

Eight Hour Coastal Tour

To start this coastal tour, you will be picked up at the Sea Terminal and driven north along Douglas Promenade, around Onchan Head and along the coast road to Groudle Glen.



Groudle Glen

After a short time spent relaxing, walking in the Glen and taking in the sea views, we drive on towards Laxey.



Laxey

After spending a little while wandering around Laxey's quaint waterfront, we set off North along the coastal road stopping at Dhoon Glen.



Dhoon Glen

Dhoon Glen is picturesque but the walk down to the sea is very steep. Some people may find it too difficult to walk back, so if you are a little unsteady on your feet or prone to get tired on steep walks you may wish to stay on the higher level of the Glen. For those who are a little fitter, the walk down to the sea has its rewards. The Glen is only small but very beautiful and boasts a small waterfall.

When we leave Doon Glen, we carry on north toward Ramsey, passing through Glen Mona village and the parish of Margould.



Ramsey

Ramsey is the second largest town on the Isle of Man and has quite a nice choice of shops. You may wish to spend a little time here browsing through the many small shops along the high Street (Parliament Street). You will also get the chance for a little refreshment in one of the town's cafes or pubs.

When we leave Ramsey, we travel further north to the Point of Ayre Lighthouse. The countryside in this part of the island is very flat and when we reach the Point of Ayre we can go no further. We are now closer to the coast of Scotland than we are to Douglas.



Point of Ayre

After leaving the point of Ayre, we travel south along the East Coast, passing the newly built prison at Jurby and on towards Kirk Michael.



Kirk Michael

Unless somebody wants to stop for a newspaper or some refreshments, we will be driving at a leisurely pace through Kirk Michael, with our next stop the city of Peel.



Peel

Peel, being situated on the west side of the island, is sometimes called The Sunset City. If you were to visit just as the sun is going down you would see why. Peel Castle, which stands at the south end of the town, is a partially ruined mediaeval castle and is worth spending a little time to wander around. Peel has a strong fishing tradition and this is where the famous Manx kippers are smoked.

After leaving Peel we head south, through the parish of Patrick, on route to Glen Maye.



Glen Maye

We stop in the car park at Glen Maye and here you can take some refreshments in the waterfall Hotel (they serve some very good pub food here) or take a leisurely stroll through the beautiful glen where it's a short walk to the impressive waterfall.

After leaving Glen Maye, we will take a leisurely drive towards Port Erin, and some more beautiful views.



Port Erin

When we arrive at Port Erin you will marvel at its sandy beach & its deep sheltered bay. You can enjoy a stroll along the promenade and, maybe, take a look at the quaint steam railway station. If you have the time, you may wish to take a stroll along the promenade and have a delicious, locally made, ice cream cornet from one of the ice cream shops.

From Port Erin we take a short drive to Port St Mary on the opposite side of the island (the island is quite narrow at this point).



Port St Mary

Port St Mary has twin bays and you can see from this picture, there is only a short distance between Port Erin and Port St Mary.

After a short stop in Port St Mary you will travel northwards along the east coast to Castletown.



Castletown

Castletown boasts one of the finest mediaeval castles in the whole of the UK and fishing boats still fill the harbour. Along with the small fishing cottages, the narrow streets highlight its ancient past and add character to this old town. After visiting Castletown we may just have time for a short stop at Rushen Abbey, a short distance north.



Rushen Abbey

Take a stroll around the abbey gardens and soak up the history. Rushen Abbey, the Abbey Gardens and Interpretation Centre reveals one of the Island's most important heritage sites through the ages from its founding in 1134 right through to its use in the present day.



Port Soderick

When we leave the Abbey, we take a leisurely drive back to Douglas passing by Port Soderick where we may take a diversion, if time allows.

Port Soderick is a small hamlet to the south of Douglas, once famed for its pleasure grounds and beach. The beach area has its own small promenade and hotel (latterly named "The Anchor" but now closed and abandoned). There is a paddling pool (long since filled in by shingle from the incoming tide). There is access to the nearby glen of the same name, where you may wish to take a stroll. These days the place is something of a ghost town, disturbed only by the occasional dog walker and us. It still has a natural beauty although there are plenty of reminders of a bygone age.

Now it's time to head back to Douglas.



Douglas

Welcome back to Douglas, situated on the east coast of the Isle of Man. Douglas has been the island's capital since 1863 and holds most of the island's action. The beautiful sea front is lined with picturesque hotels and restaurants. The shopping high street is filled with familiar names like Boots, Marks & Spencer, Next, etc, as well as many locally owned stores.

The cost of this tour is £..... for 1 to 4 people or £..... for 5 to 8 people