



## Isle of Man

An extraordinary story



Imagine a place which is far, far away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. A place with breathtaking scenery and a relaxed and undemanding pace of life, where you are always guaranteed the

warmest of welcomes, friendly service and the very best of hospitality.

From a world of tangled trees and twisty trails, history and heritage, mystical creatures, hidden tales of giants and fairies, historical vintage transport, this is an Island which will remind you of how life should be.

## Imagine the Isle of Man

The Isle of Man is a self-governing British Crown dependency in the Irish Sea between England and Ireland. It's known for its rugged coastline, medieval castles and rural landscape, rising to a mountainous center.

The Island is incredibly proud of its motorsport heritage with the world famous TT and Manx Grand Prix Races attracting thousands of visitors to Manx shores each year.

## Top Five Facts About the Isle of Man

1. It has the oldest continuous parliament in the world, Tynwald, which dates back over 1,000 years.
2. The island has many hills but only one mountain, Snaefell, 2,036ft high. From the summit, on a clear day, you are guaranteed to see seven kingdoms: the Isle of Man, England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland along with the sea and Heaven.
3. The Isle of Man is home to the largest working water wheel in the world! Built in 1854 to pump water from the Laxey Mines, the wheel has a diameter of 22 metres.
4. The TT Races – the initials stand for Tourist Trophy – are held over a course 37¾ miles long, which the fastest competitors can complete in just 18 minutes reaching speeds of up to 200mph.
5. The RNLI was founded on the Isle of Man by Sir William Hillery.

## Experience Isle of Man

### Castletown

Travel to the South of the Island by Victorian Steam Train and visit one of the best- preserved medieval castles in Europe.

**Link:** <https://www.visitisleofman.com/experience/a-walk-around-castletown-p1316911>

### Cregneash

Visit the old Manx crofting village in the South of the Island. Includes the Sound, the Island's most southernly point, where visitors can see the immense coastal landscape and look out for some of the Island's maritime wildlife.

**Link:** <https://manxnationalheritage.im/our-sites/cregneash/>

### Snaefell Experience

Travel on the 1890's Manx Electric Railway along the beautiful east coast to Laxey, transfer to the Snaefall Electrical Mountain Railway to travel to the top of the Island's only mountain, Snaefall, with stunning views of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

**Link:**

<https://www.iombusandrail.im/heritage/events-and-experiences/isle-of-man-year-of-the-railways-2023/>

### Peel

Sitting on the West Coast, this traditional and charming fishing village is home to Peel Castle which stands on the rugged mass of St Patrick's Isle. This is one of the Island's foremost historic sites. Constructed by the Vikings in the 11th Century, you will find layer upon layer of Manx history. Peel Cathedral has

undergone quite a renovation to its gardens – newly designed to follow the story of Christianity in Manx from the early 5th century to the present day. Peel is also home to the acclaimed, interactive House of Manannan Museum which explores the Island's Celtic, Viking and Maritime Heritage. Close by, we have the Kipper Yard, which can be visited where you can taste and smell the famous Manx Kippers being smoked using oak chips in a century old tradition.

**Link:** <https://www.peelonline.net/whats-on/museums/>

### Laxey

Travel on our 1890 Manx Electric Railway along the east coast and visit the Great Laxey Wheel, the largest working water wheel in the world, built in 1854. This feat of Victorian engineering and ingenuity, known as the Lady Isabella, served the mine for 70 years. Beyond the wheel, explore the mine and the trail to the mine ruins to learn more about the lives of the Laxey Miners. King Orry's Grave is the largest known Megalithic tomb on the Island and is said to belong to King Orry. This mythical figure is based on King Godfred Cannon, a Viking warrior who created the Kingdom of Mann and the Isles upon his arrival on the Island in 1174.

**Link:** <https://www.visitlaxeyvalley.com/>

### Isle of Man Trike Tours

Enjoy a unique TT experience of a full lap with commentary of the famous TT course onboard a luxury trike.

**Link:** <http://www.visitisleofman.com/travel/cruise.xml>

### Walking exploration

The Isle of Man is a walkers' paradise, with an incredible variety of terrain packed into its modest size.

**Link:** <https://www.visitisleofman.com/see-and-do/active-and-adventure/walking-and-hiking>

### Golf

The Isle of Man has nine excellent golf courses with Castletown offering a premier links course including hire of equipment.

**Link:** <http://www.visitisleofman.com/travel/cruise.xml>

### Segway Tour

Glide across Douglas promenade or a Forest safari through the plantations.

**Link:** <http://www.visitisleofman.com/travel/cruise.xml>

### The Isle of Man's Political History

Explore the Island's key political sites past and present

**Link:** <http://www.visitisleofman.com/travel/cruise.xml>