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INTRODUCTION

To arrive into Gibraltar is to be awestruck by the sheer majesty of the Jurassic limestone rock that dominates the horizon. The Rock has attracted visitors, some friend, some foe, throughout its colourful history, all drawn to its unique charm and character, which still thrive today in the Gibraltarian people.

Situated on the southern tip of the Iberian Peninsula, the British Overseas Territory is almost entirely surrounded by water other than the narrow isthmus which links it to mainland Spain. Gibraltar is less than seven square kilometres on the outside, but inside lie numerous caves and tunnels that stretch for approximately fifty kilometres. Herein lie some of Gibraltar's biggest mysteries and secrets.

Discover the Rock's beauty and natural heritage, its architecture and wildlife. Historical trails will help you wile away the days and shopping in Main Street, perhaps one of the most famous streets in Europe, will tempt you with some of the best bargains around, thanks to the Rock's Pound Sterling currency and VAT-free status.

Gibraltar's unique position, at the crossroads of Europe and Africa, also make it an ideal location to explore neighbouring terrain.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.



WELCOME TO GIBRALTAR

Gibraltar's appeal as a travel destination continues to grow, drawing an international audience from all corners of the globe. Arriving by land, sea and air, visitors are drawn to a unique location that sits at the crossroads of Europe and Africa.

The Rock's activities are as diverse as they are plentiful, ranging from dolphin watching to exploring historical trails.

Gibraltar's temperate climate makes it an attractive all year round choice, which is enhanced by local events and customs that offer a flavour of the Gibraltarian warmth. We look forward to welcoming you to our corner of the Mediterranean.





HISTORY OF GIBRALTAR

GIBRALTAR'S LEGENDARY TALE IS FILLED WITH BATTLES AND SIEGES THAT WEAVE CIVILISATIONS AND CULTURES THROUGH THE AGES. THIS HISTORICAL LEGACY LIVES ON TODAY AND CAN BE ENJOYED IN ITS NUMEROUS ATTRACTIONS.

At 426 metres high, the iconic Rock of Gibraltar is honeycombed with over approximately 52 kilometres (32 miles) of tunnelling, created by man at different chapters in its story.

Its pre-historic caves were home to the birth of modern man, and many people believe the female skull discovered in Forbes Quarry in 1848 should have been claimed as an historic find, making today's Neanderthal man, Gibraltar Woman. Arriving visitors are greeted by the awe-inspiring spectacle of the Tower of Homage and Gate House, looming from within the Rock. This spectacular medieval fortification dates from the second Moorish occupation in the early 14th century. Gibraltar's survival story is never more poignant than during the Great Siege of 1779-83. The Great Siege Tunnels remain a must-see for any visitor to the Rock. Gibraltar has been at the heart of Britain's history for centuries. Success at the Battle of Trafalgar was first reported to the world in Gibraltar's daily newspaper the Gibraltar Chronicle. Tragically, the battle cost the life of Lord Nelson. He was brought ashore at Rosia Bay, preserved in a casket of brandy, before his body was returned to England. During the 19th century Gibraltar flourished as a strategic trading port on the route to India.

With the onset of WWII, Winston Churchill instructed that Gibraltar's complex tunnel system be once again expanded to create a fortress within a fortress. It is from here that Eisenhower masterminded the North African landings. The Rock's testament to time is reflected in its people, the Gibraltarians. Warm and friendly by nature, Gibraltar's hospitality is renown and keeps visitors returning year after year.

DID YOU KNOW?

The name Gibraltar is derived from 'Jebel Tarik', meaning 'Tarik's Mountain'. Tarik Ibn Zeyad was a Moorish General who was ordered to conquer the area in the name of Islam in 711





GIBRALTAR NATURALLY

GIBRALTAR OFFERS VISITORS VIEWS OF UNPARALLELED BEAUTY BOTH ON LAND AND AT SEA. WILDLIFE FLOURISHES ON THE ROCK'S POROUS LIMESTONE, AND ITS FLORA AND FAUNA ARE WORLD RENOWNED AND OF CONSERVATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

Gibraltar Candytuft grows nowhere else in Europe and is recognisable by its pale lilac clusters of flowers.

They are abundant during April especially in the Gibraltar Nature Reserve, Upper Rock. Gibraltar's Nature Reserve, Upper Rock brings together walkers from all over the world, with the most famous of the multitude of paths being the Mediterranean Steps. Located on the eastern face of the Rock, it starts at an altitude of 180 metres and finishes at 426 metres at O'Hara's Battery, the highest point on the Rock. Over 300 species of birds have been recorded on the Rock over the past few years, and famous residents include the Barbary Partridge and the Peregrine Falcon. Gibraltar lies on the migratory route between Europe and Africa and every spring and winter the skies play host to everything from eagles and vultures to storks and songbirds.

Gibraltar's most famous residents, the Barbary Macaques, are a species of tailless monkey. Originally from North Africa their presence dates back to the days of the British garrison. The Alameda Gardens, designed in 1816, are an ideal spot to sit and relax. St Michael's Cave has fascinated visitors since Roman times. Its cathedral cave was long believed to be bottomless, giving way to a legend that Gibraltar is linked to Africa by a subterranean tunnel. Gibraltar's waters are teeming with sea life and living in the Bay of Gibraltar there are no fewer than three species of dolphin: common, bottlenose and striped.





LIVE GIBRALTAR

GIBRALTAR IS A VIBRANT CITY WITH A RANGE OF LEISURE PURSUITS TO SUIT ALL TASTES AND BUDGETS. THE BUSY, BUSTLING CAFÉ SOCIETY OF CASEMATES SQUARE TRANSFORMS INTO LIVELY NIGHTLIFE WITH ENTERTAINMENT AND MUSIC FROM YOUNG RESIDENT BANDS.

The town centre is best enjoyed on foot. Its typical Georgian and Victorian architecture is interspersed with Portuguese, Genoese and Moorish influences, a reminder of Gibraltar's colourful and chequered past, giving it some of the most interesting architecture in the Mediterranean. Modern Gibraltar is reflected in the financial district of Europort and the two Marinas with their luxury yachts and apartment buildings.

The King's Bastion Leisure Centre, refurbished from an old battlement, is an ideal location for all the family to enjoy.

Culture and heritage come together every 10 September, National Day, when the Rock celebrates its past. On that day Gibraltarians dress in red and white, the national colours, and there are street parties and celebrations in abundance. The day's festivities are dramatically rounded off with a firework display and open air concert. Pageantry is always on show

in Gibraltar. The daily changing of the guard takes place outside the Governor's home at the Convent in the centre of Main Street. Throughout the year, History Alive, Gibraltar's Re-enactment Association parade the streets dressed in period uniforms from the 1700s reminiscent of Gibraltar's past as a garrison town.





THE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

GIBRALTAR WELCOMES MILLIONS OF TOURISTS EVERY YEAR AND MANY OF THEM WILL HEAD TO MAIN STREET, THE CENTRE OF GIBRALTAR'S COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND THE SCENE OF SOME OF THE BEST VALUE FOR MONEY SHOPPING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Gibraltar has a history of shopkeepers and traders that dates back to the 1800s when the Rock flourished as a trading port boosted by its strategic, geographic location. Nowadays Gibraltar is a VAT-free jurisdiction so goods sold in Gibraltar offer the best value.

Visitors to Main Street will recognise international high street brands and chains that sit alongside traditional local shops. Best buys include cosmetics and perfumery, jewellery, tobacco and spirits, designer glass frames, specialist linens and electronics.

For souvenirs and a taste of local life, head to Casemates Square where you'll find local artisan shops. Inaugurated in 1929, the Gibraltar Public Market, just outside Casemates Square, is a traditional indoor market with a range of fish, fruit, vegetables and local delicacies. It's a great place to people watch and get into the local spirit.



DID YOU KNOW?

English is the official language that is used in business, education and governmental affairs.

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 spring in 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 cuisine. 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, Casemates Square transforms into a vibrant night scene with lively bars and restaurants filled 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, Argentinean, Moroccan, Kosher, Brazilian 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Gibraltarians are a racial and cultural mixture of the many who came to the Rock of Gibraltar over three hundred years and are a mix of English, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Moroccan, Maltese and Jewish.





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:

TRADEWISE 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)

CALENTITA FOOD FESTIVAL
(JUNE)

GIBRALTAR MUSIC FESTIVAL (SEPTEMBER)
www.gibraltarmusicfestival.com

GIBRALTAR JAZZ FESTIVAL (NOVEMBER)
www.gibraltarljazz.gi

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

Further information can be found
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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.



MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN LENNON AND YOKO ONO, AND SIR SEAN CONNERY AND GET MARRIED ON THE ROCK. MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS IN GIBRALTAR ARE EASY AND VISITORS CAN CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS.

Today hundreds of couples are travelling to Gibraltar to exchange vows on the Rock. 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 simply required 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
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

Further information on venues and wedding planners is available on www.visitgibraltar.gi



THE GIBRALTAR NATURE RESERVE, UPPER ROCK





THE GIBRALTAR NATURE RESERVE, UPPER ROCK

A protected area covered in lush vegetation and containing impressive views, it is home to the world famous Barbary Macaques that roam freely within the confines of the reserve. Many of Gibraltar's historical sites are located here. On a clear day, the Gibraltar Nature Reserve, Upper Rock offers impressive views of the Strait of Gibraltar, the Spanish mainland and the African coastline.





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

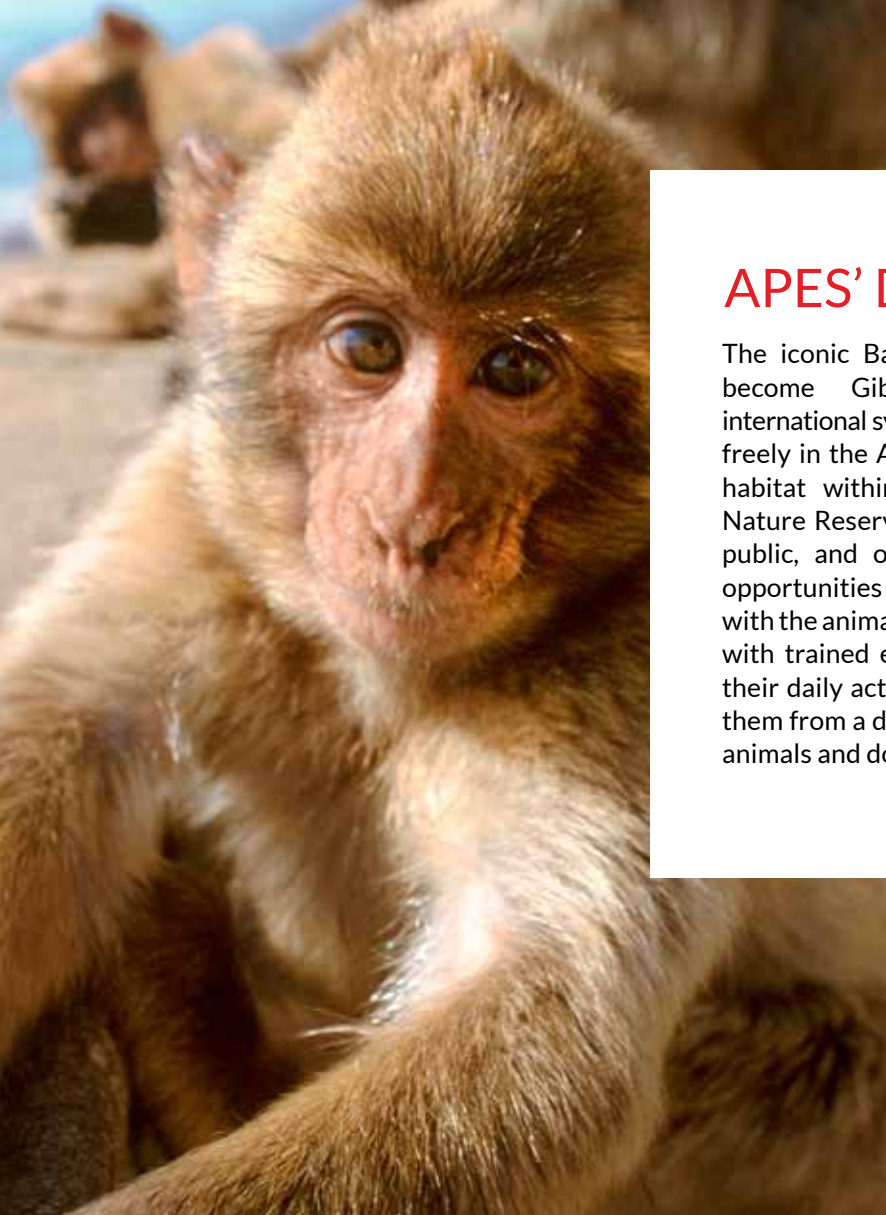
A prehistoric 'cathedral' cave formation of awe-inspiring beauty, this striking geological feature is one of Gibraltar's legendary tourist attractions. Converted into an auditorium, it is also a venue for cultural and music events. Special guided tours of its lower section, which includes a lake, are available. The cave is equipped with accessibility features for persons with mobility difficulties



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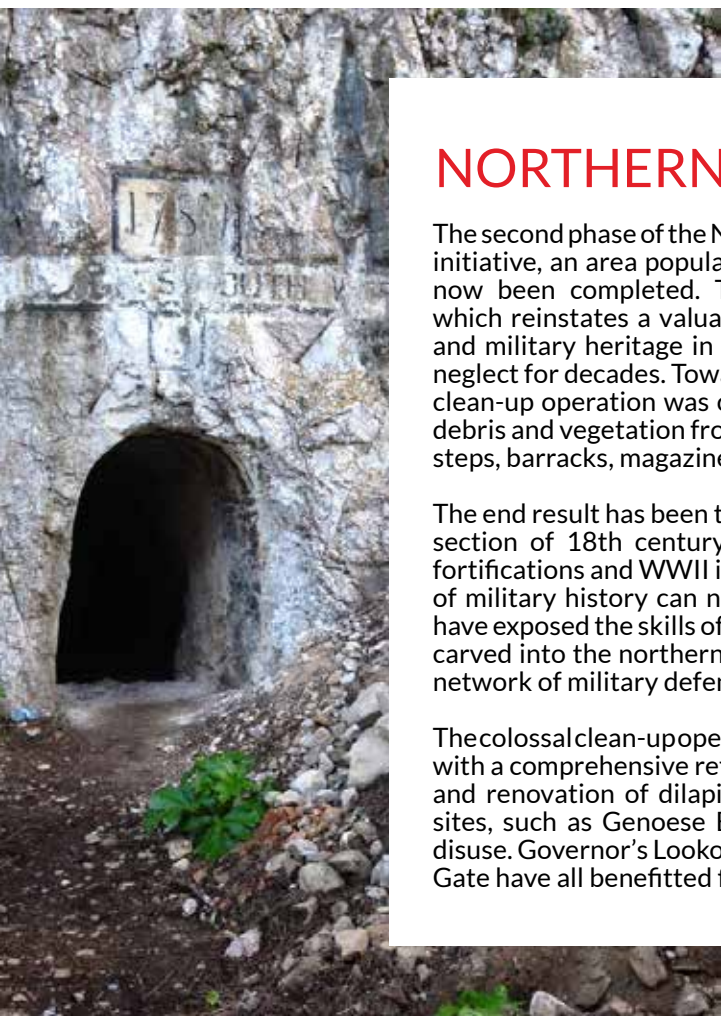
Approximately two hundred caves have been found in the limestone Rock.





APES' DEN

The iconic Barbary Macaques have become Gibraltar's recognisable international symbol. The animals roam freely in the Apes' Den, their natural habitat within the grounds of the Nature Reserve which is open to the public, and other areas. There are opportunities for closer interactions with the animals and learn about them with trained experts and experience their daily activities. Otherwie, enjoy them from a distance as they are wild animals and do not feed them.



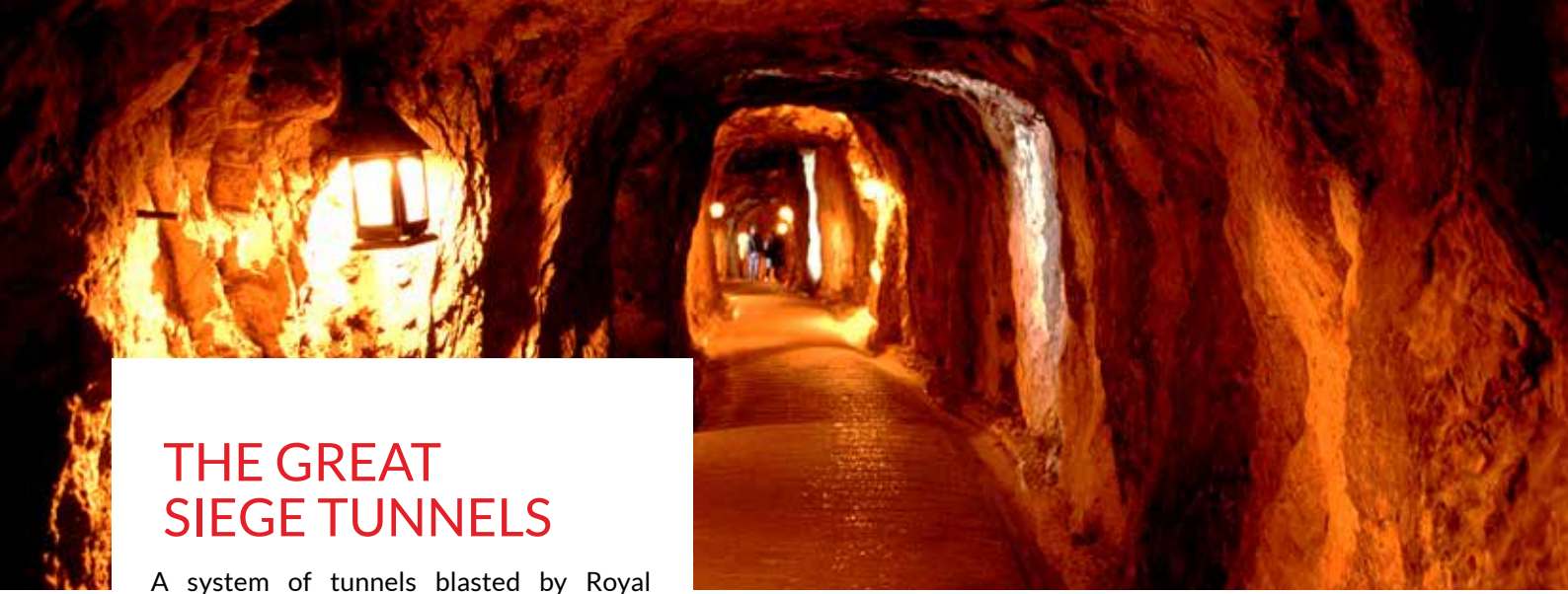
NORTHERN DEFENCES

The second phase of the Northern Defences restoration initiative, an area popularly known as 'The Jungle', has now been completed. This is an important project which reinstates a valuable part of the Rock's history and military heritage in an area which had fallen into neglect for decades. Toward the end of 2015, a massive clean-up operation was carried out for the removal of debris and vegetation from derelict sections of tunnels, steps, barracks, magazines and galleries.

The end result has been the restoration of a formidable section of 18th century military defences, medieval fortifications and WWII installations. A thousand years of military history can now be explored. These works have exposed the skills of the Royal Artificer Corps who carved into the northern face of the rock a formidable network of military defences in the late 18th century.

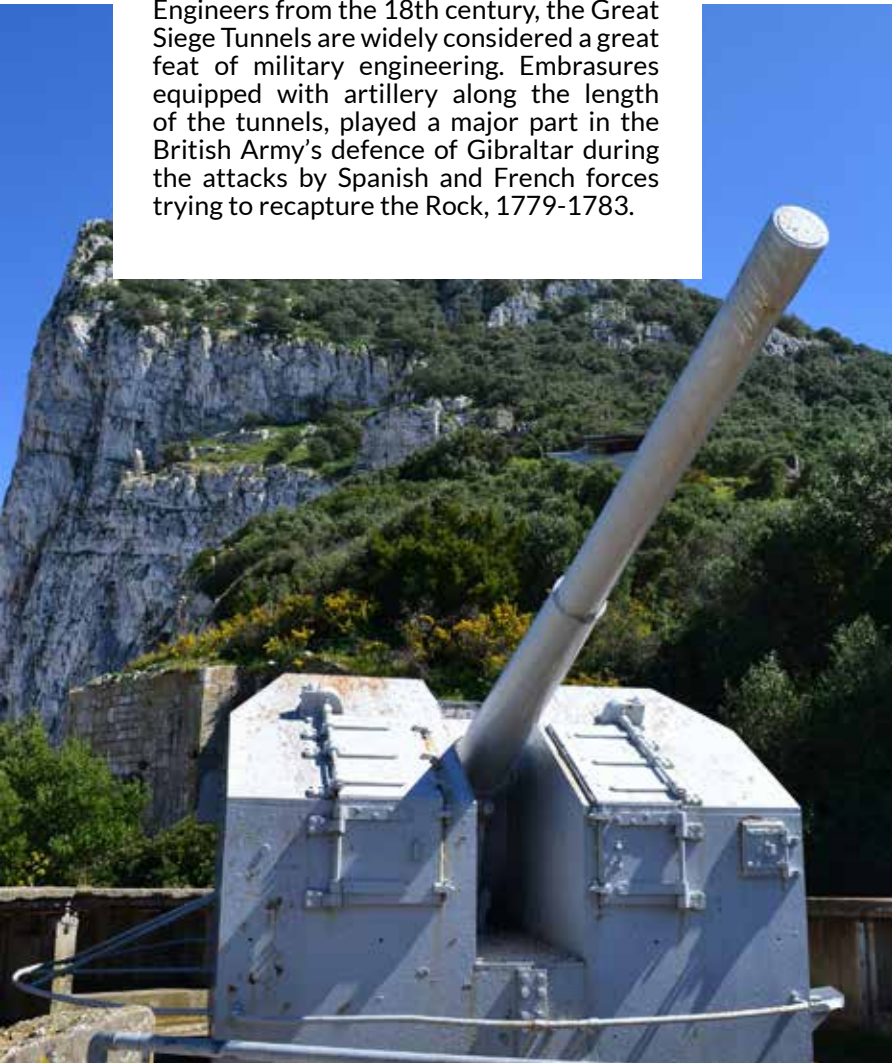
The colossal clean-up operation has been complemented with a comprehensive refurbishment of the entire area and renovation of dilapidated heritage and historical sites, such as Genoese Battery which had fallen into disuse. Governor's Lookout, O'Hara's Battery and Jew's Gate have all benefitted from the makeover.





THE GREAT SIEGE TUNNELS

A system of tunnels blasted by Royal Engineers from the 18th century, the Great Siege Tunnels are widely considered a great feat of military engineering. Embrasures equipped with artillery along the length of the tunnels, played a major part in the British Army's defence of Gibraltar during the attacks by Spanish and French forces trying to recapture the Rock, 1779-1783.



MILITARY HERITAGE CENTRE

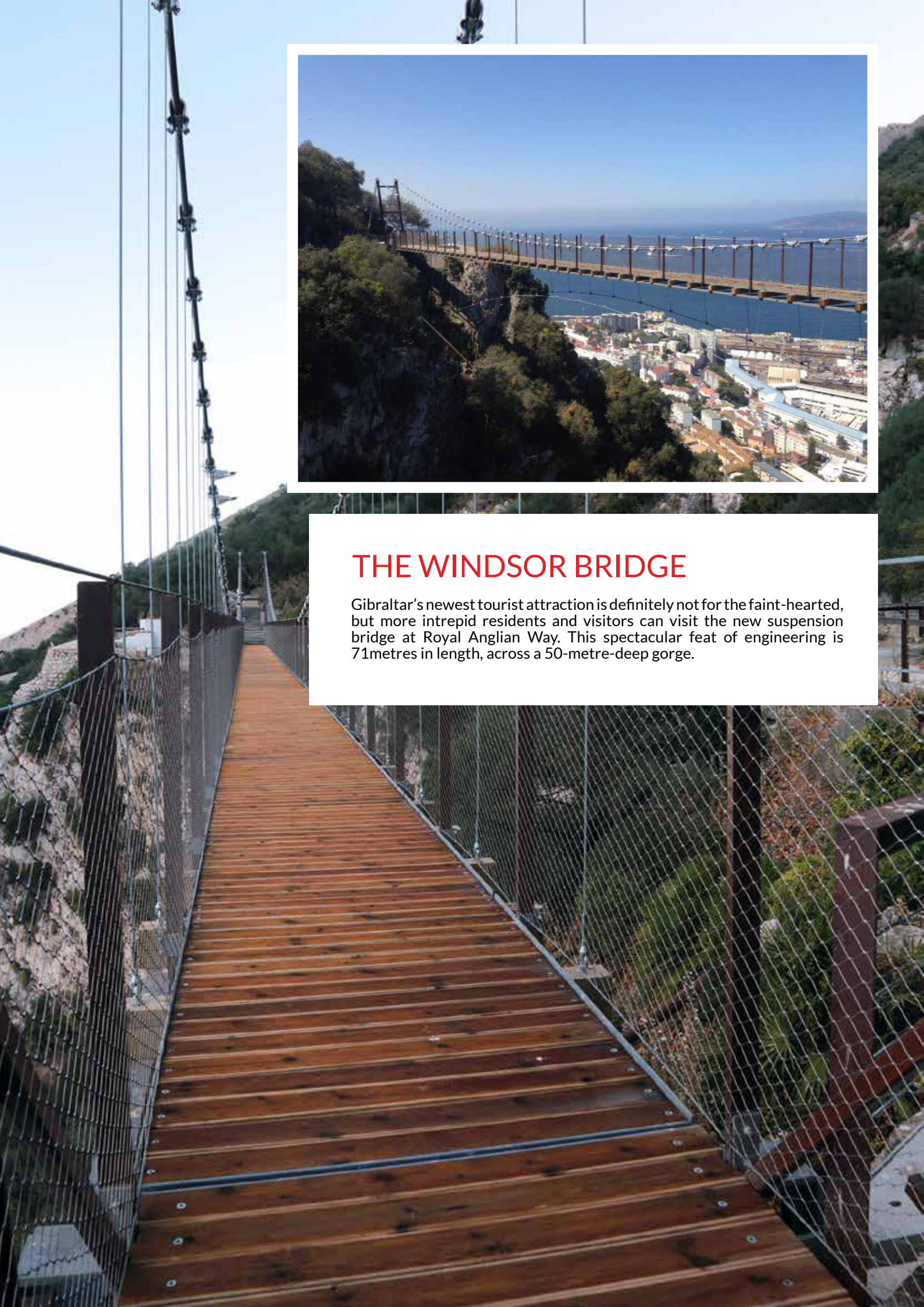
The Military Heritage Centre at Princess Caroline's Battery is a small underground exhibition centre. The facility is also home to the Memorial Chamber where the ensigns of the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy are displayed. It also features the roll call of British army regiments deployed to Gibraltar since the early 18th century.





THE WINDSOR BRIDGE

Gibraltar's newest 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 71metres in length, across a 50-metre-deep gorge.



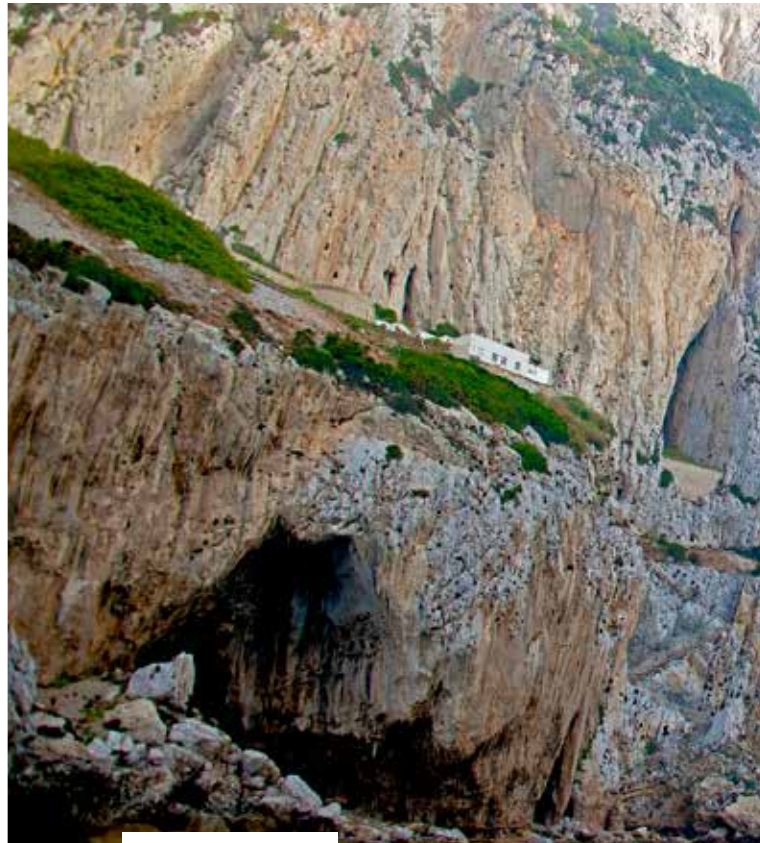
GORHAM'S CAVE COMPLEX, WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The Gibraltar property is essentially a Neanderthal occupation site, used between c. 127,000 and 32,000 years ago. On the east side of the Rock of Gibraltar, the site 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 280,000 square metres, or 3% of Gibraltar's land area. The Gibraltar Nature Reserve acts as a buffer zone for the Site. Together the site and buffer zone equate to over 40% of the territory of Gibraltar. The topography and steep cliffs make the area relatively secluded and well-protected.

Gibraltar is renowned for its contribution to science in the 18th and 19th centuries, including the study of geology and palaeontology (the study of fossils to gain information about the history of life on earth and the structure of rocks). Gibraltar is where the first complete Neanderthal skull was found and presented to the Gibraltar Scientific Society by Lieutenant Edmund Flint of the Royal Artillery in 1848. But eight years later in 1856 fossils were discovered in a cave in the Neander Valley near Düsseldorf, Germany, and the Neanderthal people were named after that site. A second skull, The Devil's Tower Child, was found in Gibraltar in 1926.

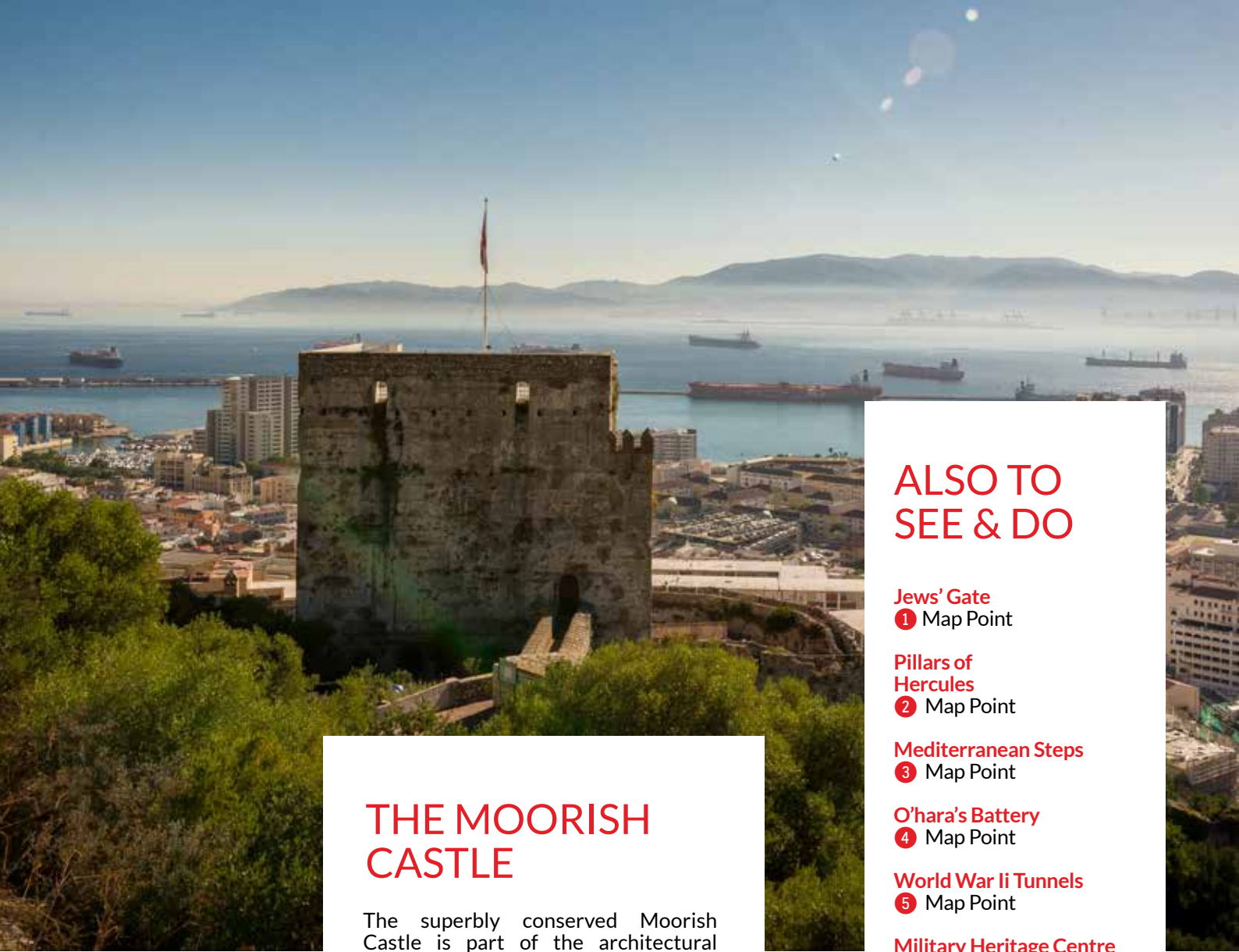
Neanderthals are humans who lived in Europe, SW and Central Asia between 400,000 and 30,000 years ago in the Pleistocene Era. They were similar to us, though shorter and stockier with angled cheekbones, prominent brow ridges, and large noses. They are our closest extinct human relative. Many people (Homo sapiens) living in Europe today have, on average, up to 2.5% Neanderthal DNA.

The Gorham's Cave Complex is of major significance in understanding the global story of human evolution and adaptation. Gorham's and Vanguard Caves have been archaeologically excavated over the past 26 years. An international, multi-disciplinary 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. Now there is a wealth of information on where and how Neanderthals and early modern humans lived and behaved, what plants, birds and animals they were familiar with and ate, where they acquired materials for stone tools and what their environment was like. There is evidence of their complex social behaviour, their dress and ornamentation. There are unique elements including a rock engraving carved by the Neanderthals in Gorham's Cave, which indicate a Neanderthal ability for abstract thought. Gibraltar was also the last known refuge for the Neanderthals around 32,000 years ago



Gorham's Cave
Complex





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.

ALSO TO SEE & DO

Jews' Gate

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Pillars of Hercules

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Mediterranean Steps

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Military Heritage Centre

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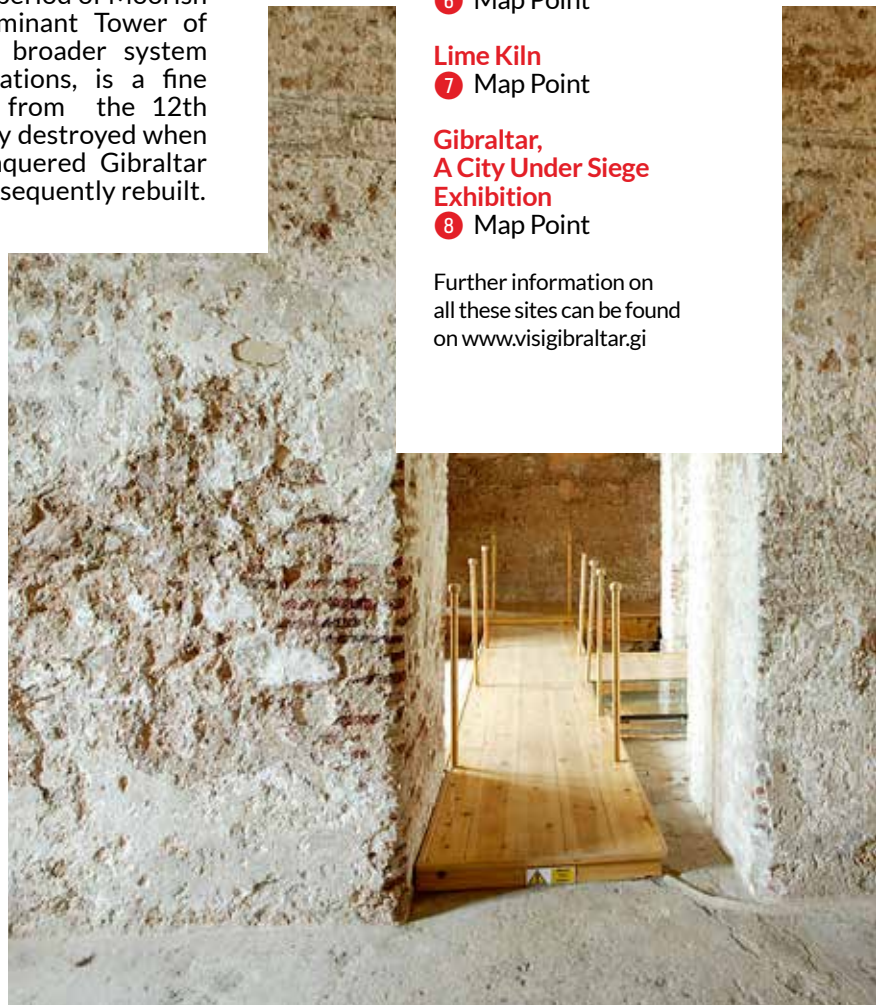
Lime Kiln

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Gibraltar, A City Under Siege Exhibition

8 Map Point

Further information on all these sites can be found on www.visigibraltar.gi



INSIDE THE CITY WALLS





CASEMATES SQUARE

Formerly the site of public executions and a historical centre of commercial activity, Casemates Square has become the indisputable hub of Gibraltar's social life since its renovation and redesign in the late 1990s. It is a favourite meeting place with numerous alfresco restaurants and cafeterias. Ceremonial military parades are held every year and the New Year celebrations are also organised there. Spectacular evening views of the illuminated Moorish Castle are not to be missed.





MAIN STREET

This is the central artery, the heartbeat and main pedestrianised shopping district of Gibraltar, where you can find electronic goods, perfumes, tobacco, wines and spirits and the latest British high street fashions, all at bargain prices. The street, punctuated with shops and bars, leads to numerous picturesque side streets with a character of their own waiting to be discovered.



IRISH TOWN

Gibraltar's old commercial district is tucked away in Irish Town, one of the Rock's most emblematic streets with a rich local heritage. Irish Town originally known as Calle de Santa Ana, took its name from an Irish Regiment housed in Roman Catholic convents converted into military barracks when the British captured Gibraltar in 1704. During the Great Siege of 1783, most of the old town including Irish Town was destroyed.

The beginning of the 1800s marked a period of commercial prosperity; Irish Town became a prime location for rich merchants to build the classic 'Merchant House'. Those on the west side of the street boasted balcony views overlooking the sea while those on the east side were ideally placed for the port as cooerage was handled at the end of the street.

Many of these Georgian-style buildings, where merchandise was stored, still feature the first floor hoist. Merchant Houses doubled as residences and commercial premises; the Northern Italian influences can be seen in the arches over entrances and wooden window shutters. Many original features which give it such character are still visible today.

In the 1990's the pedestrianization of the town centre revitalised Irish Town. Its renovated facades and traffic free zone attracted new shops, shipping agencies and cafes alongside original establishments like Sacarello's coffee shop.





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.

KING'S BASTION LEISURE CENTRE

Built by Governor Sir Robert Boyd in 1772, it was part of the Rock's historical military fortifications during the Great Siege (1779-1783), when it accommodated an entire infantry battalion. A generating power station during much of the 20th century, it was given a facelift in the early 2000s and carefully transformed into a leisure centre, retaining its main heritage features and incorporating an ice skating rink, multiplex cinema, bars, games arcade & bowling alley.





GIBRALTAR MUSEUM & MOORISH BATHS

Inaugurated in 1930 by Governor Sir Alexander Godley, the basement is taken up by a well preserved 14th century Moorish bath house, one of the best conserved in Europe.

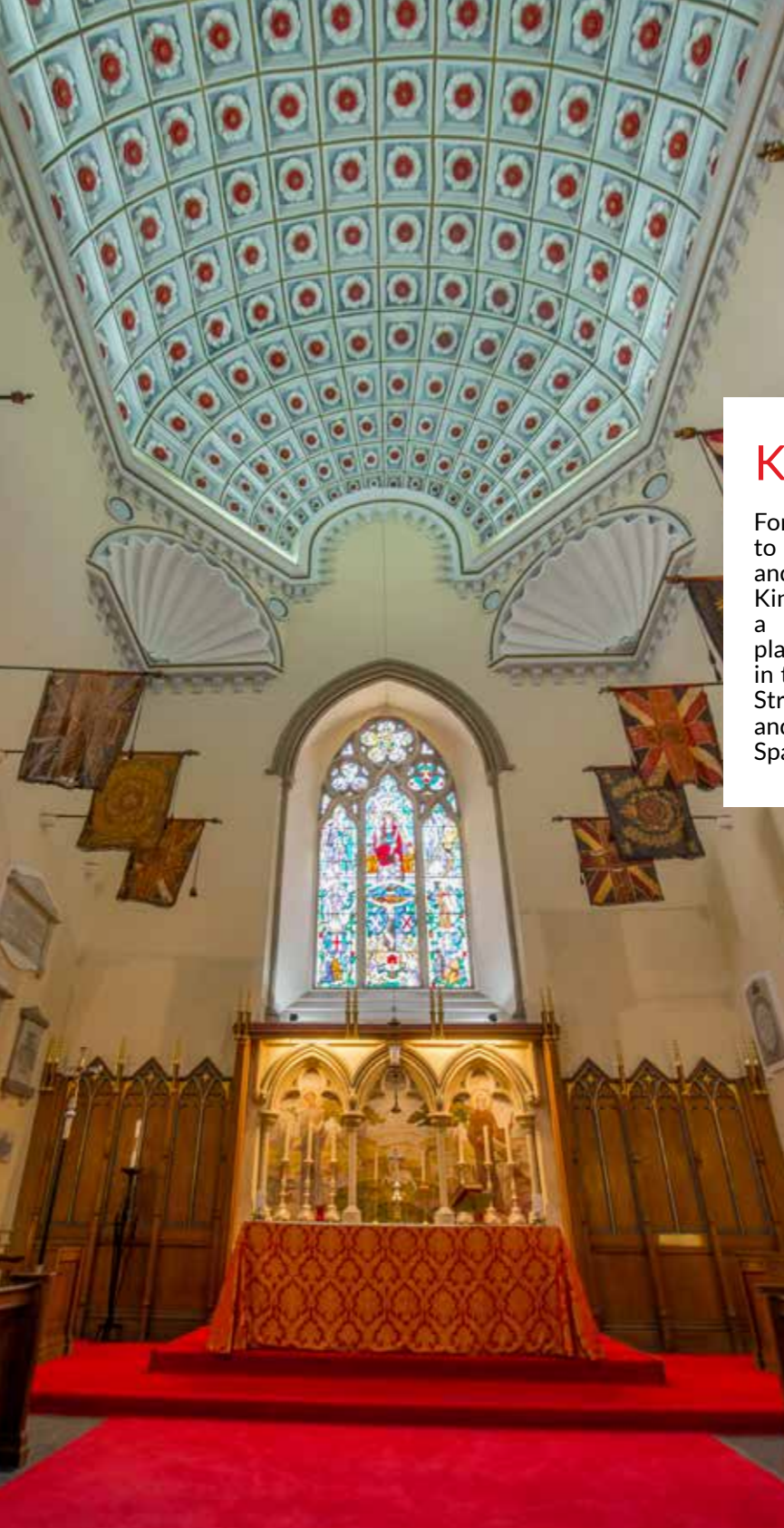
The museum houses a collection of Gibraltar's original artefacts, old prints and photographs along with an audiovisual presentation of historical interest. The Rock's rich and diverse natural history is also represented while the lower part of the building is arguably the best preserved Moorish Bath House in Europe.



GARRISON LIBRARY

Formerly the place of social reunion for the Rock's military officers, the beautiful Garrison Library is now a fully civilianised educational and historical research resource run by HM Government of Gibraltar, with a collection of some 45,000 books including many rare volumes. The building itself is a fine example of Georgian architecture and its gardens are well worth a visit. It is a venue for regular academic conferences and seminars. Home of the Gibunco Gibraltar International Literary Festival.





KING'S CHAPEL

Formerly a Roman Catholic chapel to the Franciscan Friary in 1532, and latterly a Protestant church, King's Chapel has now become a Christian interdenominational place of worship. An oasis of peace in the middle of the bustling Main Street, several British Governors and the wife of a 17th century Spanish Governor are buried there.

ALSO TO SEE & DO

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The Law Courts
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HINDU TEMPLE

Inaugurated in 2000, the Hindu Temple located at Engineer Lane, serves Gibraltar's Hindu population of approximately 600. It has become a thriving centre of religious and social activity for Hindus and other sectors of the community.



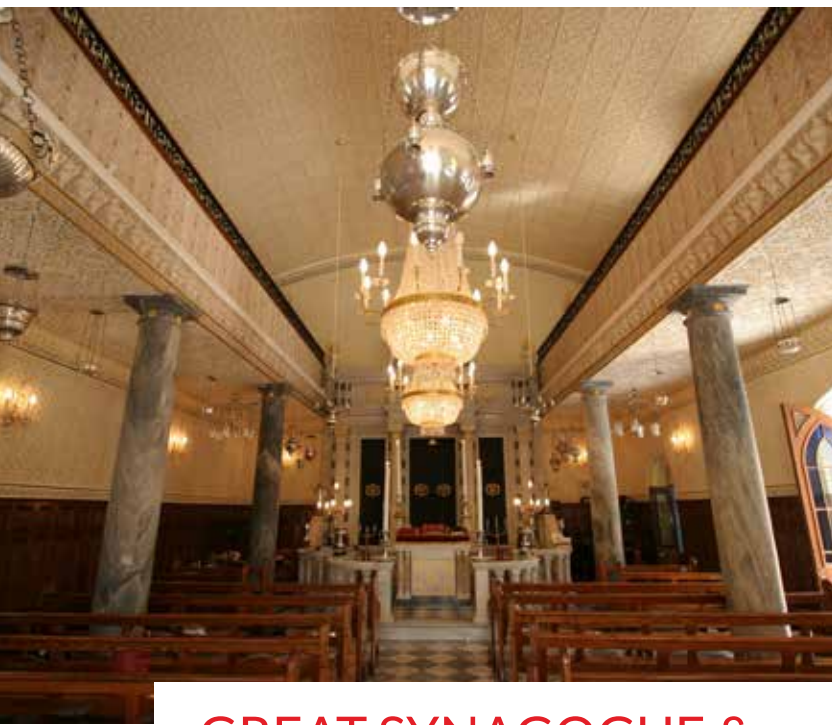
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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'.



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.





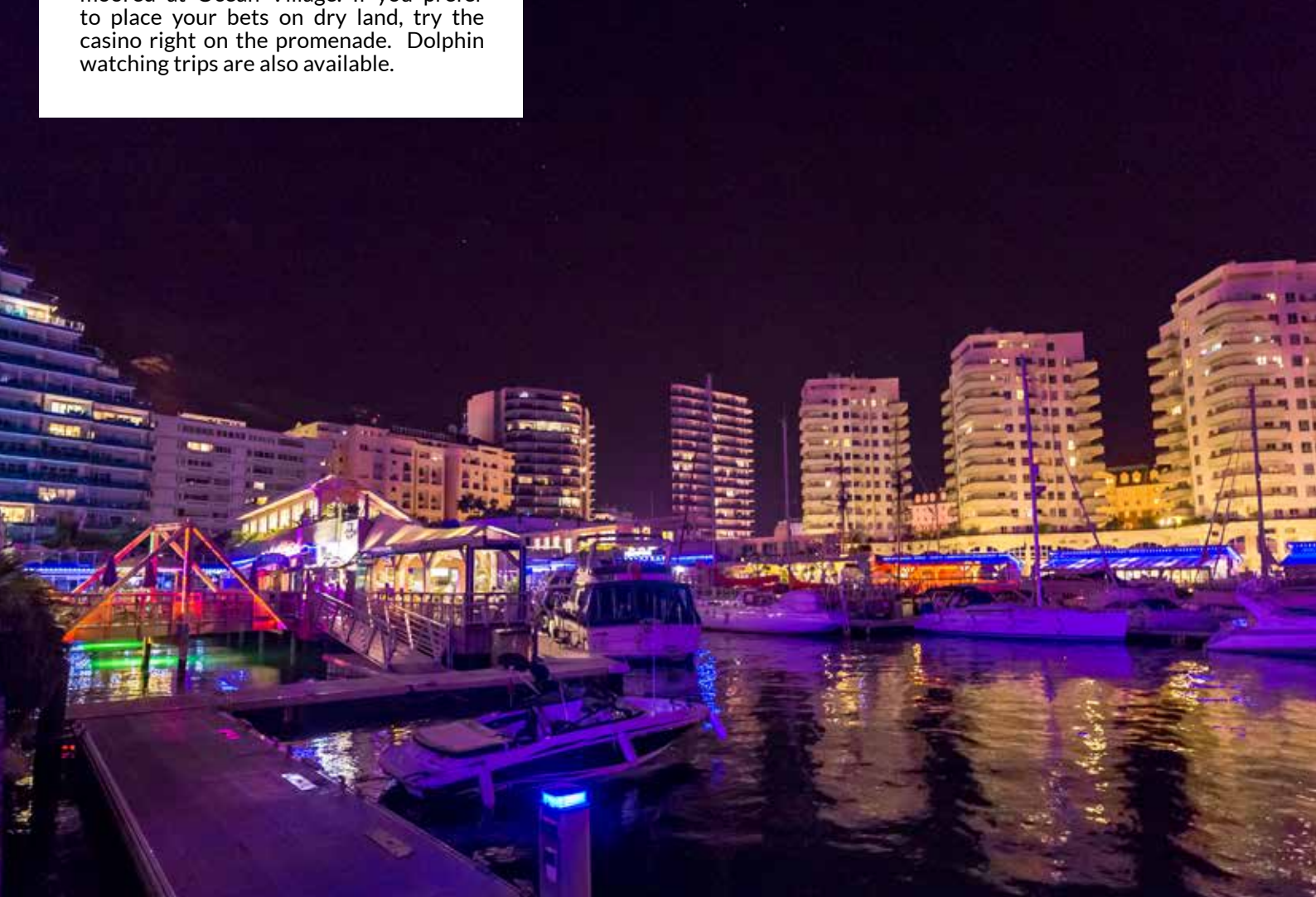
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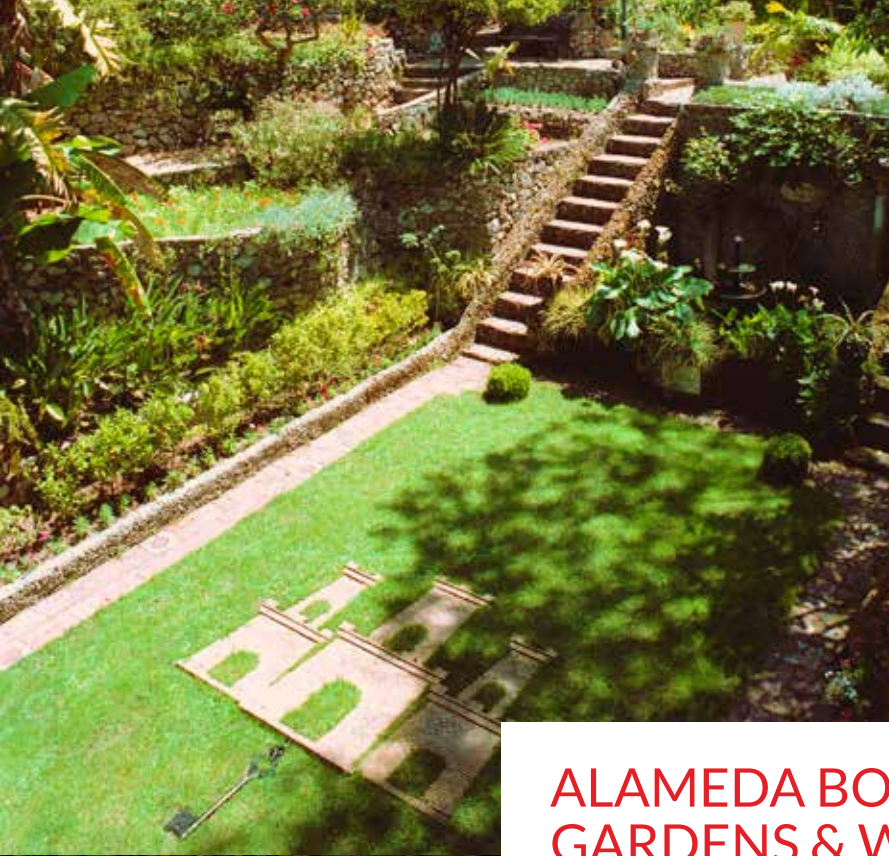


QUEENSWAY QUAY MARINA & OCEAN VILLAGE MARINA

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.

The Sunborn, a five-star floating hotel with a casino on board has been permanently moored at Ocean Village. If you prefer to place your bets on dry land, try the casino right on the promenade. Dolphin watching trips are also available.

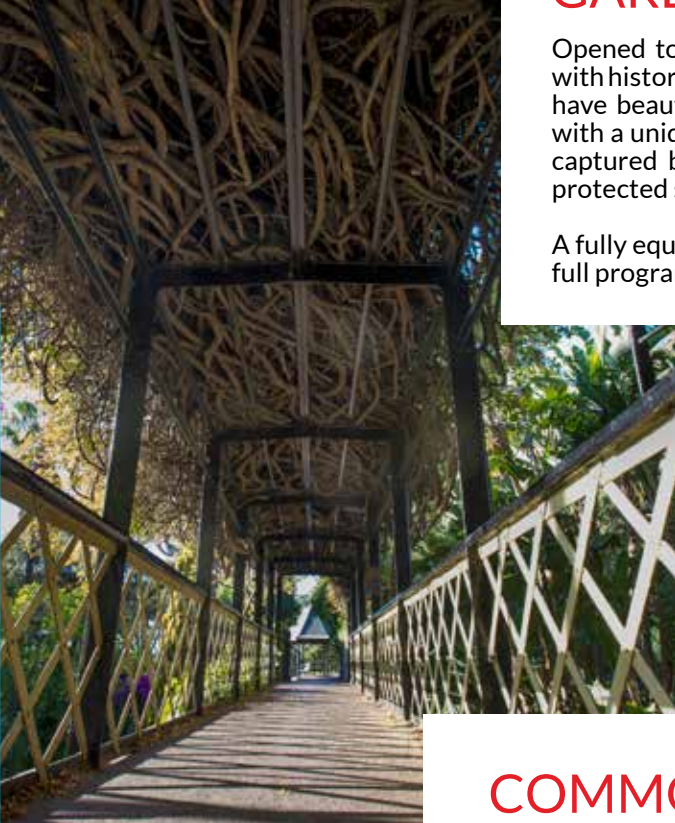




ALAMEDA BOTANICAL GARDENS & WILDLIFE PARK

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.



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.





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.



ALSO TO SEE & DO

Landport Gate
54 Map Point

Ragged Staff
55 Map Point

Charles V Wall
56 Map Point

Prince Edward's Gate
57 Map Point

Southport Gates
58 Map Point

Jumper's Bastion
29 Map Point

Flat Bastion Magazine
60 Map Point

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THE EAST SIDE AND NORTH DISTRICT





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. A staunchly Roman Catholic district, the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows has been not just a spiritual centre, but also a community and social meeting point for villagers.







A WALK ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE ROCK

The Eastern side of Gibraltar provides an interesting, enjoyable walk or bus ride linking its three beaches, Eastern Beach, Catalan Bay and Sandy Bay with striking views of the Strait of Gibraltar, Mediterranean Sea, and dramatic natural land features such as the steep, jagged Rock face, the Great Gibraltar Sand Dune and the dense vegetation which grows on its slope.

ALSO TO SEE & DO

Eastern Beach
61 Map Point

Sandy Bay
62 Map Point

The Great Gibraltar Sand Dune
63 Map Point

Evacuation Memorial
64 Map Point

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Great Gibraltar Sand Dune is an ancient prehistoric dune on the Eastern side of the Rock. This was formed by sands from the savannah (where the sea is now) continuously being blown and accumulated against the Rock.

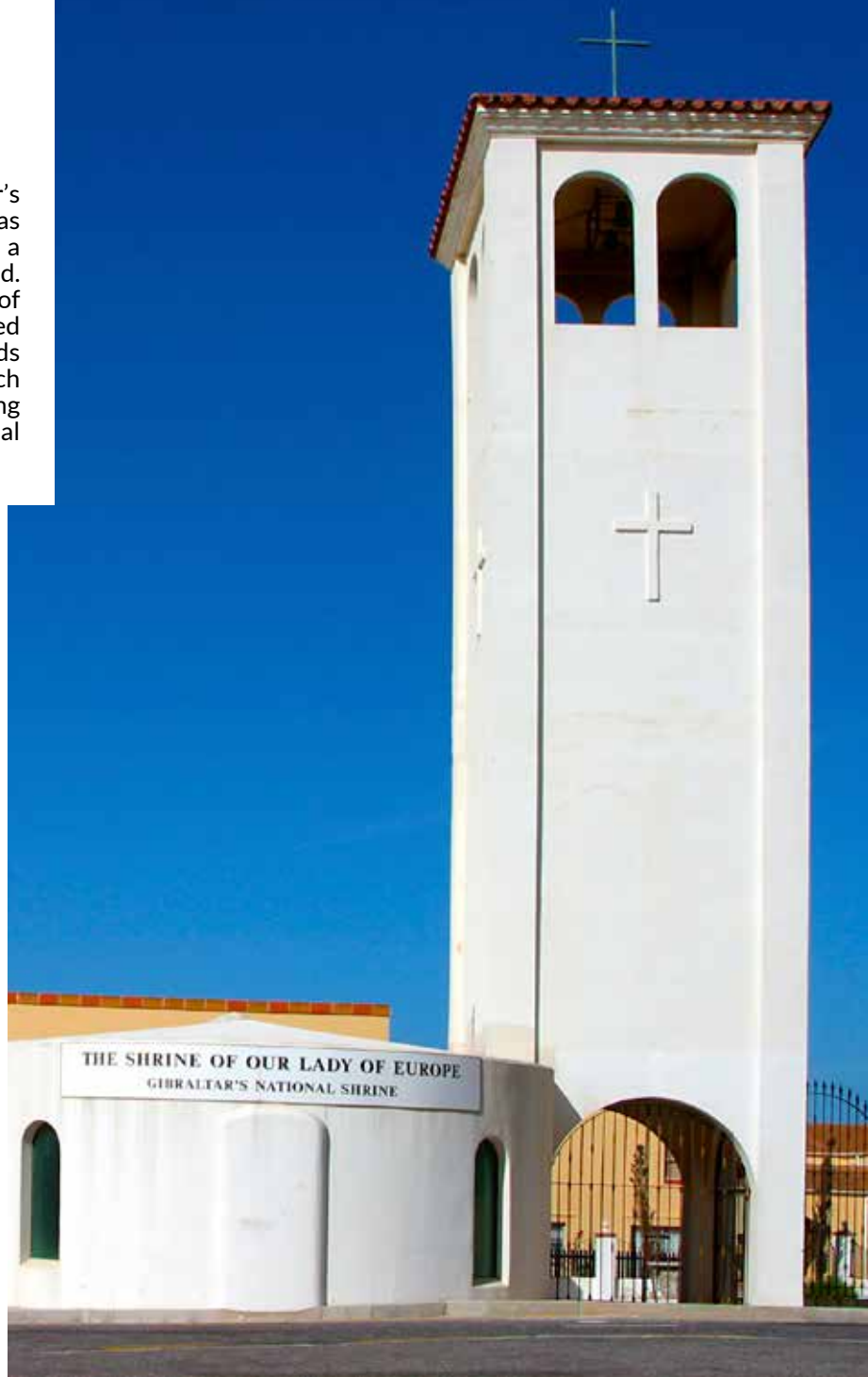


THE SOUTH DISTRICT



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. It was awarded a Papal distinction - the Golden Rose - in 2009.



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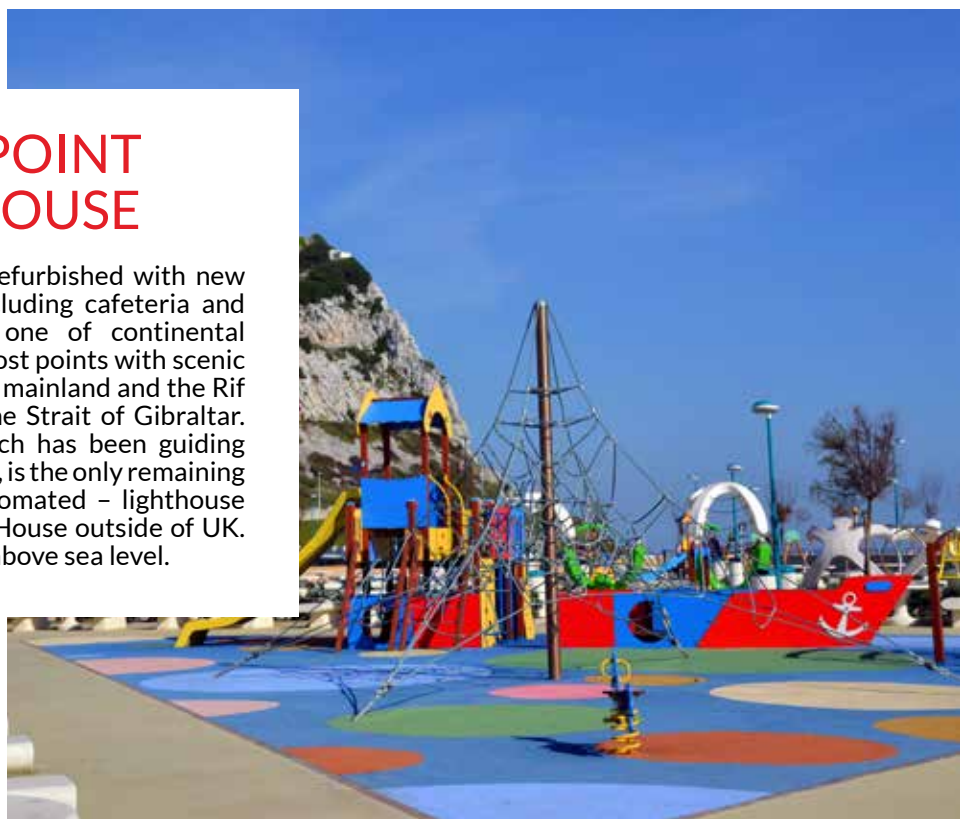
The Moors occupied Gibraltar for 727 years, Spain for 266 years, and it has now been British for 312 years.





EUROPA POINT & LIGHTHOUSE

The area, recently refurbished with new public amenities including cafeteria and children's park, is one of continental Europe's southernmost points with scenic views of the Spanish mainland 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.





POLISH MEMORIAL

The Polish Memorial commemorates the death of General Sikorski, Poland's exiled wartime leader during World War Two, who died when his plane crashed after take-off from Gibraltar's airstrip in 1943. A propeller of the original wreckage recovered from the sea forms the basis of the monument.



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. When lit up at night it stands out dramatically and is visible from miles away.

ALSO TO SEE & DO

Nelson's Anchorage
65 Map Point

100 Ton Gun
66 Map Point

Parson's Lodge
37 Map Point

Ibrahim-Al-Ibrahim Mosque
38 Map Point

Harding's Battery
39 Map Point

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OTHER ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND GIBRALTAR





BIRDWATCHING

As the Strait of Gibraltar is the narrowest crossing point for birds migrating to and from Europe and Africa, the Rock offers unrivalled bird watching opportunities.

Over 300 species of birds, many migratory, have been recorded. The migration of soaring birds & seabirds occurs almost year-round and the sheer numbers can be impressive in the peak seasons March-May & August-October.



DIVING

Explore Gibraltar's spectacular underwater world with more than 30 wrecks, reefs and pinnacles to choose from. With the constant influx of water from the Atlantic Ocean, Gibraltar enjoys teeming marine life in a vibrant display of colours. Visibility can be excellent making it great for underwater photography, and with long hot sunny days and mild evenings, night diving is a must.

EXCURSIONS

In addition to the attractions Gibraltar has to offer, it is also the perfect base from which to explore nearby Spain and Morocco. Visit Estepona's fascinating Sunday morning market or go on a sherry-tasting excursion to Jerez, or Ronda, the beautiful old town perched on a plateau in Spain's mountains. Alternatively, a short flight will take you to Morocco where you can buy spices and haggle over bargains in the souks of Casablanca & Tangier.

SAILING & YACHTING

It is difficult to imagine a better place to learn to sail than Gibraltar. The climate is warm, the Bay is sheltered but open sea, and indeed the ocean is close by. The sailing centres offer a full range of courses, from Competent Crew to the most advanced RYA qualifications.



PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP





HOTELS

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 CALETA HOTEL AA ★★★★★

The Caleta Hotel, Health, Beauty and Conference Centres is located 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 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@saphirenet.gi

Website: www.cannonhotel.gi

THE O'CALLAGHAN ELIOTT HOTEL AA ★★★★★

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.elliotthotel.com

THE ROCK HOTEL AA ★★★★★

The world famous Rock Hotel is perched majestically above the city, and enjoys splendid views of the Bay of Gibraltar. The attractive sea water 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

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

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

For further information contact us on:

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DID YOU KNOW?

Gibraltar is situated at the end of a 1.6 Kilometre long isthmus connected to Spain at the western end of the Mediterranean Sea and 24 Kilometres (15 miles) from the northern coast of Morocco. The isthmus is now the location of Gibraltar International Airport.



AIRLINES

BRITISH AIRWAYS
www.ba.com

ROYAL AIR MAROC
www.royalairmaroc.com

EASYJET
www.easyjet.com

For further information on routes and timetables please visit www.gibraltarairport.gi

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BA HOLIDAYS
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www.ba.com/gibraltar

MY GIBRALTAR
Tel: +44 (0) 208 518 4181
www.mygibraltar.co.uk

CLASSIC COLLECTION
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www.classic-collection.co.uk

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www.ospreyholidays.com

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GETTING TO GIBRALTAR, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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 Borders and Coastguard Agency 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 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 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.

LANGUAGES

The official language is English although Spanish is widely spoken.

TELEPHONES

Gibraltar's international dialling code is +350.

CURRENCY

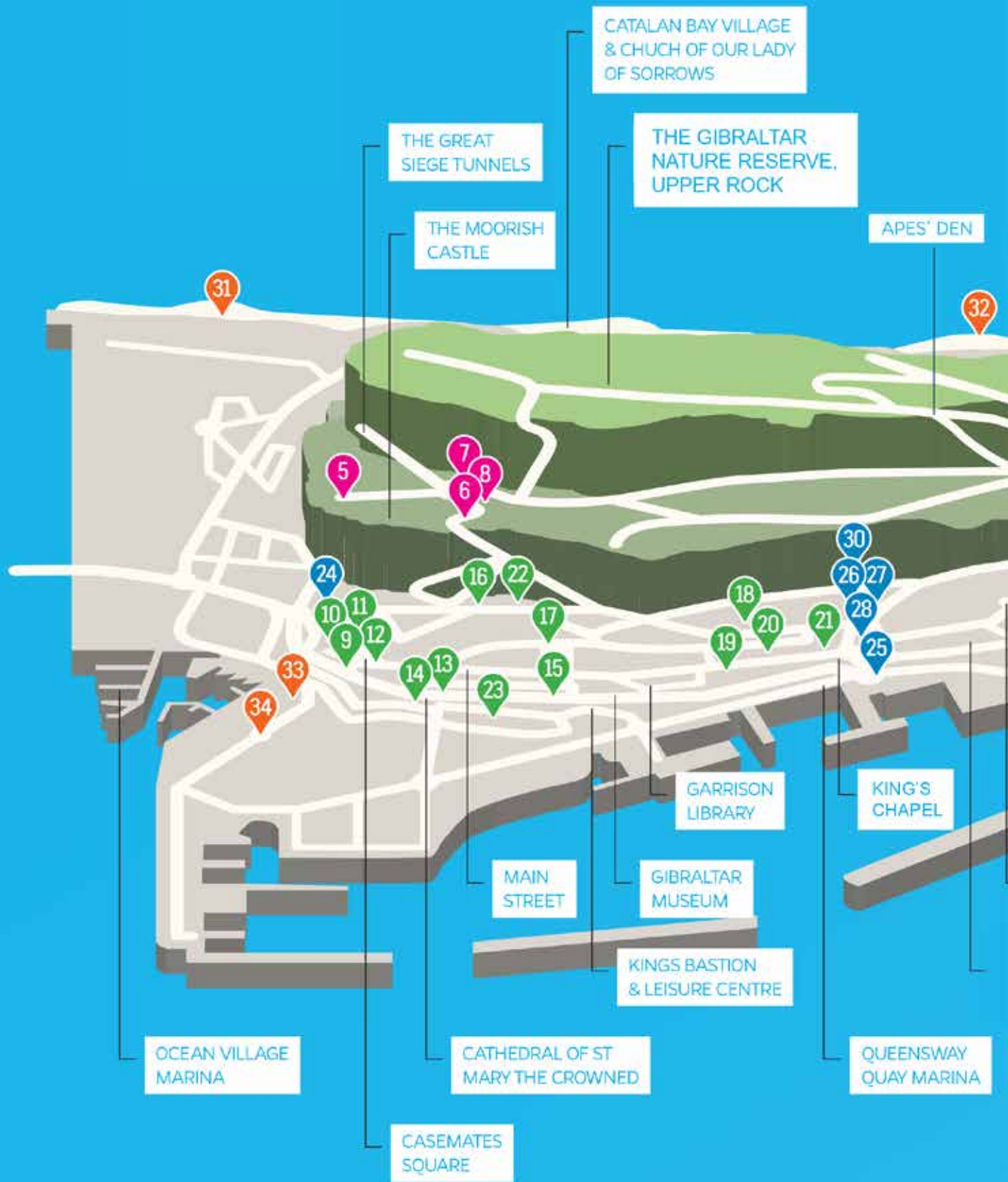
The legal tender in Gibraltar is HM Government of Gibraltar notes and coinage, although United Kingdom Sterling is equally welcome. There is a full range of international and UK banks. Credit cards, travellers cheques and Euros are widely accepted.

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 this is being recognised as such by specialist tour operators. HM Government of Gibraltar prioritises accessibility measures and is keen to develop the Rock as an accessible destination. Some hotels have accessibly equipped rooms.

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

Further information can be obtained at www.visitgibraltar.gi



THE UPPER ROCK

- ① Jew's Gate
- ② Pillars Of Hercules
- ③ Mediterranean Steps
- ④ O'Hara's Battery
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