

MANX HERITAGE TRANSPORT FESTIVAL

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Welcome

MER: (Timetable F)

Groudle Shuttles using Car 16 and Van 4.

Depart Derby Castle for Groudle at 10:55, 11:55, 13:00 (Continues to Laxey), 14:55 & 15:55. **Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.**

MER Edwardian Evening

Evening Groudle Shuttles using Car 6

Depart Derby Castle in newly repainted Car 6 at 18:10, 19:10, 20:10 & 21:10, returning at 18:28, 19:28, 20:28 & 21:28 from Groudle **Standard tram fares apply. Go Explore cards accepted.**



Groudle Glen Railway and Cliff Top Tea Rooms and Visitor Centre

Normal ride all day rover ticket fares £4 adult/£2 children and Go Explore cards accepted.

Open in conjunction with MER services from 11:00 to 21:00

The Douglas Bay Horse Tramway

The Douglas Bay Horse Tramway is the last remaining 19th Century original horse-drawn passenger tramway in the world. Trams run every 20 minutes from 09:00 to 18:00 daily throughout the festival.

Prices start at £3 for adults and £2 for children for a single journey and can be purchased on board or from Derby Castle.

There will be a unique opportunity to view and ride on the Double Decker Horse Tram being pulled by a pair of horses. The Tram will depart Derby Castle at 09:00

Standard tram fares apply. Go Explore cards accepted. Go Horse season card also available.

Douglas Horse Tram Stables Open Evening

Meet our Clydesdale and Shire heavy horses, learn about their lives and discover the hidden story of the Douglas Bay Horse Tramway. Guided tours of the stables and gift shop open.

Special evening service until 21:00. Guided tours at 18:30 and 19:30.

Free admission. For information and guided tour tickets, visit the Derby Castle MER Ticket Office 01624 614687.

Guided walk from Foxdale to Peel

Join IOM Railway Walk guides for a walk along the closed lines from Foxdale to Peel.

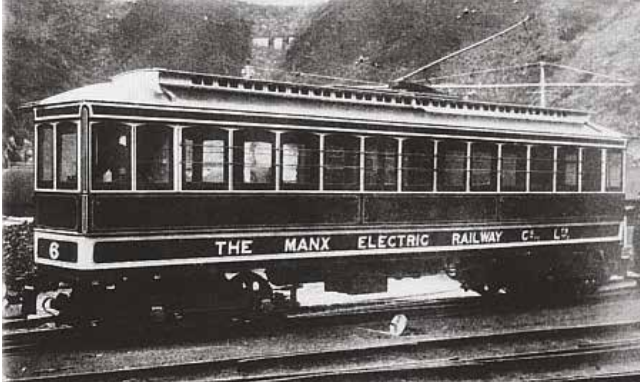
Meet at Foxdale Heritage Centre (the former Railway Station) at 10:30am. The walk takes approximately 3 hours. Suitable clothing and footwear required. Free event.

Snaefell Sunset Dinner

Relax, raise a glass and enjoy stunning sunset views whilst you dine at the highest point on the Isle of Man.

- Trams depart from Ramsey at 17:10, arriving at Laxey 17:55
- Trams depart Derby Castle at: 17:40 and 18:40, arriving at Laxey at 18:10 and 19:10.
- Returning from Laxey at: 21:25 and 22:25, arriving at Derby Castle 21:55 and 22:55.
- Returning from Laxey at 21:25, and arriving at Ramsey 22:10.

Tickets £30 per person (tram travel included). To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525



Newly repainted stock on timetabled services on the MER.
Car 16 and trailer 60 will operate the 09:10, 10:40 and 14:10 ex Derby Castle. Car 6 will operate the 10:10 and 13:40 ex Derby Castle.

The Marquess of Ailsa Commemorative Train

Join us on the 09:50 departure from Douglas as the Isle of Man Railway celebrates 50 years since the re-opening of the system in 1967. Our Locomotive for this special journey will be No13 "Kissack", which was originally restored to service by Lord Ailsa during his lease of the line. Suitably decorated with celebratory shield and flags, the locomotive will also carry a unique headboard and discs. At Port Erin Railway Museum a display of photographs and memorabilia will be on show to enable reflection on this significant event in Manx railway history.

Standard train fares apply. Go Explore cards accepted

Model display at Port Erin Railway Station and Bus Shed

Fabulous display of Manx railway model locomotives, carriages and wagons in various scales, in association with the IoM15mil group, to be held in the Station Waiting Room. This display covers the Isle of Man Steam Railway, Manx Northern Railway and Groudle Glen.

Free admission to model display. Take the opportunity to drive the diesel (No.21) simulator experience. £5 Level 1 and £10 Level 2

MER The Nationalised Navigator

"Mystery Tour" of the MER using Car 32, visiting various sidings and crossovers including the new crossover at Ballamenagh. Photo stops en route.

Depart Derby Castle 10:20, returning by 17:00. Tickets £10. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525

Pie and Mash supper on the Dining Car/Evening Talking Train

Descriptive and historical commentary en route, provided by IOM Railway Walk guides. There is space on this train for non-diners subject to demand.

Two course Pie and Mash Supper on the Dining Car: £26pp inc train fare. Departs Douglas 19:00 to Port Erin 20:15, return 21:15 arriving Douglas 22:30. To book call 01624 697457

A Night at the Museum

In association with Heritage Railway Volunteers and featuring floodlit exhibits, audio/video presentations, and incorporating a new display commemorating the Ailsa Years, with photographs and memorabilia.

From 19:30 until 21:00. Standard Museum admission charge of £2 per adult / £1 per child. Free with valid Go Platinum and Go Heritage cards



Green Hills by the Sea

Guided tour around Bulgham Bay, using green liveried Car 21 and red liveried trailer 43, replicating post 1957 "mixed livery" combination.

Special tram will depart Derby Castle at 19:00 and return by 22:10. Participants must wear suitable clothing and footwear for the guided walk section. Tickets £10. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525.

Tours of Derby Castle yard



Guided tours of the Derby Castle Yard workshops by the manxelectricrailwayco.uk team. Each tour will include a brief history of the Derby Castle yard, a look at different types of trams, how they work and are maintained. Items of rolling stock not currently in use will be displayed in the Depot and MER artefacts will be on display. The opportunity will be available to inspect the latest work on the comprehensive overhaul of Ratchet Car No.14. Tours limited to 10 persons per tour.

Tours start at 11:15, 12:15, 14:15, 15:15 (Please meet at the MER Museum at the Derby Castle sheds for your tour to start). Tickets £5. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525. Standard tram fares apply. Go Explore cards accepted.

Drive the Green Tram

An opportunity to take the controls of the MER's green liveried Car 21 between Laxey and Ballamenagh. Departing Laxey at 10:15, 11:15, 12:40, 14:15 and 15:15. Participants must be aged between 21 and 75. (Proof of age maybe requested).

Two participants per trip. Tickets £20. (Please note numbers are limited so booking is recommended). To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525



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Stamps on the MER and Snaefell

A special postal service will operate between Derby Castle Station, Laxey Station and Ramsey. A special Railway Letter Service will also operate from the Summit on the Snaefell Mountain Railway to Laxey. Mail Van departs Derby Castle 09:40, returns on the 11.10 from Ramsey and will park in Laxey Station sidings for 11:55 for the sale of stamps.

Special Commemorative Stamp Covers will be carried on both services and can be ordered in advance from Ramsey Philatelic Services, 5 Windsor Road, and Ramsey, IM8 3EG. Telephone 07624 306847. They will be available on the day at the Snaefell Summit Hotel and from the Mail Van on arrival at Laxey Station. MER and SMR Covers £4.75 each (plus 75p postage and packing if not collected).

Vintage bus tour of closed lines

Our popular tour calls at all main stations open during the Ailsa era, with guides from IOM Railway Walks. We will stop in Peel for lunch where the IOM15MIL Modellers Group will have a display of Manx railway models in the foyer of the House Of Mannanan. The tour then continues with a visit to the goods shed at Ballaugh to meet artist Michael Starkey and view his Manx Northern Railway paintings. Additional attractions include access inside Kirk Michael station (subject to operations) and a steam hauled trip on the Orchid Line at the Wild Life Park. (Please note numbers are limited so booking is recommended).

Meet at Douglas Railway Station at 10:00. (Return by 18:30) Tickets £20. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525.



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MER Crossbench Evening to mark the return to service of trailers 61 & 62

To mark this occasion a special tram consisting of car 33, trailer 61 and van 4 will depart Derby Castle at 18:10. On arrival in Ramsey you will be directed to the Methodist Centre adjacent to the Station for an illustrated talk by Tom Durant from the Queen's Pier Restoration Trust. The remarkable structure was built in 1886 and Tom will discuss the Trusts plans for the future of the Pier.

The special tram returns from Ramsey at 21:25 (arriving at Derby Castle 22:40) Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted. Tickets £5 for the talk. Car 16 and trailer 60 depart Derby Castle at 16:40 and 19:40, car 32 and trailer 62 depart Derby Castle at 17:10 and 20:55.

Manx Electric Railway. Cars 1 and 2 on timetabled services.

Car 1 departs Derby Castle at 9:10, 10:40 and 14:10.

Car 2 departs Derby Castle at 10:10 and 13:40.

Douglas workshop, running shed and signal box tours

Join the Heritage Railway Volunteers for the popular tours of the steam sheds and workshops and see what life was like for the Douglas signalman with a visit inside the unique signal box, the interior of which remains almost unchanged since it was built.

Tours start: 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00. Wait at Douglas Station for your tour to start. Tickets £5. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525



Travelling Post Office

The 09:50 from Douglas and the 11:30 from Port Erin will also include a Travelling Post Office (TPO) transporting special commemorative stamp covers to mark the 50th anniversary of the Ailsa re-opening. These very limited edition covers, with Railway Letter Stamps will be available for both parts of the journey.

These can be ordered in advance from Ramsey Philatelic Services, 5 Windsor Road, Ramsey. IM8 3EG. Telephone 07624 306847 or will be available on the day from the TPO on arrival at Port Erin and Douglas stations. Steam Railway TPO Covers £4.75 each (plus 75p postage and packing if not collected).

Snaefell Sunset Dinner

Relax, raise a glass and enjoy stunning sunset views whilst you dine at the highest point on the Isle of Man.

- Trams depart Derby Castle at: 17:40 and 18:40 and from Ramsey at 17:10
- Trams return from the summit at: 20:50 and 21:50

To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525. Tickets £35 per person (tram travel included)

Groudle Glen Railway and Cliff Top Tea Rooms and Visitor Centre

Open in conjunction with MER services from 11:00 to 16:30 Sea Lion of 1896 and original Victorian coaches.

Normal ride all day rover ticket fares £4 adult/£2 children and Go Explore cards accepted.

Great Laxey Mine Railway

Open from 11:00 to 16:30 Saturday and Sunday, the Great Laxey Mine Railway offers a fascinating insight into the industrial heritage of Laxey. An opportunity to travel behind the recently refurbished battery locomotive 'Wasp' newly repainted in 'Brunswick Green' livery will also be available.

Return journey £2 per person. Go Explore cards accepted.

Conducted Tour of the 1908 railway station complex at Peel

Bus trip from Douglas Railway Station for a conducted tour of the 1908 railway complex at Peel. This walking tour starts from the piazza outside the House of Manannan and proceeds to the reception area to view the original facade of the station building. Continuing upstairs you will see the former storage area and a photo exhibition from the 1970s. Returning downstairs past the original passenger entrance to Mill Road, we will proceed to view the Goods Shed wall and walk on to the corner of the railway land to see the water tower. There is time to visit the Manx Transport Museum (free admission).

Meet at Douglas Railway Station at 13:00 (return by 17:00) Tickets £20. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525.

50th Anniversary of the 1967 re-opening day at Douglas Station

Staged display of all operational steam locomotives at Douglas Steam Railway Station, followed by an update by the Director of Public Transport Services in the Tickethall. Shunting commences at 19:00 for photo opportunities. The Dining Car will be on display on the platform and there will be a Hog Roast under the Station canopy.

Talk commences at 20:00. Admission for talk plus Hog Roast £5. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525



Intensive MER Service. (Timetable to be provided close to the event)



Guided walk from St Johns to Kirk Michael

Join IOM Railway Walk guides for a walk along the Manx Northern Railway from St Johns to Kirk Michael.

Meet at the bus stop opposite Tynwald Hill at 10:30. The walk takes approximately 4:30 hours. Suitable clothing and footwear required. Free event

Groudle Glen Railway and Cliff Top Tea Rooms Gala Day

Featuring every type of motive power Groudle Glen Railway have in service. Steam, Battery and diesel all operating on public trains throughout the day. There will also be a chance to view unusual combinations. Open from 11:00 to 16:30.

Normal ride all day rover ticket fares £4 adult/£2 children and Go Explore cards accepted.

Southern District Agricultural Show

Vintage tractors and farming machinery, entertainment and stands displaying local produce and business.

Steam trains arrive and depart Castletown at: 1027 1157 1327 1457 1627 1757

Jurby Transport Museum

The museum has a wide range of exhibits including buses, trams and lorries along with many smaller exhibits. The museum aims to inform visitors about the rich transport history of the Isle of Man. (please note that some exhibits may be at other locations during the festival).

Admission free. Opening hours 10:00 to 16:00

(Toilets and refreshments available)

Bus departs Ramsey Tram station at 11:00 13:00 15:00

Bus departs transport museum 12:40 14:40 16:40**

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Slide show and social evening

Conclude our festival with a trip down to Port Erin on a vintage bus, for a social evening and slide show at the Falcons Nest Hotel. The presentation will include previously unseen black and white pictures of the Islands railways from 1953 with Andrew Scarffe and Mike Buttell. The Falcons Nest boasts a fine selection of real ales.

Admission £3 on the door or £7:50 to include return travel by Vintage Bus, departing Douglas 19:00. Slide show 20:00 – 22:00 To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525



MER Museum

The Manx Electric Railway was one of the earliest electric railways in the British Isles. There is now a dedicated museum where you can learn more about the history of this pioneering railway.

The museum is located inside the main depot at Derby Castle. Free Admission. Open 10:00 till 16:00



HERITAGE TRANSPORT FESTIVAL TICKETS

Unless a separate ticket price is stated, Go travel cards or standard fare tickets are required for all events. See below for information about Go travel cards.

TRAVEL MORE AND SAVE MORE

GO EXPLORE CARD - unlimited travel on all scheduled bus and rail services, including the Douglas Horse Trams, Groudle Glen Railway and Great Laxey Mine Railway for 1, 3, 5, or 7 consecutive days with a scenic image on the front of the card.

GO EXPLORE HERITAGE - 5 consecutive days unlimited rail travel admission to Manx National Heritage attractions Groudle Glen Railway and The Great Laxey Mine Railway.

Go Cards are available to buy from the Welcome Centre at the Sea Terminal, Douglas and all main railway stations. The card activation charge is £2 plus:

Go Explore Cards	Adult	Child	Family
1 Day Go Explore	£16.00	£8.00	£39.00
3 Day Go Explore	£32.00	£16.00	£75.00
5 Day Go Explore	£39.00	£19.50	£95.00
7 Day Go Explore	£47.00	£23.50	£115.00
5 Day Go Explore Heritage	£55.00	£27.00	-

A family card is for two adults and up to three children **aged 5 to 15 years**. **Children under 5 travel free.**

1 Day Go Explore - available from any bus driver, conductor or guard.

Conditions of Carriage can be viewed on our website www.rail.im

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