

**SHROPSHIRE RAILWAY SOCIETY**  
**Proposal for Society trip to the Isle of Man in 2019**

It has been suggested that a trip to the Isle of Man should be offered to Society members in 2019, and since such a trip would require a considerable amount of work to organise, I would be grateful for an initial without commitment indication as to how many members would be interested in participating.

It is likely that such a trip would be of a duration of around four days/five nights on the island, in order to give sufficient time to enjoy the well known transport delights to be seen there, including the steam railway, Manx Electric Railway and Snaefell line together with the “supporting cast” of such things as the Groudle Glen Railway, Jurby Transport Museum etc.,etc., and I would hope to operate the trip to coincide with one of the special events which Isle of Man Transport now run during each season, details of most of which for 2019 have of course yet to be announced.

Obviously it is not possible to estimate costs in any detail at present, but as a VERY rough “ball park” idea, I would suggest that the low to middle hundreds per person would be a reasonable starting point, to include travel to and from the island, hotel accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis, and travel costs when there, such as an island wide travel pass to cover the ordinary public bus network, and the heritage railways ordinary services.

I would therefore be grateful to hear from individual members (preferably please by e-mail to [outings@saloprailsoc.org.uk](mailto:outings@saloprailsoc.org.uk) ) who would in principle be interested in coming on such a trip: it would be helpful if anyone responding would indicate if they would prefer to avoid any particular part of the 2019 Spring/Summer/early Autumn season, and if they would give any comments they have as to, for example, their preferred mode of transport to the island (i.e. air or sea, the former probably being more expensive, with the latter of course being more time consuming), or on any other aspect of such a trip.

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