



## THE UPPER ROCK

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**St. Michael's Cave:** This beautiful natural grotto was prepared as a hospital during WWII; today it is a unique auditorium. An immersive light and sound installation expressing layers upon layers of history fused with the Rock. These ancient clocks now lay dormant. The Awakening illuminates these sculptures of time and reawakens their hidden story. As you journey through the cave system you will encounter these giant ancient clocks brought back to life, vast hidden forms and towering flowstones that once again are in full motion. The experience culminates within the main cavern in a 360-degree projection and light spectacle. The awakening show takes place every 20 minutes.

There is also a lower segment that provides the most adventurous visitor with an experience never to be forgotten, however, these tours need to be pre-arranged.

**The Windsor Bridge:** This 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 71 metres in length, across a 50-metre-deep gorge.

**The Skywalk:** Standing 340 metres directly above sea level, the Skywalk is located higher than the tallest point of The Shard in London. Gibraltar's Skywalk offers breath-taking 360° views spanning three countries and two continents and links to other sites within the Upper Rock Nature Reserve.

**Apes' Den:** One of Gibraltar's most important tourist attractions, the Barbary Macaques are actually tailless monkeys. We recommend that you do not carry any visible signs of food or touch these animals as they may bite.

**The Great Siege Tunnels:** The Great Siege Tunnels are an impressive defence system devised by military engineers. Excavated during the Great Siege of 1779-83, these tunnels were hewn into the rock with the aid of the simplest of tools and gunpowder.

**World War II Tunnels:** During WWII an attack on Gibraltar was imminent. The answer was to construct a massive network of tunnels in order to build a fortress inside a fortress.

**9.2" Gun, O'Hara's Battery:** Located at the highest point of the Rock, O'Hara's Battery houses a 9.2" gun with original WWII material on display and a film from 1947 is also on show.

**Military Heritage Centre:** A fascinating array of artefacts of military history housed in Princess Caroline's Battery.

**Gibraltar, a City Under Siege Exhibition:** One of the first buildings ever constructed by the British in Gibraltar. Undoubtedly, the most important aspect of the building is the graffiti that can be seen on the walls, the earliest of which dates back to 1726.

**Moorish Castle:** The fortifications on and around the site of the Moorish Castle were first built in 1160. The Tower of Homage, its main feature, dates primarily from about 1333 AD when Abu'l Hassan recaptured Gibraltar from the Spanish.

**Cable Car:** Running since 1966, the Cable Car takes you to the top of the Rock where you can witness breath taking views.

## TOWN CENTRE

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**Casemates Square:** Named after the British Barracks located at the north of the square, this area has served many purposes. Formerly the site of public executions, this commercial square has become the hub of social activities.

**Fine Arts Gallery / Gustavo Bacarisas Gallery & Gibraltar Exhibition of Modern Art:** Three galleries within Casemates Barracks and nearby Montagu Bastion offering a wide selection of art pieces.

**Gibraltar Arts & Crafts:** Discover a wonderful range of unique products and artwork, all handcrafted by local artisans.

**American War Memorial:** This prominent arch was built into the main city wall in 1932 to commemorate the achievements and comradeship of the U.S. Navy and the Royal Navy during the First World War.

**The Mario Finlayson National Art Gallery:** The gallery opened in 2015 with exhibition rooms dedicated to Gibraltarian artists; Gustavo Bacarisas, Jacobo Azagury, Leni Mifsud, and Rudesindo Mannia. These four historic artists are considered the most renowned and prolific local artists.

Works by Mario Finlayson BEM are also shown in the entrance lobby. In addition, the gallery has a small projection room showing footage and interviews related to the artists exhibited.

**Cathedral of St. Mary the Crowned:** Situated on the site of a mosque, the Cathedral was badly damaged during the Great Siege although some of the early structure can still be seen. It was converted into a Roman Catholic Cathedral soon after 1462.

**Great Synagogue and Flemish Synagogue:** Gibraltar has a considerable Jewish community 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 can be arranged.

**Gibraltar National Museum:** The museum houses a collection of Gibraltar's original artefacts, old prints and photographs along with an audio-visual presentation of the making of the Neanderthal models, two very accurate forensic reconstructions of a Neanderthal woman and child. The Rock's rich military and diverse natural history is also represented while the lower part of the building is arguably the best preserved Moorish Bath House in Europe.

**King's Bastion:** King's Bastion was the keystone of Gibraltar's defences during the Great Siege. Today it is in use as a leisure centre, boasting a bowling alley, ice-skating rink and multi-screen cinema amongst its facilities. Adjacent to the leisure centre, one can enjoy a beautifully landscaped green recreational area called Commonwealth Park.

**Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Trinity:** Despite its deceptively Moorish appearance, the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity was not built until 1825. Among those buried here is General Sir George Don, under whose direction the cathedral was erected.

**Garrison Library:** This handsome building was inaugurated in 1793 and houses a remarkable collection of works on Gibraltar. There are weekly tours of the Library where you can discover its treasures.

**Spirit of The Rock:** Guided tour of a local gin distillery. Learn how botanicals are combined to create gin, whilst tasting various hand-made samples.

**King's Chapel:** A church beside The Convent where, beneath the colours of several British regiments, lie the remains of the wife of a Spanish Governor, together with other remains of British Governors.

**The Convent:** This building has been the official residence of Gibraltar's Governors since 1711. It was once a Franciscan convent, hence its name. A guard mount takes place at the entrance during the week.

**John Mackintosh Hall:** A centre of Gibraltar's cultural activities, which contains a public library, a theatre and conference hall along with rooms for exhibitions and other events.

**Trafalgar Cemetery:** A cemetery where two of those who died of wounds suffered in the Battle of Trafalgar are buried. A ceremony is held here every year, on Trafalgar Day, to commemorate Lord Nelson's victory in the historical battle.

## OUTSIDE THE CITY

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**Catalan Bay Village:** Genoese fishermen first settled in the area in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, although the village was named after it was considered a haven for Catalans fleeing from Napoleon's invasion of Spain in the 19<sup>th</sup> century

**The Marinas:** There are two marinas in Gibraltar, Ocean Village and Queensway Quay, offering excellent berthing facilities, shops, restaurants and a casino.

**Dolphin Watching:** Visit the dolphins in their natural environment in the Bay of Gibraltar. Boat tours depart from Marina Bay / Ocean Village.

**Alameda Botanic Gardens and Wildlife Park:** This beautiful green haven, with its plants and trees is indeed a hidden gem. Also located within the gardens is a Wildlife Conservation Park.

**Nelson's Anchorage – 100 Ton Gun:** This impressive Victorian super-gun was installed on the Rock in the late nineteenth century. The only other remaining one is found in Malta.

**Shrine of Our Lady of Europe and Museum:** Located at the southern end of the Rock, this shrine was originally a mosque and converted into a chapel by the Christians in 1462. There is a museum at the Shrine that depicts its long history.

**Mosque:** Built in 1997, the Mosque at Europa Point caters for the Muslim population of Gibraltar, most of them originating from Morocco. The mosque may be visited at certain times of the day.

**The Lighthouse:** The Gibraltar Lighthouse is the only one outside the U.K. regulated by Trinity House. It dates back to 1841 and stands 49 metres above sea level with a range of some 37 kilometres.

**Sikorski Memorial:** A memorial dedicated to General Wladyslaw Sikorski, the Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army and Prime Minister of Poland in exile who was killed in an air crash on 4 July 1943. The memorial is located at Europa Point, close to the Lighthouse and Harding's Battery. Dedication of the new structure took place on July 4 2013, the 70th anniversary of the crashed B-24 aircraft and tragic death of this wartime hero.

**The Gibraltar Natural History Museum:** This is located at Parson's Lodge and is part of the Gibraltar National Museum and the Gibraltar National Park, and holds a rich plant and animal community; its strategic position makes it a staging post for migratory birds moving between Africa and Europe; and its proximity to the coastline gives it added value in terms of marine and intertidal biology. The site includes interpretation panels as well as open-air, and enclosed exhibits telling the story of our rich natural history at a historic site which also includes much of Gibraltar's natural vegetation. If you are lucky, you may come across one of a number of animal species that have been reintroduced to Gibraltar at the site, such as the Hermann's tortoise (*Testudo hermanni*).

**Gorham's Cave Complex Viewing Platform:** The Viewing Platform overlooks the four World Heritage Site Neanderthal Caves. The caves themselves are subject to an annual quota of visitors because of their archaeological sensitivity and this facility provides spectacular views and interpretation of the site without risk of causing damage to the fragile archaeology.

## GETTING AROUND

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**Bus Tours:** Book an excursion with a local tour operator prior to visiting the Rock or if you are staying in a local hotel.

**Taxi Tours:** Visit the Upper Rock attractions with a personal guide in the comfort of a taxi.

**EBikes:** Daily guided ebike tours will show you the best of the rock at a comfortable, leisurely pace.

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