

Group Day Out – Itinerary

Scenic South Coast by Steam

A nostalgic journey down the beautiful south coast of the Island on the historic Steam Railway line. One of the most popular group tours links key historic towns and villages, taking an onward journey by bus or coach to the remote Manx thatched cottages of Cregneash and majestic scenery at The Sound and Calf of Man.



Steam Train



Castle Rushen



The Sound and Calf of Man

MORNING

Arrive on the platform of Douglas **Steam Railway** station, to board the vintage carriages travelling through picturesque countryside and coastline. A short 35 minute journey Castletown, the Island's ancient capital with just a 5 minute leisurely walk into Castletown Square taking in views of the majestic Castle from the harbour, quaint fishing cottages and winding cobbled streets.

Choose free time in Castletown where the group can explore the impressive fortress of **Castle Rushen** - home to the Kings and Lords of Mann. Originally built for a Viking King and besieged by Robert the Bruce it's earned a reputation as one of the best preserved medieval Castle's in Europe. The furnished rooms tell of its eras and stories through the ages – including its use as a mint and a prison. The ground level fully accessible – featuring an exhibition room and cinema room which tells the history of the Castle and visual model of the rooms and views from the upper floors of the Castle for those who cannot take the spiral staircases to the ramparts.

Alternatively Manx National Heritage provide a **Castletown Heritage Site Tour** (of 2 hours) providing an introduction to all sites or tours can be arranged to take in more of the town and its maritime and political history. A sitting at the **Old House of Keys** is participatory letting your clients vote on the Island's laws or a visit to the **Nautical Museum** which was the home on the ingenious inventor and soldier Captain George Quayle and his armed yacht Peggy.

LUNCH

Castletown's food offerings range from traditional tea room, fine Italian and Japanese dining, artisan pizzas ([Secret Pizza](#)) or wholesome pub food can be found at [The George](#). A short drive or 20 minute walk round the coast can take you to the natural site and Scarlett Nature Discovery Centre with its volcanic rock formations

AFTERNOON

Continue the journey by coach or bus transfer to **The Sound**, the southernmost tip of the Island. One of the most scenic locations offering panoramic views of the Calf of Man islet, a bird observatory and home to many seals or rest on the rocks. Take time photo opportunities and a quick refreshment in the Sound Café.

Re-joining the bus or coach for the return journey stop at **Cregneash Village**. Step inside thatched cottages to see crafts in action and take in the beauty of the area spotting cats with no tails, Shire horses and four-horned Loagtan sheep. Group visits can be booked in advance (up to 1 hour) and car and coach parking is available.

It's a short return transfer onto Port Erin Railway station where there is the opportunity to take a walk to the resort towns sheltered bay with its views of **Bradda Head**, local shops or explore the **Port Erin Railway Museum**.

Your clients can take the hour journey taking in the southern scenery back to Douglas on the Steam Railway (allow one hour) and arriving back in Douglas to visit quayside restaurants or return transfer to their accommodation for dinner.

Contact

To arrange a group visit to any MNH attractions – Castle Rushen, Nautical Museum, Old House of Keys and Cregneash contact lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im, +44 (0) 1624 648017.

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