

Isle of Wight



The Isle of Wight – the UK's holiday island

Historic sites, quirky festivals, award-winning beaches, pretty villages and secluded woodlands, this UK holiday Island, located just 3 miles of the south coast of England, provides the perfect coastal break. From walking, cycling and water sports for the outdoor enthusiast to character-filled pubs serving home grown produce for lovers of good food. Visit www.visitisleofwight.co.uk to find out more.

Osborne House

"It is impossible to imagine a prettier spot" - such were the words of Queen Victoria after her first visit to Osborne House on the Isle of Wight. Indeed no trip to the island would be complete without a visit to this royal seaside palace where Queen Victoria lived with her beloved Prince Albert and their nine children. For more information call 0870 333 1183 or visit www.english-heritage.org.uk.

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Dinosaur Isle

The Isle of Wight is internationally famous for its dinosaur remains. Fossils and dinosaur trackways have been found here for a considerable period of time. Dinosaur Isle is Britain's first purpose built dinosaur museum and visitor attraction. The Island's diverse geology contains a wealth of fossils that tell us much about the past and gives clues to the effects of possible future environmental changes. Many different types of dinosaurs have been identified already, and more mysterious remains are yet to be determined. For group rates and further information visit: www.dinosaurisle.com



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Red Funnel

Travel trade, from small minibus size groups to large coach trips, Red Funnel's dedicated team are here to help. We can offer advice on where to stay and the best places to visit and should you wish, we can also make all your travel and accommodation bookings, including admission to the Island's premier attractions.

- Almost 150 years experience operating ferries to/from the Isle of Wight and extensive knowledge of what the Island has to offer large coach groups through to small minibus size parties with specific interests.
- Large terminals with dedicated coach lanes and a check-in time of just 30 minutes. Facilities include Steam Coffee Co. outlets, newspapers & magazines, internet access, toilets, outside decked seating area and on peak dates we even offer barbecues & live entertainment.
- The largest purpose built ro-ro ferries serving the Island with round-the-clock sailings. No centre casing makes loading and discharge really easy.
- Onboard we have a dedicated café restaurant serving a wide variety of hot and cold food including the famous Red Funnel breakfast, a separate well stocked bar and premium Steam coffee outlet. We even offer FREE Wi-Fi. Facilities you'd expect include lifts, disabled facilities and passenger assistance and can organise bridge visits for 1-4 people upon request. Highly trained and friendly staff who are there to ensure your party have a great travel experience and get the most from their visit or holiday.

For further information visit www.redfunnel.co.uk or 0845 330 8889

Great Adventures on the Isle of Wight

1. Lose yourself in the dappled sunlight of the ancient copse of Borthwood
2. Ride in a carriage like a Queen as you explore the gardens at Queen Victoria's delightful Island holiday home, Osborne House
3. Try a treasure hunt with a modern twist – get going on geocaching
4. Dine like a Queen and indulge in the delicious afternoon tea from The Royal Hotel
5. See the faded grandeur of a damaged 18th century house – reputed to be the most haunted place on the Island
6. Bring the bucket and spade for happy days on Ryde's 6 miles of sandy beaches
7. Watch amazing birds of prey in action, diving from a hundred or so meters in the air, and swooping within inches of the heads of spectators at a falconry display
8. Indulge your inner Picasso with a painting session at Chessell Pottery
9. Take a walk to a Napoleonic fort, only available on one August night a year when the tide is at its very lowest
10. Profit from our superb dark skies with a star gazing trip to the Planetarium



Isle of Wight Events

Walking Festival – 4 to 19 May 2013

Yarmouth Old Gaffers – June 2013

Round the Island Race – June 2013

The 1940s Experience at the
Isle of Wight Steam Railway – July 2013

Cowes Week 2013 – 3 – 10 August 2013

Isle of Wight Garlic Festival 17 & 18 August

Grand Medieval Joust – Osborne House 6 to 8 August

Isle of Wight Scooter Rally – 23 to 26 August

Bestival 2013 – 5, 6, 7, 8 September 2013

Fossil Walks – various dates available

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