

DESTINATION

Isle of Man



PEEL CASTLE

OVERVIEW

Blue Islands is the only airline to offer a direct service to the island. The Isle of Man is a well known financial centre, specialising in banking and wealth management. The Isle of Man is also home to one of the world's most famous motor sporting events, The International Isle of Man TT Race. The Isle of Man's idyllic winding mountain roads make a perfect backdrop to one of the world's most prestigious motor races.

The Isle of Man has a Viking and Celtic heritage which you can see for yourself in the museums, and in particular Peel Castle. Peel Castle was built in the 11th Century by Viking settlers and was thereafter used by the church; that scene can also be found on Isle of Man £10 notes. The Isle of Man is of course surrounded by some great beaches, so you can take in that sea air - a beautiful place heaped in tradition and great for a short getaway.



PORT ERIN HARBOUR



Blue Islands operates flights to the Isle of Man from Guernsey & Jersey. For full timetables, see pages 112-113.

LEISURE EVENTS

28 MAY-31 MAY. MOUNTAIN MILESTONES, HOUSE OF MANANNAN.

The exhibition features everything from motorcycles, racing memorabilia, leathers and trophies to historical artefacts relating to the story of the Mountain Circuit. Open 10am-5pm.

16-21 MAY. RAMSEY ANGLING FESTIVAL. Three 4-hour competitions with a £1,000 first prize. Beach anglers from around Great Britain compete to catch the wealth of species found in Manx waters, including Tope, Bass, Dogfish and Flatfish.

BUSINESS EVENTS

26 APRIL-GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH JEFFREY ARCHER AT THE MOUNT MURRAY

HOTEL & COUNTRY CLUB IN SANTON. Jeffrey Archer, who has sold over 270 million copies of his books in 97 countries, is guest speaker at this black tie dinner event. The audience will be able to get up close and personal with him, his books and his life. Tickets can be obtained by emailing john@sportinganddiningclub.com.

RESTAURANTS

COAST. Isle of Man Fine Dining Restaurant Coast is an island favourite. Set in a fabulous location on the prom in Douglas and using

the best in local and imported products.

THE VELVET LOBSTER. The Velvet Lobster is a great place for a delicious home cooked evening meal or lunch on the North Quay, Douglas.

L'EXPERIENCE FRENCH RESTAURANT. L'Experience has been bringing a little bit of France to the Isle of Man since 1981 - wonderful French cuisine and a fantastic ambience.

HOTEL

MOUNT MURRAY HOTEL AND COUNTRY CLUB.

Perfectly placed in between the airport and Douglas, the Mount Murray Hotel and Country Club sits within 200 acres of picturesque and peaceful countryside. The Hydro Centre features an indoor pool, sauna, steam room and hot and cold spas; there is also a well-equipped gym and a fantastic 18-hole championship golf course. Guests can dine in comfort and style in the Lakeview Restaurant or Murray's Restaurant, or enjoy a relaxed drink in the Lakeview Bar.

AIRPORT INFO

CHECK-IN. Opens 60 mins before departure & closes 45 mins before departure.

TAXIS. Outside terminal or 01624 825757.

BUSES & TRAINS. No. 1 from airport to various island destinations.

CAR HIRE. Europcar: 01624 674428.

PARKING. Short and long term parking available. Free for the first 60 mins.

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