

Isle of Man



After a successful tour to the Isle of Man in 2008 we have great pleasure in including it in our brochure once again this year. Set in the Irish Sea, the Isle of Man is a unique destination with over 10,000 years of history. Its most famous symbols are the Manx Cat and the island's emblem, the three legs of Man whose meaning is 'whichever way you throw me I stand'. The Isle of Man is blessed with outstanding scenery and a more relaxed way of life. The capital of the island Douglas, is very much the typical Victorian style seaside town with a curving row of impressive buildings arching along the promenade. Douglas is the starting point for the steam and electric railways departing from opposite ends of the Promenade and linked by horse drawn trams which 'clip clop' along the two miles of the promenade - a reminder of days gone by.

Hydro Hotel

The Hydro Hotel is a long established family run hotel ideally situated on the beautiful Queens Promenade. The hotel offers comfortable en-suite accommodation with colour television, direct dial telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. There are magnificent views of the bay from the entrance and lounges with good food and a warm welcome assured at all times. There is a lift to all floors.

Excursions

We start the day with a return ticket on the Manx Electric Railway from Douglas to the historic mining village of Laxey, home of the famous 'Lady Isabella' - the largest working waterwheel of its kind in the world. The island has just one mountain - Snaefell (Norse for snow mountain) and the only way to reach the 2036 foot summit if you choose not to walk is by the splendid Snaefell Mountain Railway. The views are spectacular from the summit. Please note that the coach will not be used on this excursion as the terminus for the Manx Electric Railway is a short walk from the hotel.

Our other excursion will include a tour around some of the main towns and villages on the island.

Departure date

August 17th 5 days £270
Single supplement £48

Price includes

All coach travel
Return ferry crossing between Heysham and the Isle of Man
En-suite accommodation
Dinner, bed & breakfast
2 nights entertainment
Return journey on The Manx Electric Railway from Douglas to Laxey
Return journey on the Snaefell Mountain Railway

Kent

Cathedral Cities & Vineyards

The Heart of Kent is English countryside at its best. Discover a landscape of rolling hills and wooded valleys, dotted with orchards and vineyards where each season yields its treasures in a myriad of colours.

Quality Burlington Hotel

Built in the 1880's for the Earl of Radnor, this impressive Victorian Edwardian listed building offers panoramic views overlooking the famous Leas Promenade, across Folkestone and the English Channel. The hotel offers comfortable en-suite accommodation, the Bay Tree Restaurant which offers a good choice of menu and a cocktail bar where you can relax in the evening. There is a lift to all floors.

Excursions

Geoffrey Chaucer's famous Canterbury Tales were inspired by this beautiful city and the pilgrims, to this day, flock to Canterbury to visit the majestic Norman Cathedral. Dominating the city's skyline, Canterbury Cathedral along with the tranquil ruins of St. Augustine's Abbey and the ancient St. Martin's Church, forms one of Britain's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Well known not only for its historic buildings and narrow streets, but also for the quality and variety of its shops, situated near to the Kent coastline and amongst beautiful countryside, there is more to Canterbury than meets the eye.

Our second excursion takes us to Biddenden Vineyard in the morning where you will have a guided tour of the vineyard and the chance to taste some of the excellent wines and ciders produced in the heart of the Kent countryside. In addition to the tour we have included a Ploughman's Platter and glass of wine for you before departing for the beautiful town of Tenterden. As anyone who has visited the town will tell you the picturesque 'Cinque Port' of Tenterden has every reason to declare itself 'The Jewel of the Weald'. Its fine High Street must rank amongst the most attractive in the Country with historic houses, shops, restaurants and pubs separated from the carriageway by wide expanses of tree-lined grass verge.

Departure date

August 31st 5 days £225
Single supplement £48

Price includes

All coach travel
En-suite accommodation
Dinner, bed & breakfast
Evening entertainment
Excursion to Canterbury
Wine tasting & lunch at Biddenden Vineyard

