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Guernsey Airport freezes most charges for 2009

SHORT-TERM car parking charges at Guernsey Airport will rise by £1 from 1 February, however the cost of long term spaces will remain unchanged.

Islanders will also still be able to park for free for the first hour, and most passenger and aircraft charges will be frozen to keep down the cost of travelling to and from Guernsey.

The increases in parking charges are the first since 2002. Motorists will pay £3.00 to park for up to six hours, £5.00 for up to 12 hours, and £7.00 for up to 18 hours.

Longer term parking will continue to cost £8.00 a day.

All passenger fees have been frozen except the security charge, which will increase by just seven pence to £1.21 per journey. This reflects the increase in costs.

Airport Director Colin Le Ray said airport parking charges had been frozen since 2002, except for the per day rate which was reduced in 2006 from £16.

‘Since we halved the cost of long term parking to just £8 a day the number of passengers taking advantage of this has more than doubled. It is now not just cheap for day trippers and business travellers, but also anyone going away for short breaks. They can choose the convenience of parking right by the terminal, and having their car there ready when they return,’ he said.

‘Even with the slight increase in some of the charge bands, we will still provide some of the cheapest parking of any airport. That benefits passengers as well as islanders meeting family or friends, and it is a deliberate policy to keep charges down.’

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Note to editors:-

Examples of typical short stay parking charges at selected UK airports.

Duration	Southampton	Gatwick	Bristol	Guernsey
First 15 minutes	FREE	£1	£2.50	
15- 30 minutes	£2.50	£2.40		Free
30 minutes - 1 hour	£3.60	£4	£3	
1 - 2 hours	£6.10	£5.80	£6	
2 - 3 hours	£7.10	£7.10	£8	
3 - 4 hours	£8.20	£8.80	£10	£3
4 - 5 hours	£11.70	£9.80	£15	
5 - 6 hours	£13.30	£11.30	£15	
6 - 9 hours	£16.90	£13.60	£15	£5
9 - 12 hours	£18.90	£14.50	£15	
12 - 18 hours	£20.40	£17.90	£22	£7
18 - 24 hours	£22.50	£21	£22	£8