

Red Funnel offer pre-release tickets for Isle of Wight Festival 2008



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Press Release Summary: Southampton-based Isle of Wight ferry specialists, Red Funnel, are offering exclusive pre-release tickets and ferry travel packages for the 2008 Isle of Wight Festival



Press Release Body: **Red Funnel, the Isle of Wight ferry specialist**, has secured an exclusive deal offering visitors the chance to buy pre-release tickets or tickets combined with ferry travel to the

2008 Isle of Wight Festival three days before the general public release.

The three day festival which was voted '**Best Major Festival**' for **2007** is due to take place from **13–15 June 2008**, with punk legends the **Sex Pistols** headlining on Saturday night and rock gods, **The Police** providing the headline performance on Sunday night (their only UK festival performance in 2008). [The Isle of Wight music festival](#) promises to be another sell out. The exclusive pre-release ticket offer from [Red Funnel](#) will start at 0001 hrs on Friday 7 December, a full three days before the general release, but as the 2007 event sold out after only a couple of days [2008 Isle of Wight festival](#) goers will still need to book early to ensure they don't miss out.

The sell-out 2007 event succeeded in bringing together some of the finest live acts of our time, including the first ever headline performance at a UK festival by the **Rolling Stones**, who were announced on the bill long after the event had sold out. Performing alongside the Stones were **Snow Patrol**, the biggest selling band of 2006, and the **Brit Awards Best Live Act winners, Muse**. They were joined by kings of the rock 'n' roll scene **Kasabian**, the **GQ Band of the Year, Keane**, and **Amy Winehouse**.

The original **Isle of Wight festival** has been steeped in musical history since the original event in 1970 when over 600,000 people came to join in a mammoth 5-day music extravaganza which came to be regarded as **Britain's 'Woodstock'**. The event featured a line-up which has gone down in history by including some of the world's biggest acts, who flocked to join in following the announcement that **Jimi Hendrix** had agreed to perform. **The Who, Joni Mitchell, Miles Davies, Free, Leonard Cohen, Joan Baez, The Moody Blues, ELP** to name a few, all played at the 1970 event, however it was to be Hendrix's last performance due to his untimely death a month later.

After the 1970 event the '**Isle of Wight Act**' was passed by Parliament to ban all future festivals. It wasn't until June 2002 that the festival returned after a 32 year absence at a new location, **Seaclose Park** on the outskirts of Newport just over 4 miles from the **Red Funnel** ferry terminal East Cowes.

For most UK mainland residents, travelling from [Southampton to the Isle of Wight by ferry](#) will be the easiest way to get to this years festival, with **Red Funnel's** passenger vehicle ferries operating hourly from **Southampton to East Cowes** and **Red Funnel's Red Jet Hi-**

Speed service operating every 30 minutes to **West Cowes** with shuttle buses running from both terminals to the festival and official campsite.

About Red Funnel
Red Funnel Ferries has a fleet of 3 modern purpose-built ro-ro ferries sailing between **Southampton and East Cowes** and a fleet of **4 Red Jet hi-speed passenger catamarans** operating between **Southampton and West Cowes**. Both services operate year-round.

Red Funnel also specialise in Isle of Wight accommodation, event and attraction tickets, activities, car hire, rail travel, insurance and much more.

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