



VISIT GIBRALTAR

DISCOVER A WEALTH OF
OPPORTUNITIES



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 open 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.

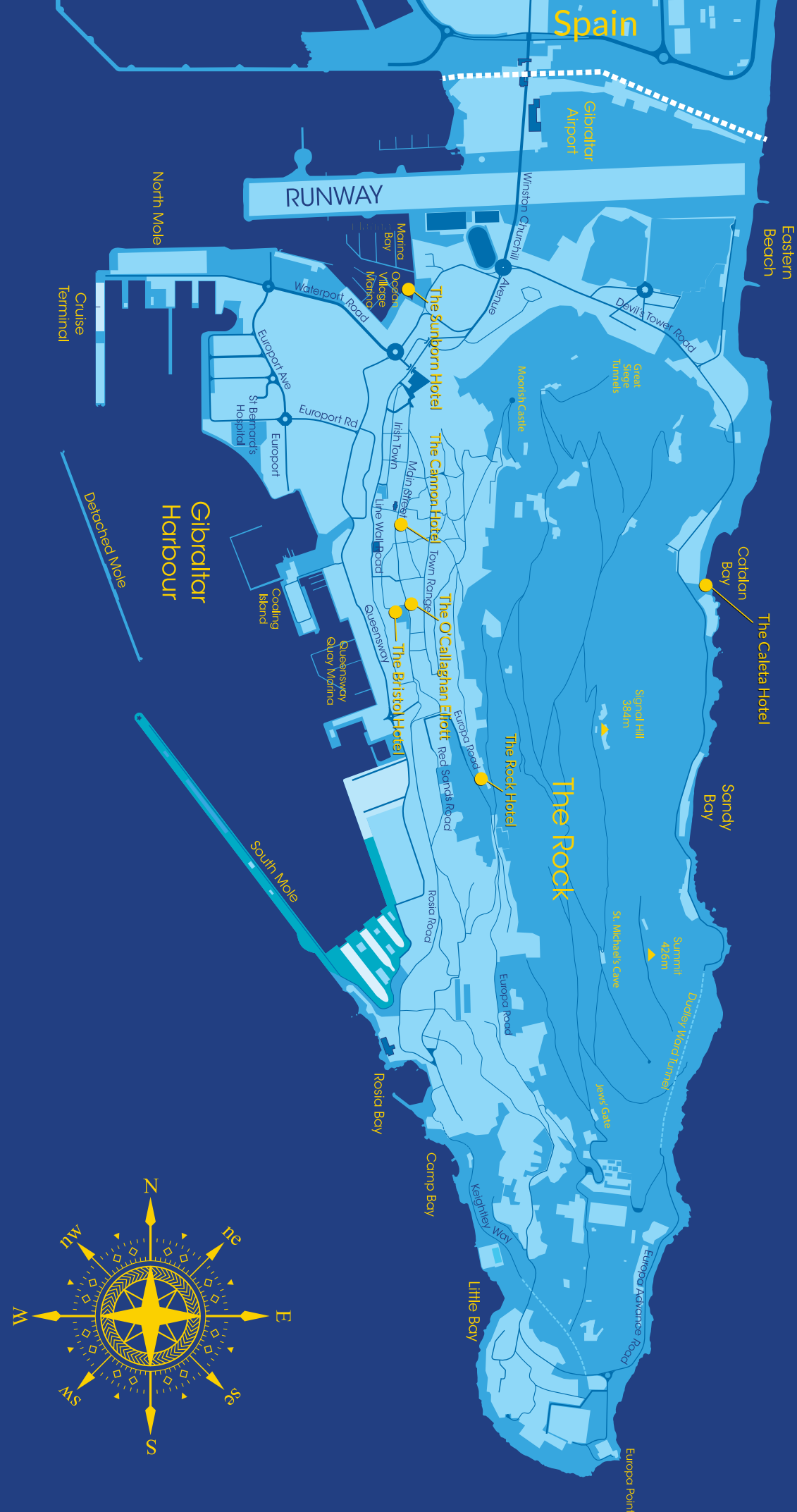
The weather ranges from mild to warm and the Rock is bathed in sunshine virtually the whole year round.

We look forward to
welcoming you soon.

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Tel: +44 (0) 800 008 7288

www.classic-collection.co.uk

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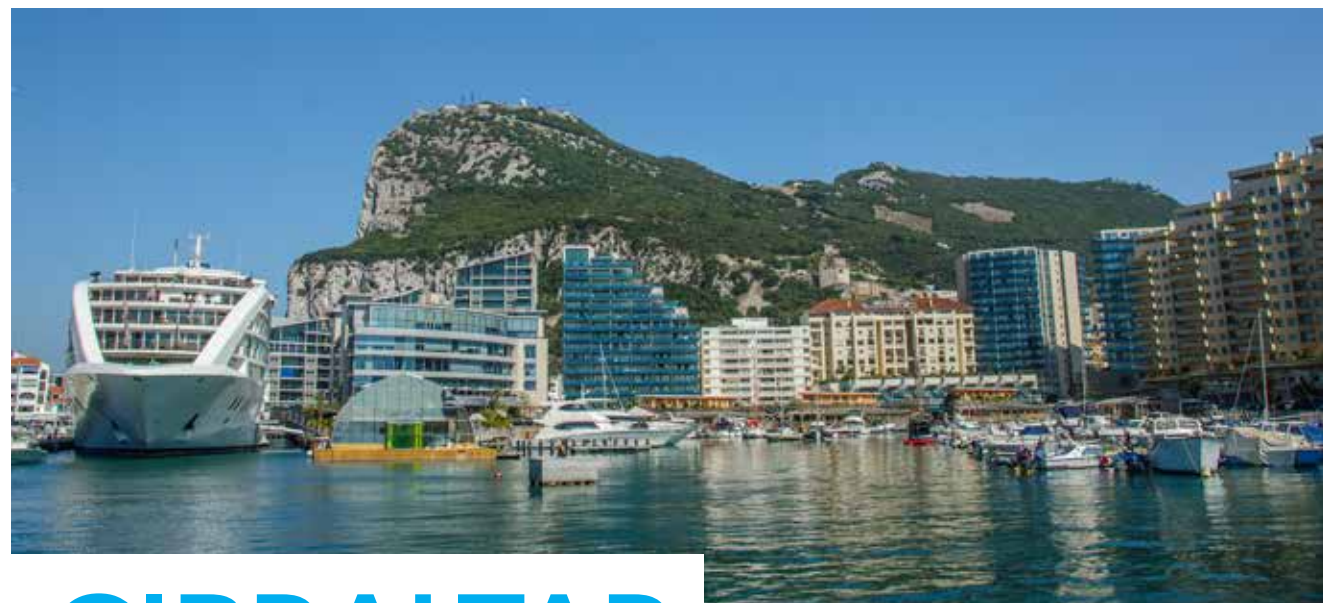
www.monarch.co.uk

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www.royalairmaroc.com

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



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 offer 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 on the Upper Rock, in addition to the historic Gibraltar Botanic Gardens with its very own wildlife park of exotic species.

A safe and compact destination, Gibraltar is the ideal location for families. It's 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.



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

St Michael's Cave is a world class visitor attraction, a breathtaking limestone cathedral cave, at the entrance of a system of prehistoric caverns, dating back to the Neolithic era that have given rise to myth and folklore.

THE GREAT SIEGE TUNNELS

The Great Siege Tunnels were manually dug out by a detachment of British military artificers with sledgehammers, crowbars and gunpowder during the momentous events of The Great Siege of 1779-1783.

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.

THE GIBRALTAR NATURE RESERVE, UPPER ROCK

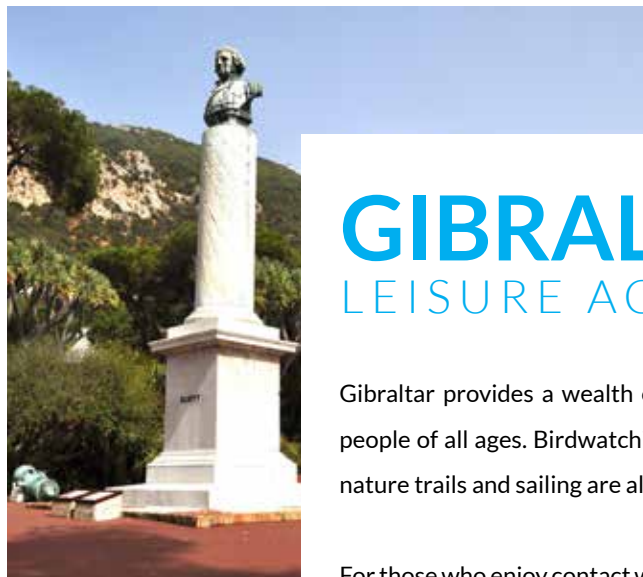
The Gibraltar Nature Reserve, Upper Rock, a protected environment covering much of the Rock's surface, has become the jewel in the crown of visitor attractions. A vast, ecological treasure of native vegetation, flora and fauna with picnic areas, heritage sites, beautiful landscapes and country walks.



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.





GIBRALTAR'S LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Gibraltar provides a wealth of outdoor activities for people of all ages. Birdwatching, diving, water sports, nature trails 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 Botanical 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 unprecedented number of species of birds to view.

Gibraltar has quality yachting marinas and rowing clubs which cater for these open air pursuits. There are also three 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 but also for 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, has been massively successful and the festival has become a major highlight of Gibraltar's cultural and social calendar.

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

The Gibraltar 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.



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GIBRALTAR'S

MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

Gibraltar is the ideal destination to get married and to honeymoon.

Recent amendments to the law allow the registrar to marry couples outside the Registry Office. Changes to the Port Rules have enabled couples to exchange vows on board cruise ships registered in Gibraltar. There are other venues approved to carry out weddings, including several scenic locations around the Rock which provide a perfect backdrop for a marriage ceremony.

Hollywood lovers, Lawrence Harvey and Margaret Leighton were among the first stars to tie the knot in Gibraltar. In 1962 screen hero Sean Connery, famous for his 007 role, married actress Diane Cilento. The marriage did not last but Connery's affection for Gibraltar did as he returned in 1975 to marry his present wife Micheline Boglio Roquebrune. However, it is the marriage of Beatle John Lennon to Yoko Ono in 1969 that caused the biggest media sensation.

Today hundreds of couples are travelling to Gibraltar to get married. It is a simple procedure. There are no residency restrictions and you can get married with 24 hour notice.

In Gibraltar, the civil partnership between two people, including same sex couples, is provided for under the Gibraltar Civil Partnership Act. Under its provisions it is possible, by means of a special licence granted under the act, for residents and non-residents alike to enter into a civil partnership in Gibraltar. It also enables a civil partnership ceremony to be conducted at approved locations outside the registry, outside working hours and at weekends.



The Registry of Marriages and Civil Partnerships

Civil Status and Registration Office

Sir Joshua Hassan House

Secretary's Lane

Gibraltar

Tel: (+350) 200 72289

Fax: (+350) 200 42706

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

Email: marriages.csro@gibraltar.gov.gi

or civilpartnerships.csro@gibraltar.gov.gi

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.



GIBRALTAR'S

CORPORATE AND CONFERENCE MARKET

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.





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.



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.

The UK Sales Manager travels nationwide offering on-site destination training to agencies and tour operator sales teams.

Online training is available through a dedicated website www.gibraltartraining.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.

An immediate talking point is the runway, built during the Second World War. As it crosses the main road into the city, visitors are amazed as traffic and passengers are halted to allow aircraft to take off and land.



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 taken in a number of ways, by taxi or tour company, by private car or by foot. A ride on Gibraltar's cable car is also a thrilling experience.



A basic tour lasts around two hours and takes in thousands of years of Rockevolution, including the famous Apes' Den, habitat to the Barbary Macaques, Europe's only free roaming monkeys, St Michael's Cave with its stunning stalagmites and stalactites. The Upper and Middle galleries form

part of the honeycombed inside of the limestone Rock and illustrate the defence of Gibraltar during the Great Siege of 1789, 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.



11.30

Gibraltar's town centre is largely protected by the Gibraltar Heritage Trust and part of a continual restoration programme. Its original city walls and fortifications date back to the 1800s including 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 and part of the walking tour, was built on the original site of the chief mosque but was demolished during the Great Siege. It was later rebuilt as a Cathedral. Some of the early structures can still be seen.

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 skirting 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 2 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.

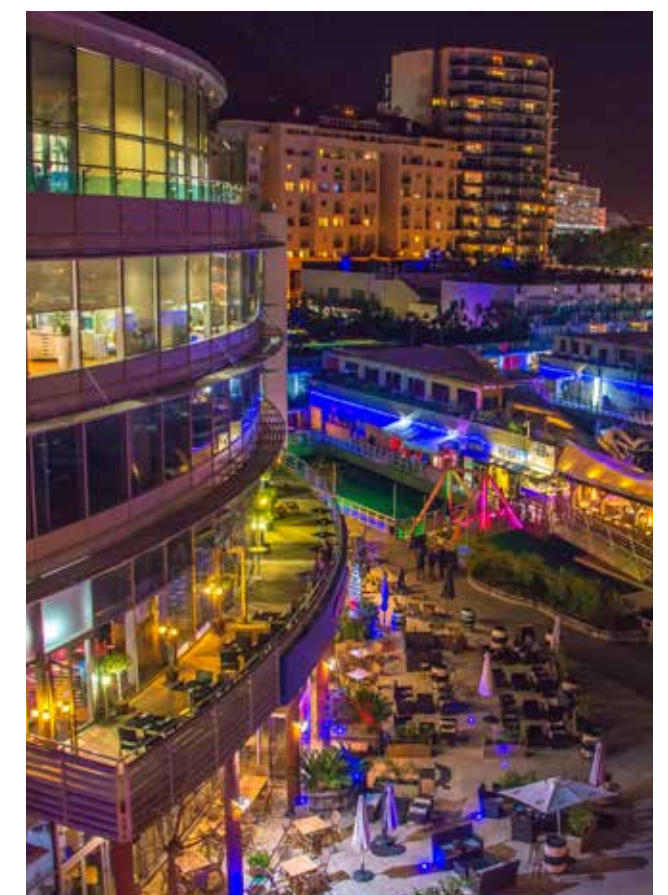
Alternatively, take dinner on the east side of the Rock at Catalan Bay, evolved from a Genoese fishing village. Dine at a local fish restaurant and enjoy a pleasant atmosphere in this historic community.

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 the International Casino 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

THE CALETA HOTEL ★★★★★



The Caleta Hotel, Health, Beauty and Conference Centre is situated in a spectacular location on the eastern side of the Rock. One of the hotel's restaurants has been awarded two AA rosettes for fine dining, Italian food at its best.

Catalan Bay.

Tel: +350 200 76501

Email: reservations@caletahotel.gi

Website: www.caletahotel.com

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

THE CANNON HOTEL ★



Situated near the city centre, and ideal for leisure breaks. The main shopping area and most of Gibraltar's historic sites and places of interest are within easy walking distance.

9 Cannon Lane.

Tel: +350 200 51711

Email: cannon@sapphire.net.gi

Website: www.cannonhotel.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 info@gibraltar.gov.uk



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

Regular flights are operated from the UK and Morocco to Gibraltar. Flight time 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.gibraltairairport.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 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 dialling 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, travellers cheques and Euros are widely accepted.

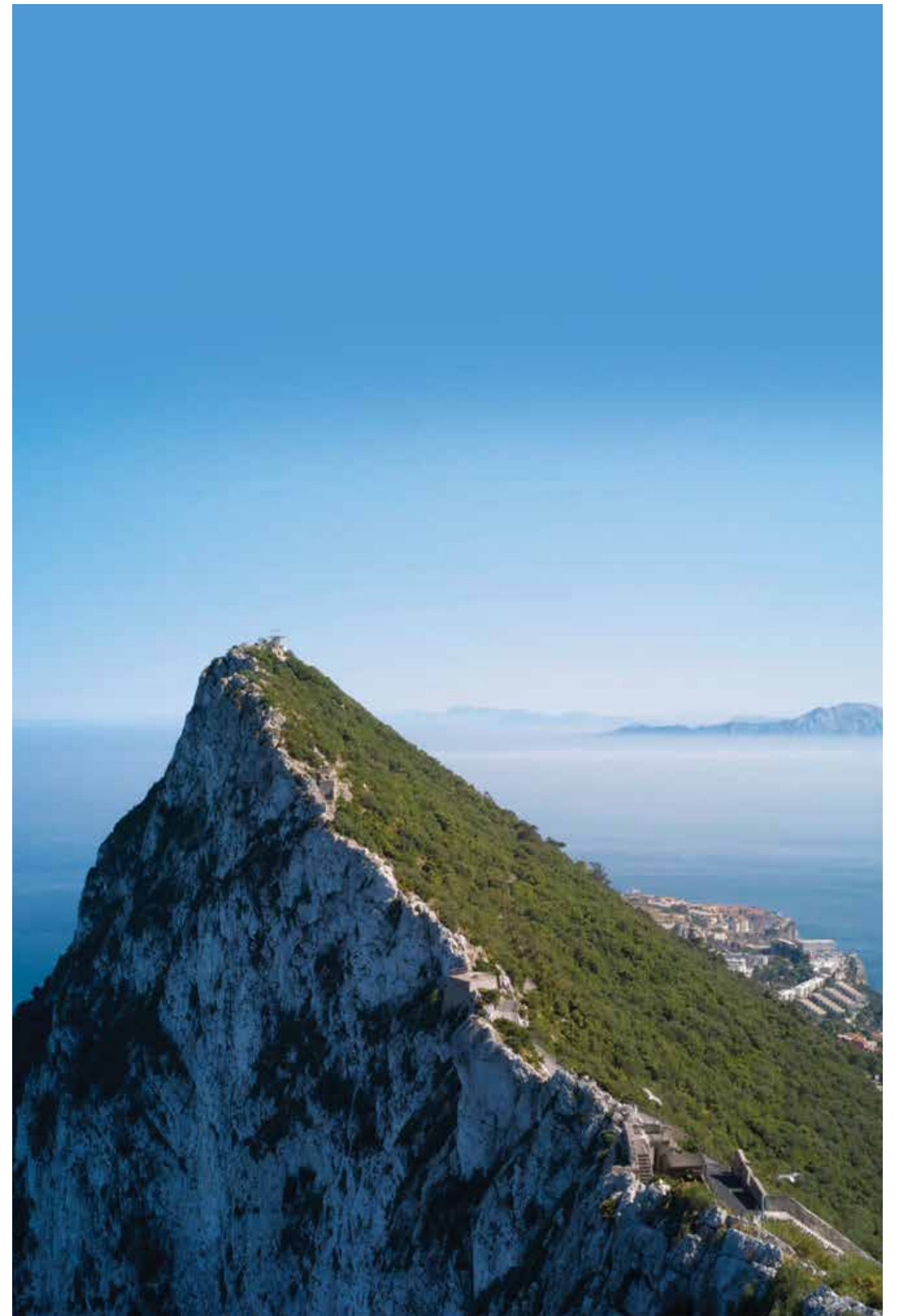
VOLTAGE

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.

Iconic visitor attractions like St Michael's Cave have been recently refurbished to ensure greater accessibility. There are also adapted public toilets at several locations including those for use with radar keys.



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