

Enjoy...

Castle Rushen, one of the world's best preserved medieval castles.



Welcome to the group visitor information for Castle Rushen, situated in Castletown.  
Here you will find everything you need to plan a visit.

---

### What there is to see?

One of the best preserved medieval castles in Europe can be found in the heart of Castletown, the Isle of Man's ancient capital. Castle Rushen was the former seat of the Kings and Lords of Mann, with the Castle's oldest part dating back to the time of Magnus, last Norse King of Mann. Later on, Castle Rushen served as an administrative centre, a mint, a law court and for over 100 years until the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, as a prison. Today, spectacular displays illustrate the Castle at various times in history, with figures in period costume, historical furnishings and wall hangings, realistic food, contemporary music and medieval speech bringing the Castle's medieval and 17<sup>th</sup> Century periods to life.

---

### Opening hours (Easter to October)

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2010 to October 2010

10.00 – 17.00, 7 days a week



Admission is by ticket which provides entry to the entire castle. Regrettably, Castle Rushen is not open during the winter months or after 17.00 unless by special arrangement for a private evening tour. 0

---

### Timing your visit

A typical visit lasts between 1 to 1½ hours. Manx National Heritage recommend that a visit to Castle Rushen is timed to coincide with other Southern area visits in Castletown including the **Nautical Museum**, which includes a uniquely preserved eighteenth century armed yacht; the **Old House of Keys** – the restored original parliament building which offers the opportunity to debate momentous issues in Manx political history; the **Old Grammar School** where rows of benches and desks are a reminder of early Victorian schools days; and **Rushen Abbey, The Abbey Gardens and Interpretive Centre**, in neighbouring Ballasalla.

## Admission prices for 2010

Adult £5.50 • Child (under 16 years): £3.00 • Family (2 adults and 2 children): £14.00

Discounted admission prices are available for pre-booked groups. Multi-site discount admission passes are also available from all Manx National Heritage sites. Valid passes must be shown on entry to each site.

---

## Booking your visit

Pre-booking is advised and achieves a number of benefits for your group including a substantial discount on the standard admission price, discount on the purchase of guide books and speedy, hassle-free entry to the site.

To book your group visit, please telephone our group bookings office on (+44) (0) 1624 648000. Payment is due no later than 2 weeks in advance and refunds are not given once the booking and group numbers are confirmed.

On receipt of payment, a Group Entry Permit will be issued to you for presentation at the site entrance on the day of your visit.

## Group discount on guidebooks

Group travel organisers receive a 25% discount on Souvenir guidebooks for Castle Rushen when purchasing 10 guidebooks or more. Please request your guidebooks through our Group Bookings Office. Payment must be made in advance and your pre-ordered guidebooks will be available for collection on entry to the castle.

---

## Private evening tours

Private evening tours of Castle Rushen can be arranged during the summer months by special request. An expert guide will show you around the 17<sup>th</sup> Century and Medieval floors of the castle and will explain the importance and historical significance of Castle Rushen through the centuries, as well as answering any questions regarding the castle and its fascinating heritage.

Evening tours are priced at £12.50 per person and the minimum group size for an evening tour at Castle Rushen is 20 people. Tours last 1 hour and visitors are advised to wear sensible footwear.

By special request, private evening functions may be held within the castle at a cost of £1200 for the whole castle, £650 for the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Floor or £650 for the Medieval Floor.

---

## How to get there

By coach: Enter Castletown via the Douglas Road (from the North) Follow Victoria Road into Castletown, crossing the harbour bridge as indicated on the map below. From the South enter Castletown from Alexandra Road and follow the road until you enter Castletown square.

By bus: 1, 1C, 2, 2A, 8.

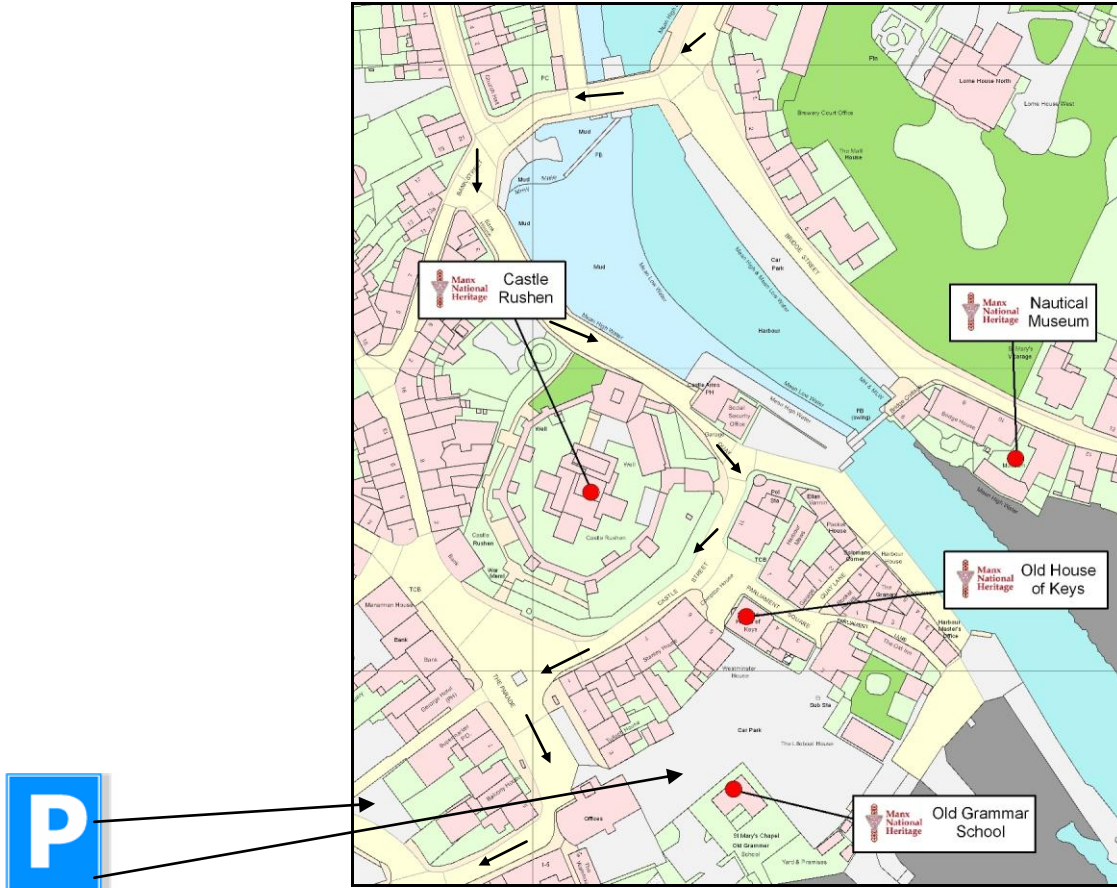
Steam Railway: Castle Rushen is signposted from Castletown station.

By road: Castle Rushen is situated in the heart of Castletown and is signposted throughout the town.

## Car and coach parking

Disc zone car parking available within the town. Coaches may drop off or collect visitors at Castletown town square and coach parking is available in the area behind the George Hotel, adjacent to Castletown fire station. For your guidance, please note that speed limits apply in Castletown and there are narrow streets within the town.

## Map of Castletown



---

## Information for disabled people

Visual and oral presentations, along with a small range of sensory experiences can be enjoyed on the ground floor. There are narrow steps and spiral stair cases leading to the higher floors of the castle. Disabled toilet facilities are available within the castle.

---

## Visitor Information

For safety reasons, visitors are asked to take special care whilst visiting Castle Rushen. Visitors are asked to wear suitable footwear and keep to defined routes as surfaces may be worn, uneven or slippery. Children should be kept under close supervision at all times.

Lavatories are available within Castle Rushen.

Photography and filming (for personal use only) and use of mobile phones is permitted.

Souvenirs and guidebooks are available to purchase at the Castle Rushen Heritage Shop.

Picnics can be enjoyed within the castle grounds.

## Discover more about the Story of Mann sites

A complimentary 6 minute DVD guide to visiting the Island's heritage attractions is available to anyone organising a Group Visit, together with copies of Manx National Heritage's Story of Mann Leaflet. These can be obtained by contacting our Group Bookings Office.

## Where to next

**DISCOVER**  
*The Story of Mann*  
at thirteen historic sites around the Isle of Man,  
including special events, exhibitions  
and exciting days out.

**Peel**  
Peel Castle

**Niarbyl**  
Niarbyl

**Cregneash & The Sound**  
National Folk Museum  
The Sound

**Ramsey**  
The Grove

**Laxey Wheel**  
The Great Laxey Wheel

**Douglas**  
The Manx Museum & Bay Boon Restaurant

**Castletown**  
Castle Rushen  
Nautical Museum  
Old House of Keys  
Old Grammar School

**Ballasalla**  
Ballasalla

Open 10am to 5pm daily from Easter to October.  
The Manx Museum and House of Manannan remain open  
throughout the winter. Manx Museum closed on Sundays.

Manx National Heritage, Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 3LY  
Tel: (01624) 648000 • Fax: (01624) 648001 • Email: [enquiries@mnh.gov.im](mailto:enquiries@mnh.gov.im)  
[www.storyofmann.com](http://www.storyofmann.com)

## Contact details

Group ticket sales and information  
Group Bookings Office  
Manx National Heritage  
Kingswood Grove  
Douglas  
Isle of Man  
IM1 3LY

Telephone (+44) (0) 1624 648000

Fax (+44) (0) 1624 648001

E-mail [enquiries@mnh.gov.im](mailto:enquiries@mnh.gov.im)

Website [www.storyofmann.com](http://www.storyofmann.com)



Manx National Heritage  
*Eiraght Ashoonagh Vannin*