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Day One – Falt Erriu: Welcome to the Isle of Man

Your adventure begins as you journey to the Isle of Man, a beautiful island full of character and charm. After checking into the hotel, take some time to relax, unpack, or enjoy a gentle stroll along the seafront. In the evening, the group gathers for a welcome drink and dinner at the hotel – the perfect chance to meet fellow travellers and begin building new friendships.



Day Two – Steam Train & Malew Riverside Ramble



After breakfast, the local walking guide meets the group at the hotel and leads them on a short walk to Douglas Railway Station, where they board the 09:50 steam train to Ballasalla. The vintage carriages set the scene for a day filled with history and charm.

The walk begins in Ballasalla, passing the evocative ruins of **Rushen Abbey** before continuing into **Silverdale Glen**. Highlights include the 14th-century **Monk's Bridge** and the boating lake with its rare Victorian water-powered merry-go-round, where a short break is welcome.

The route then follows the peaceful **Silverburn River**, a gentle path that winds into the harbour town of **Castletown**, the island's former capital. Here, there is time to enjoy refreshments in a cafe or pub, explore the market square, or visit **Castle Rushen**, one of the best-preserved medieval castles in the British Isles.

Return travel to Douglas is by steam train (every two hours, with the station approximately ½ mile from the town centre) or by regular bus service from the town centre.

What to expect: Flat natural footpaths beside the river; one stile to cross. Cafes and pubs are available in Castletown.

Walk distance: 4 miles (127ft ascent).

Walk time: Around 3 hours.

Day Three – Electric Railway & Laxey Lower Valley



After breakfast, the group walks to the northern end of Douglas promenade to board the **Manx Electric Railway** – a Victorian-era tram that trundles along the coast with sweeping views of the Irish Sea. The journey to **Laxey** is a highlight in itself, offering a unique glimpse of the island's landscapes.

The walk begins at **Laxey Station**, with the first stop being the iconic **Great Laxey Wheel**, the world's largest working waterwheel and a proud symbol of the island's mining heritage. The route then climbs gently towards **Agneash**, a former mining village nestled in the hills, before winding across peaceful countryside paths.

From here, the trail visits **King Orry's Grave**, an impressive Neolithic chambered tomb that has stood for over 4,000 years. The final stretch leading back down through **Laxey village** and to the picturesque **harbour**, before returning to Laxey Station for the journey back to Douglas.

Return travel to Douglas is by electric train (every 30 minutes) or by regular bus service from Laxey.

What to expect: A varied walk on village lanes and countryside paths, with gentle ascents and rewarding views. Opportunities to explore key heritage sites, including the Great Laxey Wheel and King Orry's Grave. Cafes and pubs are available in Laxey.

Walk distance: 5 miles (approx. 180ft ascent).

Walk time: Around 3 hours.

Day Four – Tynwald, Heritage Trail & Peel Hill



After breakfast, the group walks to Douglas bus station to board a service heading west to **St John's**, a village with special importance in Manx culture. St John's is home to **Tynwald Hill**, the ancient site of the island's parliament, which has met here for over a thousand years and is recognised as the oldest continuous parliament in the world.

From St John's, the route follows part of the **Heritage Trail**, a peaceful pathway along a former railway line, before turning towards **Knockaloe Beg** and climbing onto **Peel Hill**. Here, the views stretch across the Irish Sea and over the harbour town of Peel. A short detour leads to **Corrin's Tower**, a 19th-century monument and superb vantage point.

The walk concludes with a descent into **Peel**, arriving by the dramatic ruins of **Peel Castle**, once a stronghold of Viking kings. The remainder of the afternoon can be spent exploring Peel's narrow streets, harbourfront, and enjoying refreshments in one of its cafes or pubs before returning to Douglas by bus (hourly service).

What to expect: A mix of flat former railway trail and moderate hillside paths with a steady climb to Peel Hill. Historic highlights include Tynwald Hill, Corrin's Tower and Peel Castle. Cafes and pubs are available in Peel.

Walk distance: Approx. 5 miles (600–650ft ascent).

Walk time: Around 4 hours.

For those who prefer a gentler option, the walk can be adapted to avoid the climb onto Peel Hill.

Day Five – Slane Ihiat: Farewell to the Isle of Man

After breakfast, it is time to bid **Slane Ihiat** – ‘goodbye’ in Manx – to the Isle of Man. With memories of coastal walks, ancient history and new friendships, guests begin the journey home

Private transfers can be arranged, or guests may choose to make use of their **Explorer Pass** and travel by local bus to the Sea Terminal or the Isle of Man Airport.