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Guernsey and the Isle of Man Air Bridge

On Thursday 25 June, the Governments of Guernsey and the Isle of Man announced the launch of an 'Air Bridge' allowing travel between the jurisdictions without the need for self-isolating on arrival.

This air bridge is expected to be the first established by any governments in the British Isles, as well as being the first air bridge between two jurisdictions within the British Isles.

It is anticipated that commercial flights will begin in July, running for an initial six-week period. Aurigny – Guernsey's airline – is due to announce details of flight schedules and ticket sales in the week commencing 29th June.

The decision to form an air bridge follows talks last week between the Chief Ministers of Guernsey and the Isle of Man, as well as both governments' Public Health teams. Both jurisdictions have very similar measures in place for border controls from other locations, and robust testing and contact tracing capabilities, and neither have seen a new case of COVID-19 for several weeks. Aurigny and the airports in Guernsey and the Isle of Man have also worked together to ensure the air bridge can be opened quickly.

The Bailiwick has now reached phase five of its exit from COVID-19 lockdown, which allows for the re-opening of visitor accommodation premises on the islands.

Some potential visitors have indicated that they are prepared to undergo 14 days self-isolation on arrival to allow them travel to the Bailiwick for non-essential purposes, such as visiting friends and family, to take a break or for short-term work. Whilst this may now be possible in theory, the island is determined to protect the advances it has made in controlling COVID-19

locally, anyone contemplating travel to the Bailiwick should give full consideration of the requirements for the 14 days self-isolation before deciding to travel.

These requirements mean that weekend and short-breaks are not possible at the moment

Anyone travelling to the Bailiwick for work or pleasure MUST know their self-isolation address BEFORE they arrive.