PRINTABLE TRIP ITINERARY

Isle of Man for 4 Nights

Our real four-night trip from Edinburgh with Douglas, southern cliffs, Peel, Groudle Glen and wildlife for £209.50 per person.

4 nights	£209.50 pp	Isle of Man	5 days
TRIP	BUDGET	DURATION	GUIDE

What this guide includes

Actual or planned costs, a readable day-by-day itinerary, practical food and accommodation notes, and public transport station pairs where available.

Important: Historical costs are budgeting references. Verify current prices, route numbers, opening times and entry rules before travel.

Budget and transport

Expense	Per person
Edinburgh ⇄ Isle of Man return flight	£25.00
OPUL EXPRESS – Inglewood: four nights	£90.00
Three-day bus pass	£12.00
Arrival and departure taxis (£35 total for two)	£17.50
Coffee	£15.00
Food brought from home	£0
Essential trip total	£159.50
Optional souvenirs	£50.00
Overall total	£209.50

Bus, train, tram and ferry route card

Mode	Service	Board at	Get down at	Approx. fare	Note
Bus	Routes 1 or 2	Isle of Man Airport	Douglas Lord Street / stop nearest the stay	Included in Go Explore pass; otherwise about £2-4	For airport–Douglas travel when not using the booked taxi.
Bus	Routes 1 or 2	Douglas Lord Street	Port St Mary	Included in Go Explore pass	For the southern coastal walk; confirm the best stop for the selected trailhead.
Bus	Routes 5 or 6	Douglas Lord Street	Peel Town Hall / central Peel stop	Included in Go Explore pass	For Peel Hill and the seafront.
Bus	Routes 1 or 2	The Sound / Port Erin connection	Douglas Lord Street	Included in Go Explore pass	The exact return may require a Port Erin connection; check Bus Vannin times.

Checked October 2026: confirm live schedules and disruptions in the official operator planner.

Day-by-day itinerary and practical notes

Two of us flew from Edinburgh after booking six months ahead, stayed four nights in Douglas, carried food from home and explored the island by bus and on foot.

Prices are historical rather than live quotations. Use them as a budgeting reference and verify current fares, entry fees and booking conditions before travelling.

Booking the return flight six months ahead kept our biggest journey cost unusually low. We chose a £45-per-night room for the couple, bought a three-day bus pass and used walking for much of the other two days.

Exactly what we spent

Our combined spending for two travellers was £419, including £100 of optional shopping.

Our route around the island

We explored Douglas seafront and completed part of the coastal walk towards Onchan Head.

We completed part of the southern coastal route before visiting The Sound.

The rugged shoreline was our best seal-watching stop.

We visited Peel on a separate day and walked part of the hill route.

Our fourth walking area was another partial trail through the wooded glen towards the coast.

Douglas → Onchan Head → Port St Mary → The Chasms → Spanish Head → The Sound → Peel → Groudle Glen → Douglas.

Douglas, the museum and coastal wildlife

We visited the Manx Museum in Douglas and spent time along the seafront. We saw dolphins from the aeroplane window and again from Douglas Beach. Seals were the most frequent sighting, joined by seabirds and what appeared to be a whale far offshore.

The southern coast and The Sound

Port St Mary, The Chasms and Spanish Head gave us dramatic cliff scenery even though we completed only part of the planned walk. At The Sound we watched seals around the rocks and water.

Peel Hill and Groudle Glen

We visited Peel and Groudle Glen on different days, completing part of each route rather than the full planned walks. This flexible approach let us enjoy the scenery without turning the holiday into a mileage target.

How we travelled

We used buses rather than the Steam Railway or Manx Electric Railway. Our three-day pass cost £12 per person and could be purchased online or on the bus. For convenience, we used taxis for both airport transfers; the combined fare was £35 for the couple.

Why the trip stayed affordable

Booking flights early, sharing one room, bringing meals and mixing bus travel with walking kept the essential trip to £159.50 each. Souvenir shopping was optional and is shown separately so readers can plan a lower budget.

Budget traveller’s quick summary

Trip: Edinburgh → Isle of Man → Edinburgh

Dates: 21–25 May 2026

Travellers: 2

Essential cost: £159.50 per person

Overall spending: £209.50 per person; £419 total

Highlights: Douglas, Manx Museum, Onchan Head, Port St Mary, The Chasms, Spanish Head, The Sound, Peel, Groudle Glen, seals and dolphins

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Before you travel

Reconfirm every fare, stop, timetable, visa or entry requirement, baggage rule and food-import restriction with the responsible provider.