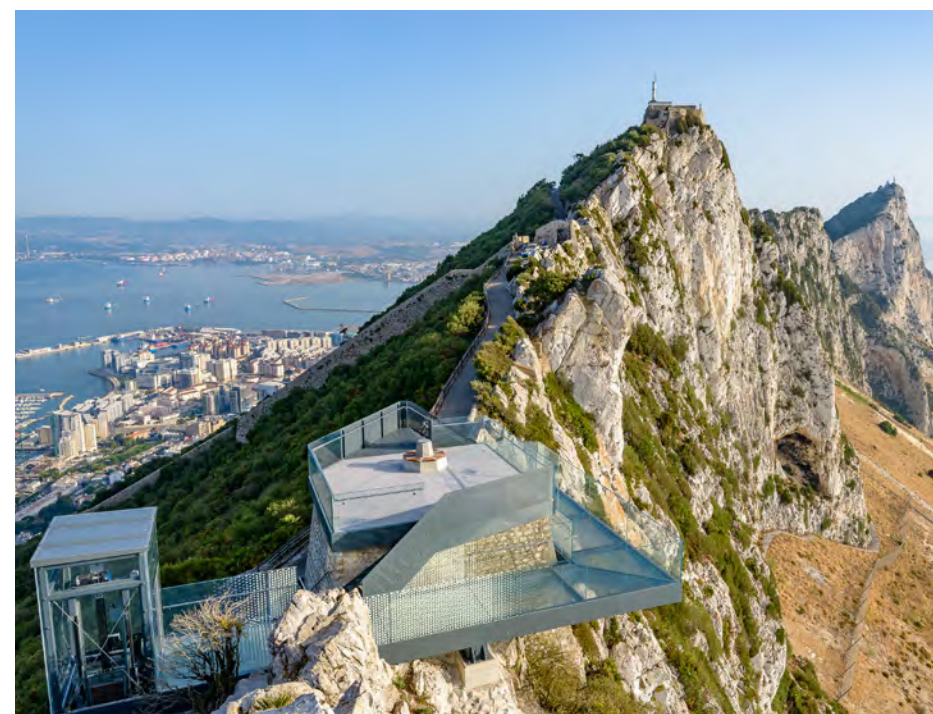
SKYWALK

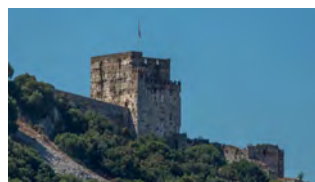
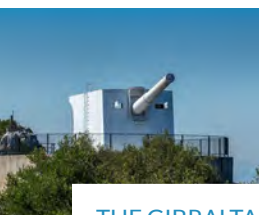
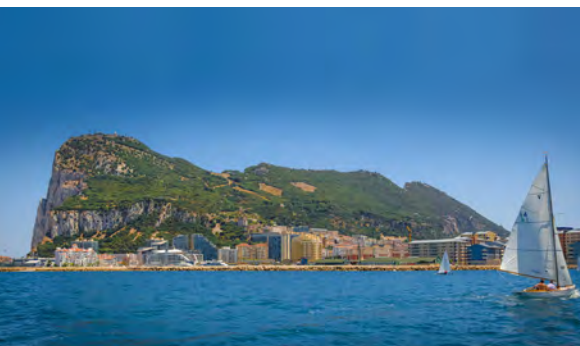
Standing 340 metres directly above sea level, the Skywalk is located higher than the tallest point of London's The Shard. Gibraltar's Skywalk offers breath-taking 360° views spanning three countries and two continents and links to other sites within the Nature Reserve, Upper Rock, including the thrilling Windsor Suspension Bridge and the famous Apes' Den via a series of walking trails.

Built on the foundations of an existing WWII base structure, the Skywalk is designed to withstand wind speeds of over 150km/hour and can carry the weight

of 5 Asian elephants, or 340 people, standing on it at the same time (visitor numbers will be limited to 50 at any one time). The floor and balustrade panels are made up of 4 layers of laminated glass (with a total thickness of around 4.2cm).

Laid out side-by-side, the 42 glass panels would cover more than 750m², roughly the equivalent of 4 tennis courts. The walkway is 2.5m wide and projects a maximum of 6.7m from the main structural support point. 70m of rock anchors and 30,000kg of steel secure the Skywalk to the Rock.





THE GIBRALTAR NATURE RESERVE, UPPER ROCK

The Gibraltar Nature Reserve, Upper Rock, a protected environment covering much of the Rock's surface, has become the jewel in the crown of visitor attractions. A vast, ecological treasure of native vegetation, flora and fauna with picnic areas, heritage sites, beautiful landscapes and nature trails.



EUROPA POINT & LIGHTHOUSE

The area, recently refurbished with a new sports complex is one of continental Europe's southernmost points with scenic views of the Spain and the Rif Mountains across the Strait of Gibraltar. The lighthouse, which has been guiding seafarers since 1841, is the only remaining – and now fully automated – lighthouse operated by Trinity House outside of UK. It stands 50 metres above sea level.



NELSON'S ANCHORAGE – 100 TON GUN

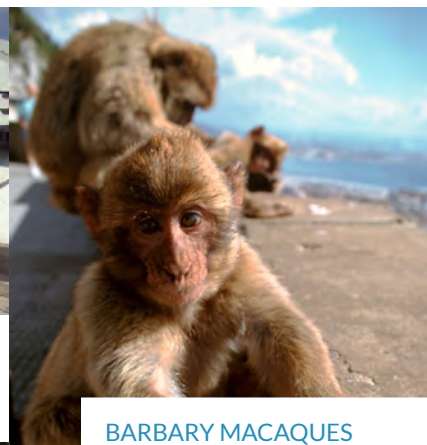
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THE GIBRALTAR BOTANIC GARDENS, THE ALAMEDA & WILDLIFE PARK

Opened to the public in 1816, the Gardens are crammed with history and references to Gibraltar's military past. They have beautiful variety of exotic plants and trees together with a unique assortment of wild animals including reptiles captured by local Customs on board a ship trafficking in protected species in 1994.

A fully equipped open air theatre offers a full programme of cultural events over the summer months.



BARBARY MACAQUES

The world famous Barbary Macaques, roam freely in their natural habitat of the Apes' Den. According to popular belief as long as there are Barbary Macaques in Gibraltar, the Rock will remain British. The legend was taken to heart by Winston Churchill who famously ordered the repopulation of the animals when these dwindled to just seven in 1942.



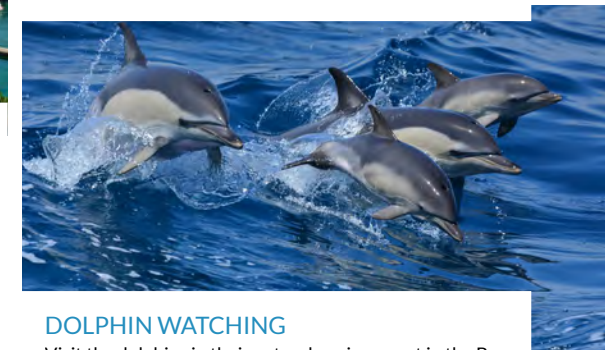
CATALAN BAY VILLAGE & CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

An old fishing village formed by Genoese settlers in the 18th century on the east side of the Rock, it is now one of the gems of Gibraltar's tourist offering. Catalan Bay is noted for its picturesque settings, its dramatic rocky slopes, fish restaurants and sheltered beach cove.



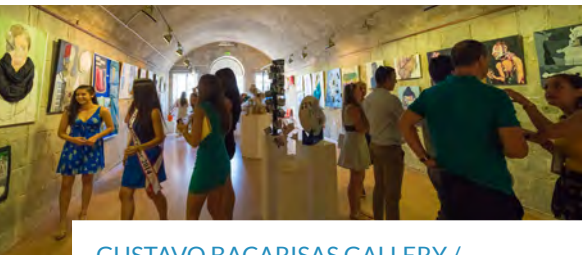
QUEENSWAY QUAY MARINA & OCEAN VILLAGE MARINA

Classy, modern leisure, nightlife and entertainment areas with luxury apartments, a choice of international cuisine restaurants and fashionable lounge bars, at a stone's throw from some of the most spectacular yachts that sail the Mediterranean. Both marinas provide excellent berthing facilities. One can take dolphin trips or take a gamble at one of the two casinos at Ocean Village.



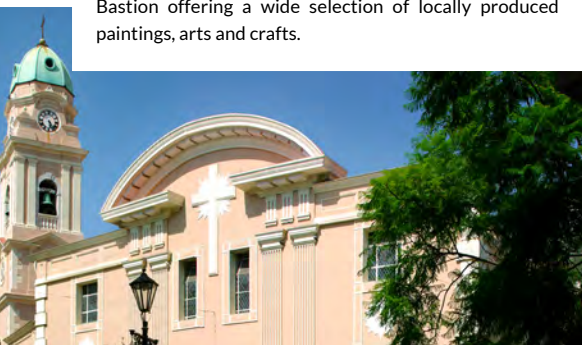
DOLPHIN WATCHING

Visit the dolphins in their natural environment in the Bay of Gibraltar. Boat tours depart from Marina Bay / Ocean Village.



GUSTAVO BACARISAS GALLERY / FINE ARTS GALLERY / G.E.M.A

Three galleries within Casemates Barracks & Montagu Bastion offering a wide selection of locally produced paintings, arts and crafts.



CATHEDRAL OF ST MARY THE CROWNED

The main Roman Catholic place of worship in Gibraltar and the seat of the Bishop of Gibraltar since 1841, it was formerly a mosque during the Moorish occupation of the Rock. Damaged in the Great Siege and considerably reduced in size from what it was during the Spanish period, the Vatican elevated the church to Cathedral status in 1926.



THE GIBRALTAR NATIONAL MUSEUM & MOORISH BATHS

The museum houses a collection of Gibraltar's original artefacts, old prints and photographs along with an audiovisual presentation of the making of the Neanderthal models, two very accurate forensic reconstructions of a Neanderthal woman and child. The Rock's rich military and diverse natural history is also represented while the lower part of the building is arguably the best preserved Moorish Bath House in Europe.



THE MARIO FINLAYSON NATIONAL ART GALLERY

The gallery opened in 2015 with exhibition rooms dedicated to Gibraltar artists; Gustavo Bacarisas, Jacobo Azagury, Leni Mifsud, and Rudesindo Mannia. These four historic artists are considered the most renowned and prolific local artists. Works by Mario Finlayson BEM are also shown in the entrance lobby. In addition, the gallery has a small projection room showing footage and interviews related to the artists exhibited.



GREAT SYNAGOGUE & FLEMISH SYNAGOGUE

Gibraltar has a Jewish community dating back some 300 years and the Great Synagogue in Engineer Lane has the distinction of being one of the oldest in the Iberian Peninsula, dating back to 1724. Guided tours of the beautiful Flemish synagogue, located in Line Wall Road, can be arranged. There are a total of four synagogues in Gibraltar.



KING'S CHAPEL

A church beside The Convent where, beneath the colours of several British regiments, lie the remains of the wife of a Spanish Governor, together with other remains of British Governors.



THE CONVENT

This building has been the official residence of Gibraltar's Governors since 1711. It was once a Franciscan convent, hence its name. A guard mount takes place at the entrance during the week.



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Throughout the 150 years since it opened, there has been a Presbyterian presence in Gibraltar. In the mid-19th century, Scottish regiments were an integral part of the British Army presence on the Rock, but official indifference prevented those posted to Gibraltar practising their own religious tradition. In the 1840s a group of Scottish ex-patriots began the fundraising, which resulted in the opening of St Andrew's Church on May 30th 1854.



ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Despite its deceptively Moorish appearance, 'Holy Trinity' was not laid down until 1825. Consecrated in 1838, among those buried here is General Sir George Don under whose direction the Cathedral was erected during his posting as Lieutenant Governor of Gibraltar (1814-1832). The Holy Trinity Anglican church was raised to cathedral status in 1842 becoming the centre for Anglicans in all Europe except the British Isles. Today its diocese is called 'The Diocese of Gibraltar in Europe'.



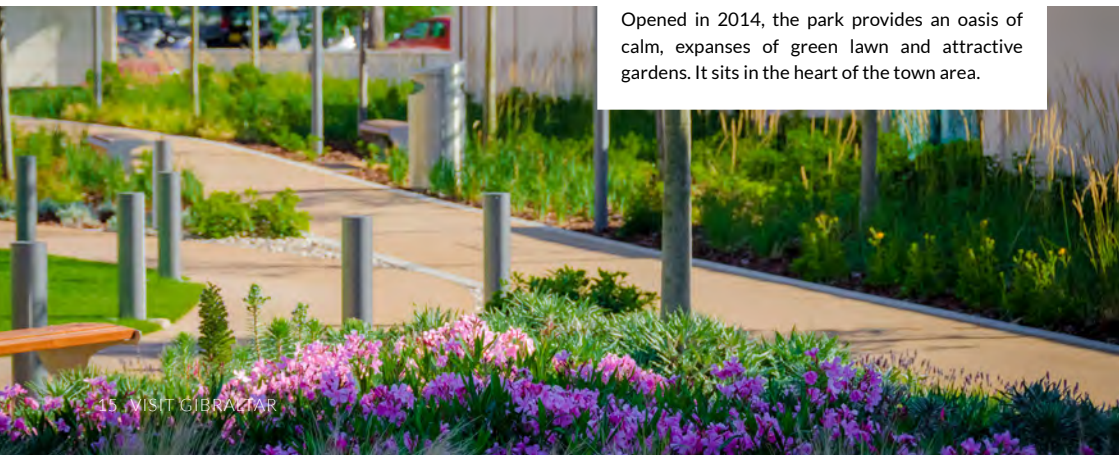
THE GARRISON LIBRARY

This handsome building was inaugurated in 1793 and houses a remarkable collection of works on Gibraltar. There are weekly tours of the Library where you can discover its treasures. The Library is also home to the Gibraltar International Literary Festival.



TRAFALGAR CEMETERY

A key landmark in Gibraltar's military history, it commemorates the famous Anglo-French/Spanish Battle of Trafalgar fought off Cape Trafalgar in 1805. Although there are only two casualties of the Battle buried in the Cemetery, a ceremony to commemorate Lord Nelson's victory is held every year.



JOHN MACKINTOSH HALL

A centre of Gibraltar's cultural activities, which contains a public library, a theatre and conference hall along with rooms for exhibitions and other events

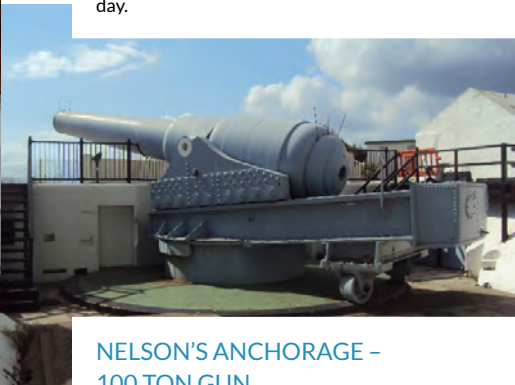
COMMONWEALTH PARK

Opened in 2014, the park provides an oasis of calm, expanses of green lawn and attractive gardens. It sits in the heart of the town area.



IBRAHIM-AL- IBRAHIM MOSQUE

This example of Muslim architecture has been standing at Europa Point since 1997. It was paid for by the late King Fahad Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia and caters for the Muslim population of Gibraltar, most of whom originate from Morocco. The mosque may be visited at certain times of the day.



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SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF EUROPE & MUSEUM

The Shrine is situated in Gibraltar's south district. Originally a mosque, it was converted for Roman Catholic use as a chapel in 1462, during the Spanish period. Its main feature is a 15th century statue of the Virgin Mary and Child which survived various tumultuous episodes, pirate raids and the British seizure of 1704 which is well documented in the adjoining Shrine Museum.



KING'S BASTION LEISURE CENTRE

King's Bastion was the keystone of Gibraltar's defences during the Great Siege. Today it is in use as a leisure centre, boasting a bowling alley, ice-skating rink and multi-screen cinema amongst its facilities. Adjacent to the leisure centre, one can enjoy a beautifully landscaped green recreational area called Commonwealth Park.



SIKORSKI MEMORIAL

A memorial dedicated to General Wladyslaw Sikorski, the Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army and Prime Minister of Poland in exile who was killed in an air crash on 4 July 1943. The memorial is located at Europa Point, close to the Lighthouse and Harding's Battery. Dedication of the new structure took place on 4th July 2013, the 70th anniversary of the crash of the B-24 aircraft and tragic death of this war time hero.

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE VIEWING PLATFORM

The Gorham's Cave Complex World Heritage Site is of major significance in understanding the global story of human evolution and adaptation, and Gorham's and Vanguard Caves have been archaeologically excavated over the past 26 years, where an international, multidisciplinary research project has revealed the vital importance of the site in our understanding of a critical juncture in human evolution and of the Neanderthals in particular. The caves themselves are subject to an annual quota of visitors because of their archaeological sensitivity and this facility provides spectacular views and interpretation of the site without risk of causing damage to the fragile archaeology.

The Viewing Platform is within the World Heritage Site and provides the perfect vantage point from which to view the Neanderthal Caves. It has a series of interpretation panels which tell not just the story of the UNESCO World Heritage Site but of the area as a whole, and one can see unique views of the entire World Heritage Site which extends to the highest point of the Rock at O'Hara's Battery, 426m, 1400 feet above sea level, including Mediterranean Steps.

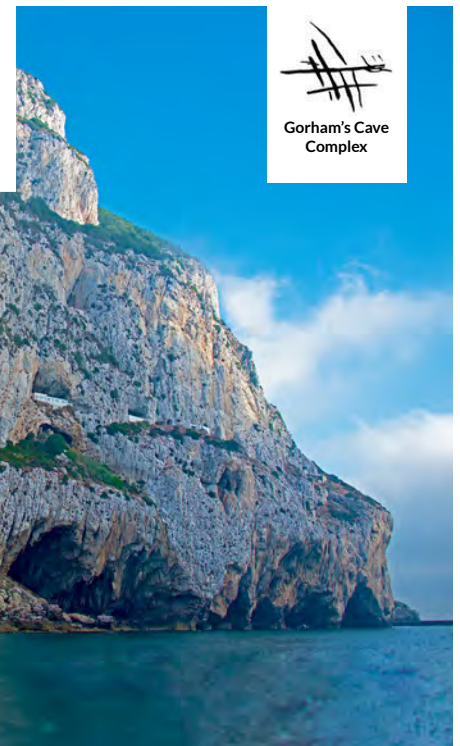
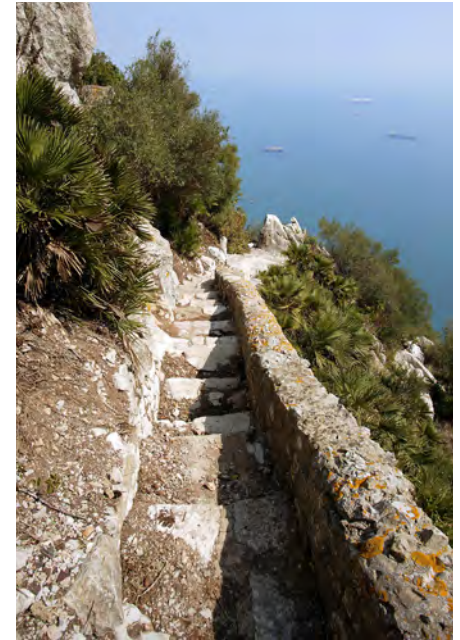


GORHAM'S CAVE COMPLEX, WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The World Heritage Site known as the Gorham's Cave Complex is on the east side of the Rock of Gibraltar, and rises from sea level where several caves including Gorham's and Vanguard are located, to the highest point of the Rock, 426 metres above the sea at the top of the Mediterranean Steps. The site covers 3% of Gibraltar's land area and together with the Gibraltar Nature Reserve which acts as its buffer zone, this equates to over 40% of the territory of Gibraltar.

Gibraltar is renowned for its contribution to science in the 18th and 19th centuries, and the first complete Neanderthal skull was found and presented to the Gibraltar Scientific Society by Lieutenant Edmund Flint of the Royal Artillery in 1848, eight years before the discovery in a cave in the Neander Valley near Düsseldorf, Germany in 1856. A second skull, known as the Devil's Tower Child, was found in Gibraltar in 1926.

Neanderthals are humans who lived in Europe, SW and Central Asia between 400,000 and 32,000 years ago, and Gibraltar was home to them, until their disappearance some 32,000 years ago. They are our closest extinct human relative, and many people living in Europe today have, on average, up to 2.5% Neanderthal DNA.





GIBRALTAR'S MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

Follow in the footsteps of John Lennon, Yoko Ono, and Sir Sean Connery - get married on the Rock. Marriages and civil partnerships in Gibraltar are easy and visitors can choose from a variety of locations for the ceremony.

Today, hundreds of couples travel to Gibraltar to exchange vows. As Gibraltar is a popular location for weddings and civil partnerships, it is wise to plan well in advance. Local laws do not contain any residential requirements and therefore it is a simple procedure and only requires a one night stay in Gibraltar.

Recent legislation permits the Registrar to marry couples outside the Registry Office, if requested. There are many venues approved to carry out civil weddings and partnerships.

Enquiries, bookings and further information may be addressed to the Civil Status and Registration Office or to a recognised travel agent or wedding planner. It is advisable to book a wedding or civil partnership well in advance of the chosen date to avoid disappointment.



The Registry of Marriages and Civil Partnerships

Civil Status and Registration Office

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Secretary's Lane

Gibraltar

Tel: (+350) 200 72289

Fax: (+350) 200 42706

Website: www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/marriages-civil-partnerships

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GIBRALTAR'S LEISURE ACTIVITIES

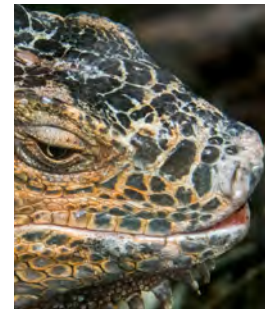
Gibraltar provides a wealth of outdoor activities for people of all ages. Birdwatching, diving, water sports, nature trails, stand up paddle boarding and sailing are all popular pastimes.

For those who enjoy contact with nature, the Gibraltar Nature Reserve, Upper Rock, is an ideal location. The Gibraltar Botanic Gardens with its extraordinary display of trees and flower beds, together with the Alameda Wildlife Conservation Park with its collection of unusual and exotic animal species, are other wonderful examples of the natural world.

For birdwatching enthusiasts, Gibraltar lies at the heart of migration routes between Europe and Africa, with an unprecedented number of species of birds to view.

www.gonhs.org

Gibraltar has quality yachting marinas and rowing clubs which cater for these open air pursuits. There are also several established diving schools which organise safe dives around the Rock's underwater shipwrecks and artificial reefs which are rich in marine stocks, aimed at the experienced diver and the first-time novice.



GIBRALTAR'S

CULTURE AND EVENTS

A unique combination of history and heritage has left its footprint on the Rock through the centuries. Gibraltar is a melting pot of cultures, a cosmopolitan mix.

Events such as the prestigious Gibunco Gibraltar International Literary Festival, which attracts renowned British authors and famous celebrities, have been massively successful and the festival has become a major highlight of Gibraltar's cultural and social calendar.

The Gibraltar International Chess Festival has been another success story, becoming one of the most important open chess tournaments in the world.

The Gibraltar Calling Music Festival and Gibraltar Jazz Festival are events that have put this magnificent destination on the global map of cultural entertainment, and strengthened the Rock's reputation as a leading player in top quality events.



GIBRALTAR'S

VAT FREE SHOPPING

Main Street, Gibraltar's central artery and aptly named main thoroughfare, is one of the most appealing VAT free shopping areas in the region, with a wide variety of establishments stocking the latest competitively priced technological and electronic goods, perfumeries, tobacconists and wines and spirits outlets.

There are also plenty of fashion and designer brand outlets for the most demanding tastes, all of which are conveniently situated and within walking distance of the city centre.

Exploring the quaint, narrow backstreets and alleys of Gibraltar's old quarter, is a bonus as the picturesque little shops are always worth checking out.

The Gibraltar shopping experience is much sought after by visitors who enjoy visiting the Rock and eagerly look forward to some of the great value for money buys that are available locally. It is the perfect complement to the other leisure and entertainment opportunities that Gibraltar provides.



CRUISE TO GIBRALTAR

TOURS ONSHORE

Gibraltar's strategic geographical location has facilitated the expansion of a thriving cruise industry and its growing reputation, as a leading regional maritime hub for leisure and maritime services in the western Mediterranean. Its tremendous appeal has been further underlined by its selection as a port of call by all major cruise lines.

Gibraltar's port frequently accommodates the latest large cruise ships.

A variety of leisure itineraries, sightseeing tours and recreational programmes for visitors, complement a world-class tourist product.



MEETINGS IN GIBRALTAR

As an international financial centre, Gibraltar has the legal and technical capability together with the organisational expertise, to offer itself as a favoured, cost-effective meetings and incentive destination.

With excellent meeting facilities and professional resources, Gibraltar is well placed to attract the international meetings industry in Europe. The Rock has taken great strides in improving its competitiveness and sophistication in modern business and event tourism.

A wide variety of venues have been renovated and made available to cater for a diversity of international events. Historic buildings like the Garrison Library inaugurated in the 18th century, offer alternative venues for hosting small conferences and cultural events. A range of five and four star venues are on offer, together with smaller local hotels.

The Rock's population is largely bilingual – English, Spanish – and French is widely spoken while Portuguese, German, Italian, Russian and Arabic are also present in professional circles.



GIBRALTAR'S TRAINING & OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGENTS

The Gibraltar Tourist Board sales and marketing team regularly work on joint venture projects with the travel trade. Each year the Tourist Board hosts familiarisation trips in conjunction with our tour operator, airline and hotel partners. The Tourist Board hosts roadshows around the country.

A member of the team travels nationwide offering on-site destination training to agencies and tour operator sales teams.

Online training is available through a dedicated website www.gibraltartaining.com with prizes and incentives for agents who work through the full collection of modules, including what to do and see, where to stay and weddings and honeymoons. Gibraltar trained agents are offered priority places for familiarisation visits.

If you are a travel agency or tour operator featuring the destination in the United Kingdom and would like to talk to a member of our department about training or joint venture advertising, contact the sales and marketing team on +44 (0) 20 7836 0777.



GIBRALTAR

IN 24 HOURS

However you arrive into Gibraltar, by air, foot, car or sea, you will very soon experience its intricate layers of history all around you.

09.00

The best way to familiarise yourself with Gibraltar's diverse heritage, as well as witnessing some of its natural beauty, is to take a Rock Tour to the Gibraltar Nature Reserve, Upper Rock. A tour can be experienced in a number of ways, by official taxi, pre-arranged with a coach tour company, on foot or alternatively, you can take the Cable Car from Grand Parade.



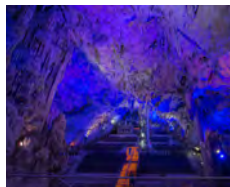
A basic tour lasts around two hours and takes in thousands of years of Rock evolution, including the famous Apes' Den, habitat to the Barbary Macaques, Europe's only free roaming monkeys and St Michael's Cave with its stunning stalagmites and stalactites. The Upper and Middle galleries form part of the honeycombed interior of the limestone Rock and illustrate the defence of Gibraltar during the Great Siege of 1779 - 83, when the forerunners to the Royal Engineers dug out the tunnel systems to position guns to fight off the enemy. Other highlights include a stop at Europa Point, the southernmost tip of Europe, with its breathtaking views across the Strait to North Africa. Learn too about the importance of Gibraltar as a home to the Neanderthals.



Try to make a stop at the newly open Skywalk and take in the amazing views from a glass balcony at the top of the Rock.

11.30

Gibraltar's town centre is largely protected by the Gibraltar Heritage Trust and is undergoing a continual restoration programme. Its original city walls and fortifications date back to the 1800s and include Casemates Gates, Charles V Wall and Kings Bastion.



Join a walking tour in the town area to introduce you to some of Gibraltar's unique architecture reflecting its blend of Genoese, Portuguese, Spanish, Moorish and British Regency style buildings.

The Catholic Cathedral of St. Mary the Crowned in the centre of Main Street is part of the walking tour. It was one of the earliest Spanish churches, built on the site of the medieval mosque shortly after 1462. It was damaged during the Great Siege of 1779-83, and its façade was modified in 1810 to create the existing Main Street. The church was later elevated to a Cathedral Church in 1910.



Gibraltar's museum situated on the original site of a Moorish bath house is a short walk from Main Street.



Main Street is recognised today as Gibraltar's main commercial and shopping district. After a morning of looking around its intricate lanes and streets, you may now be tempted to stop and look at some of the VAT free bargains to be had. Gibraltar offers exceptional value added shopping. Popular purchases include, cosmetics, perfumery, tobacco, spirits, electronic goods and jewellery. It's the perfect pre-Christmas weekend shoppers destination with everything in close proximity.



13.00

Feeling peckish now? Head towards one of Gibraltar's stylish marinas, Queensway Quay or Ocean Village. Enjoy a meal by the many luxury apartments and look out at the large yachts that are moored there, while taking a break before the afternoon's activities.

15.00

The Bay of Gibraltar is home to several species of dolphin. Visitors are able to go out into the Bay in one of the many dolphin watching tour boats to see pods of dolphin at play. The tour takes approximately 1.5 hours.

17.00 ...into evening

Casemates Square at the end of Main Street was once the centre of public executions. Today it is the thriving hub of Gibraltar's nightlife, filled with numerous lively bars and cafes that stay open into the early hours. There is a wide selection of places to eat to suit all palates.

Alternatively, take dinner on the east side of the Rock at Catalan Bay, evolved from a Genoese fishing village. Dine at a local restaurant and enjoy a pleasant atmosphere in this historic community.



After dinner stop off at any one of the trendy bars, many offering live music, for a late night drink. Alternatively, if you fancy a little more glamour and sophistication, head out of town to one of the two Casinos at Ocean Village for a flutter at the tables and take in the breathtaking evening views across the Bay of Gibraltar.

As you retire for the night, you'll be wishing you had one day more, there's still so much to explore.



ACCOMMODATION

WHERE TO STAY IN GIBRALTAR

THE SUNBORN GIBRALTAR ★★★★★



Located in the luxury surroundings of Ocean Village Marina, the Sunborn Gibraltar floating hotel is a super yacht measuring 142 metres and elegantly spaced over seven floors.

Ocean Village.
Tel: +350 200 16100
Email: reservations@sunborngibraltar.com
Website: www.sunborngibraltar.com

THE O'CALLAGHAN ELIOTT HOTEL ★★★★★



Tucked away into the heart of the city centre, only minutes' walk from bustling Main Street, this stylish hotel offers every comfort and facility for the perfect holiday.

2 Governor's Parade.
Tel: +350 200 70500
Email: eliott@ocallaghanhotels.com
Website: www.eliotthotel.com

THE ROCK HOTEL ★★★★★



The world famous Rock Hotel is perched majestically above the city, and enjoys splendid views of the Bay of Gibraltar. The attractive sea water swimming pool is set in secluded gardens where light meals are available throughout the day.

3 Europa Road.
Tel: +350 200 73000
Email: reservations@rockhotel.gi
Website: www.rockhotelgibraltar.com

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS ★★★★★



Modern hotel located at the foot of the famous Rock of Gibraltar and very close to the international airport (GIB) with an all-day cafe/bar, free WI-FI and breakfast included.

21-23 Devil's Tower Road
Tel: +350 200 67890
Email: info@hiexgibraltar.com
Website: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress>

THE BRISTOL HOTEL ★★



This hotel, with its attractive walled garden and swimming pool, is centrally situated close to the museum. Many of the bedrooms enjoy a splendid view of the Bay of Gibraltar.

8/10 Cathedral Square.
Tel: +350 200 76800
Email: reservations@bristolhotel.gi
Website: www.bristolhotel.gi

HOTEL GRADING

The Gibraltar Tourist Board's Official Hotel Grading Scheme is managed in partnership with the Automobile Association (AA) of the UK.

The Scheme uses a star classification system for hotels, ranging from One to Five stars. In addition the AA awards Rosettes, from One to Five, to those hotels where the restaurants serve food of an excellent and outstanding quality. More information is available on the AA's website at www.theaa.com or in the AA's annual Hotel Guide. The properties taking part in the Scheme in Gibraltar are inspected annually by the AA and are distinguished in the listings by the AA logo and gold stars next to the property name.

The Scheme is a voluntary one and those properties not participating have volunteered their own classification, which is distinguished by black stars next to the property name.

OTHER ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

EMILE YOUTH HOSTEL

On Gibraltar's historic city walls, a one-minute walk from the popular Casemates Square and Main Street. Easy access to all places of interest.

Montagu Bastion, Line Wall Road.
Tel: +350 200 51106
Email: emilehostel@yahoo.co.uk

SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION

We have a range of self-catering accommodation options available on our website www.visitgibraltar.gi

For further information call us on +44 (0)20 7836 0777 or email us on information@tourism.gov.gi

AIRLINES

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www.ba.com

EASYJET
www.easyjet.com

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To book contact one of the companies above or your local ABTA travel agent.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

WHEN VISITING GIBRALTAR

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A full valid passport or EU identity card is required in the case of EU nationals. Other passport holders may need a visa to enter Gibraltar. Further information is available on the Gibraltar Government Website, www.gibraltarborder.gi

Nationals of Morocco, the People's Republic of China, Mongolia, India or Russia who are holders of multiple entry Schengen visas with a minimum remaining validity of 7 days on the date of departure, can apply for a visa waiver for a maximum period of 21 days. Please download and fill in the required form from www.gibraltarborder.gi/visa and present it together with your passport and schengen visa to one of the officers on arrival at Gibraltar.

BY AIR

Flight time from the UK is on average 2 hours 45 minutes. For further information on destinations and airlines serving Gibraltar please visit Gibraltar International Airport's website on www.gibraltarairport.gi

Gibraltar is also accessible by those wishing to travel to either Malaga or Jerez Airports, both approximately one hour and 30 minutes away by road

BY LAND

The land frontier between Gibraltar and Spain is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, both for vehicles and pedestrians. There is no limit on the number of crossings you can make.

TRAVELLING AROUND GIBRALTAR

Local bus services and taxis operate throughout Gibraltar. The town centre is also easy to get by on foot. For local bus service information visit the Gibraltar Bus Company website www.gibraltarbuscompany.gi. For information on the local taxi service visit www.gibtaxi.com

CLIMATE AND TEMPERATURE

Gibraltar has an average of 320 days of sunshine a year with temperatures rising well above 30°C in the summer and lows of approximately 12°C in the winter.

HOTELS, HOSTELS & SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION

Gibraltar has a variety of overnight accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets. Its compact size means transfer times to the town centre are never more than 15 minutes. Please see the Accommodation section in this guide.

LANGUAGES

The official language is English although Spanish is widely spoken.

TELEPHONES

Gibraltar's international dialing code is +350.

CURRENCY

The legal tender in Gibraltar is Gibraltar Government notes and coinage, although United Kingdom Sterling is equally welcome. There is a full range of international and UK banks. Credit cards, travelers cheques and Euros are widely accepted.

VOLTAGE

240v – the same as in the UK
(3 pin plugs).

ACCESSIBILITY

Gibraltar has made great strides in the past four years in introducing measures and specialised equipment to make beaches and tourist attractions more accessible and is being recognised as such by specialist tour operators. The Gibraltar Government prioritises accessibility measures and is keen to develop the Rock as an accessible destination.

There are also adapted public toilets at several locations including those for use with radar keys.





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