

# GROUP VISITS

# PEEL CASTLE

**Welcome to the group visitor information for Peel Castle. Here you will find everything you need to plan a visit.**



The magnificent Peel 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. These include St Patrick's Church and the round tower from the 11<sup>th</sup> century, the 13<sup>th</sup> century Cathedral of St German and the later apartments of the Lords of Mann.

Don't miss:

- Audio guide (additional £2 charge)
- 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> century church and chapel of St Patrick and the round tower
- 16<sup>th</sup> century great garrison hall
- St German's Cathedral and the cathedral crypt
- Gatehouse tower
- Panoramic views of Peel and beyond
- The ghostly Moddey Dhoo (Black Dog)
- Seal spotting

### **Opening hours 2018**

30 March to 25 May, 10am – 4pm

26 May to 2 September, 10am – 5pm

3 September to 4 November, 10am – 4pm



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## **Timing your visit**

A typical visit lasts between 1 to 1½ hours.

We recommend that a visit to Peel Castle is timed to coincide with a visit to the House of Manannan, which is also situated in Peel.

## **Admission prices 2018**

Pre-booked group £5 per adult\*

\*To qualify for the pre-booked group rate, groups must consist of at least 15 people and payment should be made at least 7 days in advance.

Holiday passes providing multi-site admission can be purchased in advance at a discounted rate of £22 for groups (must be ordered at least a week prior to the first visit) and are also available at the standard price of £25 from all Manx National Heritage sites. Valid passes must be shown on entry to each site.

A Go Heritage Explore pass is also available to groups of 20 or more which offers, during normal operating times, unlimited access to Manx National Heritage sites and unlimited travel on the heritage railways, buses and Douglas horse trams for 5 days.

Manx National Heritage have reciprocal agreements with a number of other heritage organisations such as the National Trust, English Heritage and CADW amongst others, providing free or reduced admission on presentation of a valid membership card. Refunds are not available for tickets purchased.

## **Booking your visit**

Booking your visit in advance is recommended and provides a substantial discount on the standard admission price and speedy hassle-free entry to the site.

## **How to get there**

By road: Access Peel from the A1 St Johns/ Douglas road. Turn left into Queens Drive following the road to its junction with Glenfaba Road or Patrick Street. Turn right and then take the next road on the left which leads towards the House of Manannan.

Turn right at the bottom of the hill and follow East Quay along the quayside. Turn right onto Shore Road and the promenade. Visitors may be dropped off along the promenade or at the coach park situated at the far end of the promenade. Visitors must then cross the harbour footbridge to access Peel Castle.



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Coaches departing Peel should follow the promenade and turn right up Walpole Drive, turning left at the top of Walpole Drive. It is recommended that coaches depart Peel via Kirk Michael.

Please note that speed limits apply in Peel and there are narrow streets within the town.

By bus: From Douglas, Ramsey, Castletown and Port Erin.  
For timetables please see [www.iombusandrail.info](http://www.iombusandrail.info)

On foot: Access to the castle is via the footbridge located at the harbour entrance.

## **Access information**

Peel Castle contains steps, paths and grassy slopes and is not accessible to wheelchair users.

There are 24 historic steps to reach the pay barrier and there is no alternative means of access. Once inside there are a network of uneven paths to explore over rough ground.

Detailed access information is available at  
<https://manxnationalheritage.im/visit/getting-about/accessibility-information/>

## **Visitor information**

- Gift kiosk
- Toilets
- A limited number of audio guides are available for use in the castle at no charge
- Photography and filming (per personal use only) and use of mobile phones is permitted
- Picnics can be enjoyed within the grounds of Peel Castle
- Visitors should wear sensible footwear and keep to defined routes
- There are a number of restaurants and pubs on the quayside in Peel for meals and refreshments. Why not try the Coffee Station at the nearby House of Manannan or Niarbyl Bay Café, set in one of the most scenic stretches of coastline, less than 15 minutes drive away?

