

# TravelWatch - *ISLE OF MAN*

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## Passenger Information – Lancashire

**BLACKPOOL AIRPORT** <http://www.blackpoolinternational.com/> 08710 273 777

**Blackpool International Airport** is located 3 miles south of the town centre and a similar distance from Junction 4 of the M55. **Isle of Man flights** are operated by Manx2.com <http://www.manx2.com>

- **Taxis:** A taxi rank, with free-phone telephone point, is located adjacent to the terminal. **Moondance Travel** [www.moondancetravel.co.uk](http://www.moondancetravel.co.uk) (01253) 885222 provide a daily pre-bookable shuttle taxi service between the Wyre area (Poulton / Carleton / Staining / Thornton / Rossall / Fleetwood / Hambleton) and the Airport.
- **Bus services:** Local bus and tram services are provided by **Metro Coastlines** <http://www.blackpooltransport.com/> (01253) 473001
- **Coach:** National Express offer coach services from Blackpool town centre to a variety of stations to the North and London. For more information contact National Express [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) or (08705) 808080
- **Rail:** An hourly Northern Rail service connects Squires Gate station (5 mins walk) with Preston where there are main line connections to many parts of the UK. Timetable information is available from <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/> or call 08457 48 49 50

**HEYSHAM PORT** <http://www.steam-packet.com/SteamPacket/Our-Ports/heysham.htm>

**Heysham Port** is some distance from local facilities, being about 5 miles WSW of Lancaster at the end of the A683. The terminal is open from 09.00 (10.30 on Sat/Sun) to 17.00 and from 22.30 – 02.30. There is a small snack facility (open even more limited hours) within the terminal. The “Duke of Rothesay” pub (a good 10 minutes walk) provides the nearest alternative food and shelter when the terminal is closed during the evening – other facilities are available in 2/3 miles away in Morecambe. **Ferry services to Douglas** are operated by the IOM Steam Packet Company <http://www.steam-packet.com/> Recorded sailing update information is also available on 01624 645 745. Passengers are advised to provide a contact number when booking so they can be advised of any sailing alterations.

- **Rail:** Heysham Port station is adjacent to the Ferry Terminal. Northern Rail offer a daily service between Heysham, Morecambe and Lancaster (for mainline services) and Leeds (from Dec 2008) to connect with 08.45 sailing from Douglas and the 14:15 return sailing. Timetable information is available from <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/> or phone 08457 48 49 50 There are no train services connecting with evening/overnight sailings. Through **Sail & Rail** tickets can be booked (in person only) through the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company and at main UK railway stations or at <http://www.thetrainline.com> (where booking / payment charges apply). Rail tickets can also be purchased on the train from Heysham to Lancaster.
- **Taxis:** Advance booking of taxis is recommended. Local operators include: Radio Cabs (01524) 848848; and Coastal Cabs (01524) 424424.
- **Buses:** The nearest bus stop at Combermere Road is about 15 mins walk from the port. Stagecoach Lancaster Route 2A runs every 20 minutes (weekdays) via Morecambe to Lancaster Bus Station (Stand 3) and on to Lancaster University. Journey time is about 40 mins to the bus station. For timings contact Traveline 0871 200 22 33 or see <http://tinyurl.com/6psds9>

Please also refer to the **Useful Information** section of our website [www.travelwatch-isleofman.org](http://www.travelwatch-isleofman.org)

This information is believed to be correct at the time of publication (November 2008) but is provided without guarantee. Intending passengers are advised to check fares and operating details with the operators concerned.