

CITY OF PEEL HERITAGE STROLLS



Peel is a part of our magical island. The streets are steeped in the memories of time's past. It has had many lives from the Vikings to military to religious to fishing and many more.

Peel wears its history on its sleeve for all to see. These walks will give you a flavour of what happened here. If you listen carefully Peel may tell you its many secrets. We hope you enjoy these walks and stories.



Walk 2:



TOWN, SHOPS AND SEASIDE

Allow 1 to 2 hours



Peel Cathedral

- 1 Start at the bus stop opposite the Town Hall with the Cathedral on your left. Number 4, 5 and 6 buses stop here. Go down the street to Atholl Place. Turn left into Atholl Street

On your immediate right, you will see the Royal Hotel and Pub which was a coaching inn built in the 1850s with the double doors leading to a courtyard and coach houses. The horse stables were found in the brick building directly opposite, which is now a self-storage depot.

On the left next to the brick building, you will see the Yard Arm. This house was built in the 18th century and has had many uses over the years. In recent history, it was the doctor's house and is now a bed and breakfast.

The peach-coloured building next door is the Centenary Centre, which was built in 1875 to celebrate the centenary of the Wesleyan movement and is now a volunteer-run performance centre.

- 2 Turn left through Bishop Wilson's Gate up to the Cathedral and Gardens

The sandstone Cathedral of St German was built in 1879-1884 to be the Cathedral for Sodor and Mann as a replacement for the Cathedral on St Patrick's Isle (Peel Castle).

This historic site has much to see both inside and out, especially the newly designed Cathedral Gardens which tell the story of Christianity on the Island from the 5th century to present day in an immersive and interactive experience. There are information leaflets about the Cathedral and Gardens inside, and you can speak to the friendly volunteers who can tell you about the history of the Cathedral.

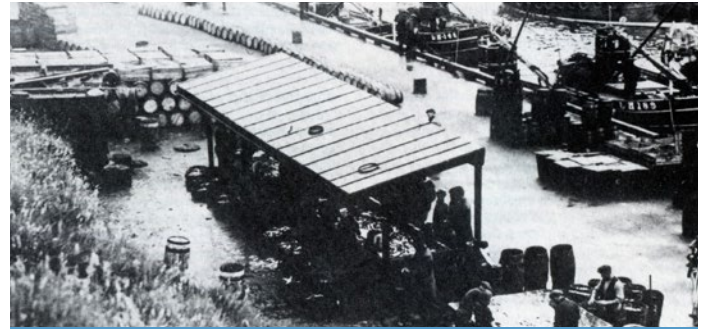


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- 3 Return through the same entrance then turn left along Atholl Street

The White House pub across the junction is now a CAMRA-winning pub, which was a former farm-worker's house before being extended in the 1930s. The house next door, Woodlands, was the farmhouse. There are the original blacksmiths shop and farm buildings at the rear. The blacksmith would shoe the stage coach horses that stayed at the Royal Hotel.

- 4 Turn right down Douglas Street then turn right down Michael Street

This is the main high street of Peel and there are various excellent independent shops to browse and enjoy.

There are a variety of antique stores such as Celtic Gold, All Kinds Collectables and Avril's Antiques, as well as Atholl Place Collectables at the end of the street.



Peel Seafront



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- 5** Turn left by the Shamyrehy Tea Room and follow Factory Lane, so called as the fishing nets for Peel's fishing port were predominantly made here. Turn right onto Beach Street

There is an original farmhouse called Yn Thie Fuinnee on your right. It still has the farm buildings behind it, which are now incorporated into the garden.

- 6** Just before the end of the street, turn right onto Duke Street.

Number 7 and 9 are old fishermen's cottages built from Peel sandstone and beach stones, and they were originally thatched. The windows are thought to be original, certainly in keeping with the style if not the actual windows. The cottages were close to the original shore line and were last occupied in the 1950s.



Peel Sandstone Cottages

- 7** At the end of the street, you can either turn left and continue along the prom for seaside treats then retrace your steps or immediately turn right up Bridge Street.

The boats that were built inland were launched down the steep hill of Bridge Street on greased logs and elbow grease. Launchings were a big town event with men, women and children all helping and celebrations held after their exertions.

- 8** At the top of the hill, turn left onto Christian Street

The Philip Christian Centre is the big sandstone on the right hand side. This was originally the Peel Clothworker's school from 1842 until the 1970s. Philip Christian was a local boy who became a member of the Clothworker's Guild and as he had no children, he bequeathed money to the construction of new schools in Peel to educate the poor children of Peel, including this school. Look for the boy's school entrance, the school bell and the plaque dedicated to Philip Christian. The grand building next door was the former Primitive Methodist Chapel that is now private apartments called Chapel Court.

- 9** Turn right onto Mona Street

Opposite the end of the street is the former Peel Courthouse which was built in 1892 and is now the Police Station. It is built of Ruabon bricks from North Wales and was built to replace the original courthouse which is now the Leece Museum on the Quay.

- 10** Turn right to return to the bus stop/Town Hall



We hope you enjoyed this walk and the many eateries and shops on the way.