

TravelWatch - ISLE OF MAN

Representing and promoting the interests of Isle of Man Passengers

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Passenger Information –



PLUSBUS is a discounted bus pass that you can buy as an add-on to a **UK Rail Ticket**. It provides **bus travel** to and from the rail station and around the whole urban area of town that's at the start &/or finish of your train journey. Full details are on the **PLUSBUS** website www.plusbus.info

- Across Britain over 200 bus companies accept **PLUSBUS** tickets for travel on their services. These now include **Bus Vannin** in the Isle of Man.
- **PLUSBUS** serves 290 towns in Britain and 13 towns in Northern Ireland.
- **PLUSBUS** can also be used for travel on trams in Birmingham, Nottingham, Sheffield & Wolverhampton.
- UK Railcard holders get one-third off the normal price of **PLUSBUS** day tickets.

Travelling **to** the Isle of Man

Passengers booking a **Rail and Sail** ticket from a UK railway station to IOM can now add **PLUSBUS** for £3.50 which will enable unlimited bus travel on the Island (except on express services) on the day of arrival in IOM. These tickets can be booked at UK railway stations, but are not yet available for on-line purchase. If the date of return is known it is also possible to purchase a second **PLUSBUS** ticket which will be valid on the Island for the date of return travel.

Travelling **from** the Isle of Man

Passengers travelling by air or sea from IOM continuing their journey in UK by train and bus can buy **PLUSBUS** tickets for use at destination with their UK rail tickets. These can be purchased in advance on-line, by phone on 08457 000125 or 0191 387 1387 or at station ticket offices (but there is not a ticket office at Heysham). If buying on line, after you have selected your train tickets, you will be offered **PLUSBUS** automatically in stage 3 "choose seats and travel options".

Sail & Rail tickets purchased from IOMSPCo at the Sea Terminal in Douglas are not available with **PLUSBUS** either in IOM or in UK.

PLUSBUS ticketing

The ticket issued for **PLUSBUS** will be in the usual UK Rail ticket format. A separate ticket should normally be issued for the **PLUSBUS** part of the journey. e.g: a passenger going from Bath to IOM, wanting **PLUSBUS** in IOM should receive two tickets: the normal UK train ticket(s) from: their UK rail station to Douglas and a separate "add-on" **PLUSBUS** DAY ticket (ticket type code: '**PBD**'): From: "DOUGLAS" To: "**ISLE OF MAN+BUS**" (NLC: K644). Please ensure you do not surrender the ticket showing your **PLUSBUS** journey entitlement at any UK railway station or Steam Packet terminal as this must be shown to the bus driver.

Journey Planning

Please refer to www.plusbus.info/travel-information for bus and rail route and timetable information. The door-to-door journey planner on that page does not yet include IOM bus information.

IOM bus information can be found by clicking on the **Towns, Fares and Maps** link on that page. This takes you to the **PLUSBUS in your area** screen – to the left of "Search for PLUSBUS destinations" type in "Isle of Man" – and this brings you to the Isle of Man **PLUSBUS** page.

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