



The Victor Hugo In Guernsey Society *Victor Hugo in Guernsey 2019 Conference* 28th to 30th June



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The Event

Once again, following successes in 2016 and 2018, the Society will be inviting leading Hugo experts from France, USA and UK to visit Guernsey and to speak about aspects of Victor Hugo's life and work, particularly while in exile in our island.

The Conference will be themed to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the publication of Hugo's *L'Homme qui rit - The Laughing Man*. Written in Guernsey, this story has been the inspiration behind a host of international adaptations and characters such as the Broadway stage play "Clair de Lune", a musical adaptation "The Grinning Man" at the Bristol Old Vic and London West End and as the comic book character, The Joker, in Batman.

Programme

Friday 28th June

During the day Island and St. Peter Port Tours will be available with Hugo accredited guides.

17:30 Vin d'Honneur in the Priaux Library. Centre of local history and Victor Hugo in particular.

18:00 Barbeque Supper in the grounds of the Library.

20:00 Screening of the internationally acclaimed film of *L'Homme qui rit*, which has English subtitles.

Saturday 29th June

09:00 Conference registration in the Harry Bound Room at Les Côtils Centre. Coffee & Tea available.

09:30 First of 2 illustrated talks by Hugo experts, interspersed with a break for conversation, coffee & tea.

12:00 A book launch from Gregory Stevens Cox,

12:30 Buffet lunch on Les Côtils Terrace.

14:00 Third & fourth illustrated talks by Hugo experts, interspersed with a break for conversation, tea & coffee.

16:30 Conference sessions close.

18:00 Conference Supper on Les Côtils Terrace.

20:00 An evening celebrating the music of Boublil and Schönberg, composers of the musical adaptation of *Les Misérables* and many other works.

Sunday 30th June

All day: visits to the recently restored Hauteville House.

Travel

By Sea: Manche Isles Express from Dielette at 09:00 on 28th, returning 18:00 on 30th June

The French tour agency "Jerseytour" has a visitor package for 28th to 30th June that includes accommodation.

Condor Ferries from St. Malo at 12:55 on 28th, returning at 13:50 on 1st June. Also from and to Poole daily.

By Air: FlyBe flies from Charles de Gaulle, Paris at 10:30 on 28th via Exeter; returning at 18:30 on 30th June.

Aurigny flies from Bristol at 12:20 on the 28th, returning at 10.55 on 1st July.

Contact & Booking

Please call the Society Hon. Secretary Roy Bisson on 07781 100 296 or email: sec@victorhugoinguernsey.gg

Booking will commence on 1st March on the website: www.victorhugoinguernsey.gg