



Join us for our 2023 Christmas celebrations in the 10th year of our unique Pullman inspired carriages as well as Christmas fun on The Manx Electric Railway with Little Festive Shed'anigan's and Festive Fyn & Filbey's trams for our customers' enjoyment. It's a wonderful way to bring together family, friends and create corporate team nights for seasonal experiences across Isle of Man Railways.

From fine dining to traditional Christmas feasts, party evenings, First Noel brunches, Christmas Jumper nights, Magician's Tea Party delights and The Polar Express™ plus much more... There's truly something for everyone of every age to capture the magic of the season into the New Year. Wishing all our customers a happy and healthy 2024 to come from the IoM Transport team.

(Please note: All dietary requirements catered for. Please advise us at time of booking. All images are for illustrative purposes only).

## Enjoy Christmas Cheer on The Railways...

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- Advance booking essential.
- Your ticket includes return train travel and meal.
- You must board the Dining Car 20 minutes prior to departure.
- · Menu choices required at time of booking.

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## **CHRISTMAS PARTY TRAINS**

There's no better way to steam into Christmas than with celebrating on our party trains with family, friends or work colleagues. Festive music, merriment and a hearty three course Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will make it a magical time for all.



## SEASONAL PIE AND MASH

Steaming pies, mash and mushy peas to accompany your journey through the stunning Isle of Man countryside to Castletown. Then choose from our mouth-watering range of Dining Car desserts on your return trip and just enjoy having some time out from our busy lives.



## **TURKEY AND TINSEL LUNCH**

On a wintry day sitback and enjoy our turkey and tinsel train. Two yuletide courses accompany the experience to give you time to share some festive laughter and togetherness during this busy month.



# ORIENTAL YULETIDE EXPRESS

Exotic mix of authentic seasonal spiced dishes with rice dishes to share.

Plus a choice of fine Southeast Asian desserts to round off your Christmas dining car experience.



# CHRISTMAS CURRY CLUB

Dare to be different and indulge in a rainbow of spices on our seasonal curry train. Three course menu with authentic home made curries and a delicious range of desserts.



## CHRISTMAS CRACKER LUNCH

Pull a cracker on board our Christmas Lunch loco, and indulge in our traditional two course roast dinner with all the trimmings and a delicious seasonal pudding.



## JINGLE BELLS JUMPER LUNCH TRAIN

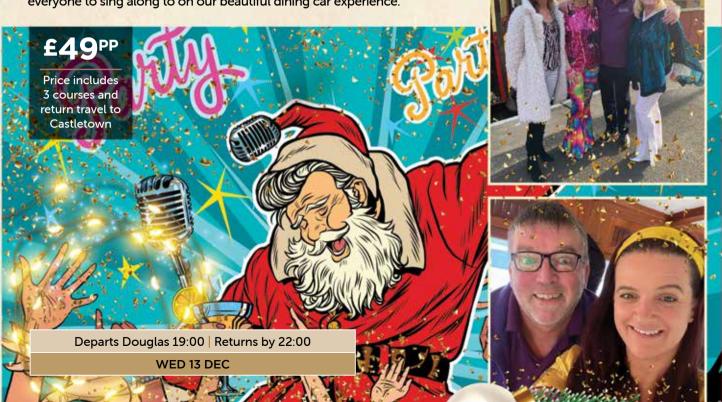
# JINGLE BELLS JUMPER PARTY TRAIN

Celebrate National Christmas Jumper Day! Wear your silliest reindeer jumper or bauble glitter top and sparkle through the carriages for Christmas. One lucky festive traveller will WIN a bottle of sparkling bubbles for the most creative party wear. So Ho! Ho! Come and join in the fun.



## MANX RADIO HOLIDAY SEASON CLASSICS

Join Manx Radio presenter Chris Williams sharing his festive spirit on board the dining car with the very best of the holiday season classics. Whether it's 'All I want for Christmas', 'Santa Baby', Bing Crosby crooner favourites like 'White Christmas' or 'Last Christmas' by Wham! There's something for everyone to sing along to on our beautiful dining car experience.



DECEMBER 2023		
MER Little Festive Shed'anigans	Sat 2, Sun 3, Sat 9, Sun 10, Sat 16, Sun 17 & Sat 23 December	
Christmas Curry Club	Wed 6 December	
Turkey & Tinsel Lunch	Thur 7, Wed 13 & Wed 20 December	
Seasonal Pie and Mash	Thur 7, Thur 14 & Thur 21 December	
Jingle Bells Jumper Lunch Train	Fri 8 December	
Jingle Bells Jumper Party Train	Fri 8 & Sat 9 December	
MER Festive Fyn & Filbey's Line	Sat 9 & Sat 16 December	
THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride	Sat 9, Sun 10, Fri 15, Sat 16, Sun 17, Thur 21, Fri 22 & Sat 23 December	
Manx Radio Holiday Season Classics	Wed 13 December	
Christmas Cracker Lunch	Thur 14 December	
Christmas Party Train	Fri 15, Sat 16 & Fri 22 December	
Oriental Yuletide Express	Wed 20 December	

SEASONAL SPECIALS		
First Noel Brunch	Wed 27, Thur 28 & Fri 29 December	
Magician's Tea Party	Wed 27 December	
Family Pie and Mash Quiz Night	Thur 28 December	
Marrakesh Express	Fri 29 December	
New Year's Eve - Glitter and Gold Gala	Sun 31 December	

### THE POLAR EXPRESS™ TRAIN RIDE

## DO YOU BELIEVE? THE POLAR EXPRESS™ TRAIN RIDE COMES TO THE ISLE OF MAN!

Join us on THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride for a magical Christmas experience.

Your journey begins just like the 2004 motion picture with THE POLAR EXPRESS<sup>TM</sup> picking you up at Douglas station to take you to the North Pole. You will get to meet the characters from the film including the conductor, the singing chefs, the hobo and of course the main man himself Father Christmas.

You and your family, hopefully dressed in PJs, will enjoy a funfilled theatrical adventure as you make your way to the North Pole. Throughout your journey, you may tangle with the caribou and other magical happenings, as you have the original story of The Polar Express told to you.

Don't forget to have a bite of your cookie and authentic hot chocolate before arriving at the North Pole to meet Santa Claus. Santa will join you on board and, if you are on the nice list, hand you your first gift of Christmas, a Silver Sleigh Bell just as in the motion picture we all love.



#### STANDARD RATE

£30<sup>PP</sup>

£20

PER CHILD (13-36 months)

(Babies under 12 months Free)

Departs Douglas 10:00 | 12:00 | 14:30

SAT 9 DEC

**SUN 10 DEC** 

FRI 15 DEC

#### **PREMIUM RATE**

£35PP

£25

PER CHILD (13-36 months)

(Babies under 12 months Free)

Departs Douglas 10:00 | 12:00 | 14:30

SAT 16 DEC

Departs Douglas 10:00 | 12:00 | 14:30 | 16:30

**SUN 17 DEC** 

Departs Douglas 10:00 | 12:00 | 14:30

THUR 21 DEC

FRI 22 DEC

Departs Douglas 10:00 | 12:00 | 14:30 | 16:30

SAT 23 DEC





### MER FESTIVE FYN & FILBEY'S LINE

#### **SATURDAY 9 DEC**

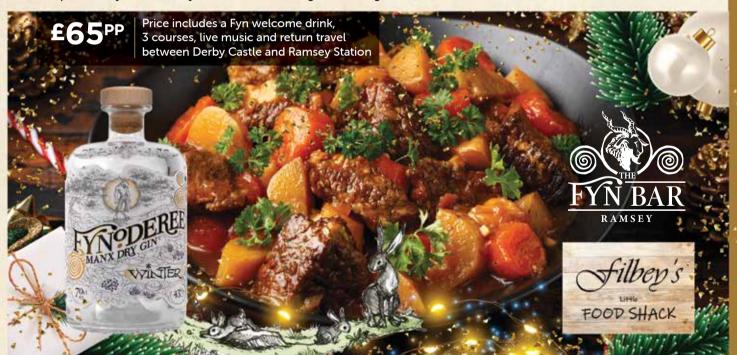
#### **SATURDAY 16 DEC**

The Manx Electric Railway, Fynoderee Distillery and Filbey's have collaborated for our customers enjoyment this December to create a dining experience with a difference.

Take a seasonal tram to Ramsey where you'll be welcomed into the Fyn Bar. Supported by Filbey's, you will enjoy a delicious three course dinner and a complimentary welcome Fyn drink while sharing an evening of live music.

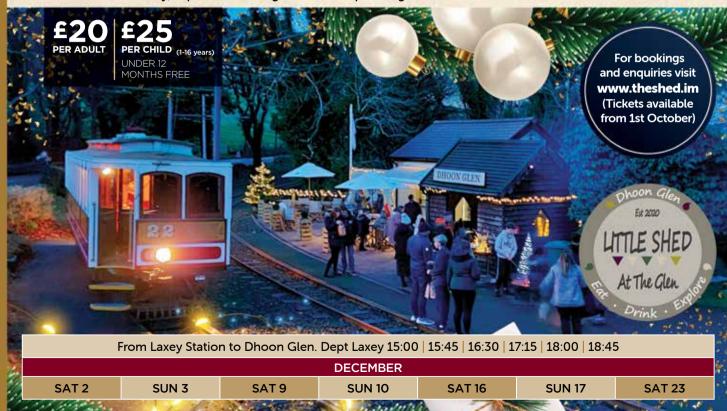
Book online at www.rail.im
or call the
Welcome Centre 662525

Departs Douglas 17:00 Returns by 23:15



# LITTLE FESTIVE SHED'ANIGANS ON THE MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Come and join us at Little Shed at Dhoon Glen for what promises to be a very special event to celebrate the arrival of the main man himself! In collaboration with Manx Electric Railway, expect festivities galore with a sprinkling of the famous #shedvibe



### FIRST NOEL BRUNCH

Our shared noel brunch boards will give you all a little bit of everything to enjoy with your family and friends after a busy Christmas Day. So sit back and enjoy a cuppa while sharing the beautiful countryside and coastal views before the start of 2024.

No gluten free option on this event.

# Price includes brunch and return travel to Castletown Departs Douglas 11:00 | Returns by 13:10 WED 27 DEC THUR 28 DEC FRI 29 DEC

## THE MAGICIAN'S TEA PARTY

You don't have to be a kid to enjoy magic so come along to a twixmas magic surprise with an afternoon tea of tricks and surprises on the dining car. It's a family fun experience for all ages to enjoy.



## **FAMILY PIE AND MASH QUIZ NIGHT**

'How good is your general knowledge?' Time to team up with your family and friends for an exciting Quiz Night and Pie and Mash on the dining car. Lots of exciting prizes to be WON including 2024 Dining Car experiences. Book early to avoid disappointment and be the winners on the night. For all ages to enjoy.



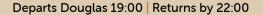
## MARRAKESH EXPRESS

Introducing North African seasonal flavours with a two course authentic dining experience.

Take a break from the turkey and enjoy this gastronomic blend of traditional ingredients and cultural influences on a plate.



Price includes 2 courses and return travel to Castletown



FRI 29 DEC



## **NEW YEAR'S EVE - GLITTER AND GOLD GALA**

A sumptuous seven course dining experience with wine to accompany each course on the 'Glitter and Gold Gala' Dining Car. The Tickethall bar will open from 19:00 with a welcome canapé reception, classical harpist playing from 19:20 to start your New Year's Eve celebrations before departing at 20:00. So dress up in your finest with family and friends as you experience a bygone age of Edwardian travel while sharing a gourmet meal and champagne as the train returns to Douglas to bring in the New Year.

(Please note: Not all dietary requirements can be catered for due to it being a 7 course experience)



#### THE TICKETHALL

Reception with Bellini Cocktails, Festive Canapés. Accompanied by local Harpist Erika Kelly.

#### **GOLD AND GLITTER DINING CAR**

#### **APPETIZER**

Seared Local Scallop with Pancetta, Parsnip and Pea Pureé Gnocchi Seared, Parsnip and Pea Broth (VE)

#### **STARTER**

Caesar Salad, Quail Egg and Kipper Caesar Salad, Heritage Beetroot and Toasted Walnuts (VE)

#### MAIN

Beef Wellington with Pâté and Mushroom Duxelles, Roots, Jus and Dauphinoise Potatoes Vegetarian Wellington (VE)

#### DESSERT

Infused Cherry and Baked Almond Tart with Crème Anglaise (VE)

#### **NEW YEAR TREAT BOARD**

Cheese-Sharing Platter of Manx, English and European Cheeses with Chutney, Crackers and Fruit

#### AND

**Auld Lang Syne Petit Fours** 

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

### **2024 SEASON**

THE MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY
TUESDAY 12TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

#### **ISLE OF MAN STEAM RAILWAY**

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

SNAEFELL MOUNTAIN RAILWAY
TUESDAY 19TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

DOUGLAS BAY HORSE TRAMWAY
TUESDAY 26TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

### EASTER WEEKEND DINING CAR CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY 29TH TO SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

#### **DINO EXPRESS WEEK**

WEDNESDAY 10TH TO SUNDAY 14TH APRIL In collaboration with Manx National Heritage & Steam Packet Company

manxnationalheritage.im





## SUMMER TRANSPORT FESTIVAL

**TUESDAY 30TH JULY TO SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST** 

HOP-TU-NAA DRAGON EXPRESS
WEDNESDAY 30TH TO FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

## TICKET PURCHASE POLICY - DINING CAR AND SPECIAL EXCURSIONS

- Full payment is required at time of booking to confirm a reservation.
- Please check your booking details carefully with the Booking Clerk as mistakes cannot always be rectified later.
- All cancellations and changes to reservations must be advised with a minimum of 14 day's notice before the event date to receive a full refund. After 14 days 20% of the full price will be reimbursed. No refund will be due on the day of departure.
- All changes to reservations must be advised with a minimum 14 day's notice before the event date. Changes received after this may not be accepted.
- In the circumstance that Isle of Man Railways need to cancel a Dining Car event completely a full refund or credit voucher will be offered.
- We do not guarantee that the trains will arrive or depart at the times stated and we
  reserve the right to cancel, alter or suspend any train without notice, or to substitute a
  different engine should this be necessary for whatever reason.
- Excursions may be cancelled or rescheduled for a variety of reasons. If the excursion is cancelled, please contact us for information on receiving a refund or rescheduling the excursion.
- If an excursion is rescheduled, ticket holders will be offered tickets to the rescheduled
  excursion, equivalent to the face value of the ticket. If a service is cancelled, ticket
  holders will be offered travel on an alternative excursion (subject to availability) or a
  refund up to the value on the ticket.
- All meal options are required at the time of booking to confirm your reservation.
- Any food allergies should be notified on booking and again on boarding.
- No alcohol other than that purchased on the Dining Car may be consumed by passengers.
- We are unable to accept payment by cheque less than 21 days prior to departure. This is to allow for time to process the payment.
- Seating arrangements for parties of four or more. Seating is limited on many of our special events due to their popularity. We will always do our best to make sure you and your party sit together: unfortunately this can't always be guaranteed.

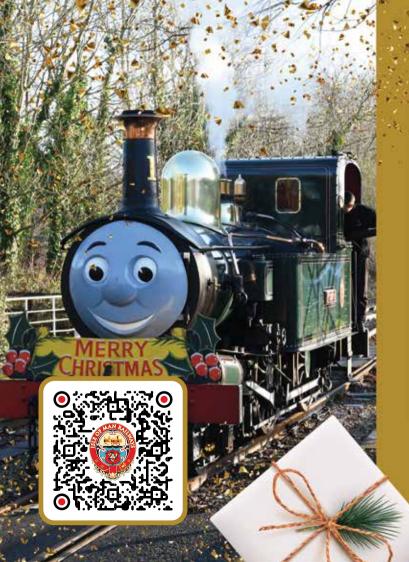
#### DISABLED ACCESS

 Heritage railway stations and train carriages were designed and built many decades ago. We are sorry that it may not be possible for some passengers with mobility issues to use our Dining Car services; however, we will assist in every way possible to accommodate everyone. It is helpful if you inform us of any special requirements in advance of your visit. Please call us to chat about what options there may be if you have any concerns.
 Tel. 01624 697457

#### TRAVELLING DOGS AND OTHER PETS.

- We welcome guide and assistance dogs on our Dining Car services. Please advise us at the time of booking if you require this so we can select the most appropriate seating
- We do not allow non-assistance dogs or other pets on our Dining Car carriages.

Our full terms of booking can be viewed at **www.rail.im** or on request at Douglas Railway Station.



### THE DINING CAR

**How to book - Contact** 

## 01624 697457

## steamdining@gov.im

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Your ticket includes return train travel and meal.

You must board the Dining Car 20 minutes prior to departure.

Some menu choices are required at time of booking.

#### SEE CENTRE PAGE FOR FESTIVE DOWN THE LINE

Please advise of any dietary requirements at time of booking. For some multiple courses not all dietary requirements can be catered for. Brochure images are for illustrative purposes only.

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