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6 SHANKLIN ITINERARIES


Isle of Wight

It's easy to explore the Isle of Wight using sustainable transport. Here are a few ideas for fun local days out – no car required!

HIGH DRAMA



1 From Shanklin bus station you can catch one of the popular **Island Breezers** – these are brilliant open-top buses that give you incredible views of the Isle of Wight with interesting commentary en route. The **Shanklin Steamer** takes you around the town, the Old Village, and down to the seafront, and goes every 30 mins at peak times. Buy a hop-on-hop-off ticket for £4 per adult and make the most of the town – your ticket is valid for 24hrs. You can also pick up the **Island Coaster** from Shanklin and go north to Ryde for shopping and sunbathing on the golden sands. Alternatively head south along the dinosaur coast to Ventnor, Freshwater and Yarmouth.

 **Buy a 24 hour hop-on-hop-off ticket as this can be used on Southern Vectis bus services all over the Island. There are discounts for concessions.**

islandbuses.info

UP THE DOWNS



2 Shanklin is ideally located on the coastal path and it's a gateway to the rest of the Island. You can reach many beauty spots by strolling along car-free routes including disused railway lines.

Start at **Shanklin Chine**, head down towards the beach and go right (South) along the marked coastal path.

Another great walk is the **Worsley Trail**, which starts at St. Blasius Old Parish Church on Church Road, and heads West right out to Brighstone through Wroxall. It's a 13 mile walk which is generally flat – you should allow yourself 6 hours to do the whole walk – but it's possible to walk halfway, perhaps to Godshell, and hop on the bus to get back.


 **Reward yourself after all that exercise with a slap up gourmet lunch at one of Godshell's excellent pubs.**

MAKE A SPLASH



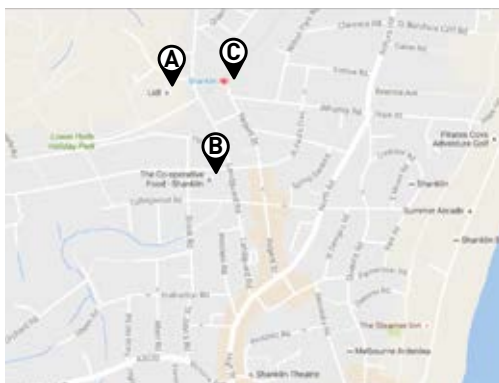
3 Fancy jumping in the sea? Head down to Hope Beach and head North towards Sandown, and along the seafront you will find **Wight Water Adventure Watersports**. Here you can dip into paddle-boarding, kayaking and many other activities, with a beautiful sandy beach and fantastic instructors. Next door is a wonderful beach café for that appetite that you've worked up!

If that all sounds a bit strenuous why not take a stroll through **Shanklin Chine**. Carved by Mother Nature's own hands over thousands of years, the stunning tree lined gorge with streams and waterfalls is a marvellous sight. The chine links Shanklin Old Village to the sandy beach and esplanade below.

 **Don't bother lugging your wetsuit around – you'll be provided with all that you need.**

wightwaters.com | shanklinchine.co.uk

SUSTAINABLE SHANKLIN



A Cycle hire: routefifty7
Landguard Road, Shanklin PO37 7LL
Telephone 07491 000057
routefifty7.com

C Nearest train station: Island Line
Regent Street, Shanklin PO37 7AR
Telephone 0871 200 4950
southwesttrains.co.uk/island-line

B Nearest bus station: Southern Vectis
Streets around the Co-op on
Landguard Road, Shanklin PO37 7JR
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LET OFF STEAM



4 Shanklin marks the end of the Island Line – a pretty stretch of track which will take you to Sandown, Brading and Ryde. At Smallbrook Junction, the line intersects with the **Isle of Wight Steam Railway**, which you can jump on for a day of family fun. Another great day out is at **Osborne**, which is best reached by taking the Island Line to Ryde Esplanade, where you can hop on a bus to East Cowes. The bus stop is directly outside the main entrance to **Osborne**, Queen Victoria's seaside palace, steeped in history and with access to a private beach.

💡 Get an Island Liner Day Rover Ticket and enjoy a day's unlimited travel on Island Line's electric trains as well as on the Steam Railway.

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english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/osborne

GO WILD



5 Are you an animal lover? How does a day at **Sandown Zoo** sound? It's easily accessible:

Bus – use route routes 2 or 3, or hop on the Island Coaster.

Rail – just one stop on the Island Line.

By foot – use the Coastal Path along the seafront and it's approximately 2½ miles from Hope Beach).

The zoo is best known as a sanctuary for rare and endangered large cats, including Zena, the white tiger. See the tigers being fed, meet a meerkat, or perhaps take a trip to the Poo Museum – very popular with the kids!

💡 The zoo used to be a military fort and played an important role in the Second World War. Visit the PLUTO exhibition to learn about the amazing pipeline from the Island to France that pumped fuel to the Allied forces.

isleofwightzoo.com

BICYCLE ISLAND



6 If cycling is more your thing, you're in the right place. From Shanklin, you can join the **Taste Round the Island Route** – a 66 mile journey with places to stop and enjoy local food along the way. For something a little closer, try a **12 mile jaunt** through Bonchurch and Ventnor, north to Wroxall and back along the old railway line. With two big hills, this is for confident cyclists. If you fancy a flatter route, try joining the **Red Squirrel Trail**. Head North into Sandown and use the old railway line to get to Newport (and possibly onto Cowes) or head South-West to Wroxall, taking the route to join the path at Merstone. The whole track is 32 miles.

💡 Hire a bike – there are plenty on offer from local hire centres, including child bikes, tag-alongs and leg-saving electric cycles.

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