



May 20: Our itinerary began with a walking tour of the seaside capital, Douglas, a popular holiday spot in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.



May 20: A visit to the Tynwald Legislative buildings in Douglas provided an exciting opportunity to learn about the unique government and constitution of the Isle of Man.



May 20: At the Manx Museum, students were thrilled by a hands-on introduction to Viking Age archaeology with curator Allison Fox before exploring the Museum's galleries.











21 May: Moving out of the capital, Douglas, today we explored the remains of Peel Castle and St German's Cathedral on spectacular St Patrick's Isle with Allison Fox, Curator of Archaeology with Manx National Heritage.







22 May: Students explore Rushen Abbey with archaeologist Peter Davey; a bit of wind and rain did not dampen our spirits!



22 May: Heading to Rushen Abbey and Castletown on the Island's Victorian steam railway.



24 May: At Balladoole we explored the prehistoric and early medieval site, site of a Viking Age ship burial.





24 May: At the southern tip of the Island at the Sound we took in the views of the Calf of Man, the small island off the southern tip of Man, spotted a colony of grey seals, and explored a spectacular Iron Age promontory fort with guide Andrew Foxon.



25 May: Students spent most of Saturday 25 May exploring the unique early medieval and Viking Age Manx crosses at several locations around the northern part of the Island - here, at Kirk Michael, with Andy Johnson, Inspector of Ancient Monuments at Manx National Heritage.







26 May: At the Braaid, we explored an Iron Age and Viking period settlement site in a breathtaking landscape, undaunted by a bit of rain and wind!



25 May: Maughold is home to the largest collection of crosses in the Island



25 May: Tynwald Hill was the Viking Age and medieval assembly-site in the Isle of Man, and it is still used for an open air ceremony of the Manx parliament every 5 July on Tynwald Day.



At Cregneash we had an opportunity to explore a traditional Manx village as well as interact with some of the native species – in this case, a Manx cat...



Other native species spotted included Manx Loaghtan sheep.



On a free day, a number of participants opted to spend more time with Manx cats at the Manx Cat Café in Douglas!









Monday 27 May: Farewell dinner at the Ascot hotel.





28 May: After nine wonderful days we bid farewell to the Isle of Man!