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ISLE OF MAN

Tuesday 12th – Sunday 17th June 2012

£439 per person



*Price Incl: 1 night's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at a 3 star overnight hotel (location tba)
plus 4 night's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation at the 3 star Rutland Hotel,
Douglas, Isle of Man, plus return ferry crossings and excursions as detailed.
Not included: Single room supplement £55 per person*

TUESDAY – We depart Bretonside at 7am and head north to the lovely old city of Chester, famous for its Cathedral, city walls and the "Rows", the two tiered medieval half-timbered shopping galleries. We then continue our journey onto our overnight hotel.

WEDNESDAY – We will visit Morecambe this morning. We then travel the short distance to Heysham for our 14.15 hrs ferry across to the Isle of Man. We arrive at Douglas approx. 17.45 hrs and travel just another 5 minutes or so to reach our hotel.

THURSDAY – This morning we enjoy a journey on the unique Manx Electric Railway, built between 1893 and 1899. It still operates with the majority of its Victorian and Edwardian rolling stock. At Laxey we transfer to the Snaefell Mountain Railway, the only electric mountain railway in the British Isles which climbs 2,036ft to the summit of Snaefell mountain. On our return to Laxey, you can visit "Lady Isabella" – the Laxey Wheel, built in 1854, it remains the largest working water wheel in the world. (entry not included - £4 in 2011). We get back to Douglas mid afternoon, where horse drawn trams operate along the Victorian promenade.

FRIDAY – Cross over Fairy Bridge as you travel down to Castletown, once the ancient capital of Mann, with Castle Rushen, an ancient fortress dominating the town and harbour. We visit the Old House of Keys, the fascinating former home of the Manx Parliament and centre of 19th century political life on the island. Here we meet the costumed secretary, sit in the finely restored debating chamber, and discover how motorcycle racing was introduced to the island. We carry on to the quiet little town of Port Erin which owes much of its existence to the Victorian tourists who came for the beautiful sandy beach set in an enclosed harbour.

SATURDAY – Follow the Isle of Man's famous TT course north, stopping at "Royal" Ramsey, a thriving market town set in the foothills of North Barrule. The route takes you across the island, down to Peel, an attractive seaside resort on the south east coast. Returning via Tynwald Hill, home of the Manx parliament established 1000 years ago by the Vikings; it is the oldest in the world.

SUNDAY – After an early breakfast we travel back to the dock for our 08.45am ferry back to the mainland. We arrive in Heysham at 12.15hrs and start our journey back towards the West Country. Comfort stops will be made along the way, aiming to arrive back into Bretonside around 10pm.

PLEASE NOTE: All bedrooms are en-suite with showers only. The only rooms available with a bath are executive rooms with a sea view, which would be on a request basis and would incur a supplement in order to be guaranteed.