

## Odds favour Isle of Man

Published: January 14, 2026, 5:59 pm

---

[FT.com / Companies / Travel & Leisure - Odds favour Isle of Man in e-gambling.](#)

*The geography of the gambling industry is changing. It is moving from the high street to the internet and from onshore to off, with a small speck of land in the Irish Sea becoming pivotal.*

*The Isle of Man, with a population of 81,000 off the north-west English coast, has in recent years joined Gibraltar, Malta, Macao and Curacao among the locations where the industry thrives thanks to low taxes, good infrastructure and flexible regulation.*

What's the definition of 'flexible regulation'?

Would 'turning a blind eye' do? It certainly did when the same term was used by the FSA in the UK.