Life on the Isle of Wight

The Isle of Wight boasts miles of stunning countryside, award-winning beaches and a wealth of history and heritage. While many people move to the Island for a slower pace of life, this beautiful location is anything but dull. With numerous summer festivals, carnivals and events, popular attractions for children, a variety of restaurants and pubs and more sunshine than most of the UK, the Isle of Wight really does have something for everyone.



Being only 22 miles across, the Island is small enough to feel intimate and friendly, but still has all the essentials; large supermarkets, high street shopping, schools, hospital, dentists, entertainment venues.

Things to Do

The Isle of Wight is an area of outstanding natural beauty, with acres of protected National Trust land providing the perfect setting for walking, cycling and an abundance of wildlife. Also, you are never far from one of the Island's beaches, whether it be calm and secluded, bustling with attractions, or perfect for water sports.



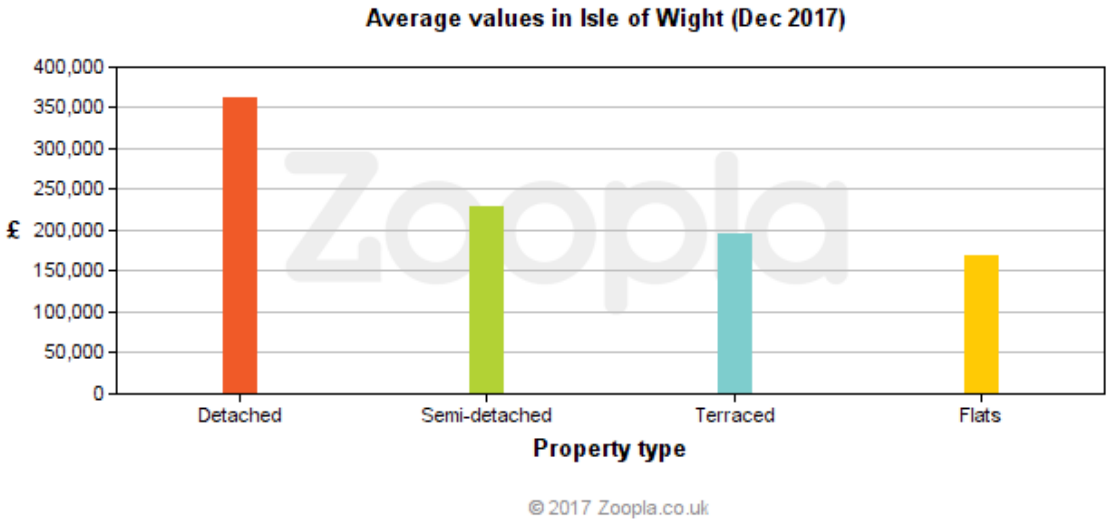
Annual events on the Island include the world famous Cowes Week Regatta, popular music events such as The Isle of Wight Festival, Walk the Wight and Carnival Island.



There are many entertaining and interesting things to do for all the family. English Heritage sites Osborne House and Carisbrooke Castle are just two examples of the Island's rich history. There are also several zoological, wildlife and farm parks, offering year-round enjoyment for all. Theme parks Blackgang Chine and Robin Hill are also perfect for an exciting day out.

House Prices

When buying a property on the Island, prices are generally lower than the rest of the South of England. The average house price for the Isle of Wight is 257,000, compared to 675,000 in Central London (source: Zoopla, December 2017). Find an affordable home with the seaside right on your doorstep.

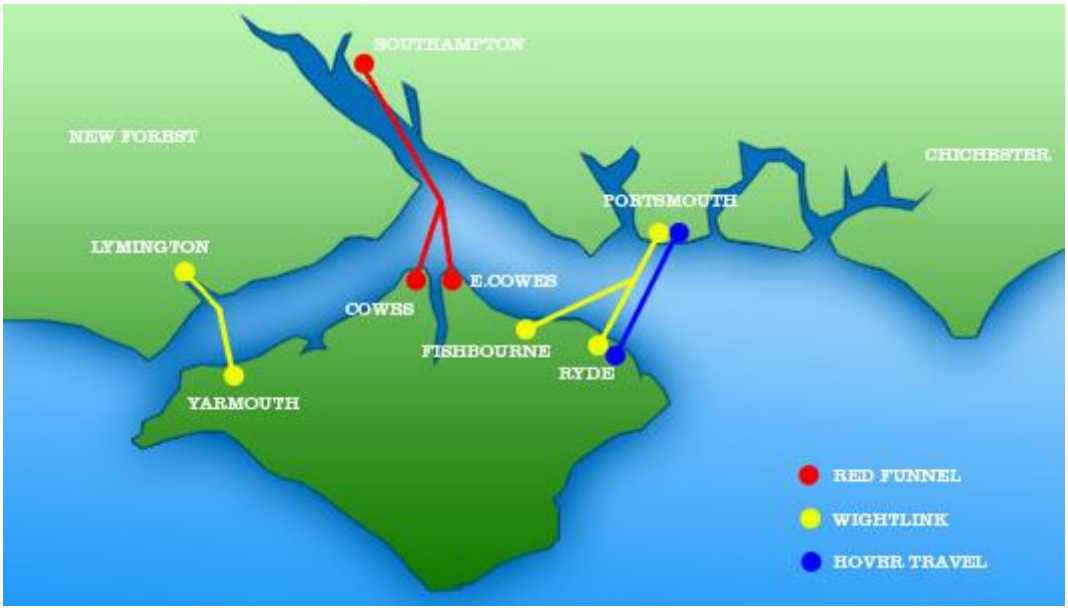


The average rental price for homes on the Island is around £166 per week (Zoopla, December 2017), so temporary accommodation is very affordable for those just settling into Island life, giving potential homeowners the opportunity to find their ideal property.

Travel Information

Travel routes to the Isle of Wight include vehicle and passenger ferry services from the following locations:

- Portsmouth (Wightlink)
- Southampton (Red Funnel)
- Lymington (Wightlink)
- Southsea (Hovertravel)



The Island's towns and villages are serviced by a regular bus service, several taxi firms and some areas by train.

Useful links:

Hovertravel Ferries https://www.hovertravel.co.uk/

Red Funnel Ferries https://www.redfunnel.co.uk/en/

Wightlink Ferries http://www.wightlink.co.uk

Islandline Railway https://www.southwesternrailway.com/

Southern Vectis Buses http://www.islandbuses.info/

Isle of Wight Council (including resident services and information) https://www.iwight.com/