

Visit Portsmouth



Portsmouth, the great waterfront city, has miles of sea views and centuries of history. Located on the South Coast of England, Portsmouth is an island city, totally surrounded by water.

With more than 800 years of naval history, Portsmouth's world renowned Historic Dockyard is a must-see. Featuring the brand new Mary Rose Museum, HMS Victory and HMS Warrior 1860, along with the National Museum of the Royal Navy, HMS Monitor M33 and Action Stations, this attraction offers a full day's visit.



Enjoy an unrivalled mix of 90 premium outlet stores and 30 restaurants and bars at Gunwharf Quays. Visit the soaring heights of the magnificent Emirates Spinnaker Tower, enjoy the fantastic views, dare yourself to cross the glass floor and indulge yourself with a high tea.

Annual & Special Events:

Portsmouth has a year round programme of events with something for all tastes:

- **June**—Portsmouth Festivities
- **July** - Louis Vuitton Americas Cup World Series Racing, Southsea Food Festival
- **August** - International Kite Festival, Victorious Festival
- **October** -Great South Run Weekend
- **November**- Victorian Festival of Christmas

A walk along Portsmouth's impressive waterfront is a real journey into the city's past. Join a guided walk to gain an expert's view, book a free Greeter for an insider's view or self-guide yourselves along the Millennium Promenade, taking in the Camber Dock, including the new home base of Land Rover Ben Ainslie Racing, Round Tower and Square Tower.

Continue along the seafront to find the green space of Southsea Common, impressive gardens and a range of activities both on land and on the water. Attractions include the D-Day Museum - relating the story of the Normandy landings, Southsea Castle - built by Henry VIII and the Royal Marines Museum.

For literary fans, Portsmouth is a surprising destination. Charles Dickens was born here and his birth place was preserved as a fascinating museum. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle created his famous character Sherlock Holmes whilst residing in Portsmouth and the city is now home to a large collection of Conan Doyle memorabilia, on display as 'A Study in Sherlock' exhibition at the Portsmouth Museum.

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Two major new developments will transform the visitor experience at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard as two of its iconic attractions, HMS Victory and the Mary Rose undergo major makeovers.

Easter 2016 will see the biggest change to the way that the world's most celebrated warship, HMS Victory, is presented to the public. A major reinterpretation of its visitor route through the ship will enable visitors to follow in the footsteps of Nelson, its most famous Admiral, as the ship embarks on its defining voyage to Cape Trafalgar. It concludes with the aftermath of the ferocious Battle of Trafalgar which saw Nelson mortally wounded and the crew mourning their great leader.

The Mary Rose's long and remarkable history will enter an exciting new phase as the wall which has previously separated visitors from the ship will be replaced with glazing, providing remarkable unrestricted views of the ship. Removing the walls will open up spectacular views of the hull where the visitor will be able to experience the full magnitude of the Mary Rose for the first time since she was raised from the Solent in 1982. Over one million people have already visited the new museum since its opening in 2013 and this will be a sensational reason to return.

Key Themes :

- Miles of waterfront
- 800+ years of naval history.
- 12 museums, 2 cathedrals and 2 theatres.
- Tudor and Henry VIII connection.

Attractions

- Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
- Emirates Spinnaker Tower
- Gunwharf Quays
- D-Day Museum
- Dickens Birthplace Museum
- Southsea Castle
- Royal Marines Museum
- Blue Reef Aquarium
- Portsmouth Museum



Directions and distance from Central London:

Journey time by road 70-90 mins.

By Road: direct motorway access via the A3, M27, M275 or M3, M27, M275.

By Rail: direct line from London Waterloo, journey time 90 mins.

By Sea: Portsmouth's International Port is the perfect gateway to France, Spain, the Channel islands and a host of cruise destinations. Direct ferries and Hovercraft to the Isle of Wight.

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