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Castle Rushen

Castletown

Castle Rushen, probably the finest medieval castle in the British Isles, is situated at the centre of Mann's historic capital, Castletown, and is one of Europe's most finely preserved medieval castles.

Open: Easter to October, daily 10am-5pm.

The Grand Union Camera Obscura

Douglas Head.

Camera Obscura was built during the 1880s and is now one of only four remaining in the British Isles. Unlike other Cameras Obscura which were originally built for astronomical purposes, the Grand Union was built purely as an attraction for the flourishing Manx tourist industry. Through a series of mirrors and lens units it provided visitors with spectacular views of Douglas.

The Grove Museum of Victorian Life

Andreas Road, Ramsey

A Victorian period house built as a summer retreat for a shipping merchant from Liverpool. Period furnishings have been retained and there are displays of toys and costumes.

Open: seasonally.

House of Manannan

Peel Quayside, Peel

An interpretation of the Celtic, Viking and Maritime traditions of the Isle of Man; audio visual presentations and original material.

Open: all year, daily, 10am-5pm (closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day).

The Great Laxey Wheel & Mines Trail

Mines Road, Laxey

Built in 1854, the wheel was designed to pump water from the mines of the Great Laxey Mining company. The wheel has a diameter of 22 meters and remains the largest working water wheel in the world.

Open: seasonally.

Manx Museum

Kingswood Grove, Douglas

The 'Treasure House of Mann' includes a film theatre, paintings (in the National Art Gallery) and an interactive map gallery of the island.

Open: all year, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm (closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day).

National Folk Museum, Cregneash

Sound Road, Cregneash

Cregneash Folk Village provides a living, working illustration of life in a typical 19th century Manx uplandcrofting community. Visitors can see fields worked with horse-drawn equipment, thatching of the roofs, dying of wool, spinning, weaving, wood-turning, black-smithing and skills in the growing and preparation of food.

Open: seasonally.

The Nautical Museum

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Situated on the harbourside this fascinating building originates from the discovery of the 18th century armed yacht, the 'Peggy', walled up in her contemporary boat cellar. Built for George Quayle in 1791, she had remained undisturbed for a century after the death of her owner. In the boathouse there are trap doors, secret panels, and architectural jokes.

Open: Easter to October, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm.

The Old Grammar School

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This small whitewashed building has witnessed many changes in the life of the community that it was built to serve over 650 years ago. It was the first town church for the settlement that grew up around Castle Rushen. The main wing is the oldest roofed structure in the Island.

Open: Easter to October, daily 10am-5pm.

The Old House of Keys

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Manx National Heritage has restored The Old House of Keys to its appearance in 1866 to provide visitors with an insight into the political life and times of the Island.

Open: seasonally.

Peel Castle, St Patrick's Isle

Peel Quayside, Peel

One of the Isle of Man's principle historic monuments, the castle occupies the important site of St Patrick's Isle at Peel. The Castle's Curtain Wall encircles the ruins of many buildings, which are a testimony to the site's religious and secular importance in Manx history.

Open: Easter to October, daily 10am-5pm.

Rushen Abbey

Ballasalla

An interpretation of the Christian heritage of the island, with both an indoor exhibition showing the passages of the Abbey and extensive gardens illustrating life in this most important site.

Open: Easter to October, daily 10am-5pm.

The Sound Visitor Centre

Sound Road, Port St Mary

The Centre is set in one of the Island's most scenic areas overlooking the natural wonder of the Sound and the Calf of Man. Enjoy the coastal footpaths leading to Port Erin, Spanish Head, Cregneash and the Chasms. There is a café for light refreshments and meals.

Open: November to Easter, Mon-Fri 11am-4pm; Sat-Sun 10.00am-5pm.

Closed 24-26 Dec.