

## Clidive ISLE OF MAN Long Weekend Diving 28 Sept – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2018



Shrouded in folklore, fairies, myth and legend, sea-bound Isle of Man is a remarkably diverse little island said to have been created when Irish giant Finn MacCooill threw a lump of rock from Ireland towards Scotland.

Isle of Man is perfect for anyone seeking sun soaked beaches, limitless activities, alfresco adventures or historic sights. Scenic hacks on horseback, exhilarating mountain bikes with views to match and hiking magnificent mountain trails make the very most of the outdoors. For heart stopping thrills nothing beats coasteering where you scale the Island's rugged coastlines jumping in and out of the sea as you go! The Isle of Man is a wildlife spotter's dream, home to a population of lovable furry seals who like to catch the sun on the island's windswept shores. Dolphins, whales and basking sharks can often be seen frolicking off the coast while beautiful birds fill the skies.

Isle of Man boast some of the finest wreck, scenic, and drift diving in the UK also visibility unrivalled. In June, July, August and September the Isle is visited by the basking sharks; the Isle of Man is a magnet for inquisitive seals, porpoises, dolphins, whales and the occasional orcas. The location of our dive centre is ideal being on the inner harbour of Port St Mary where the main launch site is for the south of the Island. This is the place to come for a week or weekends scuba diving.

**Diving** - Long Weekend Diving - 4 night's accommodation with towels, linen, breakfast, 8 boat dives with a lift, cylinders, air & weights. Sports divers or equivalent and above; dive September 28th, 29th, 30th, October 1st and 2nd October. Cost £355 (£10 goes to Clidive). Anyone coming early you can have extra night's accommodation for £25 per night. We will be using the Isle of Man Diving Charters who Clidive have used before. With sooo many wrecks out there – I would like to throw in some wrecks weather permitting (eg Victorian Sail Ship "The Thracian") scenic reefs and pinnacles and hope the big marine life joins us too  $\textcircled$ 

**How to get there** - There are ferries (Ferry company "Steam Packet Company") that leave Heysham or Liverpool Birkenhead to Isle of Man (Douglas) its about 2h 45m or 3h 45m depending on the port you use to catch your ferry. Cost of foot passenger is £42 return. You can also fly to Isle of Man which is just over an hours flight (easyjet is the cheapest £50 return Gatwick/Luton), remember you will need to factor in adequate surface interval time before flying in or out. I intend to travel earlier to hike/explore Isle of Man. Full amount will need to be paid by end of August, deposits of £100 is required to secure your dive space. Contact <u>Preeda@clidive.org</u> if interested, hope you can all come ©

