

Shops, cafes and pubs

Close to the tram station you will find a small convenience store and post office shop. There are also plenty of cafes, restaurants and public houses throughout the village, look out for those which are 'Taste' Accredited. Pick up your free 'Taste Isle of Man Directory' from the Sea Terminal.

Visitor Information

Cruise Welcome Desk

Centrally located within the Sea Terminal and manned for each Cruise Ship call from April to the end of September, Welcome Volunteers are on-hand to offer friendly local advice and guidance, point you in the right direction of where you can purchase Go-Explore passes and Manx National Heritage Site passes, as well as offering the independent traveller valuable and expert advice on what to see and do, and how to get there – all free of charge. Tourism literature, maps, Taste Guides and more, are also available from the desk.

Welcome Centre

The Welcome Centre is a one-stop shop for all visitor information - offering a range of tourism literature, maps, sale of tickets, general Island-wide advice and local crafts and produce.

Local Artisan Gifts and Manx National Heritage

Local artisan crafts and produce are sold at both the Mostly Manx stall located beside the Cruise Welcome Desk and at the Manx National Heritage Kiosk, which also offers comprehensive local advice on the Island's Heritage sites, along with the sale of Manx National Heritage Passes and expert advice on the Island.

Transport

Bus and Rail

Bus Vannin have a regular bus service to and from Laxey village. One-day **Go Explore Cards** are available, which entitle the holder to unlimited travel on the scheduled services of the Steam Railway, Manx Electric Railway, Snaefell Mountain Railway, Douglas Horse Trams, and buses (half fare is payable on Hullad Oie Night Owl buses).

In addition, **Go Explore Heritage Cards** are available, which entitle the holder to unlimited 5 day travel plus admission to all Manx National Heritage attractions.

Further Information

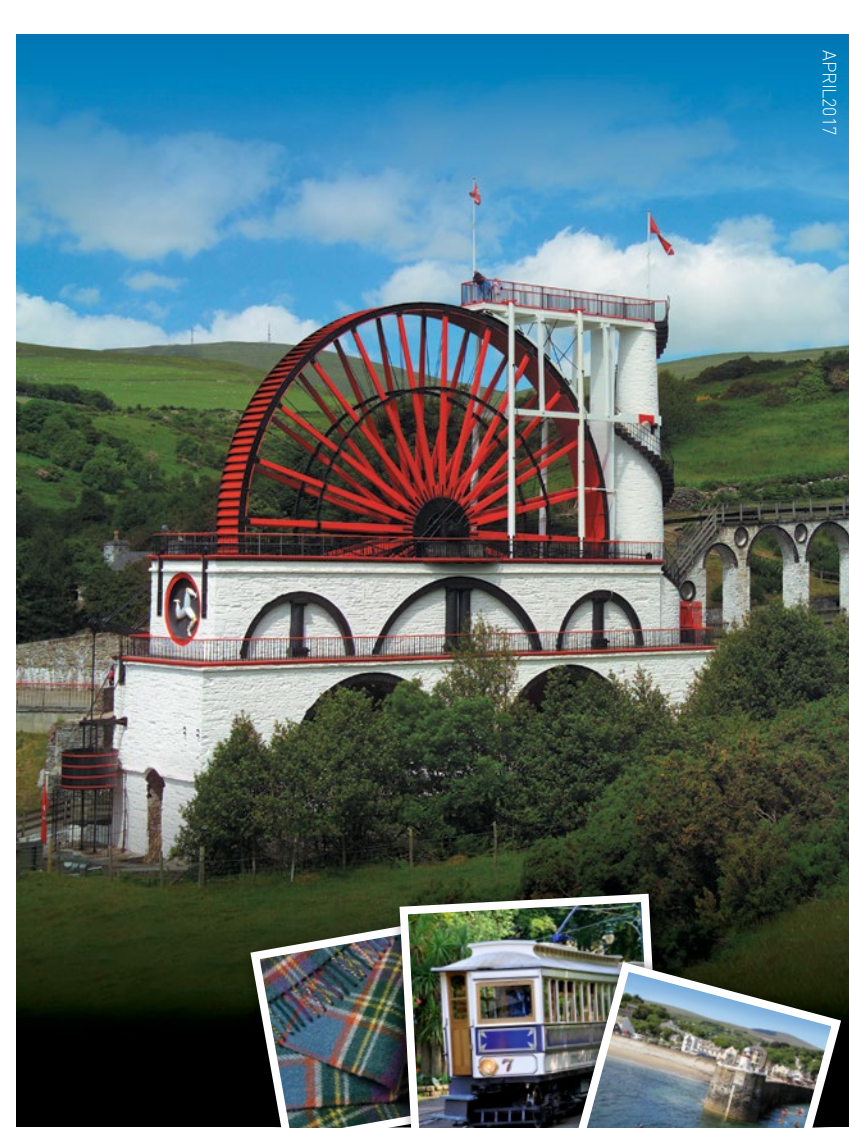
For further information and to start planning a future visit to the Isle of Man, go to www.visitisleofman.com or contact the Isle of Man Welcome Centre, telephone: (01624) 686766 or email: tourism@gov.im

Make sure to pick up your free Isle of Man Visitor Guide at the Cruise Welcome Desk prior to leaving the Island.



Did you know?

- The Isle of Man measures 33 miles long and 13 miles wide.
- The Island has its own language, Manx Gaelic. Ellan Vannin is Manx for Isle of Man.
- The Isle of Man has the oldest continuous parliament in the world, called Tynwald.
- Snaefell is the Island's highest peak at 2036 feet and provides breathtaking views.
- The Island's coastline is around 100 miles in length including 26 beaches to explore.
- Home of the world famous TT Races, held on the 37 ¾ mile TT Mountain Course.



Laxey

Things to see & do



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Welcome to Laxey

The picturesque village of Laxey has been a popular destination with visitors since the Victorian times. The village set in the beautiful deep valley, is dominated by the famous Great Laxey Wheel. Within Laxey, you will find many magnificent sites and attractions, set in beautiful landscape.

Take some time to explore Laxey and the nearby areas, which are well worth a visit whilst you are here. We wish you an enjoyable visit and we hope you come again soon. Pick up your free copy of our Visitor Guide from the Welcome Centre and start planning your next visit!



Things to see & do

You'll find plenty of attractions within Laxey and the nearby area, all within walking distance or a short journey from the Manx Electric Railway Station

1. Snaefell Mountain Railway



Allow approx 1 ½ hours.
Dating from 1895, a unique Victorian enterprise which winds its way up 2,036 feet to the top of Snaefell, the Island's only mountain. On a clear day it's the only place in the British Isles where you can see the seven kingdoms - England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Heaven, Mann and the Sea. Alight at the Bungalow Station if you fancy walking the second half of the ascent! The Snaefell Mountain Railway is open between March and November.

2. Great Laxey Mine Railway



Approx 10 mins walk. Allow 30 mins to visit.
In 1999, the Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust began the restoration of the surface section of the former tramway. The restored Great Laxey Mine Railway, starts within the valley gardens near the tram station and goes along the valley near to the wheel. Passengers can now ride in a tiny carriage along the line where loaded wagons of ore were once hauled from the mine. The line runs through the longest railway tunnel on the Island.

3. Laxey Woollen Mills and Hodgson Loom Art Gallery



Approx 10 mins walk. Allow 40 mins to visit.
Founded in 1881 by John Ruskin and Egbert Rydings, it is the only working woollen mill on the Island producing tweeds. It is home to the world-famous Laxey Manx Tartan, which is seen by many as the Island's national tartan. The old looms are housed within the Hodgson Loom Art Gallery on the first floor of the Mill. Today, the weaving is done by pedal power - it needs to be seen to be believed. Also within the complex is a gift shop. Open all year round, Monday to Saturday.



4. The Great Laxey Wheel and Mines Trail



Approx 20 mins walk. Allow 1 hour to visit.
Arguably the Island's best known landmark, the Great Laxey Wheel or 'Lady Isabella' was built in 1854 to pump water from Laxey's lead and zinc mines. It is the largest working water wheel in the world, measuring over 72ft in diameter. Visitors can climb the spiral staircase to the viewing platform that overlooks the village, or explore the restored mine shaft on the Mines trail for an insight into times gone by. Open April to November.

5. King Orry's Grave



Approx 20 mins walk. Allow up to 30 mins to visit.
Located in Laxey village is the largest prehistoric monument on the Island, known as King Orry's Grave. The grave tells something of the residents who lived on the Island during the Neolithic times over 4000 years ago. The site was built by farmers as a memorial to their ancestors.

6. Old Laxey



Approx 20 mins walk. Allow up to 1 ½ hours to visit.
The village of Laxey is formed of two distinct areas with the lower section of the village often referred to as 'Old Laxey'. Nestling around the tidal harbour and the picturesque beach it is extremely popular with visitors and locals alike. Along the promenade you will find a café and green area, ideal for picnics and relaxing on a hot summer's day.

7. Dhoon Glen



Approx 10 mins drive or 10 mins railway journey. Allow 2 hours to visit.
Ideal for nature and walk lovers alike, Dhoon Glen is one of the many coastal glens that are scattered around the Island. Take a short walk down the steep steps, past the famous Dhoon glen waterfall to the beach, where you can enjoy the charming scenery set in a quiet and charming bay. There is a café and some toilets beside the Dhoon Glen tram stop.

