

STEAM PACKET TIMES

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MANANNAN 'SPRINGS' BACK INTO ACTION FOR 2015

Spring is here, which means the fast craft season has returned, and this year with even more sailings!



Manannan has resumed daily return services to the heart of Liverpool. In 2015, she will operate an extra 48 sailings on the city route, giving you even more opportunities to get away.

Our Dublin and Belfast services are also back, giving you more chances to see these famous cities, and countryside beyond.

Not only are there more sailings in 2015, but we've also made it even easier for families to travel. Children's fares have been cut from £17 each way to just £9 each way, plus adult foot passenger fares have been held at £18 for another year.

It's also easy to get away with your car, with five-day breaks for a car and two people starting from just £80. Whether you sail to Heysham or Liverpool, you arrive just minutes from the motorway system so you can get straight on with your holiday.

Take your car to Ireland and you have the freedom to explore at your leisure – in fact, why not sail into Belfast and back from Dublin to sample more of the atmosphere and scenery?



During the winter, Manannan has undergone her annual routine service, which this year included having a new lick of specialist paint applied to the vessel's hull.

It was a technical process which required a minimum surface temperature of 10 degrees centigrade and humidity between 40% and 60%, as well as protection from any rain! It took more than 1,400 working hours to construct a special protective structure to allow the work to take place, a structure involving 20 wagons full of scaffold, one acre of shrink wrap and 400,000 watts of heating.

Once the structure was up, workers shot blasted the hull with more than 40 tonnes of garnet semi-precious stones and then applied 22,000 litres of special silicon-based paint in four coats to the bare hull.



Other work carried out over the winter included the fabrication of a new removable mezzanine deck for Manannan, and a series of tests to make sure the new feature works.

The deck will be installed ahead of both the TT and Isle of Man Festival of Motorcycling, and removed again after each, to allow Manannan to increase its capacity for carrying motorcycles by up to 30%. The removable deck is part of the Steam Packet Company's commitment to supporting the ongoing growth of the tourism industry.



'The removable mezzanine deck will allow more race fans to travel with their bikes'

Our Chief Executive Mark Woodward said: 'We are looking forward to a busy 2015, with the fast craft season now firmly under way and extra services added to our schedule, including 48 additional sailings on the popular Liverpool route.'

'We're pleased to have been able to reduce children's fares by almost 50%, which we hope will encourage more families to travel to and from the Island, and with such convenient links to Liverpool, Heysham, Dublin and Belfast, and beyond, we are looking forward to further growth in passenger numbers.'

He added: 'The TT remains our busiest time of year, and the Festival of Motorcycling is becoming a major attraction to visitors. Listening to our customers, we know there are many people who come over for the TT as foot passengers because there wasn't room for their motorcycle.'

'Our decision to introduce the removable mezzanine deck will help allow more of these race fans to travel with their bikes, and enjoy the freedom to explore more of our beautiful Island.'

SUMMER SPECIAL
KIDS GO FREE!
UP TO 3 KIDS FREE MIDWEEK



WITH A
CAR + TWO
ADULTS FROM
£112^s
EACH WAY



5 DAY
SHORT
BREAK



CAR + TWO
ADULTS FROM
£80^a EACH WAY



FOOT PASSENGER

FOOT PASSENGER FARES† FROM

£18
ADULT

£9
CHILD
(4-15 YEARS)

FREE
INFANT



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LIVERPOOL – AND BEYOND!

The return of daily sailings into the centre of Liverpool means now is a great time to plan some fun-filled breaks in the city. There's so much to explore you'll be spoilt for choice, and with adult foot passenger fares starting at just £18 each way, and children's fares now reduced to just £9 each way, a trip to Liverpool is easy on the pocket too.

There's a host of museums and galleries, huge choice of restaurants offering a diverse range of international cuisine, a famous nightlife scene and so much amazing shopping to enjoy you'll be glad we don't have luggage fees!

You can start your break in comfort when you step on board Manannan and have a bite to eat, drink from the bar or a relaxing sit down in one of the spacious lounges. For an extra bit of luxury, why not upgrade to reserved seating for as little as £4 each way?

There are so many events planned in Liverpool this year. Next month, on May 15, LightNight will see free light displays in streets around the city, plus street performers and late opening of some major museums and galleries, while Sound City, at the Docklands from May 22 to 25, will feature the Vaccines, The Flaming Lips and Belle and Sebastian – a must for music fans.



DISCOVER THE 'EMERALD ISLE' AT YOUR LEISURE

Why not take advantage of the return of the fast craft season to discover the wonders of Belfast and Dublin, whether it is for the first time or a long-wanted return visit?

The renaissance of Belfast has put it on the 'must visit' list of many travellers. Modern restaurants, vibrant nightlife, great shopping and a huge choice of heritage sites and historic monuments make it perfect for a city break.

Dublin remains a firm favourite among tourists, especially those seeking some true Celtic culture, and a pint or two of Guinness of course! A short walk through any of the city's historic streets will take you past locations which have inspired music, writing and art for generations.

Jump on the ferry and you don't even have to choose which of these great cities to visit – you can go to both! Book a 5 Day Short Break for a car and two people from just £80 each way, sail into whichever city you want to start your getaway from, then drive through the countryside and villages to the other port for your sailing home.

Thrillseekers might like to stop at Carlingford Adventure Centre, on Carlingford Lough, for kayaking, archery, abseiling and more, while history buffs will want to make a beeline for historic Slane in County Meath, where the ancient castle, and modern music concert venue, sits beside the banks of the River Boyne. You might like to visit the pretty town of Navan, birthplace of former James Bond actor Pierce Brosnan and home of Navan Racecourse, or the fishing village of Clogherhead with its stunning coastal views. The choice is all yours.

Taking your car gives you the freedom to explore, and with no luggage fees you can pack everything you want, whether it is walking boots, bicycles or golf clubs, and bring back all the shopping you can carry.

No luggage fees!

CAR + TWO ADULTS FROM £80[^] EACH WAY

'So much to explore'

If your taste in music is a little more 'old school', head to the Beatles Story at the Pier Head before the end of September. The museum is hosting the exhibition The British Invasion: How 1960s beat groups conquered America, displaying artefacts and memorabilia never previously seen outside the USA.

The International Mersey River Festival will be a highlight of June, and Southport will be busy with its annual flower show in August and the popular air show in September.

'Culture vultures' are always well catered for in Liverpool, but in 2015 there's a very special chance to visit a Jackson Pollock retrospective at Tate Liverpool from late June to October.

While Liverpool is a great destination, it is also the ideal starting point for an adventure taking you further afield. There are excellent transport links from the Pier Head, where Manannan docks, with mainline railway stations and the motorway system just minutes away.

A 5 Day Short Break, starting from £80 each way for a car and two people, is perfect for a getaway in the UK. You can load up your car with everything you need, including the family pet, and head off for your own adventure, at your own pace. Whether you want to go sight-seeing in the historic cities of England, hill walking in the mountains of Wales, surfing off the UK's east coast or golfing in Scotland, book your car on the ferry and off you go.



KIDS GO FREE IS BACK!

Planning ahead for your summer holiday? Then don't forget our Kids Go Free offer is back for 2015.

Book a car and two people for as little as £112 each way and up to three children (aged up to 15) travel absolutely free. You can book whenever you like, but the offer is only valid on travel between July 7th and September 3rd.

The offer is available on midweek Heysham and Liverpool sailings, operating on Tuesday to Thursday, and on all scheduled Belfast and Dublin services.

Terms and conditions apply and the offer is subject to availability. Visit WWW.STEAM-PACKET.COM for details.

TAKE THE HASSLE OUT OF HOLIDAYS



Whichever destination you choose for your getaway, why not let Steam Packet Holidays take away the hassle with one quick phone call?

Steam Packet Holidays can organise your ferry travel and accommodation, so your break is organised quickly and easily.

There is a wide range of great quality packages available, from family trips to romantic getaways.

There are more than 1,000 hotels to choose from, and with the return of the fast craft services Steam Packet Holidays has some deals to help you make the most of the Liverpool, Dublin and Belfast connections.

With prices starting at just £105 per person for a two night break, including ferry travel and accommodation, you could soon be experiencing the amazing nightlife of Manchester, the shopping and shows on offer in Liverpool, the culture and heritage of Dublin or the bustling streets of Belfast.

You can also take your car with you from just £79 extra.

Choose a break in Ireland and you can make the most of your time by using both ports, for example sailing into Dublin and out of Belfast, giving you a chance to explore the countryside towns and villages in between.

All Steam Packet Holiday packages are subject to availability and price includes ferry travel as a foot passenger, 2 nights bed and breakfast based on two people sharing twin/double room.

To Book any of the above packages or enquire about other destinations please call Steam Packet Holidays on 645777 or email info@steampacketholidays.com

STEAM PACKET HOLIDAYS WITH 2 NIGHTS' ACCOMMODATION AND FERRY TRAVEL

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Liverpool | FROM £119 PER PERSON | |
| Manchester | FROM £105 PER PERSON | |
| Belfast | FROM £119* PER PERSON | |
| Dublin | FROM £139* PER PERSON | |

Prices include 2 nights' accommodation and ferry travel as a foot passenger.
*A combination of ports should be considered.

2015 SUMMARY TIMETABLE

The timetable below is a summary of our scheduled services for 2015. Planned maintenance, tidal conditions and other operational reasons will lead to varying departure times and sailing frequency on particular days. To confirm the departure time on your preferred day of travel, please visit WWW.STEAM-PACKET.COM or call our Reservations Team on **661661**.

26th March to 26th May 2015 & 9th September to 8th November 2015

From Douglas to

| | Liverpool | Heysham |
|-------|---------------|---------------|
| Mon | 07:30 & 15:00 | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Tues | 15:00 | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Wed | 15:00 | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Thurs | 07:30 & 15:00 | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Fri | 07:30 & 15:00 | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Sat | 07:30 & 15:00 | 08:45 & 20:00 |
| Sun | 15:00 | 08:45 & 19:45 |

To Douglas from

| | Liverpool | Heysham |
|-------|---------------|---------------|
| Mon | 11:15 & 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Tues | 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Wed | 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Thurs | 11:15 & 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Fri | 11:15 & 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Sat | 11:15 & 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Sun | 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |

TT Period 27th May – 15th June 2015. Visit STEAM-PACKET.COM for details

16th June to 8th September 2015

From Douglas to

| | Liverpool | Heysham |
|-------|---------------|---------------|
| Mon | 07:30 & 15:00 | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Tues | 15:00 | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Wed | 15:00 | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Thurs | 07:30 & 15:00 | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Fri | 07:30 & 15:00 | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Sat | 07:30 & 15:00 | 08:45 & 20:00 |
| Sun | 15:00 | 08:45 & 19:45 |

To Douglas from

| | Liverpool | Heysham |
|-------|---------------|---------------|
| Mon | 11:15 & 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Tues | 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Wed | 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Thurs | 11:15 & 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Fri | 11:15 & 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Sat | 11:15 & 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Sun | 19:15 | 02:15 & 14:15 |

Please check our Timetables page at www.steam-packet.com/Timetables for the latest timetable information. You will be able to select the route/date range you are interested in and then print or save the timetable.

9th November 2015 to 8th January 2016

From Douglas to

| | Liverpool Birkenhead | Heysham |
|-------|----------------------|---------------|
| Mon | | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Tues | | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Wed | | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Thurs | | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Fri | | 08:45 & 19:45 |
| Sat | 08:00 | 20:00 |
| Sun | 08:00 | 19:45 |

To Douglas from

| | Liverpool Birkenhead | Heysham |
|-------|----------------------|---------------|
| Mon | | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Tues | | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Wed | | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Thurs | | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Fri | | 02:15 & 14:15 |
| Sat | 14:00 | 02:15 |
| Sun | 14:00 | 02:15 |

RESERVED SEATING

Don't forget, you can relax in the **Niarbyl Lounge** with reserved seating for just **£4 each way**.

To make your trip that little bit more special, why not join us in the **Premium Lounge**, where you can enjoy a higher level of comfort, convenience and service for just **£17.50 each way**.

Please be aware that children under the age of 8 years are not permitted in the Premium Lounge.



From Douglas to Ireland

| 2015 | Apr | Wed 01 | Fri 03 | Sat 04 | Sun 05 | Wed 08 | Sun 12 | Sun 19 | Wed 29 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Dublin 07:00 | Belfast 15:00 | Belfast 19:30 | Dublin 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 |
| May | Wed 06 | Sun 10 | Wed 13 | Sat 16 | Wed 27 | Sun 31 | June | Thu 04 | Fri 05 |
| | Belfast 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Belfast 19:30 | Belfast 07:00 | Dublin 07:00 | | Larne 03:00 | Larne 03:00 |
| Sat 06 | Sun 07 | Tue 09 | Tue 09 | Thu 11 | Sat 13 | Sun 14 | Mon 15 | Wed 17 | Sun 21 |
| Larne 03:00 | Belfast 09:45 | Larne 03:00 | Dublin 18:00 | Larne 03:00 | Larne 03:00 | Larne 03:00 | Larne 03:00 | Dublin 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 |
| Tue 23 | Wed 24 | Sun 28 | Tue 30 | July | Wed 01 | Sat 04 | Sun 05 | Tue 07 | Wed 08 |
| Dublin 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Dublin 07:00 | | Belfast 07:00 | Dublin 19:30 | Belfast 07:00 | Dublin 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 |
| Fri 10 | Sat 11 | Sun 12 | Tue 14 | Wed 15 | Sun 19 | Tue 21 | Wed 22 | Sat 25 | Sun 26 |
| Belfast 07:00 | Dublin 19:30 | Belfast 07:00 | Dublin 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Dublin 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Dublin 07:00 | Dublin 19:30 | Belfast 07:00 |
| Tue 28 | Wed 29 | Thu 30 | Sun 02 | Tue 04 | Wed 05 | Sat 08 | Tue 11 | Wed 12 | Sat 15 |
| Dublin 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Dublin 07:00 | Dublin 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Belfast 19:30 | Dublin 07:00 | Belfast 07:00 | Belfast 19:30 |
| Wed 09 | Sat 12 | Wed 16 | Sat 19 | Sat 26 | Sep | Sat 19 | Sat 26 | | |
| Belfast 07:00 | Belfast 19:30 | Belfast 07:00 | Belfast 19:30 | Belfast 19:30 | | Dublin 19:30 | Dublin 19:30 | | |

To Douglas from Ireland

| 2015 | Apr | Wed 01 | Fri 03 | Sun 05 | Sun 05 | Wed 08 | Sun 12 | Sun 19 | Wed 29 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Dublin 10:45 | Belfast 18:45 | Belfast 01:00 | Dublin 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 |
| May | Wed 06 | Sun 10 | Wed 13 | Sun 17 | Wed 27 | Sun 31 | June | Wed 03 | Thu 04 |
| | Belfast 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 | Belfast 01:00 | Belfast 10:45 | Dublin 11:30 | | Larne 23:59 | Larne 23:59 |
| Fri 05 | Sun 07 | Mon 08 | Tue 09 | Wed 10 | Fri 12 | Sat 13 | Sun 14 | Wed 17 | Sun 21 |
| Larne 23:59 | Belfast 15:00 | Larne 23:30 | Dublin 22:00 | Larne 23:30 | Larne 23:30 | Larne 23:30 | Larne 23:30 | Dublin 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 |
| Tue 23 | Wed 24 | Sun 28 | Tue 30 | July | Wed 01 | Sun 05 | Sun 05 | Tue 07 | Wed 08 |
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| Fri 10 | Sun 12 | Sun 12 | Tue 14 | Wed 15 | Sun 19 | Tue 21 | Wed 22 | Sun 26 | Sun 26 |
| Belfast 10:45 | Dublin 01:00 | Belfast 10:45 | Dublin 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 | Dublin 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 | Dublin 10:45 | Dublin 01:00 | Belfast 10:45 |
| Tue 28 | Wed 29 | Aug | Sun 02 | Tue 04 | Wed 05 | Sun 09 | Tue 11 | Wed 12 | Sun 16 |
| Dublin 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 | | Belfast 10:45 | Dublin 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 | Belfast 01:00 | Dublin 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 | Belfast 01:00 |
| Tue 18 | Wed 19 | Sun 23 | Sun 23 | Wed 26 | Sun 30 | Sep | Tue 01 | Wed 02 | Sun 06 |
| Dublin 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 | Belfast 01:00 | Dublin 10:45 | Belfast 11:45 | Belfast 11:45 | | Belfast 10:45 | Dublin 10:45 | Belfast 10:45 |
| Wed 09 | Sun 13 | Wed 16 | Sun 20 | Sun 27 | Dec | Sun 20 | Sun 27 | | |
| Belfast 10:45 | Belfast 01:00 | Belfast 10:45 | Belfast 01:00 | Belfast 01:00 | | Dublin 01:00 | Dublin 01:00 | | |

CAR SPECIAL OFFERS

Spring 2015
01/03/15 - 26/05/15

Summer 2015
16/06/15 - 07/09/15

Autumn 2015
08/09/15 - 08/01/16

Weekend Supplement**
Per Vehicle

Midweek (Mon - Thurs)
3 Day Return Offer*

Car + 2 each way from

£59

-

£59

-

5 Day Short Break Offer^

Car + 2 each way from

£80

£91

£80

£15-£20

Any Length Special Offer

Car + 2 each way from

£100

£112

£100

£24-£32

Starlight Offer †

Car + 4 each way from

£123

£130

£123

£15-£20

Day Trip Offer

Car + 4 each way from

£78

£83

£78

£15-£20

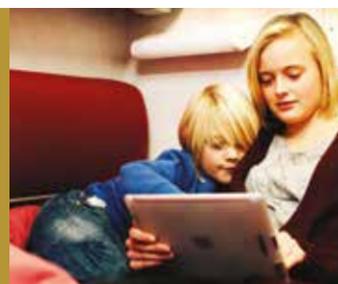
Foot & additional vehicle passengers (valid until 08/01/16) Adult/Child from £18/£9 each way. Weekend supplement £3.50 per passenger

Terms and conditions apply and subject to availability. All fares shown are online prices at STEAM-PACKET.COM, supplements of £7.50 per passenger and £15 per vehicle apply for telephone and in-person bookings. All prices subject to alteration and include all fuel surcharges and taxes applicable at time of publication. All fares are "From" fares, prices vary over time and sailing to sailing. All Car Offers must be booked at least 48 hours in advance and all Foot Passenger Offers must be booked 24 hours in advance. Details of maximum standard fares and sailing tariffs are published on STEAM-PACKET.COM and are available on request. For payment by credit card a fee of £3 applies per transaction not per person.

Car Offers: *Journeys must be completed within 3 days - day of outward sailing counts as day 1. Return sailing must commence on or before day 3. ^Journeys must be completed within 5 days - day of outward sailing counts as day 1. Return sailing must commence on or before day 5. **Per single leg crossing for Friday, Saturday and Sunday travel (excluding Belfast and Dublin for Car Special Offers) †Both your outward and return journeys must be scheduled to depart between 18:00 and 03:00 hrs. †Kids Go Free Offer: Valid for travel between 07.07.15 – 03.09.15. Heysham and Liverpool routes: midweek only – Tuesday to Thursday. Belfast and Dublin routes: all scheduled sailings. Child = 4-15 years (infants under 4 years travel free). Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. ‡Foot Passenger Offer: Valid for travel until 08.01.16. Weekend Supplement of £3.50 per passenger for Friday, Saturday and Sunday travel.

CABINS

For extra privacy, and the chance to catch 40 winks so you arrive refreshed, try one of our **four-berth cabins** on Ben-my-Chree. Your en-suite private cabin includes TV, complimentary Wi-Fi and tea and coffee making facilities, plus in-cabin service for meals. Standard cabins on Ben-my-Chree start from just **£49 each way**. Or why not sample a little luxury in one of Ben-my-Chree's **Premium cabins**. Alongside all the benefits of a Standard cabin, the Premium cabins offer superior seating, a DVD player, selection of DVDs, a selection of cold drinks and snacks, plus newspapers and magazines. Prices start from **£57 each way**.



RESERVATIONS & ENQUIRIES

Isle of Man - 661661

International - +44 (0)8722 992992*

*Calls to this number are charged at 10 pence per minute including VAT from a BT landline, calls from other networks and mobile operators may vary.

We offer some great discounts when you book on our website STEAM-PACKET.COM

TRAVELLING WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS?

Members of our crew have received training to assist passengers with limited mobility and special requirements and we are pleased to make arrangements for anyone who needs help at the ports or on board our vessels.

We ask passengers to inform us of their anticipated requirements at the time of booking or at least 48 hours prior to travel to ensure we can assist in the best way possible. Ben-my-Chree and Manannan have lift facilities from the vehicle deck to the passenger lounges. Ben-my-Chree also has two cabins which are suitable for wheelchair access.



Book online and there is a discount of £7.50 per passenger and £15 per vehicle.

Standard Fares are even discounted by up to 2% when booked at STEAM-PACKET.COM

PRIDE IN MANN

We are delighted to be sponsoring a campaign to highlight the great and the good in the Isle of Man. We have teamed up with Isle of Man Newspapers to launch the 2015 Pride in Mann Awards, which recognises the unsung stars of our community who make the Island such a special place to live.

The 12 categories are: Local Hero, Good Neighbour, Service with a Smile, Community Champion, Performer of the Year, Sporting Achievement, Spirit of Youth/Schools, Environmental Awareness, Emergency and Health Services, Manx Welcome, Charity and Volunteers, and Manx Cultural Champion.

Our Chief Executive Mark Woodward said: 'There are so many generous people around the Island, whose efforts do so much to help others and enhance the Manx way of life. If there is someone you know who fits this description, please get in touch with the Pride in Mann team to submit your nomination.'

Nominations close on August 21st. Nominations forms can be found in Isle of Man Newspapers' titles or you can nominate online at www.prideinmann.com.



ISLE OF MAN SOLDIER REMEMBERED

When a UK charity asked for our help commemorating the life of a soldier from the Isle of Man, we were pleased to help.

Forces Support, which provides general maintenance around the home and garden to the families of service personnel killed in recent conflicts, wanted to create a memorial garden at the home of Corporal Mike Gilyeat's mum Margaret. Corporal Gilyeat died in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan in 2007.

We provided free transport to the team, which spent a week creating an area of peace and calm for Margaret.

Our Chief Executive Mark Woodward added: 'Seeing the before and after photos shows how the charity has transformed the area into somewhere Margaret can remember her son and reflect.'



BOOST FOR TT 'ORANGE ARMY'

We have worked with the Isle of Man TT Marshals Association to boost the 'orange army' numbers at the TT.

We have developed a priority booking scheme for volunteers who marshalled at five or more race and practice sessions in 2014. They will have the chance to book travel to the 2016 TT before bookings open for general sale.

We want to recognise those who give up their time to make sure the races happen, and encourage more people to marshal. It is hoped the scheme will continue in future years, so those who marshal this year will be able to make priority bookings for 2017. Eligible marshals will be contacted directly. Visit www.iomtma.com for more information.

It looks like another busy TT, with motorcycle bookings up over 10% on this time last year, to more than 13,500. This has been made possible by the investment in a removable mezzanine deck for Manannan, as explained on the front page. The charter of P&O Express also ensures extra passenger capacity, while MV Arrow takes over Ben-my-Chree's freight duties so there is more room for TT fans.

In February we confirmed we are continuing our long-standing title sponsorship of the International Southern 100 Road Races, which take place on the Billown circuit from 6th to 9th July.

In recognition of the event's Diamond Jubilee, we have increased our financial support, allowing organisers to develop the 'friendly races' for the future. This year the increased support will allow the Southern 100 Club to host celebratory parade laps featuring former champions.



USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION

BOOKING & PAYING

Passenger Descriptions

Adult = 16 to 59 years. Senior Citizen = 60+ years. Child = 4 to 15 years. Infants under 4 years may travel free of charge but must be included in the number of passengers when booking.

Private Vehicle Descriptions

Car = Up to 1.8 metres high. High Car = Over 1.8 metres high but within the vessel limitation. Motorcycles with sidecars and trikes should be booked as Motorcycle Sidecars. When booking motorhomes and vehicles with trailers you must provide accurate details of height and length at the time of booking. Vehicles in excess of the declared length / height / weight may be refused shipment. If accepted the vehicle will be subject to surcharge.

Vehicle Deck Limitations

Please ensure that your vehicle adheres to the maximum limitations detailed. If not, you may not be permitted on board the vessel.

Manannan: Liverpool route restrictions - Height: 3.4 metres. Length Single Vehicle: 8 metres. Vehicle towing trailer: 13 metres. Width: 2 metres. Weight: 7.5 tonnes. Manannan can accommodate larger vehicles on the Belfast, Dublin and Heysham routes although a 4 tonne weight limit is in force on the Belfast route. In these circumstances contact must be made with our Reservations Team on +44 (0) 1624 661661 to confirm your requirements prior to booking. Vehicle dimensions include any attachments which alter the size of the vehicle such as roof boxes, luggage on roof racks, antennae, aerials and bike carriers, etc.

Ben-my-Chree: Height: 4 metres. Length: 18 metres. Width: 2.5 metres. Weight: 7.5 tonnes (other than freight vehicles and coaches). The Ben-my-Chree can accommodate larger vehicles, contact must be made with our Reservations Team on +44 (0) 1624 661661 to confirm requirements prior to booking.

Vehicles with Low Ground Clearance

Drivers of vehicles with low ground clearance may not be able to travel on some sailings due to tidal conditions and shore facilities. Please ensure that you check with us before booking. We recommend travel on the Ben-my-Chree for such vehicles.

When payment is due

Payment for all bookings is due at the time of booking unless we state otherwise. We will be entitled to cancel bookings without notice if full payment has not been received.

How to Pay

Payment may be made online by major credit or debit card. Payment may be made in person by major credit or debit card, cash or by cheque. Bookings paid for by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) are subject to a non-refundable charge per booking. Bookings paid for using debit card will not incur a charge. Bookings paid for by cheque must be paid at least ten working days prior to travel.

Online Fares

Special Offers shown in this brochure are online fares, which may only be booked at STEAM-PACKET.COM, supplements of £7.50 per passenger and £15.00 per vehicle apply for telephone and in person bookings. Please note coaches / vans / freight cannot be booked online. For vans/freight reservations please contact our Reservations Team on the number above to make your booking or enquiry. For coach reservations please call +44 (0)1624 645 683.

Fuel Surcharge

Prices shown include a fuel surcharge or rebate applicable at time of publication. Fuel surcharges or rebates are subject to a quarterly review meaning prices may vary for new bookings only. No further surcharges or rebates will apply for existing bookings.

Travel Lead Time

Travel must commence within 13 months of the booking date and any return travel must be within 12 months of the outward travel date.

SPECIAL OFFER CONDITIONS

ALL SPECIAL OFFERS MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL AT THE TIME OF BOOKING. OFFERS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND RESTRICTIONS APPLY. FARE QUOTES CAN ONLY BE GUARANTEED IF PAID FOR AT TIME OF QUOTATION.

Vehicle Special Offers must be booked a minimum of 48 hours in advance. Foot passenger Special Offers must be booked a minimum of 24 hours in advance, all Special Offers are subject to availability.

Alterations to booked Special Offer fares are subject to an online amendment fee of £5 per person, or offline amendment fee of £10 per person. You must also pay any increase in the fare applicable. No refunds or credits will be allowed.

Day trip outward and return journeys must be completed on the same day (or the following day's 0215 hrs sailing from Heysham).

Short Break Return: Journeys must be completed within 5 days – Day of outward sailing counts as day 1, return sailing must commence on or before day 5.

Each Way Special Offer fares must be used as part of a return booking & vehicles must travel in both directions to obtain this fare. If your outward & return sailings are within two different Special Offer date periods (e.g. Summer & Autumn), add the relevant each way fares together to calculate the amount payable.

Starlight Offer: To qualify for the Starlight Offer, both your outward and return journeys must be scheduled to depart between 1800 and 0300 hrs.

All Special Offers are subject to availability. Each Special Offer is subject to specific terms and also the general Conditions of Carriage. In the event of a conflict between these conditions and the Special Offer Conditions, the Special Offer Conditions shall prevail.

VANS/COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

All commercial vehicles (including vans) are subject to the prevailing commercial rate and are not bookable online. However there is a concession to passengers travelling in a commercial vehicle if travelling for a non-commercial purpose. Conditions apply to this concession which must be agreed with us in advance.

For further details please contact our Reservations Team on +44 (0) 1624 661661 to make your booking or enquiry, prior to making a booking. Please note that if these conditions are not satisfied, we reserve the right to charge commercial rates at the time of passage.

STANDARD FARES

A discount of up to 2% is available when booked online. Standard fares are fully flexible but amendments may be subject to a tariff change. Cancellation charges apply. Further details of maximum standard fares and sailing tariffs are published on STEAM-PACKET.COM and are also available on request.

CHANGES/CANCELLATIONS

Changes to bookings may be made subject to availability and subject to the conditions of the booking. Changes to a higher fare and any amendment fees incurred must be paid for at the time of alteration.

Passengers who cannot travel should let us know as soon as possible before the outward date of travel.

Please note that unused Special Offers will be cancelled immediately following their scheduled departure time.

No refunds or credits will be allowed against these tickets. All Special Offers are non-refundable. Unused portions of day trip fares are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Applications for refunds of standard fares only must be made in writing to the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company Refunds Department, Imperial Buildings, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2BY and within 6 months of the outward travel date. Cancellation charges will apply.

TRAVELLING WITH PETS

Pets may travel in your vehicle on either our conventional vessel Ben-my-Chree or fast craft Manannan free of charge.

Dogs and cats may travel with passengers who wish to use the pet facilities available on board our conventional vessel the Ben-my-Chree and a charge of £10 per pet per journey will apply. We advise passengers that cats should be carried in an appropriate carrier and all other types of domestic pet will only be permitted at the discretion of the Company and will be charged accordingly.

Only certified assistance dogs will be permitted in other passenger areas on board our vessels.

Please note: A pet is classed as a domestic animal such as a cat or dog. Animals raised in an agricultural environment will be classed as livestock and would need to be booked with our reservations team.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL FARES, FEES, VESSELS, PORTS AND SAILING TIMES QUOTED MAY BE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION / CANCELLATION.

Passengers are reminded that it is their own responsibility to ensure that they have appropriate insurances which cover any costs, and/or loss of earnings, which may arise and are not already covered under EU Regulation 1177/2010. Passengers are also advised to ensure that they, their vehicles and luggage are insured when on our vessels or ashore.

All bookings for travel are subject to the Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Luggage of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company Limited. The travel and other information set out above forms part of the Conditions of Carriage, available on our website (STEAM-PACKET.COM), and which apply to any bookings for travel.