

Guidelines for organising your trip to the Isle of Man Easter Athletics Festival

<i>Month</i>	<i>Key Task</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Oct/Nov	Find out about IoM: discuss amongst team committee/ members	Look on IoM, Leeds and Manchester University websites (links below). Speak with Leeds and Manchester University runners
December	1) Get an idea of numbers 2) Cost your trip (transport to ferry, ferry, accommodation, race entry = £110 approx).	Send lots of emails, discuss at training, have sign up sheets. If students, speak with sports union and see if they will contribute (e.g. pay for bus to ferry, race entries).
January	1) Collect deposits – set a deadline (e.g. 31 st) and keep reminding people. 2) Start fundraising if necessary	The cost of the transport is probably enough (£40). Fundraising may help to subsidize the event
Early February	1) Book ferry/ flights 2) Enquire about hotels	The earlier the better as they can book up quickly. Aim to arrive in the IoM by 3pm Friday at the latest! Leave Monday
Mid February	Book hotel and transport to ferry/airport	See below for hotel suggestions
March	1) Send off race entries (deadline is 1 st April 2006) 2) Collect rest of money: again set a deadline and pester people	Approximate cost based on ferry (£35), 3 nights BnB (£50) plus race entry (£18) is £100.
Early April	Final checks on numbers and bookings	

Websites

www.luuccc.co.uk - follow link to old website and look under “photos” and “articles”.

www.muccc.co.uk – follow link to “photos”.

www.easterfestival.info

Hotels:

Douglas is probably the best place to stay when attending the festival. There are loads of cheap hotels, guesthouses and B&B's all within walking distance from the ferry port –on the sea front and up the back streets. You should be able to find somewhere under £20 a night. Smaller hotels/B&B's are perhaps better than the larger ones as you may end up sharing with a rugby tour!!!! This is worth checking. The websites below are useful starting points for finding somewhere to stay!

www.iomguide.com/accommodation.

www.gov.im/tourism/accommodation/isle-of-man-hotels

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