

# TravelWatch - *ISLE OF MAN*

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## Passenger Information – IOM Buses

Substantial changes in IOM Bus Routes and Timetables were introduced from 13 September 2010 following a process of public consultation. Full details of new services are available in printed form, and on-line at <http://www.iombusandrail.info/> A dedicated help line is available on 01624 662525 from 08.00 to 18.00 (Mon-Sat) and 09.00 to 14.00 on Sundays.

The purpose of this sheet is to assist passengers, particularly visitors, to identify improved services and major changes. It is not intended to be comprehensive.

- There are now separate timetables for Saturdays – previously the weekday timetable applied.
- Some service numbers have been re-allocated to different areas (e.g 11/12 now both run to the south of the Island) and some groups of numbers still service the same area but with changed route variations (e.g 4 / 7) Many service 3 routes have been extended in the Ramsey area.

There are a number of route improvements which will hopefully encourage greater use of public transport. These have considerable money-saving potential for passengers who can now use public transport to avoid airport and harbour parking charges or taxi fares. Some passengers may even find that improved on-island services mean they can travel as foot passengers rather than take their cars on the boat - an important consideration for those travelling frequently. Similarly the improved services to the hospital may enable many visitors to use public transport rather than depend on friends and relatives for transport:

- Services to the **Airport** now start earlier in the morning (11/12) and most run through between Onchan and Port Erin/Port St Mary. The weekday daytime service frequency (1/2) has been improved to every 20 minutes There are improved Sunday evening services (11/12)
- **Nobles Hospital** will benefit from improved 13A services from Onchan, a 15 minute frequency from Douglas (various routes), as well as the hourly weekday through service from Laxey (13 / 13A), Ramsey and Peel. Unfortunately passengers from the south of the Island will still have to change buses in Douglas, which will mean alighting in Victoria Street and walking across to Lord Street to pick up the bus to the hospital.
- There are now earlier departures from Port St Mary and Port Erin which connect with the morning weekday Liverpool fastcraft sailings and Saturday (winter) Birkenhead sailings. Passengers for the **Sea Terminal** will need to alight at Victoria Street or Loch Promenade as buses from the south now turn left on reaching the Promenade.

For leisure travellers there are now

- Friday night late night “**Night Owl**” services between Douglas and Peel , Port St Mary and Ramsey. Although these services will cost double the daytime fare this represents a good saving over alternative means of late night travel.
- Through buses from Douglas to **Niarbyl** – Mon-Sat – route 4
- Some through services (8) from Peel to the **Sound** as well as new local service 8A running between Port Erin and the Sound.

**Express Services** have been reduced to rush hour morning into Douglas and return evening services from Douglas. X1 will run to/from Port St Mary X3 to/from Ramsey and X5 to/from Peel

This information is believed to be correct at the time of publication (Sept 2010) but is provided without guarantee. Intending passengers are advised to check details with the operators concerned.