

Isle of Man – Land of Myth & Legend

5th to 9th August

The Isle of Man, midway between Britain and Ireland, is only 13 miles wide and 33 miles long yet offers a wide variety of town and country. This unique self-governing kingdom has its own parliament and is renowned for its relaxed pace of life, wonderfully preserved and totally unique heritage and culture. So different is this island that there are some unique animals, such as the tailless Manx cat and the four-horned Loaghtan Sheep. Our holiday base is the resort of Douglas, the capital of the island. A lively town with a magnificent bay and promenade, colourful gardens, plus the award winning Manx museum.



£608 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £42

What's Included

- ✓ 4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, WiFi, hairdryer & hospitality tray
- ✓ Ride on Isle of Man Steam Railway
- ✓ Entry to Cregneash Village
- ✓ Visit the Sound Visitor Centre
- ✓ Ride on the Manx Electric Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Snaefell Mountain Railway
- ✓ Time to explore Douglas, Peel & Ramsey

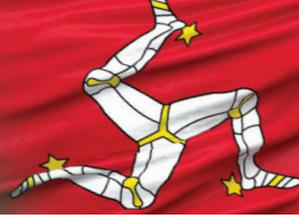
★★★ EMPRESS HOTEL

Douglas

The hotel commands a prime location on the Victorian Promenade, overlooking Douglas Bay and a short walk from the town centre. The hotel has a sauna & steam room

Monday 5 August

Departing Oxted early morning, we make our way to Heysham where we board the Steam Packet ferry for an afternoon sailing to Douglas on the Isle of Man. On arrival we make the short journey along the promenade to the Empress Hotel where we stay for the next four nights.



traditional ancient meeting place of the Manx parliamentary assembly, dating back at least to the late first millennium AD.

Wednesday 7 August

Enjoy a relaxing day in the grand Victorian resort of Douglas, the Island's lively capital, set in a wide bay with a sweeping promenade. Take in the sea views from the Victorian promenade, visit the excellent Manx Museum for a journey through the island's history or maybe take a ride on a horse drawn tram. The beautiful sea front is lined with picturesque buildings, and the high street is filled with familiar names as well as many locally owned stores.

Thursday 8 August

We start the day by following part of the TT course along the slopes of Snaefell to Ramsey, where we shall have some time to explore. Early afternoon we take the Manx Electric Railway train to Laxey where we board the Snaefell Mountain Railway, a unique Victorian enterprise which winds its way up to the summit, 2,036 feet above sea level. On a clear day, it's the only place in the British Isles where you can see the seven kingdoms, (Mann, Scotland, England, Wales, Ireland, the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of the sea) just by turning around. We return to Laxey to board the coach to Douglas.

Friday 9 August

After breakfast we board our ferry for the return crossing to Heysham and then continue our journey home to Oxted, arriving early evening.



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Tuesday 6 August

After breakfast we take the steam train from Douglas to Port Erin, where we re-join the coach for the short journey to Cregneash village, one of the last strongholds of the Manx language and customs which characterised the crofting way of life. Step inside the Manx cottages to see how crofters lived through stories, skills and craft demonstrations. You may see cats with no tails, four-horned sheep and traditional farming practices in action. From Cregneash, we drive to the island's southernmost tip and one of the most scenic places in the British Isles, with panoramic views of Kitterland and the Calf of Man. A hotspot for seals sunbathing on rocky Kitterland, the area is also frequented by dolphins and basking sharks. Here we shall have time to find lunch in the Sound Visitor Centre before taking a scenic drive up the west side of the island to Peel where we shall have some time at leisure before returning to Douglas along part of the TT course, making a short stop at Tynwald Hill, the