

**Isle of Man Steam Railway  
Booking Form**

Name : .....

Date of Birth : .....

Full Address : .....

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Post Code: .....

Contact Number: .....

E-mail Address: .....

The 'Experience' will be run on the dates listed below during 2025 on a strictly first come first served basis:

- April : 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 28th
- May : 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 21st, 22nd
- June : 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th
- July : 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd,
- August : 4th, 5th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th, 28th
- September : 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 29th, 30th

Date (1st Choice): .....

Date (2nd Choice): .....

Date (3rd Choice) : .....

Accompanying guest's name  
(if applicable) @ £50 .....

Guest's date of birth: .....

**Please note that cheques should be made payable to :  
Isle of Man Government**

Transport Head Quarters, Banks Circus, Douglas IM1 5PT  
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## THE ULTIMATE DRIVING EXPERIENCE 2025 STEAM RAILWAY

Thank you for your enquiry. I have pleasure in enclosing a Booking Form and Programme details for 'The Ultimate Driving Experience'.

The 'Experience' is open to those who are physically fit and aged between 21 and 75 years of age inclusive. The day begins at 7.00am and will end at around 5.30pm, giving you ample time to experience the footplate of a steam locomotive on the famous Isle of Man Steam Railway. The 'Experience' is led by our experienced full time staff and based on 2 participants.

The daily programme is as follows:-

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| 7:00am | The crew will be preparing the engine for the day and, if you wish, you are welcome to join them in these daily tasks.   |
| 8:00am | Meet at the steam shed for introduction and safety briefing.   |
| 8:45m  | The special train will leave Douglas at 8:45am. The participants will be able to observe from the foot plate, the front vestibule and the guard's van the many facets of operating a safe railway and how the foot plate crew fit into the regime of railway operation. During the initial journey the 2 participants rotate to experience the 3 roles of guard, fireman and driver. |
| 9:50am | On arrival at Port Erin you will have breakfast. Your special train will do 2 round trips between Castletown and Port Erin. During this time you will drive one complete round trip over the 2 trips to ensure you progress your driving style.  |
| Lunch  | A boxed lunch will be provided to snatch that break during one of the station turnarounds.   |
| 4:00pm | We will return to Douglas around 4pm (exact time depending on the timetable in force on the day) where you will have the opportunity to assist in the end of day tasks of disposing of the fire and preparing the engine for the shed.   |

There will also be an opportunity for questions and your Driving Certificates will be presented to you.

If you would like to join us or would like additional information, please telephone 01624 697419 to check availability and to make a provisional booking. The booking form and payment of £1,400 for up to 2 participants must be received within 7 days to confirm the booking. Reservations are dealt with on a 'first come, first served' basis. If you wish to bring a guest on the day the cost will be £50 (which will include refreshments and lunch).

Once your course has been confirmed to you in writing should there be a need to cancel or amend your course date there will be a £10 administration fee. If any change is made within **one calendar month** of the course date an additional penalty of 50% of the fees paid also apply. If you do not attend on the day no refund will be made.

We look forward to welcoming you on the Isle of Man Steam Railway and we're confident that you will find your experience on the foot plate really is the 'Ultimate Driving Experience!'.

### Clothing on the day

We will be providing overalls and gloves but you should ensure that you have adequate safety footwear.

### I, the undersigned, declare:

1. I am aged between 21 and 75 years inclusive
2. I **DO NOT** have any impairment or disability which could hinder my ability to operate the controls of a steam locomotive safely (a doctor's note / medical certificate will be required for any driver with a pre-existing medical condition which may affect their ability to drive a steam locomotive, failure to do so may result in refusal on the day). Please note: the ultimate decision on fit to drive on the day rests with the staff undertaking the event.
3. My eyesight is adequate for driving, with glasses if necessary.
4. My hearing is adequate to hear bell signals and verbal instructions
5. In accordance with legal requirements I understand that, during the day of THE ULTIMATE DRIVING EXPERIENCE, I must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
6. I am not disqualified from holding (or applying for) a road motor vehicle driving licence.
7. I agree to comply with the Bylaws and Rules of the Manx Heritage Railways Steam Railway and with all instructions given during THE ULTIMATE DRIVING EXPERIENCE.

Signed : .....