



Since 1995, Isle of Man film has been producing feature films and television dramas using the many locations of the Isle of Man. Renowned for its beautiful countryside, sweeping coastlines and pretty seaside towns, the sheer range of locations on the Island have made a great contribution to a very successful and thriving film industry. The Island has doubled as a Cornish fishing village, Scotland, London, Ireland and even the Caribbean! Indeed, the Isle of Man itself has been the star of many great films from comedies to action adventures, sci-fi thrillers to period dramas. Whilst touring the Island, why not follow in the footsteps of our A-list visitors?

BALDWIN

The Baldwin valley is one of the most picturesque locations on the Island. Its resemblance to the Scottish Lowlands has seen it used on several films including *Lassie* and *Keeping Mum*.

ISLE OF MAN STEAM RAILWAY

Running from Douglas to Port Erin, the steam railway passes through some beautiful unspoilt countryside and Victorian stations. The railways were the hiding place of Butch and Sundance in the *Legend of the Tamworth Two* whilst Port St Mary station was better known as Muffle Mountain station in *Thomas and the Magic Railroad*. More recently, Hollywood A-listers Rene Zellwegger and Ewan McGregor have filmed scenes on the railway for *Miss Potter*.

CASTLE RUSHEN AND CASTLETOWN

The interior of Castle Rushen was used in the classic tale *I Capture the Castle*, whilst outside, the town itself has featured extensively in films such as *5 Children and It*, *Churchill: The Hollywood Years* and *Lassie*. TV addicts may also recognise it as the Nazi-occupied Channel Island in ITV's *Island at War*. Cornaa Beach, north of Laxey, provided some hiding places for characters of the same series. Bus services 1, 1c & 2 from Douglas or IOM Railway.

CREGNEASH

This village is the oldest in the Isle of Man and its thatched cottages make up a living, working crofting community. It's most well known for its use in *Waking Ned* as the fictional Irish village Tullymore after the production company failed to find a village in Ireland that was Irish enough! Bus service 1 from Douglas.

THE NUNNERY

The Nunnery in Douglas is one of the most imposing houses on the Island and is frequently used as a film location. William Baldwin and Julie Andrews filmed here for *Relative Values* whilst it also recently appeared in British hit *Stormbreaker* as Darius Sayle's mansion.

NIARBYL

Niarbyl is famous for its role in *Waking Ned* in which its cottage starred as Ned Devine's home. It was also used more recently in the films *The Heart of Me* starring Helena Bonham Carter and was the scene for the infamous 'red thong incident' in *Keeping Mum* starring Kristen Scott Thomas and Patrick Swayze. Bus services 7 Peel to Dalby, then a 10 minute walk.

PORT ERIN

In *On a Clear Day*, Port Erin beach became the training ground for a man's bid to swim the Channel, whilst more recently in *Stormbreaker*, the beach was used in a high-action speed chase that opened the film. Bus services 1 & 2 or IOM Railway.

ST JOHNS

St Johns became 'Shining Time Village' in the children's film *Thomas and the Magic Railroad*. The most recent film to use the village was *Keeping Mum* when it doubled up as the village green to film Nether Poppleton's football match starring Rowan Atkinson in goal. Bus services 5, 5a & 6 from Douglas.

THE SOUND

The sound provides spectacular views that the producers of *Keeping Mum* took advantage of whilst filming the final scenes with Kristen Scott Thomas, Patrick Swayze and Dame Maggie Smith. Bus service 1 from Douglas.

MARINE DRIVE

The precarious cliff-side road provides a spectacular backdrop for a number of films. Most notably it was used for a high-speed motorcycle chase during the opening sequence of Stormbreaker which saw Ewan McGregor being pursued by a gang of leather-clad villains. Another chase scene involving quad bikes and helicopters was filmed on Jurby Airfield in the north. The road also appeared in Waking Ned whilst the BBC's Top Gear motoring magazine also used Marine Drive for a stylish shoot involving their presenters Richard Hammond, James May and local resident Jeremy Clarkson.

JURBY AIRFIELD

The World War II airfield at Jurby was a perfect ready-made set for big screen feature The Brylcreem Boys. The various huts and buildings, all original, provided the film with an authentic wartime setting. Service 17, 17a, 18, 18a, 19, 19a from Ramsey.

ISLAND STUDIOS

Island Studios opened in 2002 and are a valuable asset to the Island's film industry. Johnny Depp and John Malkovich filmed here during the making of The Libertine. The Studios are not open to the public.