

MARS/HIST 3F51 VIKING AND MEDIEVAL ISLE OF MAN

STUDY TRAVEL MAY 2024 - ONE PAGE FACT SHEET

Where and When?

- Study at Brock, 29 April to 13 May 2024 (dates are tentative and subject to change)
- Study in the Isle of Man, 19-28 May 2024
- The Isle of Man is a small island in the middle of the Irish Sea, roughly equidistant from Ireland, Scotland, and England. It has a rich heritage from the Viking and Medieval eras. Today, it is a self-governing British Crown dependency. For more: <https://www.visitisleofman.com/>

What, How, Who?

- Viking Age and Medieval Isle of Man (ca. AD 800-1300); the Kingdom of Man and the Isles (full course description in undergraduate calendar)
- Two-week intensive pre-travel instruction provides essential background and context
- Nine days on-site, in-depth exploration of Viking and Medieval Manx history in its environment
- The instructor, Professor Andrew McDonald (History), has been researching, publishing on, and visiting the Isle of Man for over twenty years. See his faculty profile here: <https://brocku.ca/humanities/history/faculty/andrew-mcdonald/>
- For a brief introduction to the period we will study, check out this Ted Lesson written by the instructor: https://www.ted.com/talks/andrew_mcdonald_the_rise_and_fall_of_the_kingdom_of_man?language=en

Preliminary itinerary for Isle of Man portion of course (subject to change):

- **On-site dates:** Sunday 19 May - Tuesday 28 May 2024
- Based in Douglas, capital of Isle of Man (population approx. 26,000), within walking distance of town centre, shops, and amenities
- Visit the Manx Museum (Douglas) and the House of Manannan (Peel)
- Guided tour of Manx legislative buildings (Tynwald) in Douglas
- Walking tour of Douglas
- Guided visits to Peel castle, Castle Rushen, Rushen Abbey, Tynwald Hill, Maughold church and churchyard, Iron Age settlements and hillforts, parish churches; Cregneash traditional Manx village
- Explore early medieval and Viking Age sculptures at Kirk Michael, Kirk Andreas, Jurby, Braddan, and Maughold
- Expert local guides, archaeologists, and curators on-site
- Two free days for exploration at leisure: visit the Laxey wheel, walk the Promenade, experience the Isle of Man TT, explore on your own
- Travel by public transit bus, Manx Electric and Steam Railway, and private coach
- For more on historic sites, monuments, & museums see: https://issuu.com/manxnationalheritageiom/docs/1616-mnh_explore_booklet_2023_v9_final

How much does it cost?

- On-site cost estimated at approximately \$1,500 CAD (depending upon exchange rates at time of final payments)
- On-site costs include: 9 nights' accommodation in Douglas and breakfast daily; site admissions; transportation; guide services; farewell dinner; 1 packed lunch on day 7
- Airfare, tuition, & travel insurance are additional; airfare estimated at \$1,500-1,800 CAD (as at 1 September, flying through Dublin); there are no direct flights to Isle of Man from North America
- Additional expenses will include: daily lunch & dinner except as noted above; spending money; some gratuities which will be collected on-site (estimated at GBP 5-10 per student); transportation to/from Ronaldsway airport in Isle of Man
- Students who are accepted to participate pay a non-refundable deposit of \$500 CAD by 15 January 2024; balance is due 15 March 2024

How do I participate?

- Admission is by application
- Please complete the online application form at: <https://forms.office.com/r/GcmNkLCCuH>
- Deadline for applications is 30 November 2023
- All applicants will be notified by 5 January 2024 at latest.



Things to know:

- The course is subject to cancellation if minimum enrolment is not met
- Maximum enrolment will be 20 students; not all applicants may be successful
- Costing is based on shared accommodation
- Students book their own flights and comprehensive travel insurance; an extra night or nights may be required depending on flights and connections
- Financial support is available from Brock International; exact amounts to be determined
- Additional nights' accommodation may be available before 19 May, but will not be available after 28 May (see below); any additional costs are the responsibility of the student
- The Isle of Man hosts the Tourist Trophy motorcycle races annually; in 2024 these begin on 27 May, so the conclusion of our study travel course overlaps with the start of this busy event. For this reason, we do not recommend students extend their stay in the Isle of Man after 28 May, when accommodation is scarce and prices increase significantly. It will not be possible to extend the stay in the hotel we are using for the study travel.
- The Isle of Man portion of the course includes visits to historic buildings, sites, and monuments, some of which are in open countryside and situated at distances of up to 750-1000m from the nearest parking places and require walking over uneven terrain. The nature of some sites means that there can be limited access (e.g. at Castle Rushen, the Castle keep (main building) has a spiral staircase and a historic staircase to access the upper levels. There are no alternative methods for accessing the upper floors). For more information and resources on accessibility please contact Professor McDonald.

Questions? Please contact mars@Brocku.ca