

Travel Tips – IOM flights Summer 2014

There have been a number of changes in the flights available between IOM and UK airports most of which will come into operation for the Summer timetable at the end of March. Most of these result from re-structuring by flybe which includes the withdrawal of their London Gatwick and all their seasonal IOM services.

DIRECT SERVICES to/from IOM

Belfast City	Citywing	Jersey **	Citywing
Birmingham	flybe	Liverpool	flybe & easyjet
Blackpool	Citywing	London City	BA CityFlyer
Doncaster - Sheffield	LinksAir	London Gatwick	easyjet
Dublin	Aer Lingus Regional	Manchester	flybe
Glasgow	Citywing	Newcastle upon Tyne	Citywing
Gloucester (M5)	Citywing		

** through flight via Gloucester

ONE-CHANGE SERVICES – usually via Manchester - Book with www.flybe.com

Aberdeen	Exeter	Dusseldorf
Edinburgh	Newquay	Hannover
Glasgow	Southampton	Milan
Inverness		Paris (CDG)

Other options are available with **flybe** via **Birmingham** but as there only limited flights between IOM and Birmingham these are not listed.

ONE-CHANGE SERVICES – via London City Book with www.ba.com

Amsterdam	Madrid	Venice
Dusseldorf	Rotterdam	Zurich
Frankfurt	Stockholm (Arlanda)	New York (Club class only)

NB As well as flights from London City, the BA website offers flights to many of these destinations requiring (non-included) transfers between London City and Heathrow or Gatwick airports with long connecting times

ONE-CHANGE SERVICES – via Dublin - Book with www.aerlingus.com

Boston	New York	San Francisco
Chicago	Orlando	Toronto

NB flying via Dublin avoids having to pay UK Air Passenger Duty - and US Customs can be cleared at Dublin Airport

There are many other destinations accessible with single change services via Manchester, London City and Dublin (as well as **London Gatwick** and **Liverpool** with easyjet) but tickets would normally have to be bought separately from the carrier for each flight unless code-sharing arrangements (see below) apply. Travel Agents may be able to advise further on possibilities.

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CODE SHARE FLIGHTS

Code-share airlines are able to accept bookings between IOM and a range of airports worldwide. For IOM the connections are usually made at Manchester or Dublin so passengers are flown on-off Island with either flybe or Aer Lingus Regional. Bookings are made with the longhaul airline and baggage allowances for the full journey are those applying for the long-haul flight.

- **Etihad Airways** www.etihad.com operate between Manchester/Dublin and Abu Dhabi offering connections from there to Middle East, South Africa, Indian sub-continent, Far East and Australia.
- **Emirates** www.emirates.com offer a similar range of onward services via Manchester and Dubai.
- **Air France** www.airfrance.co.uk cover destinations on their European network and further afield via Manchester and/or Paris. In this case some flights between Manchester and Paris are operated by flybe.

The above options are bookable with the airlines indicated and provide through ticketing and baggage arrangements.

It should be noted that many long haul airlines offer code-share flights via London Heathrow or London Gatwick airports. Many of these offer connections to/from Isle of Man using the BA London City – IOM flights but in these cases passengers are responsible for their own personal and baggage transfer between airports – which can be both time consuming and expensive.

UK Rail & Fly

Manchester, Liverpool (via a bus link) , **Birmingham & London Gatwick** airports are all rail-connected offering access to many parts of UK not directly accessible by air. Whilst through air/rail ticketing is not possible, fares and rail connections at Manchester Airport (MIA), Liverpool South Parkway(LPY), Birmingham International (BHI) and Gatwick Airport (GTW) stations can be checked via **National Rail Enquiries** www.nationalrail.co.uk Purchasing tickets in advance for long distance rail journeys is recommended as those purchased on the day can be very expensive.

How to get the best flights and fares

Rule No 1 remains , as always, book as early as possible for the best fare and be flexible about dates. However remember the limitations of the cheaper fares – they are usually quite inflexible which can be a problem for those connecting between flights with different carriers if one is delayed. If you are not using code-share through ticketing it may be worth considering 'flexible fares' offered by both Flybe and easyJet - but they tend to be appreciably more expensive.

Airline websites

Aer Lingus / Aer Lingus Regional	www.aerlingus.com
Air France	www.airfrance.co.uk
British Airways / BA Cityflyer	www.ba.com
Citywing	www.citywing.com
easyJet	www.easyjet.com
Emirates	www.emirates.com
Etihad Airways	www.etihad.com
flybe	www.flybe.com
LinksAir	www.linksair.co.uk

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