Channel Islands Puffin Season Starts on 1st April

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See the birds on kayaking puffin patrols

Nature lovers who want to see puffins in the most unobtrusive manner can join kayaking puffin patrols on the tiny Channel Island of Herm, from April until June. The small car free island, with its grassy cliff tops and open seas, forms an ideal habitat for hundreds of puffins each spring and summer and is one of the most southerly puffin breeding colonies in Europe.

The kayaking puffin patrols will start on 1st April and are led by nature experts who know the movements of the puffins and the waters around Herm intimately. The trips depart from Herm's Shell Beach and take participants around the island's rocky cliffs to see the birds in their natural habitat. The puffins are surprisingly tolerant of humans and the groups often get within 20 feet of the birds. Seals are also regular visitors and are known to follow the kayaks!

The kayaking trips take about two hours and are booked through Outdoor Guernsey (www.outdoorguernsey.co.uk). The patrols cost £35 per person and are available on a regular basis throughout April, May and June. Those looking for a less strenuous puffin sighting can join Bumblebee Boat Cruises (www.bumblebee.gg) on an hour long boat ride around Herm and Jethou islands. The trip costs £29.50 for adults and £19.50 for children.

Channel Islands Direct offers a three night stay at the 4* White House Hotel on Herm from £379pp; including return flights from London Gatwick, return transfers from the airport to the port in Herm, a free room upgrade and breakfast throughout. This offer is based on two adults sharing, and is valid for travel between 1st April – 30th June 2015. www.channelislandsdirect.co.uk/ 0844 937 095

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