




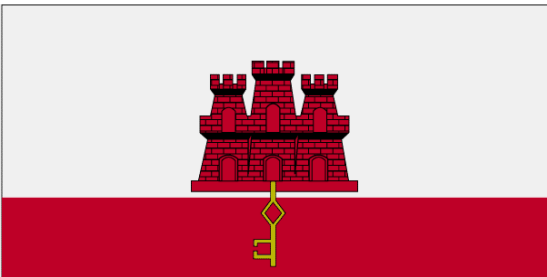
**INFORMATION
HANDBOOK
2007**

Name: **Gibraltar Hockey Association**

Postal Address: **P.O.Box 631, Gibraltar**

Chairman: **Mr Peter Pizarro** (E- ccppvc@gibtelecom.net)

General Secretary: **Mr Darren Davis** (E- bone@gibtelecom.net)

GHA Logo	Gibraltar Flag
	

Gibraltar Facts

Languages: **English & Spanish**

Population: **28,750**

Currency: **Sterling (£)**

Area: **8km² (5.8 sq. mi)**

Political system: **Democracy**



Where is Gibraltar



GEOGRAPHY

The rock itself is a mass of Jurassic limestone which runs from north to south for a length of 6 kilometres and a width of 1.2 kilometres. The north end is a flat sandy isthmus by which the Rock is connected to the Spanish mainland. The Gibraltar/Spain border crosses the isthmus. The northern and eastern faces are steep cliffs reaching a maximum altitude of 426 metres above sea-level. Recent reclamation schemes have added a much need 300,000 square metres to Gibraltar's available land area.

The climate is Mediterranean, a warm, dry summer alternating with a mild wet winter. During the year the daily mean temperatures are within the range of 12°C in January and 24°C in August. Snow and frost are extremely rare. Annual rainfall averages 899 millimetres, however year to year fluctuations are high. A climatic phenomenon very typical of the Rock is the famous Levanter cloud. This is a dense cloud cover which forms on the top of the Rock when humid winds are deflected upwards along the sheer face of the eastern side.

History

Gibraltar was captured in 1704, ceded by Spain to Great Britain by the Treaty of Utrecht of 1713, which stipulates that the Crown of Spain has to be given first option if the Crown of Great Britain ever decides to surrender sovereignty.

Spain began trying to recover Gibraltar, besieging the rock several times during the 18th century. However, in recent times Spain has tried to press its case through diplomatic channels by exerting pressure of various kinds on the Gibraltar population.

In 1969 Britain gave Gibraltar a new constitution, granting the inhabitants of the rock a large measure of internal self-government.

The 1969 Constitution is not recognised by Spain, nor is the Government of Gibraltar, the territory's elected representatives and the people's wishes.

For their part the people of Gibraltar fiercely assert their right to self-determination - their right to decide their own future

Welcome to Gibraltar

First time visitors will be pleasantly surprised with the diverse range of attractions on offer in Gibraltar.

Steeped in a history that has evolved from its strategic location at the southernmost tip of the Iberian Peninsula, where Europe meets Africa, visitors are assured of breathtaking scenery, wildlife and architecture that captures the unique flavour of this Mediterranean City and its inhabitants.

As a VAT free jurisdiction, Gibraltar's popularity with visitors is enhanced by its value added shopping experience in famed Main Street.

A wide range of activities from rock touring, to sailing, diving, fishing and bird watching bring visitors back again and again.

How To Get Here

Gibraltar is accessible by land, sea and air. Daily direct scheduled air services originate from the UK. There are regular scheduled air services to Gibraltar from Gatwick, Heathrow and London Luton, all less than three hours away.

By Air

Regular flights from the UK to Gibraltar are operated by British Airways, which flies from Gatwick and Heathrow. Also Monarch Scheduled, which flies from London Luton Airport. Charter services can also be arranged privately. To see flight schedules to Gibraltar please [click here](#).

New airline, Fly Gibraltar has also announced that it will begin operating scheduled flights to Gibraltar from London Stansted, Manchester, Birmingham, and Bristol in the United Kingdom and Dublin and Cork in the Republic of Ireland, as from March 2007.

Malaga airport serves as another main entry point by air as you can fly there from most major cities. For further information on travelling to Gibraltar from Malaga airport please [click here](#)

In order to be allowed into Gibraltar you will be required to be in possession of a valid passport. If you are unsure as to whether you require a visa to enter Gibraltar please [click here](#).

To book a flight to Gibraltar with BRITISH AIRWAYS from London Gatwick or London Heathrow Airport please call UK Reservations on 0845 77 333 77;
Or alternatively for more information on flight availability and fares, please log onto www.ba.com

To book a flight to Gibraltar with MONARCH SCHEDULED from London Luton Airport please call UK Reservations 0870 040 5040;
Or alternatively for more information on flight availability and fares, please log onto www.flymonarch.com

For more information on new airline FlyGibraltar please call 0870 774 7411 or visit www.flygib.com

For information on customs allowance from Gibraltar to the United Kingdom, please [click here](#).

By Road

Gibraltar is also accessible via Spain. Gibraltar adjoins the southern coast of Spain at the western end of the Mediterranean. In order to be allowed passed the border into Spain you will be required to be in possession of a valid passport. If you are unsure as to whether you require a visa to enter Gibraltar please [click here](#).

The land frontier is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and there are no limits on the number of frontier crossings you can make. There is no charge to enter Gibraltar.

If you are driving to Gibraltar from Spain, take the N340 or the A7 (Cadiz - Malaga highway) and turn off at Junction 119 into the N351, which takes you to La Linea, the

border town between Spain and Gibraltar. The frontier is just a five minute walk away from La Linea Bus Station.

For further information on how to get to Gibraltar from Malaga Airport please [click here](#).

For further information on customs allowances from Gibraltar into Spain, please [click here](#).

By Sea

Gibraltar, with its prime location at the southern tip of Europe, guarding the gateway to the Mediterranean, is an ideal port of call for cruise ships and yachts. Gibraltar is also accessible directly from Tangiers with only an 80 minute ferry crossing.

The reasons are not hard to find. Gibraltar is an attractive destination that is being continuously developed – not just economically and commercially but also from a tourism point of view. The town has modern services available. The airport is only a five-minute drive from the harbour, with daily connections to Gatwick, Heathrow and London Luton in the UK.

For further information on flights to and from Gibraltar, please [click here](#).

By Rail

For travellers with time to explore the surrounding regions around Gibraltar, it is possible to inter-rail through France and Spain. Itineraries can be made to suit your time schedule and details of train travel starting in the UK are detailed below.


- Travel from London Waterloo to Paris Gare du Nord station by Eurostar. For further details please visit www.eurostar.com or for telephone bookings please call 08705 186 186.
- Cross Paris by taxi or metro to the Gare d'Austerlitz station. For further information on travelling by metro please visit www.ratp.fr
- Travel overnight from Paris to Madrid Chamartin on the Trainhotel. The Trainhotel is a special articulated sleeping-car train with 4-berth tourist class sleepers, and 1 and 2 berth 'gran classe' sleepers with en-suite toilet and shower facilities. For further information please visit www.elipsos.com
- Travel from Madrid to Algeciras overnight on the 'Estrella del Estrecho (the star of the straits). The Estrella del Estrecho has air-conditioned 6 berth couchettes and a modern sleeping car with 1 and 2 berth rooms with en-suite shower facilities. For further information please visit www.renfe.es
- When arriving at Algeciras station, cross the forecourt to the bus terminal across the road. Buses leave every half hour to La Linea (the Spanish side of the frontier with Gibraltar), taking about 30 minutes. From here, simply walk across the border into Gibraltar.

Please be advised, in order to be allowed into Gibraltar you will be required to be in possession of a valid passport. If you are unsure as to whether you require a visa to enter Gibraltar please [click here](#).

To book train travel from London to Algeciras please contact:

Rail Europe Travel Centre

178 Piccadilly, London W1 - (nearest tube Piccadilly Circus and Green Park)

 0870 5848 848

 www.raileurope.co.uk

 reservations@raileurope.co.uk

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday 10.00 – 18.00 & Saturday 10.00 – 17.00

Lines open:

Monday to Friday 08.00 – 21.00, Saturday 09.00 – 18.00 & Sunday 10.00 – 17.00

Spanish Railways UK

 020 7224 0345

Lines open:

Monday to Friday 08.00 – 21.00


 www.spanish-rail.co.uk

www.renfe.es/ingles for timetables and fares

 enquiries@spanish-rail.co.uk

Ffestiniog Travel

Harbour Station, Porthmadog, Gwynedd
LL49 9NF


 01766 512400


 www.festtravel.co.uk

 info@festtravel.demon.co.uk

Trainseurope Limited

4 Station Approach, March, Cambridgeshire
PE15 8SJ

 01354 660222

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 www.trainseurope.co.uk

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For further information on rail travel and links visit www.seat61.com and select Gibraltar from the navigation bar.

Gibraltar Visa Requirements

THE FOLLOWING NATIONALS NEED A VISA FOR GIBRALTAR

All Stateless Nationals (including holders of documents issued by the United Nations Mission in Kosovo, and holders of Hong Kong Certificates and Declarations of Identity).

AFGHANISTAN	HAITI	RWANDA
ALBANIA	HONG KONG (Certificate of	SAO TOME E PRINCIPE
ALGERIA	Identity and Declaration of	SAUDI ARABIA
ANGOLA	Identity Holders)	SENEGAL
ARMENIA	INDIA	SERBIA & MONTENEGRO
AZERBAIJAN	INDONESIA	SIERRA LEONE
BAHRAIN	IRAN	SOMALIA
BANGLADESH	IRAQ	SRI LANKA
BELARUS	IVORY COAST	SUDAN
BENIN	JAMAICA	SURINAM
BHUTAN	JORDAN	SYRIA
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	KAZAKHSTAN	TAIWAN
BULGARIA	KENYA	TAJIKISTAN
BURKINA FASO	KOREA (Dem. People's	TANZANIA
BURMA (Myanmar)	Rep.)	THAILAND
BURUNDI	KOSOVO (Habitual Resident	TOGO
CAMBODIA	UKMIK Travel Documents)	TUNISIA
CAMEROON	KUWAIT	TURKEY
CAPE VERDE	KYRGYZSTAN	TURKISH REPUBLIC OF
CENTRAL AFRICAN	LAOS	NORTHERN CYPRUS
REPUBLIC	LEBANON	TURKMENISTAN
CHAD	LIBERIA	UGANDA
CHINA , People's Rep. of	LIBYA	UKRAINE
COLOMBIA	MACAO (SAR Passport and	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
COMOROS	Travel Permits)	UZBEKISTAN
CONGO , Democratic Rep.	MACEDONIA	VATICAN CITY (Service &
of	MADAGASCAR	Emergency Passport only)
CONGO , Rep. of	MALI	VIETNAM
CUBA	MAURITANIA	YEMEN
DJIBOUTI	MOLDOVA	ZAMBIA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	MONGOLIA	ZIMBABWE
ECUADOR	MOROCCO	
EGYPT	MOZAMBIQUE	
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	MYANMAR	
ERITREA	NEPAL	
ETHIOPIA	NIGER	
FIJI	NIGERIA	
GABON	OMAN	
GAMBIA	PAKISTAN	
GEORGIA	PERU	
GHANA	PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	
GUINEA	PHILIPPINES	
GUINEA-BISSAU	QATAR	
GUYANA	ROMANIA	
	RUSSIA	

As a general rule those who require a visa for entry to the UK also require a separate visa for entry to Gibraltar.

Applications should be made to any British Diplomatic Visa Issuing post in the applicant's normal country of residence (British Embassy) or in the UK, the visa section of the UK Passport Office in London (by appointment only).

**Counter 40,
The London Passport Office**

Globe House, 89 Eccleston Square, London
SW1V 1PN

Opening hours: 0900-1600 Monday to
Friday

 General Enquiry Line: 0870 521 0410

 Visa Issuing Dept: 020 7901 2151

 not available

 cruise.gtb@gibtelecom.net

Types of visa and cost:

Tourist, Business and Transit. All visas cost £28.

Application requirements:

(a) 1 application form. (b) Valid passport with at least 2 clear pages. (c) Proof of hotel reservation. (d) Fee (e) Return ticket

Note:

Visa Nationals with UK Multiple visas which have been issued for 12 months or more, regardless of category, are eligible to enter Gibraltar at the ultimate discretion of the Immigration Authorities without the need for an additional visa. This exemption also applies to persons who hold Indefinite leave to Remain in the UK and to persons who hold UK Certificates of Entitlement to the right of Abode (and have not been absent from the UK for more than 2 years). Persons who hold standard 6 month multiple visit visas are not exempted from the requirement to hold a separate visa for Gibraltar.

Persons who wish to avail themselves of these exemption arrangements but who enter Gibraltar from Spain intending to return there or those in transit into Spain will only be admitted if they hold valid Schengen Visas ensuring their entry /re-entry into Spain.

Visa requirements for other nationals wishing to visit Gibraltar are subject to frequent change at short notice and travellers should contact the UK Passport Office (see address section) for up-to-date information.

Temporary residence:

Prior permission must be obtained from the Government of Gibraltar if seeking employment (nationals of EU countries are exempt).

Passports:

Required by all except EU nationals in possession of a valid national identity card.

For information on Visa requirements please contact the

Immigration Department. Contact details as follows:

Immigration Department

Royal Gibraltar Police, New Mole House ,
Rosia Road, Gibraltar

+ 350 51725 /76948

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csro@gibtelecom.net

Where to stay

The Caleta Hotel

Tel: +350 76501

Fax: +350 42143

E-Mail: reservations@caletahotel.gi

Website: www.caletahotel.com



The four star Caleta Hotel offering spectacular views to Spain and North Africa is Gibraltar's largest hotel with an enviable position on the quieter side of the Rock, only five minutes by bus or taxi to the busy town centre. The location and proximity to the beach and the clear blue Mediterranean makes the hotel unique on the peninsular. The Caleta Health & Beauty Club offers resident guests complimentary use of the fully equipped air-conditioned gymnasium. The services of a team of personal trainers, beauty therapists, hairdresser and masseurs together with first class facilities make the Health & Beauty Club unique in Gibraltar. With 160 bedrooms having either a sea view or view of the famous Rock itself, tea and coffee making facilities and ceiling fans, visitors are assured of the comfort and quality one would expect of a four star property. Sea view rooms are equipped with mini-bars and air-conditioned deluxe rooms have a personal safe. A purpose built conference centre, renowned Italian restaurant with two AA awards, piano lounge bar, international restaurant, summer pool bar and al fresco dining in the Garden grill (private parties only), hotel boutique and outdoor swimming pool all complete the facilities on offer at this magnificent hotel.

This is the Associations preferred recommended hotel. Please be aware that Bookings made via ourselves will receive a more favourable price quote than through a travel agent or directly to the hotel.

Hockey Facilities

Located within the Victoria Stadium Sports Complex, next to Gibraltar Airport Gibraltar boasts of an International standard water-based synthetic turf hockey pitch and ½ pitch training area.



Nearby amenities, located at a 2 minute walk from the Marina Bay complex, where you can find various Bars & Dining establishments. A further 5 minutes walk will take you to the Town Centre.

Gibraltar Map

The link below will give you a basic view of Gibraltar and an idea of where sites are located: <http://www.dotcom.gi/map/wholemap.htm>

Final Word

For further information, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the General Secretary at: bone@gibtelecom.net

