WELCOME TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Originally called VECTIS by the Romans. It is in the English Channel approx. 2 miles (3.2 km) off the coast of Hampshire, separated by the Solent. The Island has been a holiday destination since Victorian times and is known for it’s mild climate, coastal scenery and beautiful landscapes of fields, downs and chines (ravines).

The Island has been home to the poet’s Swinburne and Tennyson.

Queen Victoria & Prince Albert built their much loved Summer Residence, Osborne House, on the Island which became her final home.

It has a Maritime and Industrial background, including traditions of boat building, sail making, flying-boat manufacturing. The hovercraft and ‘The Black Knight’ space rocket, were all developed, tested and manufactured on the Island, all world leaders in there time.
The Black Knight launched a satellite into space in the 1950’s, although still working, it is not used today. Unbelievably, after the successful launch in Australia the UK government decided there was no future for satellites and scrapped the program!

It is also the former home of Saunders-Roe, a famous world leading Aviation Company.

The Island has played an important part in the defence of Southampton & Portsmouth. It has been in the front-line of conflicts through the ages, including the Spanish Armada and the Battle of Britain.

Also home to world famous Cowes Week, which is held the 1st week in August.....
ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

A chine ( /ˈtʃaɪn/) is a steep-sided coastal river valley where the river flows to the sea through, typically, soft eroding cliffs of sandstone or clays. The word is still in use in mainly on the Isle of Wight to describe such topographical features. The term 'bunny' is sometimes used to describe a chine in Hampshire. There are twenty chines on the Isle of Wight, to which fascinating folklore is attached because of their history with local smuggling, fishing and shipwrecks. The popular tourist attraction of Shanklin Chine is also famous for its involvement in the Second World War, when it was used to carry one of the Operation Pluto pipelines and as a training area for the 40 Royal Marine Commando battalion before the 1942 Dieppe Raid.[6]
BEMBRIDGE AIRPORT ISLE OF WIGHT - EGHJ

Bembridge Airport is privately owned and is located at the East end of the Island. It has hard runway 837m x 23m. Runway 30 RH / 12 LH.

Pilot information…….Flight Plan and the General Aviation Report (GAR) are required for international incoming flights only (not uk). Both SkyDemon and RocketRoute have the facility to file a GAR. These should be submitted 4 hours in advance for arrivals from any EU country and 24 hours in advance for the Channel Island, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. If this is done there is no requirement to land at a ‘Customs Airfield’ prior to landing at Bembridge.

Please be aware there is no fuel available at Bembridge EGHJ. There is fuel at Sandown EGHN, Lee-on-Solent EGHF and Goodwood EGHR.

Landing and weekend parking fee £32.

PHONE NUMBER 01983 873051

Commercial Flights to the Isle Of Wight.

The nearest commercial airport is Southampton which is serviced by Flybe, Easyjet, KLM, and Airfrance. You can order a Taxi from information desk in the airport to Red Jet Catamaran (15mins) which berths at Cowes on the Island, where you can get another Taxi to Bembridge (30mins), or, once we know arrival times, it may be possible to arrange pickup from ferry.

Organising Team: -
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You will be staying at Bembridge Coast Hotel.

Once owned by George V’s Lord in Waiting, Bembridge Coast Hotel overlooks the Solent. From here the late Queen Mother frequently came to watch the yachts racing during Cowes Week.

During WW2 it was taken over by The Royal Navy and was jokingly referred to as HMS Blazer.

The hotel has a wonderful beach and there is live music and dancing in the Late Lounge after dinner. During your stay, why not take a long coastal walk or try archery, bowls or rifle shooting with tuition from one of the team.
BEMBRIDGE COAST HOTEL

COST

3 nights, half board,

Standard Room £245 per person

Signature Price £275 per person

Single Occupancy Supplement £30 per person per night

Car Ferry £55 per car booked through the Hotel


http://www.warnerleisurehotels.co.uk/hotels/bembridge-coast-hotel

Prices will be held until Mid December 2018.

Please note that your booking is directly with the Hotel & separate from the event costs.

Please book a.s.a.p this is a very popular hotel and prices will increase in January.
ITINERARY

Friday 28th June 2019

Arrival by plane or car to Bembridge Airport 12 am – 2.30 pm.

Buffet refreshments at The Propeller Inn, Bembridge, PO35 5PW.

14.30 – Coach to the Hotel to register and to drop bags off.

15.30 - Meet in reception, then a short walk to tour around the new life boat station.

18.30 - Gather on the terrace for pre-dinner Aperitifs & Canapés.
19.30 - Dinner – An informal dinner and for those with any energy left, there will be live entertainment in The Late Lounge.
Saturday 29\textsuperscript{th} June 2019

8.45 - Leave hotel by coach for Train & Ferry.

1950’s London underground train to pier head to board the Catamaran to Portsmouth.

9.30 – Ferry journey to Portsmouth.

10.00 – Visit Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

With many other museums & boats to see, you will probably struggle to see most of it in a day!!

Plenty of eateries, restaurants, cafe’s etc. in the area where you can enjoy lunch.
16.00 – Leave dockyard for the return trip to the Island by Catamaran.

17.00 – Arrive at Hotel.

19.00 – 19.30 – Gala Dinner. Smart casual jacket & tie.

**Sunday 30th June 2019**

9.00 – Depart the hotel by coach for Osborne House.

Osborne House is a former royal residence in East Cowes, Isle of Wight. The house was built between 1845 to 1851 for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert who designed the property himself, as a summer home and rural retreat.

There are cafe’s & restaurants at Osborne House to have lunch.

14.00 – Leave for Hotel for some free time, rest, walk, play bowls or do your flight planning.

17.00 – 18.30 – U.K. IFFR AGM in the Theatre.

19.00 – 19.30 – Dinner at Hotel

**Monday 1st July 2019**

The coach leaves for Bembridge airport after breakfast, 9.00am.
REGISTRATION IFFR
Isle of Wight  28th June to 1st July 2019

Please complete the form below and return it by email to clark.calver@gmail.com or by post to:
Angus Clark, Folds Head Close, Folds Head, Calver, Hope Valley, Derbyshire, UK. S32 3XJ.
Registration will close on 28 February 2019. With numbers limited to 50, registration may be closed earlier if that figure is exceeded.

The Registration Fee of £135 per person plus £32 per plane for landing & weekend parking, should be paid by one of the following methods:
1. A Cheque payable to W.A.CLARK and sent with the Registration Form to the address above.
2. BACS transfer to W.A. CLARK. Sort Code: 60:01:33 Account number: 51192683
   IBAN GB76NWBK60013351192683
3. PayPal payment to clark.calver@gmail.com Payment to be marked as “GIFT”

Please note Paypal is preferred as it is a simple and secure method of transferring foreign funds.

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