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Group and Travel Trade Guide 2023/24



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Situated between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, in the middle of the Irish Sea, the Isle of Man is a Celtic nation and Viking kingdom – and the first entire nation in the world to be recognised as a UNESCO Biosphere, a proud testament to the richness and scope of the Island's awe-inspiring nature, its ancient and compelling history, and the vibrancy of its culture.

Take your clients on a journey through a landscape rich in ancient monuments, historic castles, heritage railways, dramatic countryside and breath-taking coastline.



WELCOME to the Isle of Man

In 2022 Visit Isle of Man released an exciting and compelling ten year Visitor Economy Strategy 'Our Island, Our Future'. The strategy outlines an ambitious growth target of reaching 500,000 visitors per annum by 2032. The target reflects the confidence we have in the Isle of Man, and its ability to deliver an unrivalled visitor experience.

The challenge we must overcome is conveying this offering to potential partners and visitors. The new strategy clearly outlines the importance of travel trade partnerships if we are to be successful in achieving our goals. We have a renewed focus on building these relationships and are very much looking forward to working with you for the benefit of your clients.

This guide provides you with the information required to assist you in planning and building trips and short breaks. Our on-Island suppliers and partners, activities and experiences offer your clients a chance to fully immerse themselves in Manx culture and get a taste of what it is like to be a local!

The Isle of Man is home to an extraordinary offering for visitors; it is a UNESCO Biosphere with a 10,000 year story, a rich heritage,

outstanding natural landscapes, and a distinctive cultural identity which is demonstrated through annual festivals and events.

For those seeking adventure, the Island's dramatic coastline, countryside, hills and summits are perfect for exploring on foot or by two wheels, whilst it's emerald waters are host to many exhilarating watersports. No trip to the Isle of Man would be complete without sampling its vast array of award-winning, locally crafted and produced goods.

We hope that you will gain some inspiration from this guide and choose to do more business in the Isle of Man. Our team are always on hand to provide extra support and additional resources to help you create the perfect trip, matching your clients' wishes and ensuring they leave with lasting memories of a truly extraordinary trip.



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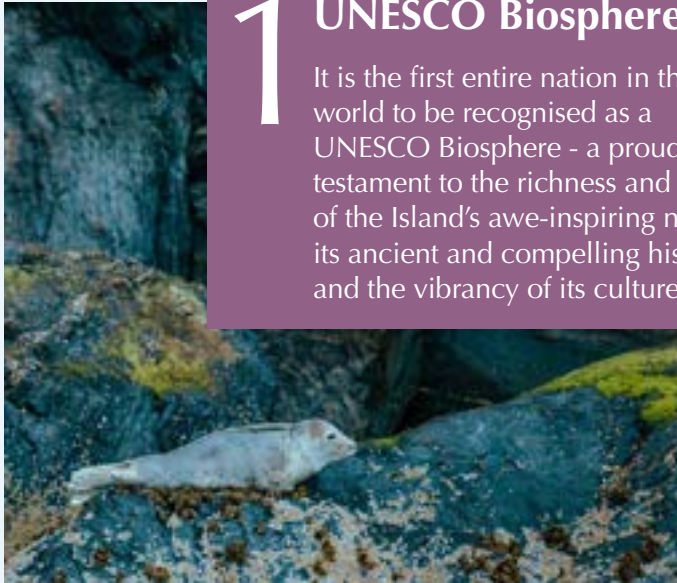
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10 Reasons to Choose the Isle of Man

1 UNESCO Biosphere

It is the first entire nation in the world to be recognised as a UNESCO Biosphere - a proud testament to the richness and scope of the Island's awe-inspiring nature, its ancient and compelling history, and the vibrancy of its culture.



2 Easily Accessible

The Isle of Man is just a short flight or hassle-free sail away from across the UK and Ireland. With flight times from as little as 30 minutes and high-speed or leisurely ferry services, the Isle of Man is the perfect escape, close to home.

3 33 National Heritage Sites

The Island's 10,000 year history is portrayed throughout the Island in a landscape rich in ancient monuments and in its wealth of historic castles, landmarks and buildings.

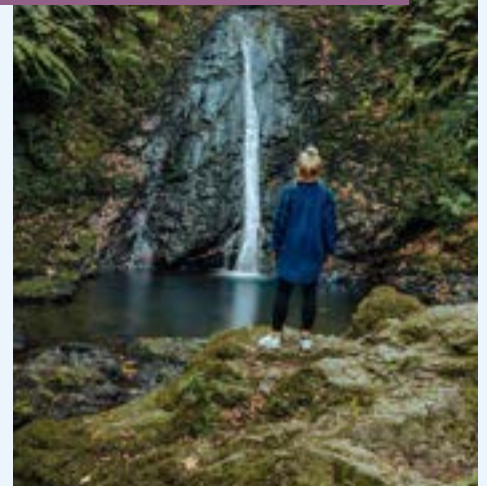


4 Doorstep Adventures

Clients can spend more time discovering and less time travelling. At just 33 miles long by 13 miles wide, the Island's extraordinary landscape provides the perfect adventure playground right on their doorstep, wherever they choose to stay.

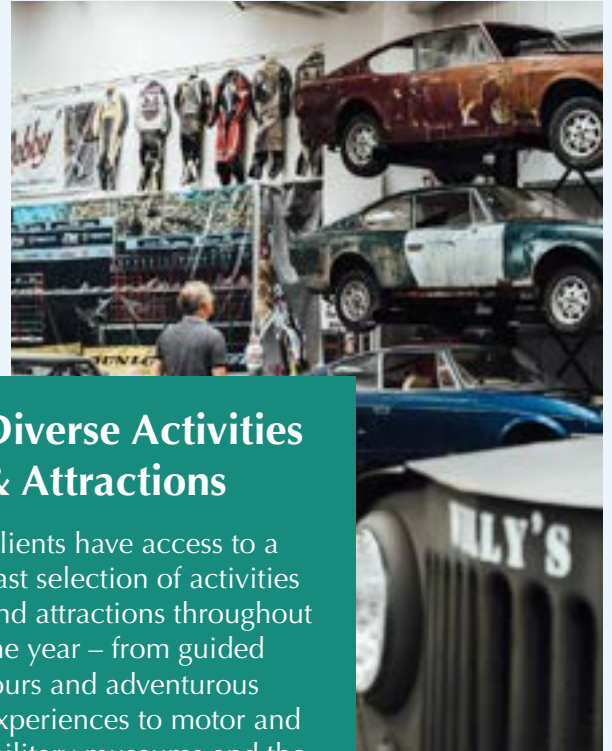
5 Heritage Railway Network

The Isle of Man is home to several historic railways including: Manx Electric Railway, Snaefell Mountain Railway, Isle of Man Steam Railway, Douglas Bay Horse Tramway, Great Laxey Mine Railway and Groudle Glen Railway.



6 Glens & Nature Reserves

With 18 National Glens, stunning nature reserves, forests and wild spaces the Island is the perfect location for walkers, cyclists, photographers and wildlife enthusiasts.



7 Diverse Activities & Attractions

Clients have access to a vast selection of activities and attractions throughout the year – from guided tours and adventurous experiences to motor and military museums and the iconic Gaiety Theatre.

8 Inspiring Events Calendar

With magnificent arts venues, unique cultural customs, world-famous racing circuits and a natural playground inspiring a variety of events – there is something to see and do at any time of the year.



9 Thriving Food & Drink Scene

Any itinerary will be enhanced with a food and drink tour, cooking experience or even just a trip to one of the many local establishments! Clients can discover local specialities - queenies, kippers, Manx ales, craft spirits and sparkling wines.

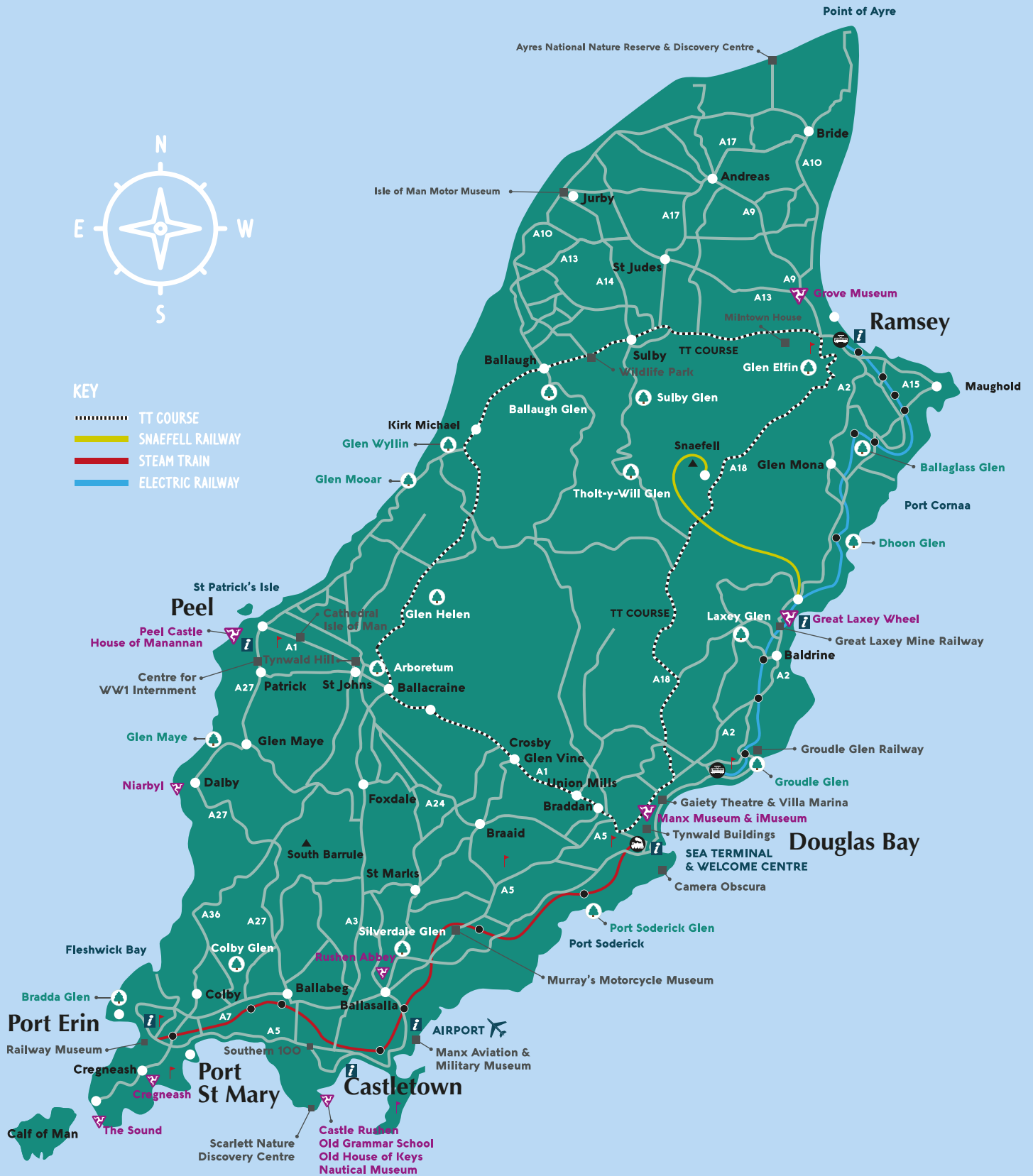


10 Quality Accommodation

The Island has an ongoing commitment to quality improvement, ensuring that all your clients' expectations are met. With a National Accessible Scheme, 'Access4' accolades and 'friendly schemes', there are plenty of options to welcome clients with additional requirements.

KEY

- TT COURSE
- SNAEFELL RAILWAY
- STEAM TRAIN
- ELECTRIC RAILWAY



Travel to and from the Island

Whether they choose to sail or fly to the Isle of Man, your clients will be impressed with how easy it is to reach Manx shores.

The Isle of Man Steam Packet company offer sailings throughout the year from Heysham and Liverpool, and seasonal sailings from Belfast and Dublin. There are also direct air links from airports across the UK and Ireland.

By Air

There are direct air links from airports across the UK and Ireland. More information can be found at: **www.gov.im/airport**



By Sea

The Ben-my-Chree operates from Heysham all year with the fast craft Manannan serving Liverpool, Belfast and Dublin seasonally.

Currently, coaches can only be carried on the year-round Heysham service. Groups travelling as foot passengers or with smaller vehicles are welcome on all services.

Seating upgrades are available on all routes, with the availability of reserved seating and Premium Lounges. From summer 2023 the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company are introducing a new custom-built passenger vessel into its fleet. Manxman, has a state of the art hybrid engine making travel greener. She replaces the Ben-my-Chree on the Heysham to Isle of Man route with enhanced passenger facilities, including an increased number of cabins, and 50% more passenger capacity.

For up to date information and timetables visit **www.steam-packet.com**

Group bookings and enquiries can be made via:

Tel: +44 (0) 1624 661661

Email: **groups@steam-packet.com**

Steam Packet Holidays can provide group travel and accommodation as a package, call them on **+44 (0) 1624 645777** or email **info@steampacketholidays.com** for further information.

Key contacts for organising your group visit

What	Who	Telephone Contact +44(0)	Email Contact	Website www.
Isle of Man Travel Trade Team	Visit Isle of Man	1624 686888	traveltrade@gov.im	visitisleofman.com/ traveltrade
Getting Here & Getting Around	Flights	1624 697400	admin@iom-airport.com	airport.im
	Isle of Man Steam Packet Company Sailings	1624 661661	groups@steam-packet.com	steam-packet.com
	Bus Vannin	1624 697400	publictransport@gov.im	bus.im
	Heritage Railways (and transport private hire)	1624 697400	hireme@gov.im	rail.im
	Tours Isle of Man	1624 822611	info@tours.co.im	tours.co.im
	Powerwheels - VIP Tours and Excursions / Golf Tours	7624 231223	ged.power@powerwheels.im	powerwheels.im
Key Group Organisers	Manx National Heritage Group Bookings Officer	1624 648017	lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im	manxnationalheritage.im
	Heritage Railways - Steam Train, Electric Tram, Snaefell Mountain Railway, Horse Tram	1624 697400	hireme@gov.im	rail.im
	Manx Wildlife Trust	1624 844432	graham@mwt.im	mwt.im
Tourist Information	Welcome Centre	1624 686801	manxwelcomecentre@gov.im	visitisleofman.com
On-Island Travel & Tour Operators	Duke Travel	1624 640044	info@duketravel.com	duketravel.com
	Isle of Man Event Services	1624 664460	info@iomevents.com	iomevents.com
	Steam Packet Holidays	1624 645777	info@steampacketholidays.com	steampacketholidays.com
	Visit IOM	1624 654654	travel@visitiom.co.uk	visitiom.co.uk
Self-Catering Accommodation Agencies	Island Escapes	1624 830200	visit@islandescapes.im	islandescapes.im
	The Cottage Agents	1624 667661	enquiries@thecottageagents.com	thecottageagents.com
	A supplier directory for serviced accommodation can be found on pages 14-19			
Tour Guides	Isle of Man Tour Guides - Blue Badge			isleofmantourguides.org
	A supplier directory for Island Tour Guides can be found on pages 40-43			



Travel Trade Hub

As part of our continuing collaboration with the Travel Trade in order to provide the best possible service and experience for clients, Visit Isle of Man have launched a Travel Trade Hub – a dedicated online source of information for Travel Trade professionals looking to organise trips to the Isle of Man.

By registering on our Travel Trade hub, you will have access to a wide range of information and resources to help plan your trip and refresh your Isle of Man tour programmes. You will find:

- Supplier Directory – a comprehensive directory to help you connect with accommodation providers, food and drink establishments, attractions and activity organisers and make transport and tour arrangements
- Product Planning and Familiarisation Packs - providing all the key product themes and highlights
- Itineraries and Inspiration

- Information about getting to the Isle of Man, and useful information about getting around
- Travel Trade Toolkit – including images and videos to help you promote the Isle of Man

By signing up to the hub, you will also receive our latest news bulletins to keep you updated with all the latest product information, marketing support and event information.

The hub is designed to cater for operators and agents providing trips for solo travellers to large groups and for adventure seekers to heritage enthusiasts. We have created a number of itineraries to inspire your tours, however our team are on hand to assist you in creating bespoke itineraries to meet your clients' interests if you are looking for something different.

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Cruise to the Isle of Man



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As an Island steeped in Viking and maritime heritage, no itinerary that includes the Irish Sea is complete without dropping anchor in the Isle of Man.

The Island has long been a favourite port of call for cruise lines, with a choice of berths and anchorages across our picturesque coastline, from the sweeping bay of Douglas's Victorian promenade in the east and the historic seaside town of Peel in the west, to the tranquil, scenic backdrops of Port St Mary and Port Erin in the south of the Island.

With short travel distances between various attractions and activities, your clients will be able to enjoy all the Isle of Man has to offer during the time they are ashore. Take advantage of one of the many shore-based excursions available and truly experience the Manx way of life.

Visit the world's largest working waterwheel, the Lady Isabella, in Laxey's picturesque village or board a vintage electric tram which will transport you from Laxey Valley to the summit of Snaefell, the Island's only mountain. Follow in the footsteps of Vikings at Peel Castle, or visit one of Europe's best preserved medieval castles, Castle Rushen. For those seeking thrill and excitement, take a trike tour on the world famous TT Mountain Course, where speed has no limit.

Our dedicated Cruise Team work closely with cruise lines, offering local expertise and advice for those who already visit our Manx shores, and also to those who have yet to discover the timeless spirit of the Isle of Man.

Cruise Isle of Man is a member of Cruise Britain and Cruise Europe. We attend annual trade events in the USA and Europe.

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Walk the Isle of Man

The Isle of Man is often described as Britain in miniature: offering the richness of Britain's landscapes, but all on your doorstep. With majestic scenery and varied terrain that is ever-changing, the Isle of Man is the perfect destination for clients interested in exploring on foot or looking for a dedicated walking tour.

Numerous self-guided trails are available for clients looking to explore in their own time, or for a more personalised experience you can book a knowledgeable guide for your clients. A list of tour guides can be found on pages 40 - 43.

Highlights include:

The iconic **100 mile 'Raad ny Foillan'** (Way of the Gull) coastal footpath. The Raad ny Foillan can be split into as many stages as walkers like so as to match their preferences and style of walking. Walk




the best of this stunning coastal footpath in 2-4 days from Castletown to Peel. This section offers diverse scenery, opportunities to spot marine life as well as fascinating geological wonders at Scarlett and Niarbyl Bay. The final day's hike also takes you to the highest point on the entire coastal path at 1,434ft.

Experience the best of the Isle of Man with our **Railway Rambles**, all based around our impressive network of Heritage Railways. Ranging from 3.5miles to 12.5miles these walks are a great way to explore the Island and experience key towns and villages and cultural experiences.

New for 2023: **Manx Summits walking routes**. With eight different walking routes, your clients can scale the Island's 26 summits over 1,000ft. The Manx uplands offer remote walking and the chance to see some exceptional viewpoints, natural beauty and wildlife.

Group Accommodation Guide:

Over the following pages, you will find a selection of serviced accommodation suitable for groups where your clients will be guaranteed value, a brilliant service and a warm Manx welcome. The list has helpful information including key contact details and the number of clients they can accommodate.





Name	Ascot Hotel	Best Western Palace Hotel & Casino*	Chesterhouse Hotel**
Brief Description			
	<p>Warm and friendly, family run hotel with views of Douglas Bay. Onsite restaurant and range of room types. 15 rooms have walk-in showers.</p> <p>Address 7 Empire Terrace Douglas IM2 4LE</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 675081 info@ascothotel.im www.ascothotel.im</p>	<p>Central Douglas location with commanding views of Douglas Bay, cinema, restaurant, indoor swimming pool and health club plus the Island's only licensed casino.</p> <p>Address Central Promenade Douglas IM2 4NA</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 697070 reservations@palacehotel.co.im www.palacehotel.co.im</p>	<p>Central location to Douglas Promenade, very close to shops, bars and restaurants. Great value en-suite accommodation. Sea views available on request subject to availability.</p> <p>Address Loch Promenade Douglas IM1 2LY</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 675511 reservations@sleepwellhotels.com www.sleepwellhotels.com</p>
Total Rooms	40	135	67
Double Rooms	9	54	31
Twin Rooms	23 - Twins can be zipped up to King Size	79 - 18 of which can be doubles	12
Single Rooms	4	135~	5
Larger/Family Rooms	3 - 3 bed 1 - 4 bed	0	15 - 3 bed 4 - 4 bed
Suites	0	2	0
Max Group Size	50	270	50
Restaurant Covers	70	Paragon 70, Shearwater 80-120, Cushag 180-270	100
Group Rates	Y	Y	Y
On Site Car Park Spaces	0	Y	0
Coach Parking	On Promenade	Y	On Promenade

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Name	Claremont Hotel**	Comis Hotel & Golf Resort	Ellan Vannin Hotel	Empress Hotel
Brief Description	 <p>Located on the promenade in the Island's capital, Douglas, the Claremont with 4* Gold status is the highest rated hotel on the Isle of Man. A la carte dining, premium groups hotel.</p> <p>Address 18-22 Loch Promenade Douglas IM1 2LX</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 617068 reservations@claremont.im www.claremont.im</p>	 <p>Comis at Mount Murray is only minutes from the Island's capital Douglas. With its beautifully appointed bedrooms, two restaurants and leisure facilities and championship golf course the resort is the perfect destination for planning your conference or group visit to the Island.</p> <p>Address Mount Murray Santon IM4 2HT</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 661111 reception@comismountmurray.co.uk www.comishotelandgolfresort.com</p>	 <p>Located in the heart of Douglas, boasting stunning views over Douglas Bay and Promenade, the hotel is just a stone's throw away from the Sea Terminal, shops, restaurants and bars. Their ocean view bar and restaurant is open till late daily. Sea view rooms available on request and subject to availability.</p> <p>Address 31 Loch Promenade Douglas IM1 2LY</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 674824 info@ellanvanninhotel.im www.ellanvanninhotel.im</p>	 <p>All bedrooms and public areas have been refurbished in 2018. Central location, close to shops with views of Douglas Bay, sea view and standard rooms, two restaurants, function rooms, a piano bar, onsite gym, sauna and steam room plus beauty rooms.</p> <p>Address Central Promenade Douglas IM2 4RA</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 661155 reservations@theempreshotel.net www.theempreshotel.net</p>
Total Rooms	56	105	29	104
Double Rooms	21	79	3	37
Twin Rooms	8	8	19 - can be doubles	30
Single Rooms	3	Double/twin rooms used as single occupancy	4	31
Larger/Family Rooms	0	17 interconnecting rooms	1 - 3 bed	4 - 3 bed
Suites	24	1	2	2
Max Group Size	30	200	55	52
Restaurant Covers	60	2 x 120	50	180
Group Rates		Y	Y	Y
On Site Car Park Spaces	0	180	0	0
Coach Parking	On Promenade	Onsite Car Park	On Promenade	On Promenade




Name	Hotel Halvard	Hydro Hotel	Mannin Hotel
Brief Description	 <p>The Halvard is within easy walking distance from the Sea Terminal, Villa Marina and the Gaiety Theatre. The hotel is the perfect base for business or pleasure boasting luxurious rooms, cocktail lounge, and fully equipped business centre for the use of all guests.</p> <p>Address Loch Promenade Douglas IM1 2NA</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 844040 bookings@halvard.co.uk www.halvard.co.uk</p>	 <p>The Hydro is a well-established seafront hotel offering modern facilities whilst retaining much of its original charm. They welcome guests throughout the year to enjoy their facilities, including their bars and restaurant. The Hydro is conveniently placed close to shops, pubs, restaurants and the casino. It is only a short walk or bus ride into Douglas town centre. Group prices include portage and entertainment.</p> <p>Address Queens Promenade Douglas IM2 4NF</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 676870 enquiries@hydrohotel.co.im www.hydrohotel.co.im</p>	 <p>Mannin Hotel is a modern purpose built hotel in central Douglas. Architecture and design are inspired by Archibald Knox and Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Open plan bar and restaurant create a unique airy space and offer a relaxed dining experience. Private secure parking available.</p> <p>Address 8-16 Broadway Douglas IM2 4EL</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 602555 info@manninhotel.im www.manninhotel.im</p>
Total Rooms	20	56	54
Double Rooms	15	18	54 - all rooms can be twin
Twin Rooms	2	21	All doubles can be twin
Single Rooms	1	5	0
Larger/Family Rooms	0	6 - 3 bed 6 - 4 bed	10 are interlinking to create family rooms
Suites	2	0	0
Max Group Size	20	120	25
Restaurant Covers	40	120	80
Group Rates		Y	Y
On Site Car Park Spaces	0	0	15
Coach Parking	On Promenade	On Promenade	On Promenade



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Name	Regency Hotel	Rutland Hotel**	Sefton Hotel*
Brief Description	 <p>Over 25 years the Regency Hotel has built up an enviable reputation as being able to consistently meet the requirements of the international business traveller and discerning leisure guest. The hotel prides itself on providing high standards of service and levels of sophistication.</p> <p>Address Queens Promenade Douglas IM2 4NN</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 680680 mail@regency.im www.regency.im</p>	 <p>Quiet seafront Douglas location, modern en-suite accommodation, short walking distance to town centre with excellent views of Douglas Bay, restaurant, residents bar and nightly entertainment in season.</p> <p>Address Queens Promenade Douglas IM2 4NS</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 695240 rutland@sleepwellhotels.com www.sleepwellhotels.com</p>	 <p>Victorian elegance on the Promenade overlooking Douglas Bay and just across the road from the main shopping street. Onsite gym, bar and restaurants, adjacent to the Gaiety Theatre and Villa Marina Gardens.</p> <p>Address Harris Promenade Douglas IM1 2RW</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 645500 reservations@seftongroup.co.im www.seftonhotel.co.im</p>
Total Rooms	38	64	101
Double Rooms	15	22	63 - all rooms can be single
Twin Rooms	3	13	20
Single Rooms	13	15	8
Larger/Family Rooms	2 - 4 bed	14 - 3 bed	3 - 4 bed
Suites	5	0	7
Max Group Size	30	50	200
Restaurant Covers	64	100	Harris Restaurant 67-80, Garden Room 120, Cowell Suite 40
Group Rates	Y	Y	Y
On Site Car Park Spaces	0	0	Y
Coach Parking	On Promenade	On Promenade	On Promenade

Name	Sefton Express*	Falcons Nest Hotel
Brief Description	 <p>In the South of the Island near the airport but just a 15 minute drive into the capital, Douglas. Tourist attractions including Rushen Abbey and Castle Rushen are just a few minutes' drive away.</p> <p>Address Ronaldsway Airport Ballasalla IM9 2SE</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 697070 reservations@seftongroup.co.im www.seftonexpress.co.uk</p>	 <p>Value for money, family run hotel, 10 minute drive from the airport and 30 minutes from Douglas. Restaurant and bar overlook the beautiful Port Erin Bay.</p> <p>Address Station Road, The Promenade Port Erin IM9 6AF</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 834077 info@falconsnesthotel.co.uk www.falconsnesthotel.co.uk</p>
Total Rooms	33	39
Double Rooms	33 - can be single or twin	22
Twin Rooms	All doubles can be twin	9
Single Rooms		1
Larger/Family Rooms	0	4 - 3 bed 3 - 4 bed
Suites	0	0
Max Group Size	66	20
Restaurant Covers	Reception/dining area 35	94
Group Rates	Y	Y
On Site Car Park Spaces	Y	
Coach Parking	Y	



Rushen Abbey, Ballasalla

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Name	Ramsey Park Hotel#	Sulby Glen Inn
Brief Description	 <p>Modern purpose built hotel overlooking Ramsey Beach and Mooragh Park, onsite restaurant, bar and terrace, free internet and onsite parking. Free swimming in local pool just a 3 minute walk away. 4 fully accessible rooms. M3i rated. 9 bedrooms with walk in showers.</p> <p>Address Park Road Ramsey IM8 3AR</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 818123 info@ramseyparkhotel.com www.classiclodges.co.uk/ramsey-park</p>	 <p>A traditional country inn, the hub of the local community. Their 10 bedrooms provide a cosy friendly atmosphere. All rooms are en-suite, most having walk in showers. Our food is locally sourced and home cooked. The bars boast TT and MGP memorabilia, especially of world famous Dan Sayle, son of the resident owners. The hotel is dog friendly.</p> <p>Address Main Road Sulby IM7 2HR</p> <p>Contact +44 (0) 1624 897240 sulbyglenhotel@manx.net www.sulbyglen.net</p>
Total Rooms	60	10
Double Rooms	57 - can be twin or single occupancy	5
Twin Rooms		2
Single Rooms		3
Larger/Family Rooms	2 - 4 bed	0
Suites	1	0
Max Group Size	120	17
Restaurant Covers	Lake View Restaurant 60, 250 Ayres function suite	40
Group Rates	Y	Y
On Site Car Park Spaces	100	20
Coach Parking	Onsite Car Park	Y



The Grove, Ramsey

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Quality Accommodation

The Island caters for groups of all sizes and ages and offers the flexibility to cater for all your clients' requirements. An extensive range of self-catering accommodation, serviced apartments and boutique bed and breakfasts supports our hotel and guest house range and helps to deliver the best of Manx welcome, character and charm.

Visit Isle of Man have an ongoing commitment to quality improvement, ensuring that visitor expectations are met. Following the introduction of the **National Accessible Scheme**, several accommodation options have been assessed and accredited with a mobility rating ranging from M1 to M3i.

Working in partnership with Quality in Tourism, Visit Isle of Man have also introduced '**Access4**' accolades to help promote businesses to potential visitors who may have additional access needs, including walking difficulties, hard of hearing or registered deaf, partially sighted or registered blind.

As we look to drive visitor growth through the travel trade and focus on attracting visitors with an interest in experiencing our UNESCO Biosphere we have developed a series of **Friendly Schemes** to give our visitors the comfort of knowing that their selected accommodation provides specific services and facilities to meet their needs. These include walker friendly, dog friendly, cyclist friendly, car club friendly and group friendly.

By law on the Isle of Man all visitor accommodation is subject to a compulsory annual registration with Visit Isle of Man at the Department for Enterprise. The process ensures that all legal, health and safety and accommodation quality standards have been adhered to so that the safety and wellbeing of your clients is guaranteed during their stay. All properties also undergo an inspection visit by an independent assessor and are issued a certificate and awarded a star rating.

Further to this supplier list there is more choice of accommodation and contact details available in our supplier directory on visitisleofman.com/traveltrade. If you are looking for something a little different for your client, a full range of accommodation options can be found at www.visitisleofman.com/stay.



Getting around the Island



Steam Railway



Manx Electric Railway

Go Explore Unlimited Heritage Passes

The Isle of Man is just 33 miles long by 13 miles wide which means nothing is too far away so you can see and do a lot in a short space of time.

The Island offers the advantage of an extensive and unique public transport network – including buses, steam trains, electric trams and horse trams so groups travelling without their own transport are well catered for.

Groups will be surprised by how easy it is to explore the Island's 221 square miles either by coach, scheduled or private hire bus service, on foot, or aboard the Victorian steam and electric railways.

“Travelling around the Island was a piece of cake with my Go Explore Heritage Card”

The best way to make travel seamless and cost effective is to buy a Go Explore card. The card entitles the holder to unlimited travel on our scheduled bus, heritage rail (including Groudle Glen and Laxey Mines Railway) and Horse Tram services for 1, 3, 5 or 7 consecutive days.

To make things even easier we offer a 5 day Go Explore Heritage card which includes unlimited travel plus admission to all Manx National Heritage attractions.

Find out more - call Isle of Man Transport before your group visits on **+44(0)1624 697400**. We can discuss the most cost effective way to get around the Island and offer discounts for groups of 20 or more.



Bus Vannin

Operates a comprehensive state of the art bus service which serves the whole Island on a regular basis. This includes Ronaldsway Airport and the Sea Terminal. Late night services also run on weekends. All buses are equipped with low access ramps, extra large windows and free WiFi. Transfers, half and full day hires available at competitive rates.

Email hireme@gov.im to discuss your bespoke requirements.

Railways

The Isle of Man boasts six heritage railways - Steam Railway, Manx Electric Railway, Snaefell Mountain Railway, Great Laxey Mine Railway, Douglas Bay Horse Tramway and the Groudle Glen Railway.

Getting around the Island

Isle of Man Steam Railway

Step back in time for a journey your clients will never forget. Experience the grandeur of travelling between Douglas and the south of the Island on a Victorian railway.

Customers can sit back, relax and enjoy a journey through the beautiful Manx countryside thanks to Victorian engineering that has well and truly stood the test of time.

Opened in 1873, this narrow gauge railway still runs with its original locomotives and carriages, through an ever changing landscape, to a choice of destinations in the south of the Island. These include the ancient monastery of Rushen Abbey, the impressive Castle Rushen, the Old House of Keys and the Nautical Museum all within the ancient capital Castletown and within walking distance of the town's station. Further down the line there are a number of sheltered, sandy beaches, and the IoM Steam Railway Museum at Port Erin.

A one way journey through the beautiful Manx countryside, on a track running the full length of Douglas to Port Erin, takes an hour to complete. In July and August, the peak months of the holiday season, there are up to seven return trains a day, one of which is an evening service.

Additional information: Coach drop off points at Douglas and Castletown railway stations, onsite coach parking available at Port Erin railway station, disabled access is available on board by pre-booking, onsite café available at Douglas and Port Erin railway stations, onsite gift shop at Douglas, Castletown and Port Erin railway stations. Pre-booking is recommended.

Group Dining with a Difference on the Dining Train

“The Dining Car was the highlight of my trip”

Pullman style fine dining can be experienced in the Steam Railway's beautifully restored Dining Car.

Built in 1905 and restored in the Spring of 2013, the plush Dining Car is one of only a handful of fine dining narrow gauge dining cars in the world. Offering a mouth-watering menu using only the finest Manx produce, the Dining Car is fully licensed and has a carefully crafted list of 14 wines and a Cocktail Bar Car. With capacity of up to 88 people the Dining Car offers a variety of events to cover a wide range of budgets from our Pie and Mash nights to exquisite gourmet dinners. The Dining Car is also available for private hire with menus tailored to your group.

Visit www.rail.im to see a full list of scheduled dining events, or email hireme@gov.im to discuss any bespoke requirements for your group.

THE DINING CAR



Getting around the Island



Manx Electric Railway

Take an unforgettable journey along the east coast on this unique Island railway which dates back over 100 years.

The Manx Electric Railway was built between 1893 and 1899 and connects the Island's capital, Douglas, with Laxey in the east and Ramsey in the north. The 17.5 mile railway journey takes 75 minutes and will take you along some of the most scenic stretches of railway in the British Isles.

On one side you'll experience the beautiful Manx countryside, glens and picturesque villages and to the other you'll have far reaching views out to sea.

There are currently 48 official stations and stops on

the line. Maximum group size: 76 people per tram (multiple trams available).

Average length of visit: 1 hour is full line length, 30 - 45 minutes to/from Laxey.

Passengers can alight at Laxey in order to board the Snaefell Mountain Railway.

Additional information: Coach drop off points at Derby Castle, Laxey and Ramsey railway stations, onsite coach parking available at Laxey station. Disabled access available on board by pre-booking, onsite café at Laxey and Dhoon railway stations. Pre-booking recommended.

Getting around the Island



Snaefell Mountain Railway

Dating from 1895, Laxey is the starting point for the Snaefell Mountain Railway, a unique Victorian enterprise which winds its way up 2,000 feet to the top of Snaefell. Snaefell is the Island's only mountain, its summit 2036 feet (621 metres) above sea level. The name Snaefell, or Sniaull in Manx, comes from the Norse for Snow Mountain.

On your journey up the mountain there are spectacular views on a clear day. It's the only place in the British Isles where you can see seven kingdoms - England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Heaven, Mann and the Sea - just by turning around.

A range of special dining events offer stunning views at the Snaefell summit café, from Sunset Dinners to Pie in the Sky, the latter featuring stargazing and supper with the Island's Astronomical Society. All welcome group and private bookings.

Visit www.rail.im to see a full list of scheduled dining events, or email hireme@gov.im to discuss any bespoke requirements for your group.

Average length of visit 1 hr 20 round trip. Maximum group size 48 per tram, multiple trams available. Why not link with the Manx Electric Railway for a half or full day itinerary.



Getting around the Island



Douglas Bay Horse Tram

The horse trams are an iconic part of the Isle of Man. Started in 1876 by Thomas Lightfoot to take advantage of the booming tourist trade, the 3ft gauge horse tramway runs from the main depot at Derby Castle, along the Promenade to the Villa Marina and Gaiety Theatre and new Cultural Area.

Many of the original fleet of cars are still in use today, and it is a popular tourist attraction. It is the oldest surviving Horse Tramway in Britain. Linking with the Manx Electric Railway at Derby Castle, this is a great way to start or end your journey.

Group visits to the Horse Tram Depot and Stables are welcome by prior arrangement, please email hireme@gov.im



Getting around the Island

By Vehicle and Car Hire

Your clients' own vehicle, minibus or coach can make the journey to the Island by ferry, but car, campervan and motorcycle hire is available on the Island.

We have a number of self-drive routes complete with Google map that can include key must-see attractions and landmarks.



By Bike and Cycle Hire

Foot passengers on the Isle of Man Steam Packet ferry can bring their cycle bike for free – improvements are currently being made for better provision for cyclists on the new vessel Manxman.

The Island has hire shops or tour companies which offer cycle touring. You can be sure to find something to suit your clients requirements. Most cycle hire services provide delivery and collection service to their chosen accommodation.

A number of self-guided road cycling and mountain bike routes along with guides and maps that cover the Island's trails and connecting inter-forest routes are available.



Tours and Taxis

A selection of local tour guides offer transportation and touring in their luxurious and comfortable vehicles, while the majority of guides can offer step-on guiding services for your minibus or coach.

For more extreme and experiential tour options be sure to look for tours offered by trike or helicopter! Local guides present a number of different tours, specialisms and experiences of the Isle of Man or can create something bespoke for your clients.



Events and Private Hire

During the year Isle of Man Transport offer an array of exciting events, from a 1940's day on the Steam Railway, to learning how to drive a Manx Electric Tram as part of the annual famous Transport Festival.

Many of the events are free to attend and all information can be found on the website: **www.rail.im**

Alternatively, Bus Vannin, Heritage Rail and Douglas Bay Horse Tram offer a private bespoke hire service from vintage or state of the art modern double and single decker buses to steam trains.

The Isle of Man Transport have a dedicated team to ensure all your requirements are met and in the most cost effective way. Please contact **hireme@gov.im** or call **+44 (0) 1624 697400**.

For more information on any of your transport needs please contact Transport Headquarters on **+44 (0) 1624 697400** or email **publictransport@gov.im**

Groudle Glen Railway

Owned and operated entirely by volunteers, this two-foot gauge railway has been fully restored and now runs between the Groudle Glen and the Sea Lion Rocks – it's the line that goes uphill to the sea! The railway operates steam, diesel and electric engines plus the original 1896 locomotive Sea Lion.

Open: May to September
Maximum group size: 150 people

Average length of visit: 1 hour
Tel **+44 (0) 1624 670543**
Email **ggr@ggr.co.uk**
www.ggr.org.uk

Additional information:
Coach drop off point, onsite café, onsite gift shop, pre-booking required.



Great Laxey Mine Railway

Find out more about the Island's mining history by riding in tiny carriages along the line which used to carry lead and zinc ores from deep inside the Great Laxey Mine. En route you'll pass beneath the main Laxey to Ramsey road and through the longest railway tunnel on the Island.

Open: March to September

Average length of visit: 30 minutes
Tel **+44 (0) 1624 624007**
Email **minerrailway@manx.net**
www.laxeyminerrailway.im

Additional information:
Nearby coach parking and gift shop.

Go Explore passes are valid on Groudle Glen and Laxey Mine Railways.



North and East of the Island



Things to see and do - North



The Fynoderee Distillery

What	Where	When
1 Ayres Visitor Centre & Nature Trail	The Ayres, Lhen Road, Bride IM7 4BF	Visitor Centre open end of May to end of September.
2 Curraghs Wildlife Park	Main Road Ballaugh IM7 5EA	9.30am - 5pm in summer, open Thursday to Sunday in winter 9.30am - 4pm
 Grove Museum	Andreas Road, Ramsey IM8 3UA	Check website for opening hours.
3 Jurby Transport Museum	Hangar 230 Jurby Ind. Est. Jurby, IM7 3ED	Sat, Sun, Tues & Bank Holidays in Season, 10am - 4pm Sundays out of Season, 10am - 4pm
4 Isle of Man Motor Museum	Jurby Road, Jurby IM7 3BD	Check website for opening hours.
5 Milntown Estate & Gardens	Milntown, Lezayre, IM7 2AB	Gardens in Season 10am - 5pm House Tours by arrangement Café open all year daily except Tues 10am - 5pm
6 The Victory Café	31st Milestone, TT Race Course, Mountain Road, Lezayre, IM4 5AF	Thursday to Sunday, 9am to 4pm
7 The Fynoderee Distillery	Parsonage Road, Ramsey, IM8 2EE	Check website for opening hours.

Things to see and do - North



Milntown Estate & Gardens



Curraghs Wildlife Park

Contact	Group Rates	Key
www.mwt.im +44 (0) 1624 844432 enquiries@mwt.im	FREE	Parking - car
www.curraghswildlifepark.im +44 (0) 1624 897323	Yes	Café • Parking - car & coach • Gift shop • Toilets
www.manxnationalheritage.im +44 (0) 1624 648017 lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im	Yes	Parking - car & coach • Gift shop • Refreshments • Guided tours • Access guide • Toilets
www.jtmiom.im jtminfo@manx.net	FREE	Parking - car & coach • Gift shop • Toilets
www.isleofmanmotormuseum.com +44 (0) 1624 888333 info@isleofmanmotormuseum.com	Yes	Parking - car & coach • Café • Gift shop • Disabled access • Toilets
www.milntown.org +44 (0) 1624 812321 +44 (0) 1624 818091 (Café) administration@milntown.org	Yes	Parking - car & coach • Café • Guided tours • Disabled access • Toilets
+44 (0) 1624 675981 info@victory-cafe.com Facebook: Victory Café Isle of Man		Parking - car • Toilets • Workshop • Cinema • Café • Shop • Accessible by car or Snaefell Mountain Railway from Laxey
www.fynoderree.com +44 (0) 1624 812756 info@fynoderree.com	Yes	Distillery tour • Shop • Tasting bar • Toilets



Things to see and do - East



Mann at War, Manx Museum



Camera Obscura

What	Where	When
8 Gaiety Theatre	Harris Promenade, Douglas IM1 2HH	Pre-booked Tours in Season, Saturdays from 10am
9 Great Union Camera Obscura	Douglas Head	Check for opening times
10 Douglas Bay Horse Tram Stables & Strathallan Depot	Douglas Promenade	For further details and enquiries please email hireme@gov.im
 Laxey Wheel	Wheel Hill, Laxey IM4 7NL	Check website for opening hours
11 Laxey Woollen Mills	Glen Road, Laxey IM4 7AR	10am to 5pm
 Manx Museum	Kingswood Grove, Douglas IM1 3LY	Daily all year. Check website for opening hours.
12 Okell's Brewery	Kewagie, Douglas IM2 1QG	Wednesdays 7pm, pre-booking only, call (+44) 1624 699493 for more details.
13 Salmon Centre & Ballacregga Corn Mill Café	Wheel Hill, Laxey IM4 7NJ	Call for opening times +44 (0) 1624 860840
14 Tynwald – Isle of Man Parliament	Legislative Buildings, Finch Road Douglas IM1 3PW	Guided tours on Mondays at 2pm & Fridays at 10am all year round (excluding public holidays). Tours at other times by arrangement.

Things to see and do - East



The Great Laxey Wheel



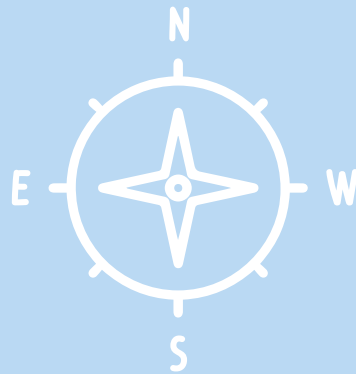
Gaiety Theatre

Contact	Group Rates	Key
www.villagaiety.com +44 (0) 1624 600555	Yes	Coach drop off • Guided tours • Toilets
+44 (0) 1624 621733	No	Coach drop off
www.rail.im +44 (0) 1624 662525		
www.manxnationalheritage.im +44 (0) 1624 648017 lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im	Yes	Gift kiosk • Parking • Access guide • Toilets • Guided tours
www.laxeywoollenmills.com +44 (0) 1624 861395	FREE	Shop • Toilets
www.manxnationalheritage.im +44 (0) 1624 648017 lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im	FREE	Gift shop • Cafe • Disabled parking • Access guide • Toilets • Guided tours
www.okells.co.uk +44 (0) 1624 699451	Yes	Onsite coach parking • Guided tours
+44 (0) 1624 860840		Onsite coach parking
www.tynwald.org.im +44 (0) 1624 685520 library@tynwald.org.im	FREE	Coach drop off - pre-arranged • Onsite coach parking - pre-arranged • Gift shop • Toilets • Guided tours



Castle Rushen











South and West of the Island



Things to see and do - South



Castle Rushen

What	Where	When
 Castle Rushen	Castle Street, Castletown IM9 1LD	Check website for opening hours
 Cregneash	Cregneash Road, Cregneash, IM9 5PX	Check website for opening hours
 Manx Aviation & Military Museum	Ronaldsway Airport, Ballasalla, IM9 2AT	Daily in Season 10am - 4.30pm Open weekends out of season 10am - 4.30pm
 Murrays Motorcycle Museum	Santon Villa, Santon, IM4 1EN	Please contact for opening hours
 Nautical Museum	Bridge Street, Castletown IM9 1AX	Check website for opening hours
 Old Grammar School	Chapel Lane, Castletown IM9 1LE	Check website for opening hours
 Old House of Keys	Parliament Square, Castletown IM9 1LA	Check website for opening hours
 Railway Museum	Station Road, Port Erin IM9 6AD	Open in Season 10am - 4.30pm
 Rushen Abbey	Mill Road, Ballasalla IM9 3DB	Check website for opening hours
 Sound Café	Sound Road, Port Erin	Check website for opening hours. Booking in advance strongly recommended.

Things to see and do - South



The Sound Café




Loaghtan Sheep at Cregneash

Contact	Group Rates	Key
www.manxnationalheritage.im +44 (0) 1624 648017 lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im	Yes	Gift shop • Toilets • Access guide • Steam railway stop
www.manxnationalheritage.im +44 (0) 1624 648017 lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im	Yes	Café • Parking - car & coach • Gift shop • Guided tours • Access guide • Toilets
www.maps.org.im +44 (0) 7624 454596 airmuseum@manx.net	FREE	Parking - car & coach • Gift shop • Guided tours • Disabled access
https://murraysmuseum.wixsite.com/home +44 (0) 7624 478162 murraysmuseum@manx.net	No	Car park • Toilets • Admission includes tea/coffee, biscuits and lanyard.
www.manxnationalheritage.im +44 (0) 1624 648017 lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im	Yes	Gift shop • Guided tours • Access guide • Steam railway stop
www.manxnationalheritage.im +44 (0) 1624 648017 lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im	Yes	Guided tours only • Access guide • Steam railway stop
www.manxnationalheritage.im +44 (0) 1624 648017 lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im	Yes	Gift shop • Access guide • Steam railway stop
+44 (0) 1624 697473 heritagerailways@gov.im	Yes	Coach parking • Café • Gift shop • Guided tours
www.manxnationalheritage.im +44 (0) 1624 648017 lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im	Yes	Gift shop • Coffee • Parking - car & coach • Access guide • Steam railway stop • Adjacent Abbey Restaurant • Guided Tour
www.thesound.im +44(0) 1624 838123 manager@thesound.im	Driver refreshments	Café • Toilets

Things to see and do - West



Peel Castle

What	Where	When
 House of Manannan	East Quay, Peel IM5 1TA	Daily all year. Check website for opening hours
15 Knockaloe Centre for WW1 Internment	Patrick Old School Patrick Corner Patrick Village IM5 3AL	Wednesday to Saturday in Season, 10.30am - 4.30pm
16 Leece Museum	The Old Courthouse, East Quay, Peel IM5 1AR	Tuesday to Sunday in Season 10am - 4pm Tuesday to Saturday out of Season 10am - 4pm
17 Manx Transport Heritage Museum	Mill Road, Peel IM5 1TB	Weekends in Season from 1pm - 5pm
18 Culture Vannin	Fairfield House, Main Road, St Johns, IM4 3NA	Check website for opening hours
 Niarbyl Bay Cafe	Dalby IM5 3BR	Daily year round
 Peel Castle	West Quay, Peel IM5 1TB	Check website for opening hours
19 Peel Cathedral	Derby Road, Peel IM5 1HH	Daily all year 9am - 6pm
20 Tynwald Hill	St Johns	Open air meeting site - Viking meeting place still used annually for the Tynwald ceremony in July
22 Tynwald Mills Shopping Experience	St Johns IM4 3AD	Open Monday to Saturday 10am - 5.30pm Sundays 1pm - 5.30pm

Things to see and do - West



Knockaloe Visitor Centre



House of Manannan

Contact	Group Rates	Key
www.manxnationalheritage.im +44 (0) 1624 648017 lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im	Yes	Gift shop • Parking - car & coach • Coach drop off point • Access guide • Toilets • Cafe
www.knockaloe.im +44 (0) 1624 648477 info@knockaloe.im	Yes	Postcard & book shop • Car park • Toilets • Access guide • Guided tours on request
www.peelonline.net/leece-museum +44 (0) 1624 845366 leecemuseum@manx.net	FREE	Gift shop • Guided tours
+44 (0) 1624 842448 m.knight@manx.net	FREE	Coach drop off point • guided tours
www.culturevannin.im +44 (0) 1624 676169 enquiries@culturevannin.im	Yes	Coach drop off • Gift shop
+44 (0) 1624 843300	Driver refreshments	Coach parking onsite
www.manxnationalheritage.im +44 (0) 1624 648017 lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im	Yes	Gift kiosk • Parking - car & coach nearby • Access guide
www.cathedral.im/group-visits +44 (0) 1624 844830 campaign@cathedral.im	FREE	Coach drop off • Guided tours • Refreshments
	FREE	
www.tynwaldmills.com +44 (0) 1624 801213	FREE	Parking - car & coach • Café • Shopping

Experiences

Attraction / Activity	Location / Starting Point	Contact	Activities Offered
Active and Adventure			
7th Wave	Island-wide	www.7thwave-iom.com +44 (0) 1624 836366	Sailing - Shop - Kayak Hire
Adventurous Experiences	Island-wide	www.adventuroousexperiences.com +44 (0) 1624 843034 info@adventuroousexperiences.com	Kayaking - Coasteering - Gorge-walking
Adventurology	Island-wide	www.adventureology.im +44 (0) 1624 819790 enquiries@adventureology.im	MTB Tours - Guided Walks - Canoeing - Climbing
Ape Mann Adventure Park	South Barrule Plantation, Foxdale	http://www.apemann.info/ +44 (0) 7624 494252	Rope Courses and tree climbing
Aquabike Isle of Man	Island-wide	www.facebook.com/aquabikeisleofman +44 (0) 7624 266221 aquabikeisleofman@gmail.com	Water Bikes
Castletown Golf Links	Fort Island, Derbyhaven, Castletown, IM9 1UA	www.castletowngolflinks.com +44 (0) 1624 822211 info@castletown.golf	Golf Course
Country Pursuits	Skyhill Shooting Centre, Millennium Way, Ramsey	www.countrypursuits.im +44 (0) 7624 306256 info@countrypursuits.im	Clay and laser clay pigeon shooting
Dave's Wave	Island-wide	www.daveswavesiom.com +44 (0) 7624 495824 daveswaves@manx.net	Windsurfing
Douglas Golf Club	Pulrose Park, Douglas, IM2 1AE	www.douglasgolfclub.im +44 (0) 1624 661558 pauloreillygolf@manx.net	Golf Course
Ebb and Flo Watersports	Island-wide	www.ebbandflowatersports.com +44 (0) 7624 233806 ebbandflowatersports@gmail.com	Paddleboarding-Surfing-Rover Charters
Gravity IOM	South Barrule Plantation, Foxdale	www.gravity-iom.com +44 (0) 7624 250450	Guided off-road electric scooter tours
Jurby Karting	Jurby Kart Track, Jurby Airfield, Motordrome, Jurby, IM7 3BD	www.iomkra.com +44 (0) 7624 48136 iomkra@manx.net	Kart Racing
Isle of Man Cycle Tours	Island-wide	www.iomcycletours.com +44 (0) 7624 329999 info@iomcycletours.com	Cycling tours
Isle of Man Trike Tours	11 Castlemona Avenue, Douglas	www.iomtriketours.com +44 (0) 7624 492444 enquiries@iomtriketours.com	Driving Tour
Isle of Man Fly Fishing	Island-wide	www.isleofmanflyfishing.co.uk +44 (0) 7624 492431	Guided Fishing tour
King Edward Bay Golf Club	Groudle Road, Onchan, IM3 2JR	www.kingedwardbay.co.uk +44 (0) 1624 820757 enquirieskebgc@gmail.com	Golf Course

Experiences

Attraction / Activity	Location / Starting Point	Contact	Activities Offered
Active and Adventure			
Manx Mountain Activities	Island-wide	www.mountainactivities.im +44 (0) 1624 862226/ +44 (0) 7624 492105 johnb@mountainactivities.im	Guided Walks - Guided MTB Tours
Mount Murray Golf Club	Mount Murray Road, Santon, IM4 2HT	www.comishotel.com/golf +44 (0) 1624 661111 reception@comismountmurray.co.uk	Golf Course
Pedal to Progression	Island-wide	www.pedaltoprogression.com +44 (0) 7624 434195 pedaltoprogression@hotmail.com	MTB Tours
Peel Golf Club	Rheast Lane, Peel, Isle Of Man, Isle Of Man, IM5 1BG	www.peelgc.com +44 (0) 1624 843456 peelgc@manx.net	Golf Course
Port Erin Paddleboards	Port Erin Promenade	www.porterinpaddleboards.com andrea@porterinpaddleboards.com	Paddleboarding
Port St Mary Golf Club	Kallow Point Road, Port St Mary, IM9 5EJ	www.portstmarygolfclub.im + 44 (0) 7624 462635 psmiomgolf@gmail.com	Golf Course
Ramsey Golf Club	Brookfield Avenue, Ramsey, IM8 1AA	www.ramseygolfclub.im +44 (0) 1624 812244 ramseygolfclub@manx.net	Golf Course
Rowany Golf Club	Rowany Drive, Port Erin, IM9 6LN	www.rowanygolfclub.com +44 (0) 1624 834072 mail@rowanygolfclub.com	Golf Course
Saltworks – SUP Stand UP Paddleboarding	Island-wide	www.saltworks-sup.co.uk +44 (0) 7624 417325 miche@saltworks-sup.com	Paddleboarding
Sea Kayaking Isle of Man	Island-wide	www.seakayakingisleofman.com +44 (0) 7624 414498	Kayaking
Soul Adventures	Island-wide	www.souladventures.im +44 (0) 7624 340539 souladventuresiom@gmail.com	Guided Walks - Canoeing - Kayaking - Coasteering - Gorge-walking
South Barrule Plantation Activities	Watertrough Plantation, South Barrule, Foxdale	www.laser-mayhem.com +44 (0) 7624 234555 carl@laser-mayhem.com	Laser Mayhem - Quad Biking - Axe Throwing
Venture Centre	Lewaigue Farm, Jacks Lane, Port E Vullen, Maughold	www.venturecentre.im +44 (0) 1624 814240 admin@venturecentre.im	Kayaking - Canoeing - Sailing - Gorge walking - Coasteering - Archery - Hostel
Yellow Helicopters	The Jet Centre, Ballasalla, IM9 2RJ	www.yellowhelicopters.com +44 (0) 1624 812144 fly@yellowhelicopters.com	Helicopter Tours

Experiences

Attraction / Activity	Location / Starting Point	Contact	Activities Offered
Tour Guides			
Albany Tea & Tours	Island-wide	www.albanytours.co.uk +44 (0) 1624 845623 / +44 (0) 7624 498832 nigel@albanytours.co.uk	Minibus tours – Food & Drink
Dark Skies Discovery Tours	Dark Skies Discovery Sites and various venues	www.facebook.com/astromanx howardparkin@manx.net	Stargazing Tours and Talks
Go Mann Adventures	Island-wide	www.go-mannadventures.com +44 (0) 7624 480129	Guided Walks – Blue Badge Guide
Guided Tours Isle of Man	Island-wide	www.guidedtoursfmann.com + 44 (0) 7624 433957 guidedtoursofman@gmail.com	Blue Badge Guide
Island Heritage Tours	Island-wide	www.facebook.com/heritageIOM +44 (0) 7624 435528 islandheritagetours@gmail.com	Guided Walks – Blue Badge Guide – Food & Drink tours
Isle of Man Culture Tours	Island-wide	+44 (0) 7624 461005 culturetours@isleofman.com	Guided Walks
Isle of Man Ghost Tours	Island-wide	www.iomghosttours.com +44 (0) 7624 416824	Guided Ghost Tours
Isle of Man Guided Tours in English and German	Island-wide	+44 (0) 7624 357680 susanjaneskillen@gmail.com	Blue Badge Guide
Isle of Man Tourist Guide	Island-wide	www.manxtourguide.org + 44 (0) 7624 471543	Blue Badge Guide
Manx Walks	Island-wide	www.manxwalks.im +44 (0) 7624 303273 catriona@manxwalks.im	Guided Walks
MBImagery Photography Tours	Island-wide	www.mbimageryandphotography.com +44 (0) 7584 429684, mark@mbimagery.co.uk	Guided Photography Tours
Peter Beighton - Guided Tours	Island-wide	+44 (0) 7624 432066 beightonsiom@manx.net	Blue Badge Guide
Photography Escapes	Island-wide	www.photographyescapes.im +44 (0) 7624 309209 welcome@photographyescapes.im	Guided Photography Tours
Smart Mann Tours	Island-wide	www.smartmann.im , +44 (0) 7624 251377, smartmanntours@gmail.com	Driver Guide
Visit Mann Tours	Island-wide	www.visitmanntours.com + 44 (0) 7624 481814 john@visitmanntours.com	Blue Badge Guide
Walking.im	Island-wide	www.walking.im +44 (0) 7624 240430 info@walking.im	Guided Walks
Walking Mann	Island-wide	www.walkingmann.im +44 (0) 7624401589 contact@walkingmann.im	Guided Walks
Wild Mann Tours	Island-wide	www.wildmanntours.co.uk +44 (0) 7624 463462 rmccann@manx.net	Blue Badge Guide

Experiences

Attraction / Activity	Location / Starting Point	Contact	Activities Offered
Nature Wildlife			
Manx Basking Shark Watch	Island-wide	www.manxbaskingsharkwatch.com	Sea Watches
Manx Whale and Dolphin Watch Visitor Centre	31 Michael Street, Peel, IM5 1JZ	www.mwdw.net +44 (0) 1624 844686	Visitor Centre – Sea Watches
Port St Mary Calf of Man Boat Tours	1 High Street, Port St Mary, IM9 5DP	+44 (0) 7624 490615 / +44 (0) 1624 834307 scraaylct8@outlook.com	Coastal Cruises
Shona Boat Trips	Old Breakwater Road, Port Erin, IM9 6JA	www.shonaboattrips.wixsite.com/calftrips +44 (0) 7624 322765 shonaboattrips@manx.net	Coastal Cruises
The Gemini	Port St Mary	www.geminicharter.co.uk +44 (0) 7624 483328 / +44 (0) 1624 832761 bobgemini@manx.net	Fishing – Coastal Cruises
Indoor			
Angelica Belle	Cliftonville Cottage, Fistard Rd, Port St Mary, Isle of Man IM9 5PQ	www.angelicabelle.co.uk/ +44 (0) 7775 788046 andrea@angelicabelle.co.uk	Cooking Experience
Craftworks Studio	Qualtrough's Yard, Hope Street, Castletown, Isle of Man IM9 1AN	www.craftworks-studio.co.uk +44 (0) 1624 823244 craftworks_studio@manx.net	Painting
Erin Arts Centre	Victoria Square, Port Erin, IM9 6LD	www.erinartscentre.com +44 (0) 7624 835858 information@erinartscentre.com	Performing Arts Venue
Exit Strategy	Peel Road, Douglas	www.exitstrategy.im +44 (0) 7624 323043 enquiries@exitstrategy.im	Escape Room
Hot Rocks Climbing	4B Middle River Industrial Estate, Douglas, IM2 1AL	www.hotrocksclimbing.co.uk +44 (0) 1624 627728	Indoor Climbing
iGolf Interactive Experience	Pulrose Rd, Douglas, Isle of Man IM2 1AB	www.igolf.im +44 (0) 7624 292926 igolfiom@gmail.com	Interactive Golf
Mad Jack's Axe Throwing	South Quay, Douglas, IM1 5AT	www.mad-jacks.im +44 (0) 7624 327003 booking@mad-jacks.im	Axe-throwing – Games – Food and Drink
Murrays Motorcycle Museum	Santon Villa, New Castletown Road, Santon, IM4 1EN	www.murraysmotorcyclemuseum.com +44 (0) 7624 479162, murraysmuseum@manx.net	Museum
Pepsi Max Ten Pin Bowling	Queens Promenade, Ramsey, IM8 1ET	www.pepsimaxbowl.com +44 (0) 1624 812444 pepsimaxbowl@manx.net	Bowling

Events Calendar

January	New Year's Day Dips - All Island
March	Isle of Man International Darts Festival
April	CAMRA Isle of Man Beer & Cider Festival Isle of Man Easter Festival of Running Manx Music, Speech and Dance Festival Egg Rolling at Cregneash Easter Festival of Full Length Plays Rush Hour on the Railways
May	Isle of Man TT Practices Manx National Rally Laa Boaldyn - Manx May Day
June	Isle of Man TT Races Parish Walk Crown Green Bowling Festival Viking Longboat Races
July	Tynwald Day Yn Chruinnaght Celtic Gathering Southern 100 Southern Agricultural Show Manx Heritage Transport Festival World Tin Bath Championships (depends on tide for the month chosen) Manx Heritage Transport Festival
August	Manx Heritage Transport Festival Royal Manx Agricultural Show Manx Grand Prix
September	Isle of Man Food & Drink Festival Isle of Man Film Festival Manx LitFest End to End Race Walk Walk the Isle of Man Festival of Motoring
October	Heritage Open Days Hop tu Naa Isle of Man Festival of Choirs
November	Fireworks Displays – Across Island
December	Manannan's Winterfest Groudle Glen Railway Santa Trains Hunt the Wren - St Stephen's Day Santa Express on Steam Railway

Forward Planning

2024	RNLI 200th Anniversary
2025	Archibald Knox Exhibition - 160th anniversary of Knox's birth

Useful Information

Accessibility

Following the introduction of the National Accessible Scheme, the Isle of Man has dedicated Accessible Accommodation options assessed and accredited with a mobility rating ranging from M1 to M3i. If you are unsure which level best suits your requirements, please check against the symbols and explanations and browse the options here. All other visitor accommodation on Visit Isle of Man features an accessibility statement.

Accessibility guides are available for all of the main Manx National Heritage (MNH) sites. Download at www.manxnationalheritage.im or ask for them in hard copy from the MNH Group Travel Co-ordinator on **+44 (0) 1624 648017**. For information on accessibility on public transport please visit www.bus.im

A Changing Places facility is now available at the Manx Museum, Douglas (changing places are fully accessible toilets).


If you require accessibility aids whilst visiting the Isle of Man, including wheelchairs and commodes, please contact the British Red Cross, Circa or Disability Networks, who will be able to assist you to ensure your requirements are met.

Courtesy of the Disability Network De-Bug all terrain wheelchairs are available to hire at Ramsey Beach and Port Erin Beach.

Tickets and Passes

Pre-booked group passes and inclusive on-Island travel and attraction tickets are available for the majority of historic attractions and the heritage railways, buses and horse trams. The majority of attractions also offer special group rates on individual site admissions for pre-booked visits.

Pre-booking of groups is advised to ensure that the best possible service and experience can be delivered.

NB: All Manx National Heritage attractions denoted by the symbol  can be opened specially, outside of normal opening times for groups by prior arrangement.

Money Matters

Banks and Bank Holidays

Most high street banks have premises on the Isle of Man. The opening hours are generally 9.30am to 4.30pm. Bank Holidays are the same as those in the UK with two additional holidays - Senior Race Day (TT Races) in June and Tynwald Day (the Manx National Day) in July.

Currency Information

The Isle of Man has its own currency with the same denominations as the UK. UK currency is legal tender in the Isle of Man but Manx currency is not accepted in the UK, although notes can be exchanged at UK banks.

Cash Machines

Automated cash machines are available in all the major towns around the Isle of Man. Manx bank notes are dispensed from all cash machines apart from those situated at the Sea Terminal and the Airport, where English notes are issued.

For Coach Drivers

The maps in this guide have been simplified to show the road routes most suitable for coach vehicles. The nearest coach parking for the attraction/s are also shown on the maps.

Further practical information for drivers and bringing your coach to the Island can be found at www.visitisleofman.com/traveltrade

Advice is also available for coaches new to the Island from Isle of Man Transport. Call **+44 (0) 1624 647400**.

Before and during your visit please check the latest information on road closures, diversions, roadworks and forthcoming events by visiting <https://one.network>

Eating Out

If you have not pre-booked your visit and to enable the cafes to give your group the best possible experience and service, please call ahead of your arrival with as much notice as possible.

Travel

Identification and Passports

Passports are not required to enter the Isle of Man if you are travelling from the UK or Ireland, although airlines will require customers to provide some form of photographic identification.

European and global travellers generally have to clear customs and passport control on arrival in the UK or Ireland before travelling on to the Isle of Man.

If you are planning a night at the Casino you will require some form of photographic identification and if you are hiring a car your full driving licence will be required.

Health

Chemists

Dispensing chemists are open from 9am to 5.30pm Mondays to Saturdays. Outside of these times there are limited opening hours and a duty chemist rota is in operation. This list can be obtained from the Department of Health and Social Care prior to travel. It is also available online and your accommodation provider should be able to provide you with details. Duty Chemist hours are from 5.30pm to 6.30pm Monday – Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) and Sundays and Bank Holidays from 12 noon to 1pm.

Doctors and Hospitals

The Manx Emergency Doctor Service (MEDS) operate an 'Out of Hours' emergency service when doctors' surgeries are closed. The service is contactable on and is ONLY available out of hours - 6pm to 8am Monday to Friday or 24-hours over weekends and Bank Holidays. In the case of an emergency please attend Accident and Emergency (telephone **+44 (0) 1624 650040** for A&E enquiries), or for life threatening emergencies please call emergency services on **999**. Noble's Hospital is situated outside of Douglas at The Strang, Braddan. Should you need to contact the hospital the telephone number is **+44 (0) 1624 650000**. Ramsey Cottage Hospital in the north of the Island can be contacted on **+44 (0) 1624 811811**.

Reciprocal Health Agreement

UK residents visiting the Isle of Man will receive free NHS treatment if they become ill whilst here. Statutory charges are applicable for both residents and visitors e.g. prescription charges.

Anyone visiting the Island should ensure they have adequate insurance in place in the event of repatriation (return travel to someone's home country) being required. The information regarding the Agreement is correct at the time of publication but visitors are recommended to check the position prior to their visit.

While You're Here

Postal Services

The Isle of Man Post Office has, since its formation in 1973, issued distinctive Manx stamps by the Philatelic Bureau. You will need to purchase Manx stamps, from any of the branches Island wide, to post any mail from the Isle of Man.

Police

The Isle of Man Police are easily recognisable by their white helmets, and are very approachable should you need any assistance. The Police Headquarters is at Glencrutchery Road, Douglas and the telephone number is **+44 (0) 1624 631212**. In an emergency please dial **999**.

Mobile Phones

There are two mobile phone networks operating on the Isle of Man - Manx Telecom and Sure. Each mobile network has commercial agreements with mobile phone networks in the UK, Europe and the rest of the world.

It is advisable to check with your own mobile network to determine the level and charges of the roaming services with the Isle of Man providers. **Please note the Isle of Man is outside the EU jurisdiction and as such does not benefit from the tariff caps operating within the European Union.**

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Coach Parking



MNH Site



Information Point



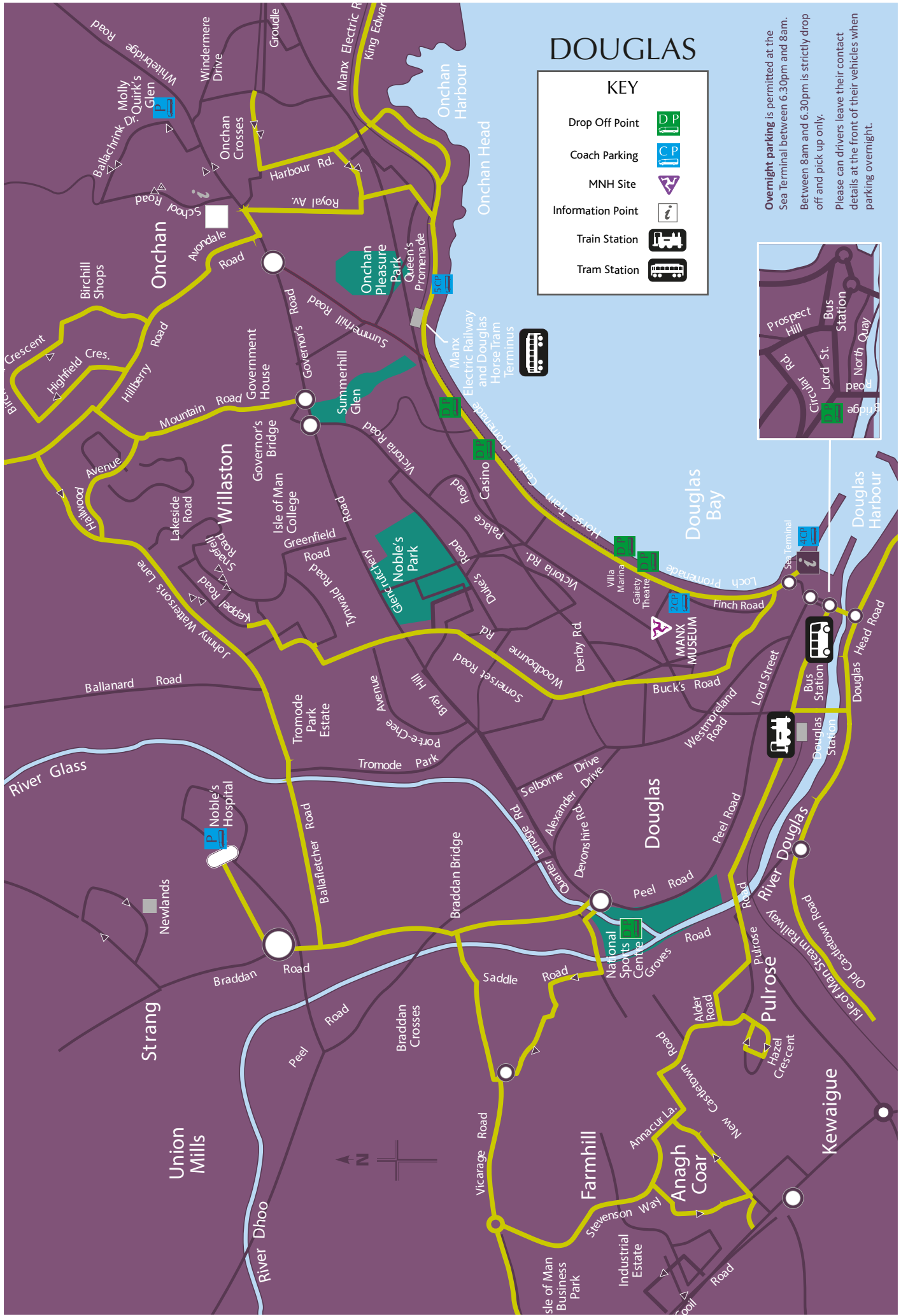
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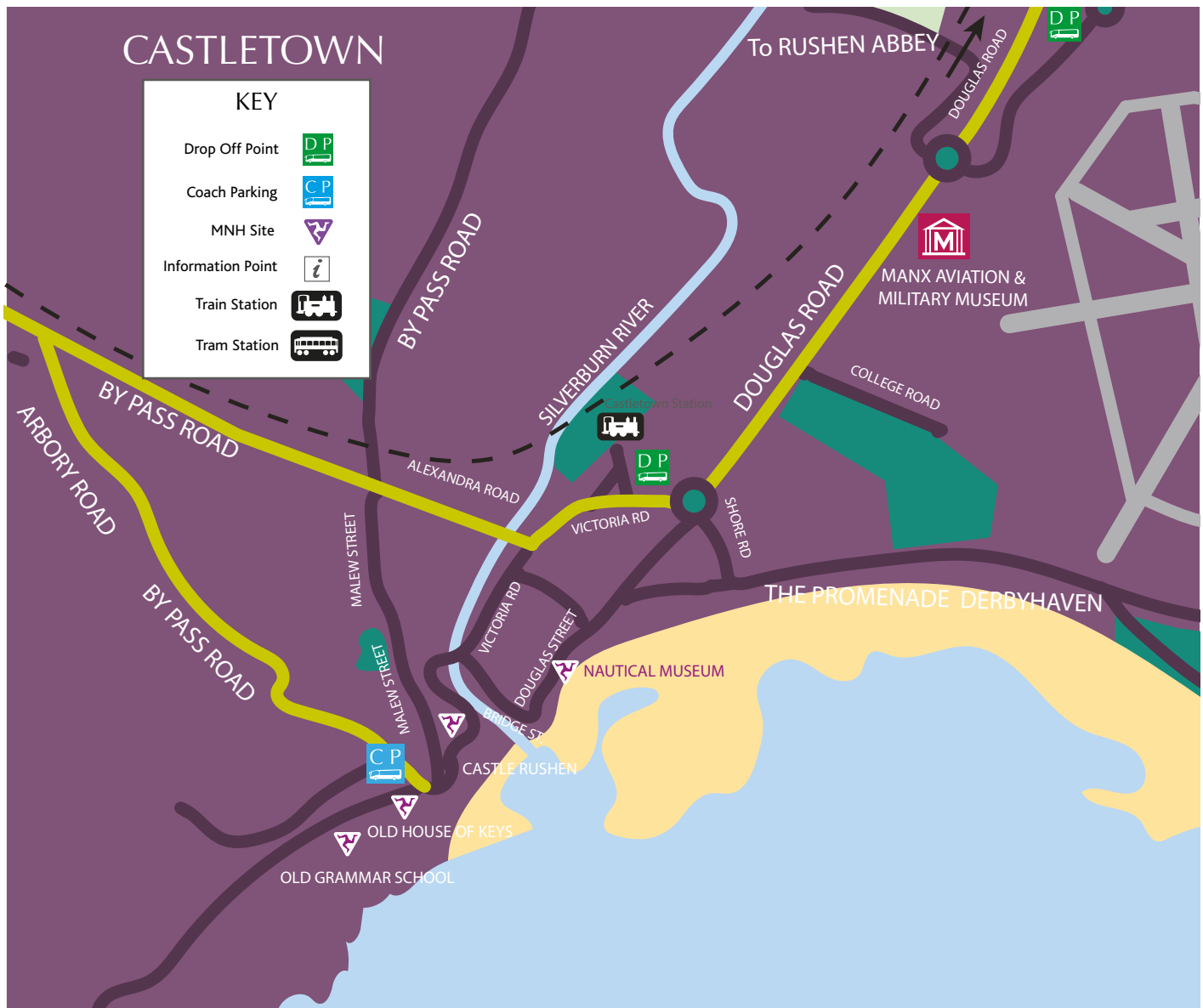


Tram Station









Overnight parking is permitted at the Sea Terminal between 6.30pm and 8am. Between 8am and 6.30pm is strictly drop off and pick up only. Please can drivers leave their contact details at the front of their vehicles when parking overnight.





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