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Portsmouth
the **great** waterfront city



Members of the RAF Falcons parachute display team performing over Southsea common during the D-Day commemorations.

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Welcome to Portsmouth the great waterfront city

As the new home of Ben Ainslie Racing and host to spectacular events, world class attractions, a great cultural offer and fabulous places to stay, Portsmouth is the top destination choice on the south coast. This guide will help you make the most of your time in the city and uncover the hidden gems that make Portsmouth unique.

In 2015 Portsmouth will once again be famed for its maritime credentials as we welcome back America's Cup Racing to British waters when the America's Cup World Series takes place. The city will host the global World Series on 23-26 July 2015 and again on 21-24 July 2016.

While in the city, don't miss the breathtaking panoramic views of Portsmouth and beyond from the top of the iconic Spinnaker Tower. Visit Gunwharf Quays to shop at over 95 premium designer outlets and eat at one of 30 cosmopolitan bars and restaurants.

Explore Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, home to the finest maritime heritage in the world, including the historic ships Mary Rose, HMS Victory and HMS Warrior 1860 along with the National Museum of the Royal Navy.

Southsea has something for everyone, from unique independent shops, boutiques and restaurants, to wide open spaces, lush green parks and seafront attractions.

Portsmouth is a city of museums, where you can discover more about the city's Sherlock Holmes connection, take in views of the Solent from the battlements of Henry VIII's castle, visit the house where Charles Dickens was born, uncover the secrets of the D-Day landings, and much more.

With its narrow cobbled streets and historic fortifications, bustling Camber Dock, traditional pubs, restaurants, and local fish market, Old Portsmouth is the perfect place for a stroll.

With so much on offer and with such a great selection of places to stay, Portsmouth is perfect for a short break by the sea.



Join the party!

Throughout 2015, Spinnaker Tower is celebrating its 10th birthday with a range of events and offers for you to enjoy.

Spinnaker Tower is the must-see start to your visit to Portsmouth, so take the opportunity to view things differently from the top of Britain's best viewing tower.

February will see special evening openings to take in the night views of the city and perhaps indulge in a spot of stargazing as well as construction-themed activities for all the family to enjoy during half-term.

The Tower will also host two special photographic exhibitions in 2015, one telling the story of the site and the construction of the Tower and the other, based on residents' memories of the Tower.


At Easter, visitors will be invited to create a real celebration by designing a sweet treat or cake with a birthday theme. The best designs will be photographed to feature in our online gallery where enthusiastic visitors can also post their home-made creations!

During the summer, celebrations will continue with street art demonstrations; family ticket offers and opportunities to meet the Tower's very own Sky Traveller, Vugo! Guests can also indulge in the seasonal menu at the Waterfront Café, showcasing local produce.

In October, there will be a whole party weekend packed with celebrations to mark the actual birthday. Face painting, balloons and cake will all feature throughout the weekend to create a real carnival atmosphere.

Additionally, throughout 2015, Café in the Clouds with its amazing 23 miles of views 105 metres above the harbour will offer special Birthday High Tea packages – ideal for any kind of celebration!

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Spinnaker Tower and Gunwharf Quays. Inset: Viewing decks and Waterfront Cafe.



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 America's Cup World Series racing in Portsmouth this July,
 fantastic news for the city. See visitportsmouth.co.uk for more.



Pic: Sir Ben Ainslie

In love with the sea

As the UK's only island city, home to an unparalleled collection of maritime heritage, Portsmouth has always had a love affair with the sea.

A new chapter begins in 2015 as the Ben Ainslie Racing team opens their home base in Old Portsmouth and the America's Cup World Series (ACWS) sailing events come to the city on 23-26 July 2015 and 21-24 July 2016. Organised by Team Origin, the events will attract huge crowds to watch the exhilarating racing and will have a festival feel bringing activities and entertainment for all.

The ACWS is the preliminary race series of the 35th America's Cup, consisting of eight to ten regattas taking place around the world during 2015 and 2016. The events in Portsmouth are an opportunity for British fans to watch world class America's Cup teams and of course to support the British challenger, Ben Ainslie Racing, as they compete on home waters.

The event will encompass most of the city's existing visitor destinations including Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and the Royal Naval Base, HMS Warrior and Victory, the Mary Rose Museum, the Spinnaker Tower, Gunwharf Quays and Southsea Common. Spectators will enjoy four days of activity, including practice racing on Friday and then two races on Saturday and two races on the 'Super Sunday Final'.

The new home base for Ben Ainslie Racing, opening Spring 2015, will include a visitor centre showcasing the sport and its innovation, technology and sustainability. The centre will be open for schools and groups to experience the construction and on-going operation of the team's America's Cup boats first-hand.

**AMERICA'S CUP
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**23RD-26TH JULY
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**21ST-24TH JULY
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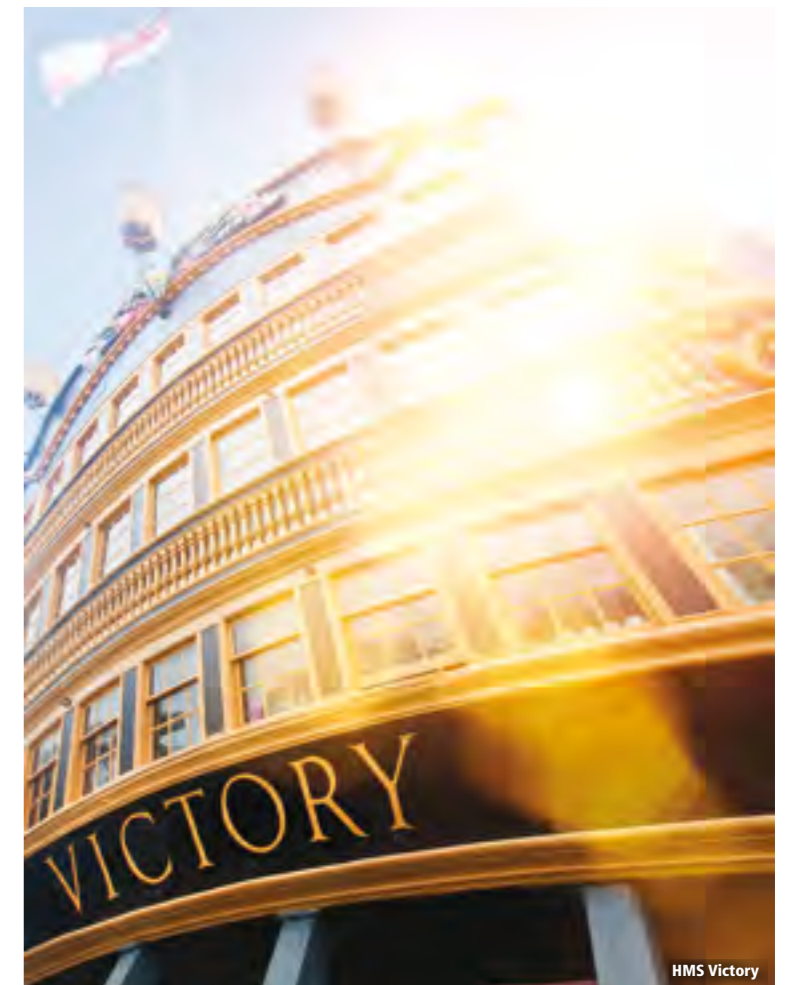
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Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and the National Museum of the Royal Navy

The world-class Portsmouth Historic Dockyard is a unique attraction showcasing 800 years of naval history within working docks and historic buildings. Home of the Mary Rose (raised from the seabed in 1982), HMS Warrior 1860 and Nelson's flagship HMS Victory, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard offers a mixture of historic naval ships and a taste of life in the modern navy. It is the only place in the world where visitors can feel first-hand what it was really like to serve and fight on board the ships that shaped Britain's history – alongside contemporary warships of the Royal Navy.

Last year saw the opening of the eagerly anticipated National Museum of the Royal Navy's HMS - Hear My Story Exhibition in the Babcock Galleries, which tells the undiscovered personal stories from the men and women who have shaped the Navy's amazing history over the last century. Hundreds of dramatic and moving stories are told, bringing visitors face-to-face with the people of the Royal Navy, sharing in their triumphs and disasters.

Across the harbour, HMS Alliance at the Royal Naval Submarine Museum in Gosport was launched to a fanfare after a £7m refit. This unique submarine is the only surviving World War Two era submarine in the world and has been completely restored throughout, boasting new interpretation, state of the art lighting and soundscapes which bring the submarine to life. Visitors are guided through the submarine by veteran submariners who tell their stories of life beneath the sea.



HMS Victory



Mary Rose Museum



Mary Rose Museum

The recently opened elliptical Mary Rose Museum showcases the preserved hull of the Mary Rose and her 19,000 Tudor artefacts recovered from the seabed and displayed in themed galleries. Visitors now see the ship with its preserving sprays switched off and are able to witness the final phase of the hull's conservation through windows into a 'hotbox' as up to 100 tons of water is removed from the ship's timbers.

New for 2015, 'a small ship with a big history' - HMS M.33 is fully restored and open to visitors for the first time in her history. She is the sole remaining British veteran of the 1915 Gallipoli Campaign and the only British warship from the First World War that will be open to the public during the Gallipoli Centenary in 2015. Visitors will start their journey through HMS M.33 with a six-metre descent into the bottom of the dock before stepping aboard. This new entrance will provide a unique view of the hull of the ship and of No.1 Dock, the scheduled ancient monument in which she is berthed. New interpretation, including a stunning immersive battle experience, will bring to life HMS M.33's history, the stories of the men who served on board, and the history of the Gallipoli Campaign. A special exhibition, 'Gallipoli: Myth and Memory' opening in March at the National Museum of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth will support the HMS M.33 launch.



HMS Warrior 1860

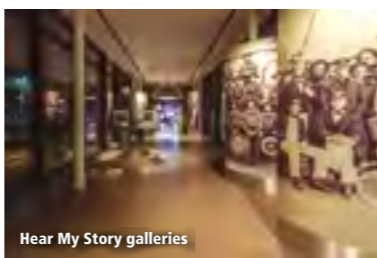
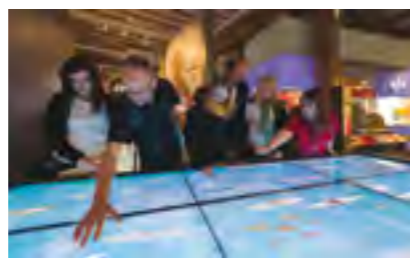
Add Action Stations with its interactive family activities, including Laser Quest and a new area exploring the Type 45 Destroyer and a Harbour Tour taking passengers up close with today's Royal Navy warships, then it's clear why Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and the National Museum of the Royal Navy is a favourite day out for all ages.

The All-Attractions ticket includes entry to HMS Victory, Mary Rose Museum, the National Museum of the Royal Navy, HMS Warrior 1860, Action Stations, Harbour Tours plus the Royal Navy Submarine Museum and Explosion! - the Museum of Naval Firepower (both across the harbour in Gosport) and the Royal Marines Museum in Eastney.

For more information visit www.historicdockyard.co.uk and www.nmrn.org.uk



HMS M.33



Hear My Story galleries



Explosion! Museum of Naval Firepower



Southsea Castle and views of the Solent

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So much to see and do

A city packed with great reasons to visit all year round

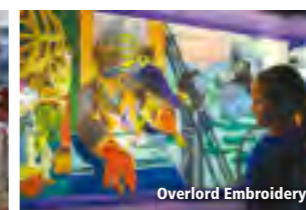
D-Day Museum

Portsmouth's D-Day Museum is Britain's only museum dedicated solely to covering all aspects of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France, on 6 June 1944. D-Day was a turning point in the Second World War, and a moment when the course of world events depended on the Allied troops taking part.

The centrepiece of this unique museum is the magnificent Overlord Embroidery, commissioned by Lord Dulverton of Batsford as a tribute to the sacrifice and heroism of those men and women who took part in Operation Overlord. At 272 feet (83 metres) long the embroidery is the largest work of its kind in the world.

The Museum's unique and dramatic film show uses archive film to bring back memories of the wartime years. There are also extensive displays featuring maps, uniforms and other memorabilia, several vehicles including a rare LCVP landing craft. Open daily, all year.

www.ddaymuseum.co.uk



Overlord Embroidery

Henry VIII's Southsea Castle

Southsea Castle was part of a series of fortifications built in 1544 by King Henry VIII to protect the country from invaders. This fascinating site is where the king watched his favourite warship, the Mary Rose, tragically capsize and sink in 1545.

Explore the underground tunnels, ramparts and panoramic views from the top of the Keep to the Isle of Wight and Solent. This free seafront attraction is open from March to October.

www.southseacastle.co.uk



D-Day Museum



A Study in Sherlock exhibition

Portsmouth Museum

With free admission, Portsmouth Museum is a popular attraction for the whole family and a great introduction to the city of Portsmouth. Discover how life in the city has changed from the 17th century to the present day.

Explore the fabulous art and craft collections including 'Made in Portsmouth'. Investigate 'A Study in Sherlock', the story of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's time in the city and the creation of his famous detective Sherlock Holmes.

www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk



Royal Marines Museum

Explore the fascinating history of the Royal Marines. Take a walk through history from 1664 and learn about the lives of the extraordinary people who have become Royal Marines. Follow a recruit through training and on to deployment around the world, then creep through the jungle, marvel at the medal collection and take a trip down memory lane in their World War Two home front kitchen. Finish your day in their award-winning café The Quartermaster's Kitchen and the museum shop while enjoying the seafront location.

www.royalmarinesmuseum.co.uk



Fort Nelson

The Forts

Strategically positioned atop Portsdown Hill with panoramic views, Fort Nelson is home to the Royal Armouries national collection of artillery – the big guns! The museum's displays trace the development of artillery from pre-gunpowder siege machines to modern-day super guns. A recent multi-million pound redevelopment has transformed the fort into a museum for the 21st century including the magnificent Voice of the Guns gallery. Visitors can also access most areas of the fortifications and see how the Fort would have operated.

www.royalarmouries.org



Southsea Beach



Hilsea Splash Pool



Blue Reef Aquarium

Family fun for everyone

Whatever your age there are plenty of indoor and outdoor attractions in the city to enjoy during your stay.

Beside the seaside!

The seafront is one of the most popular areas in Portsmouth, with the beach stretching along the whole southern end of Portsea Island from Old Portsmouth to Eastney. Indulge in an ice-cream on the sunny promenade, looking out across the Solent, Europe's busiest waterway. On any given day you can spot ferries, warships, liners, oil tankers and Tall Ships on the water. Southsea Common, adjacent to the beach, is a vast open space ideal for kite flying, picnics, barbecues and informal ball games.

There are outstanding floral displays along the whole of the seafront, varying from award-winning bedding displays at The Dell, Burgoyne Gardens and Southsea Rose Garden to the varied sheltered planting at the Rock Gardens.

Blue Reef

Blue Reef Aquarium is the perfect place for a family visit. With daily talks, feeding demonstrations and hands-on encounters, you'll find out just what it's like to be a keeper. Don't forget your bathers in the warm weather; the Blue Reef Beach Club features a sandy beach, rock pool, sandpit, pirate's bridge and outdoor splash play area.

www.blureefaquarium.co.uk

Canoe Lake

This fun, family spot is popular for crabbing, pedalos and picnics, with a model village and play park complete with a splash pool. A must on sunny days.

Cumberland House

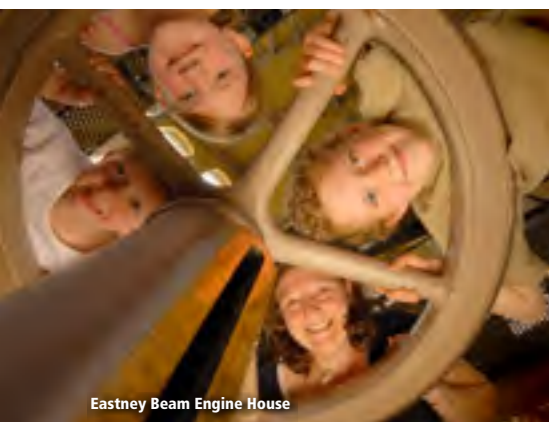
Just by Canoe Lake is Cumberland House, Portsmouth's natural history museum. Meet the resident iguanodon, find out about Portsmouth's local wildlife and explore the variety in the natural world in the new A-Z of Natural History display. During the summer months, pop in and see beautiful tropical and British butterflies in the museum's seasonal butterfly house. Free entry.

www.portsmouthnaturalhistory.co.uk

All the fun of the fair!

Further along the seafront you'll find Clarence Pier, one of the largest amusement parks on the south coast, boasting a wide range of amusements, rides and activities for the whole family. Indulge the kids with a few wild rides or head indoors to Pirate Pete's adventure play area.

www.clarencepier.co.uk



Eastney Beam Engine House

Nearby **Fort Purbrook** and **Fort Widley** are activity centres offering diverse and accessible facilities. At Fort Widley a new centre has been set up to display artefacts, reproduction exhibits and memorabilia from World War One.

Eastney Beam Engine House

Now preserved as a museum, Eastney Beam Engine House, home to a pair of James Watt beam engines and reciprocal pumps, restored to their 1887 condition, and the later Gas Engine House are open the last full weekend of every month (except December). Free entry.

www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk

Garrison Church

An English Heritage property, the Garrison Church has stood in Portsmouth for nearly 800 years serving as a medieval hospital,



Garrison Church

Tudor ammunition store and church for the forces since the 1580s. Although the nave was badly damaged in a 1941 fire-bomb raid on Portsmouth, the chancel remains roofed and furnished.

www.english-heritage.org.uk

Cathedrals

Portsmouth is among only a handful of British cities to have two cathedrals. Portsmouth's Anglican Cathedral (St Thomas) in Old Portsmouth has a unique and dramatic history reflecting its close association with the sea. Portsmouth's Catholic Cathedral (St John's) offers a quiet space in the heart of the city and is a fine example of 19th century French-gothic style architecture.

www.portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk



The Round Tower

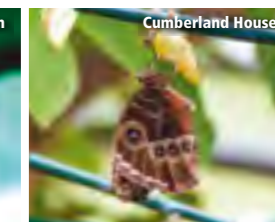
Old Portsmouth's Fortifications

Visit the Round Tower and walk along the historic fortifications at the entrance to Portsmouth harbour to the Square Tower – built in 1494 as part fortifications and as a home to the Governor of Portsmouth, the tower was converted to a gunpowder store in 1584 and restored to its present condition between 1979 and 1986. Now host to a year round programme of events. Find out more at www.squaretower.co.uk

Starting in 2015, the ARTches project will see the current vacant arches sympathetically converted into artist studio spaces, breathing life into these historic structures. The new spaces will open in 2016.



Blue Reef Aquarium



Cumberland House



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Bags of delight

Portsmouth offers a unique shopping experience; from the award-winning Gunwharf Quays and major high-street names in the city centre to the array of independent and vintage shops in Southsea.



Palmerston Road, Southsea



Gunwharf Quays

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 Had the best afternoon shopping with the girls at @GunwharfQuays and dinner with sea views too!

Premium designer style at Gunwharf Quays

You'll find top designer outlets, stylish restaurants and chic bars on the waterfront at Gunwharf Quays. Meander through the pedestrian avenues and discover massive savings on designer labels. When your feet need a break you can relax with coffee and a cake overlooking the harbour, catch a film, go bowling or take in the views with a visit to the Spinnaker Tower.

Something special in Southsea

In Southsea there's a wealth of distinctive stores selling everything from retro clothing to antique furniture just a pebble's throw from the beach.

Palmerston Road is home to John Lewis and Debenhams, plus other high-street favourites, whilst Marmion Road presents chocolatiers, designer jewellery, boutiques, antiques and interior design specialists.

Albert Road is considered one of the city's hidden gems. Find a unique gift from independent home boutiques and check out the stylish hairdressers, antiques and collectables. With a distinctly bohemian feel, the street is buzzing day and night with lively cafés and bars.

Hit the high street

Head to our city centre where there are over 200 stores and the indoor shopping mall Cascades, which is home to some of the biggest brand names in the UK. A traditional street market takes place from Thursday to Saturday, selling fresh produce, flowers and clothing. Visit the nearby Guildhall Café or Victoria Park for a snack and a rest.

Set sail for Port Solent

Watch the comings and goings in the stunning marina and choose from a range of restaurants and bars overlooking the water. Port Solent offers a unique waterside shopping and dining experience for all.



Gunwharf Quays



Antiques in Southsea



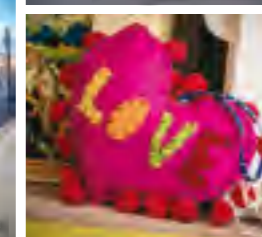
Barbara Tipple Jewellers



Port Solent



Cascades Shopping Centre




Street markets


Festivals, fun and fabulous art and culture

From live music to high drama, great events, literary highlights and comedy to make you laugh until it hurts, Portsmouth's cultural programme offers something for everyone.


Portsmouth is a true festival city. Enjoy a packed two days of music, history, art and heritage at the annual Victorious Festival in August, indulge yourself with an exceptional selection of food goodies, cooking demonstrations and live music at the annual Southsea Food Festival in July, enjoy a bookie break in the birthplace of Charles Dickens and Sherlock Holmes at Bookfest in October, pound the pavements during the sporting festival weekend that is the Great South Run in October or travel back in time with the Victorian Festival of Christmas in November.


Add to the mix film festivals, shopping festivals and the annual cultural fest that is Portsmouth Festivities and you will be spoilt for choice. With festivals throughout the year and a full programme of music, theatre and art, Portsmouth is fast becoming the South's new culture hub.


 **Portsmouth Festivities, June**
Showcasing the art, culture and heritage of Portsmouth, this annual 10-day citywide festival includes music, theatre, dance, art, literature, talks, film, outdoor events and family activities.


 **Southsea Food Festival, July**
A free urban and family-oriented festival in the heart of Southsea featuring music, food stalls and cooking demonstrations. This fun, family day out celebrates all that is good and great about Southsea restaurateurs and the south coast.

 **Portsmouth International Kite Festival, August**
Recognised as one of the best kite festivals in the world, this free event includes demonstrations of kites from across the world including swarms of snakes, frogs, lizards, whales, jesters, fish, salamanders and much more! The event also includes a craft tent, stalls, funfair and workshops.

 **Victorious Festival, August**
Southsea will be transformed for two days in August when the family friendly, music lovers' Victorious Festival returns for 2015. Expect more stages, bigger acts, a new kids' stage and loads more, all from one of the best value festivals in the country! *(pictured below)*

 **Portsmouth Shopping Festival, September**
Indulge in some retail therapy across Portsmouth's three main shopping areas and enjoy great special offers and entertainment.

 **Bookfest, October**
This annual literary festival includes a range of events such as CSI Portsmouth, audiences with local and international authors and a range of talks and activities for all ages.

 **Victorian Festival of Christmas**
A fabulous day out gets even better when you add Victorian festival fun to the world class attractions in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, with street markets, live entertainment, Fagin's pub and snow there's no better way to kick off the festive season!





Aspex Gallery



Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at Portsmouth Guildhall



Live at the Bandstand



King Lear



Kings Theatre



Dizzee Rascal at Victorious 2014



A Night at the Ballet, Portsmouth Guildhall



Seasick Steve at Victorious 2014

Artistic licence

Aspex Gallery in Gunwharf Quays presents an outstanding exhibition programme featuring works by contemporary artists from around the world. Aspex is also a great place to see Portsmouth's freshest artistic talent. Soak up the atmosphere in this former naval storehouse and make time for a coffee or organic bite to eat in the café.

Portsmouth Museum is home to picture and decorative art galleries. Spend time visiting the rest of this free museum and enjoy tea and cake in the beautiful gardens.

Other galleries in the city include Access All Areas and the Zodiac Art Gallery at Portsmouth Guildhall featuring a mix of music history and spectacular touring exhibitions. GASP (Art Space Portsmouth), The Lodge Arts Centre in Victoria Park, The Kings Theatre and Portsmouth University.

Live afternoon music

The Bandstand, set within the western ramparts of Southsea Castle, is a highlight of the calendar on summer Sunday afternoons when people flock with picnics to enjoy free live music.

A night at the theatre

The Kings Theatre is one of the most complete Matcham theatres in the country and plays host to touring West End productions and a varied programme of opera, ballet, comedy, drama and music.

In the heart of the city, the New Theatre Royal is home to cutting-edge dance, theatre, drama, music and comedy. The theatre is currently closed while rebuilding takes place to the backstage area which will increase the seating capacity and create a centre for workshops, learning and new work as well as providing spaces for rehearsals and a range of community activities – opening in 2015.

Groundlings Theatre is an exciting arts venue in Portsmouth based in the stunning Beneficial School.

Theatre isn't just confined to four walls, look out for open-air Shakespeare performances in the summer; your chance to see The Bard's plays under the stars.



Lights, camera, action...

Whilst the state-of-the-art multiplex cinemas at Gunwharf Quays and Port Solent attract film lovers from far and wide, Portsmouth is also home to a number of independent cinemas showing world film and new releases together with cult and classic movies.

Music scene

Portsmouth has a lively music scene with something for every taste. There's a regular programme of blues, jazz, folk, pop, rock and classical music in venues across the city.

Portsmouth Guildhall, the city's largest concert venue, is home to major touring artists such as Paul Weller and Royal Blood, plus classical musical concerts with orchestras including The Bournemouth Symphony, London Symphony and the Royal Philharmonic.

The Pyramids Centre on Southsea waterfront features acts such as the Boomtown Rats, Chas and Dave and plays host to festival warm-ups, plus with national and international live acts on tour, the Wedgewood Rooms has seen its fair share of legends.

Other venues for a range of music styles in an intimate setting include the Cellars at Eastney, Little Johnny Russells and the Jolly Sailor. Portsmouth Cathedral hosts a series of concerts plus regular lunchtime organ, vocal and ensemble recitals.

Laugh out loud

If you like a laugh then you'll find comedy nights at Jongleurs, the Spinnaker Tower and The Cellars. Portsmouth Guildhall, the Kings Theatre and the Wedgewood Rooms also play host to some of the top names in comedy throughout the year.

Clubbing

Partygoers can sample the nightlife of Portsmouth's many pubs and clubs, which are host to top name DJs and regular themed nights, so you can dance until the small hours.

Something a bit different?

Discover a spookier side of Portsmouth with a Dark Encounters Ghost Walk or Paranormal Investigation. Hailed as the most haunted city on the south coast, Portsmouth has a dark ancient history of murder and mayhem. Stick around to catch a glimpse of a spectre or two, if you dare...

What's on in Portsmouth in 2015

Here's a flavour of our events in 2015. Some event details may change, please check www.visitportsmouth.co.uk for full listings and updates.



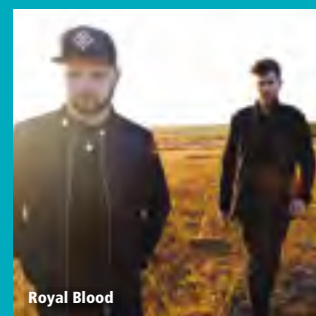
Southsea Castle

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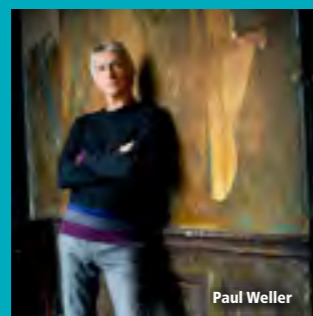
- National Holocaust Memorial Day Service

February

- A Hard Choice, new exhibition, Portsmouth Museum
- Portsmouth Coastal Half Marathon, Southsea seafront



Royal Blood



Paul Weller

March

- Royal Blood, Portsmouth Guildhall
- Paul Weller, Portsmouth Guildhall
- A Night at the Ballet, Portsmouth Guildhall
- Gallipoli: Myth & Memory, new exhibition opening, National Museum of the Royal Navy
- Portsmouth RNLI Duathlon Series (15 March, 12 April and 10 May), Southsea seafront
- Blacklight Run, Southsea seafront
- The Woman in Black, Kings Theatre

April

- Lord Mayor's Charity Bike Ride, Castle Field
- Simple Minds, Portsmouth Guildhall
- Calamity Jane, Kings Theatre
- Return to the Forbidden Planet, Kings Theatre
- The History Boys, Kings Theatre

May

- Rural and Seaside show, Castle Field
- 250th anniversary of HMS Victory, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
- D-Day Conference, D-Day Museum
- Mayor Making Ceremony, Portsmouth Guildhall
- Commando Action, Royal Marines Museum
- Portsmouth Street Games, G2, Guildhall Square
- Sunwook Kim with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Portsmouth Guildhall
- Jimmy Carr, Portsmouth Guildhall



Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

June

- Portsmouth Festivities, venues across the city
- D-Day Commemoration events
- Birdsong, Kings Theatre
- Moonlit Memories Walk



Portsmouth Festivities

- Bryan Ferry, Portsmouth Guildhall
- Southdown 100 Bus Rally, Southsea Common
- Portsmouth Sprint Triathlon, Southsea seafront
- Armed Forces Day events, venues across the city
- Live at the Bandstand, Southsea seafront



Bryan Ferry



Armed Forces Day



America's Cup World Series

July

- America's Cup World Series Racing
- Thundercats Power Boat Racing, Southsea seafront
- Southsea Comedy Festival
- Southsea Food Festival, Palmerston Road
- Race for Life, Southsea seafront
- Southsea Rowing Regatta, Southsea seafront
- Royal Marines Band Open Air Concert, Royal Marines Museum
- Daisy Chain Festival, Albert Road
- Pretty Muddy Run, Southsea seafront
- South Coast Proms, Southsea Common
- Live at the Bandstand, Southsea seafront



Victorious Festival



HMS M.33

August

- Victorious Festival, Southsea seafront
- HMS M.33 opens at the National Museum of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

- Thai Festival, Castle Field
- Beach Buggin, Southsea Common
- Zapcat Racing, Southsea seafront
- Portsmouth International Kite Festival, Southsea Common
- Live at the Bandstand, Southsea seafront



Portsmouth Triathlon

September

- Shopping Festival, venues across the city
- Heritage Open Days, venues across the city
- Pier to Pier swim, Southsea seafront
- Making Waves Film Festival, venues across the city
- Portsmouth Triathlon, Southsea seafront
- Last Night of the Proms on the Big Screen, Guildhall Square



Spinnaker Tower



Great South Run

October

- Events to celebrate the 10th birthday of the Spinnaker Tower
- Great South Run, from Southsea seafront
- Bookfest
- Seafarers Service, St Thomas's Cathedral

November

- Victorian Festival of Christmas, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
- Remembrance Day events, venues across the city
- Christmas lights switch-ons across the city



Victorian Festival of Christmas

December

- Bill Bailey, Portsmouth Guildhall
- Santa Fun Run, Southsea seafront
- Portsmouth Waterside Coastal Half-Marathon, Southsea seafront
- Cinderella, Kings Theatre



Bill Bailey



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Get out there!

Home to Ben Ainslie Racing and host to premium events including sailing, running and triathlons, Portsmouth is a major player on the south's sporting scene.

America's Cup World Series

Visit in July to view exhilarating world-class ocean racing as Ben Ainslie Racing compete in the America's Cup World Series events (see page 6).

25 years of the Bupa Great South Run

2015 marks 25 years of the Great South Run in Portsmouth. This event, hailed as the world's premier 10-mile running event, includes a full weekend of activities on 24 and 25 October, including a Bupa Junior and Mini Great South Run and a 5k Great South Run on the Saturday, and the main event over ten miles on the Sunday.

You can enter online at www.greatrun.org

Try a Tri!

Looking for a challenge for fitness, fun, fundraising or team-building? Try Portsmouth's own beginner-friendly triathlon on Sunday 14 June with distances for both adults and children from age 8-years old.

Swim, bike and run along Southsea seafront, starting with a sea swim from the beach between South Parade Pier and Southsea Castle, then cycling on flat traffic-free roads along

the seafront to finish with a run along the promenade, this will be a fast and exciting event.

Those who aren't able to do all three disciplines but are looking for a challenge can sign up with two friends or family members and enter the team relay race.

If you like it or are looking for a bigger challenge, look out for the mass participation triathlon event, Portsmouth Triathlon, on 6 September, offering both an Olympic or sprint distance triathlon around the iconic locations of Portsmouth. Swim, bike and run on closed roads through Southsea and the Historic Dockyard.

With a spectacular iconic course starting at Castle Field, swim in the Solent between South Parade Pier and Southsea Castle, and cycle on traffic-free roads past Southsea Castle, HMS Victory in the Historic Dockyard, HM Naval Base and then run through Old Portsmouth for a photo opportunity with the Spinnaker Tower behind you, past the Garrison Church before returning along the promenade passing the D-Day Museum to Castle Field in front of Henry VIII's historic Southsea Castle. This is a unique and exciting triathlon event where you can race and visit the iconic locations of Portsmouth at the same time!

By the sea

When the weather's good, you can't beat Southsea's seafront, with miles of pebble beaches to explore and gigantic green spaces where you can soak up the sea air.

Enjoy the tennis courts, crazy and mini golf, pitch 'n' putt and beach volleyball courts or bring a rug and relax while the kids let off some steam. On a hot summer's day the beaches in Southsea are perfect for a paddle.

Portsmouth's waterfront looks even more spectacular from the water, so hit the high-seas with an adrenaline-filled RIB ride out into the Solent.

Splash out

Warm, sunny day? Take children to the under-eight's splash pool opposite the D-Day Museum on Southsea seafront or to the watersplash at Canoe Lake for some free fun.

The Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth is home to an eight-lane 50-metre main pool with submersible boom and moveable floor. It also has a separate children's pool.

The Pyramids Centre can be found right on the seafront and boasts fun pools with flumes, wave machines and water fountains, providing hours of family fun. It is also home to a soft play centre offering three levels of fun with a ball pit, ladders and play area. Perfect if the weather doesn't live up to your expectations!

Hilsea Lido offers outdoor swimming, diving and splash pool. Dating back to the 1930s the Lido is found in the beautiful setting of Hilsea Lines.

On the water

Portsmouth Watersports Centre offers a range of activities from canoeing and kayaking to powerboating. It also boasts a 13-metre climbing tower.

Adventure College, also based in the city, is a unique diving and watersports activity centre.

South Coast H2O is home to one of Europe's longest 2.0 straight-line cables. Suitable for Wakeboarders, Kitesurfers and just about anyone who wants to rip it up on the water.

Pedal power

If you enjoy cycling, make the most of the fresh, clean, sea air and get on your bike. We have put together 10 themed cycle trails, allowing you to take in the sights at your leisure. Cycle hire is available in the city. Follow the Seafront Cycle Ride (4.5 miles) and stop at the city's top attractions. Take the circular Langstone Harbour Ride (15 miles) to discover a more natural side to the city, or uncover the city's most well-known inhabitants on the Famous Figures Cycle Ride (7.5 miles).

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Best foot forward

If travelling on foot is more your style, then why not join one of the regular guided walks that the city has to offer. With themes such as Authors of Southsea, Pubs of Portsmouth and the Nelson Trail, you'll know all about the city in no time. Alternatively, guide yourself around the waterfront following the Millennium Promenade using the motif set in the pavement.

Teeing off

Portsmouth boasts two 18-hole golf courses – Portsmouth Golf Centre and Portsmouth Golf Course – both available for pay and play, with outstanding views and affordable golf on great courses.

Get your skates on

The promenade along Southsea seafront is ideal for in-line and roller skating whatever your age. Zip down to Southsea Skatepark on the seafront, home to international standard ramps.



The home of great writing

From Dickens to Doyle, Portsmouth has a great literary heritage.

Charles Dickens statue, Guildhall Square



Portsmouth visitor information



Portsmouth's award-winning visitor information service is here to offer you a warm welcome and help you make the most of your time in this vibrant city. Staff are all conversant in English and at least one other European language and can help with:

- information on local, regional and national attractions and events
- tickets for Portsmouth attractions – with up to 10% discount
- theatre, ferry and coach trip tickets
- accommodation (bookable for small fee)
- local gifts, books and traditional souvenirs

Information for groups

If you're organising a visit for 10 or more people to Portsmouth, make sure you check out the great group rates and offers available to you.

We can offer advice on group deals at hotels and attractions, coach parking, or tours and experiences that will make your visit that little bit different.

Book a Greeter for groups of six or less or a Tourist Guide* for larger groups (*fee charged).

For more information, contact the visitor information service. Go to www.visitportsmouth.co.uk, call 023 9282 6722 or email vis@portsmouthcc.gov.uk



Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum



Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum



A Study in Sherlock exhibition



A Study in Sherlock, Portsmouth Museum

Best known as the Birthplace of Charles Dickens and the fictional Sherlock Holmes, many great authors such as Rudyard Kipling, H G Wells and Nevil Shute along with contemporary writers such as Neil Gaiman, Graham Hurley and Betty Burton have strong city associations. Portsmouth also has a flourishing contemporary literary scene including two festivals that feature literature heavily: Portsmouth Festivities in June and the Portsmouth BookFest in October.

Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum

The great author was born in Portsmouth in 1812. You can learn more about the celebrated author of *Oliver Twist*, *Nicholas Nickleby* and many other novels by visiting Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum.

This small house in the heart of the city is where the great author's life started and is a fascinating look into his humble beginnings.

www.charlesdickensbirthplace.co.uk

Follow the Dickens Trail to find out more about the great author's city connections including a visit to Guildhall Square, home to the new prize-winning Charles Dickens statue.

'A Study in Sherlock' exhibition

The creator of Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, worked in Portsmouth as a doctor while writing classic tales such as *A Study in Scarlet* and *The Sign of Four* and it was here that his most famous detective first came to life.

The city was chosen by Richard Lancelyn Green as the home for his extraordinary collection of Conan Doyle-related books, papers and assorted Sherlock Holmes memorabilia. You can visit this exhibition at Portsmouth Museum for free. More of the collection can be viewed by arrangement at Portsmouth History Centre.

www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk

D-DAY MUSEUM

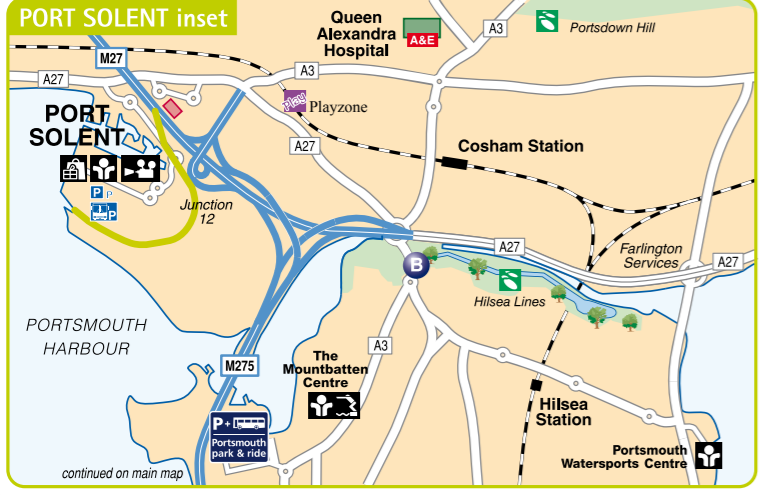
Portsmouth's D-Day Museum is Britain's only museum dedicated solely to covering all aspects of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France, on 6 June 1944.

British soldiers on Southsea seafront, about to board a landing craft to go to Normandy, June 1944.

D-Day was a turning point in the Second World War, and a moment when the course of world events depended on the Allied troops taking part. Find out more about what you can see in the museum's displays, including the Overlord Embroidery at ddaymuseum.co.uk

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Parking Information
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Name	no. of spaces	Name	no. of spaces
A. All Saints (D2)	57	P. Port Solent (inset A1)	996
B. Ashby Place (C6)	42	Q. Pyramids (D7)	146
C. Broad Street (A5)	37	R. Seaford, Esplanade (B6)	3
D. Camber Quay (A5)	132	S. Historic Ships (B3)	295
E. Commercial Road North (D2)	70	NCP car parks are located at:	
F. Southsea Common (C6)	68	T. Cascades, Charlotte Street (C3)	
G. Clarence Pier (B6)	166	U. Station Street (C3)	
H. Clarence Street (C2)	156	V. Crasswell Street (D3) multi-storey	
I. Seaford, D-Day (C7)	126	W. Crasswell Street (D3) surface	
J. Guildhall Walk (C4)	55	Coach Drop-Off point	
K. Greetham Street (C4)	107	L. Gunwharf Quays (B4)	1400
L. Lunharbour (B4)	1400	M. The Harbour (B4)	60
M. The Harbour (B4)	60	N. City Centre South, Museum Road (C5)	31
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Waterside dining, Gunwharf Quays

A taste of Portsmouth

Al fresco dining with great sea views, cosmopolitan café culture, cuisine from all over the world and fabulous fish and chips, plus food festivals, markets and events, make Portsmouth a foodie paradise.

A tasty teacake in Old Portsmouth, a cosmopolitan cocktail at Gunwharf Quays, a locally sourced pie in a quirky record shop or fabulous fish and chips by the sea... Portsmouth has something to tantalise all taste buds. Casual cafés and waterfront bars sit alongside vibrant independent eateries, popular curry houses and fine dining restaurants.

Something for everyone

Southsea offers a diverse range of eateries serving food from all corners of the globe. Eat your way around the world at quirky cafés, brasseries, bistros and bars, finding traditional English, Italian, French, Spanish, Mexican, Lebanese, Indian, Turkish, Thai and Greek cuisine in one location. In July the Southsea Food Festival offers food markets, tastings, demonstrations and live music.

Café culture

Wander down to Pie and Vinyl in Castle Road for a hearty locally supplied pie followed by a browse through the record shop. Southsea Coffee Company offers great food and independent speciality coffee, or for a bite to eat with fantastic sea views head to Southsea Beach Café.

Old Portsmouth

In Old Portsmouth traditional pubs and quaint tea rooms line the cobbled streets. Experience the quiet life here; explore the Camber Dock and ramparts then indulge in some home-cooked food at a pub overlooking the harbour. Sip wine al fresco in the summer or enjoy a coffee by a cosy fire in the colder months.



Southsea Coffee



Abarbistro



Garage Lounge

Sea views and top restaurants

There's nothing better than dining with a sea view on a summer's evening. Many restaurants at Port Solent and Gunwharf Quays boast glorious terraces overlooking the marina and harbour respectively.

Or head out to Southsea seafront for dining right on the beach. Just make sure you get there early to bag the best spot!

Two celebrity chefs have chosen Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth as the location for their restaurants. Founded by renowned chef Raymond Blanc, Brasserie Blanc offers quality French food in a relaxed environment, whilst Jamie's Italian, by Jamie Oliver, offers quality Italian food.

Picnics or barbecues

Southsea Common has a number of allocated barbecue areas, meaning you can enjoy a taste of summer with the backdrop of the Solent. If that sounds like too much hard work then pack a picnic basket full of Hampshire goodies.

A taste of the farm

Hampshire Farmers Markets come to the city once a month so it's easy to take a taste of Hampshire's finest home with you.

Fishy treat

You can't visit a waterfront city without a taste of the ocean. The vibrant fish market in Old Portsmouth is the place to find the day's fresh catch. Or why not enjoy traditional fish and chips by the sea? Pick up a seaside supper from Rock 'n' Sole on the seafront and watch the sun set.

Travel information

Portsmouth is a key international gateway, ideally situated on the south coast.



Planning your journey

With a motorway directly into the heart of the city, an international port, a rail network direct to London in just 90 minutes and international airports close by, access to Portsmouth couldn't be easier, whether you are coming to the city from within the UK or overseas.

Whatever way you choose to travel around Portsmouth, whether you are walking, cycling or taking the bus, the My Journey Portsmouth website is your one stop shop for all the latest travel information.

To access all the latest travel information and see how you could be saving time and money on your journey, simply go to www.myjourneyportsmouth.com

National coach and bus services for travel to the city:

National Express: www.nationalexpress.com, 08705 808080

MegaBus: www.megabus.com

Roads

Portsmouth enjoys good road connections; the A3(M) puts London just over an hour away and the M275, which comes right into the heart of the city centre, connects Portsmouth with the M27 and the rest of Britain's motorway network.

Park & Ride

Portsmouth's Park and Ride is located on the M275 as you drive into the city and is ideally situated to offer visitors and out-of-town shoppers a quick, easy and affordable way to visit.

Stops include the city centre shopping area and The Hard for Gunwharf Quays and the Historic Dockyard. The fleet of luxurious double-decker buses all have free WiFi.

Rail

Portsmouth offers direct rail services to and from London Waterloo and is well connected to the UK's major cities. Visitors arriving at London Waterloo are only a short walk from the River Thames, the London Eye, and landmarks such as Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.

National Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

Walking and cycling

The city is flat and compact, making walking and cycling viable and convenient modes of transport. See page 23 for more information.

Portsmouth International Port

Portsmouth International Port is the perfect gateway to France, Spain, the Channel Islands and a host of cruise destinations. The new passenger terminal offers the modern high standards and style of an airport terminal. Regular ferry services sail to Caen, Cherbourg and Le Havre in Normandy and St Malo in Brittany, for city breaks and easy onward travel throughout France.

Spanish destinations are Santander and Bilbao, along with frequent sailings to Jersey and Guernsey. If you are coming to Portsmouth to catch a ferry, make sure you arrive in plenty of time to check out the many attractions in the city. Start your holiday early with a day enjoying Portsmouth.

Cruises

Portsmouth International Port has an increasingly impressive cruise offer. Major operators and cruise lines have chosen Portsmouth for its superb position and impressive facilities, offering customers inspiring destinations aboard beautiful luxury liners. Cruise calls to the city offer passengers the opportunity to explore the city's wealth of attractions, great shopping, dining and entertainment.

Air

Portsmouth is easily accessible by air. Southampton International Airport (www.southamptonairport.com) is just 22 miles away and the major London airports Gatwick and Heathrow are both 60 miles away with easy rail access to the city.

Isle of Wight

Travelling to and from the Isle of Wight couldn't be easier. Wightlink operate a car ferry from Portsmouth Harbour to Fishbourne and a catamaran from Portsmouth Harbour to Ryde, or take the Hovertravel hovercraft from Southsea to Ryde.

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Hayling Island and Emsworth

With two harbours – both havens for wildlife – great beaches with a growing reputation for exhilarating water sports, and lovely waterfront and countryside walks and cycle rides, this area is a great place to blow away the cobwebs and get away from it all.



Hayling Island

Hayling Island and Havant – ideal for fun-filled family breaks.

Home to a Blue Flag beach at Beachlands, with grassy dunes providing delightful picnic spots, the unspoilt nature of Hayling Island waterfront is what sets it aside from many other larger resorts. The Hayling Seaside Railway – a favourite with families – runs from Beachlands and along the beach to Eastoke Corner, where you can find a variety of small shops, including the Terracotta Pot Shop, an ice cream parlour and the Hayling Plaza where outdoor events are often held. Treat the children to a thrilling ride at the seaside funfair.

Follow the World War One heritage trail along the beach front and view the COPP (Combined Operations Pilotage Parties) memorial commemorating the wartime acts of heroism on the island.

Windsurfing was invented here and is very popular on the south beach along with other watersports. Hayling is now making a name for itself as the south's new hotspot for kitesurfers. This exciting water sport is a mix of windsurfing, surfing, skateboarding, wakeboarding, snowboarding and paragliding. Hayling offers the ideal location with sheltered waters and consistent sea breezes. The annual Virgin Kite Surfing Armada aims to bring the kitesurfing community together for an awesome two day kitesurfing festival. The island set a Guinness World Record for the longest line of kite surfers and holds the record for the longest line of stand-up paddle boarders.

Other popular island activities include horse riding and golf – the island boasts two golf courses.



Richard Branson during the Virgin Kitesurfing Armada at Hayling Island



Hayling Island

Langstone harbour to the west side of Hayling Island has a real abundance of nature to discover, along with a fascinating history. Follow the Hayling Billy trail or join the Langstone harbour cycle trail to discover more – you can ride right round to Portsmouth then take the passenger ferry back over to the island.

The Shipwrights Way, with its sculptures of local interest, links the South Downs with the Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth via Hayling Island. Discover the old oyster house and oyster beds, dating back to Victorian times, now a safe haven for gulls, terns and waders.

Chichester harbour is found to the east of the island and is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This sheltered, almost landlocked harbour is a favourite with sailors and windsurfers of all levels.

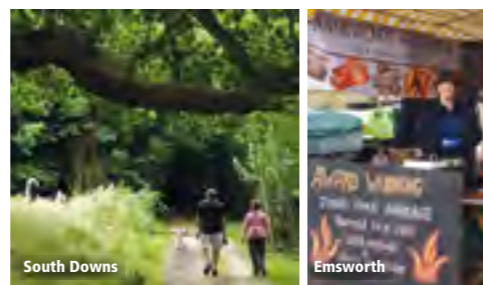
Take a boat trip around the harbour for stunning views and a spot of bird watching.



Emsworth Harbour

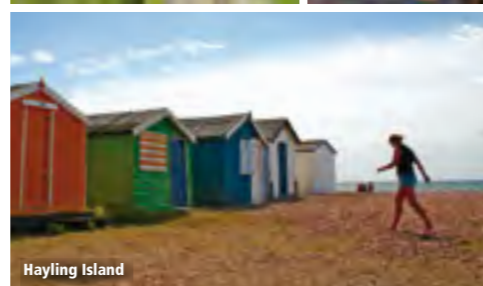


Langstone Harbour



South Downs

Emsworth



Hayling Island



Staunton Park



Stansted House



Emsworth Quayside



Coastal wetlands

Staunton Park

Visit Staunton in Havant, home to the south coast's largest ornamental glasshouses, beautiful gardens, an 1830s ornamental farm that's a great favourite with families, and 1,000 acres of parkland to explore.

Stansted Park and House

Visit this Edwardian house set in 1,700 acres of ancient forest, home to exciting events, fabulous weddings, open-air theatre, concerts and cricket – played on the lawns since the 1740s.

Somewhere to stay

There are quality hotels like the Langstone and Brookfield, to holiday villages like Mill Rythe and Sinah Warren, a good range of independent bed & breakfasts and guest houses like Hollybank House, and many camping and caravanning sites. There is plenty of choice if you want to extend your stay or make this your base for a visit to the area.

Emsworth

With its harbour, independent shops and galleries, wonderful eating and the South Downs nearby, Emsworth is perfect for visitors who want to spend days by the seaside or take wonderful walks.

This picturesque market town on the River Ems is located at the top of Chichester harbour and has a growing reputation as a foodie favourite with a great selection of restaurants and public houses, many of which started out as 18th century coaching inns.

The town has a long history connected with oyster fishing and boat building and still boasts traditional shipwrights and chandleries. It is popular with sailors – home to two sailing clubs, artists and ramblers. Wander down the historic streets, lined with a mixture of architectural styles, browse in the shops and stop for a truly special bite to eat, then stroll along the waterfront and take in the fantastic views across the harbour.

The tidal Mill Ponds to the east and west are home to a host of bird life as is the Brook Meadow conservation area.

The author P G Wodehouse lived in the town in Record Road and his home is marked by a blue plaque. His stay in the area is immortalised by the use of local place names in his *Jeeves and Wooster* novels. You can find out more about the town's rich past at the local history museum open on summer weekends above the fire station.

Shopping in Emsworth

Discover a wide variety of specialist shops ranging from fine antiques and interior design to independent butchers, bakers, chandlers and even candle stick makers! Shop at the monthly Farmers Market or treat yourself to some locally caught fish, in season.

Foodie favourite

The small town has a good range of historic pubs alongside fine dining offering quality food at a range of prices. Visit during the annual Emsworth British Food Fortnight and enjoy a range of culinary events and activities along with some truly great food!

To find out more about Hayling Island, Emsworth and Havant check out visithavant.co.uk or phone the Visitor Information Centre on 023 9246 7111.

Out and about

Portsmouth is the ideal base to explore England's beautiful south coast.

Portchester Castle

This medieval castle, built within a former Roman fort at the top of Portsmouth harbour is great for a family day out.

Submarines at Gosport

A short ferry ride across Portsmouth Harbour is Gosport. There you will find The Royal Navy Submarine Museum and Explosion Museum of Naval Firepower - both included in the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard All-Attraction ticket.

Set sail to the Island

Take the short journey across to the Isle of Wight by Hovercraft, Fastcat or the Wightlink Ferry. Visit the famous Carisbrooke Castle and Osborne House, once home to Queen Victoria.

Titanic memories

Visit SeaCity Museum in Southampton to remember the tragic tale of the Titanic and discover maritime history brought to life

through an interactive experience designed for all ages. Or discover the story of the Spitfire at Solent Sky.

Explore the beautiful National Parks

Right on our doorstep you'll find the South Downs National Park, full of fascinating trails to walk or cycle and some great adventure pursuits such as horse riding, hot-air ballooning, golf, hang-gliding and paragliding.

The 140,000 acre New Forest National Park offers a wealth of places to visit and is a haven for cyclists, horse riders and walkers. Discover the beautiful open heaths, ancient oaks and tall pines then meet the famous New Forest ponies as well as deer and cattle in their natural habitat. Visit Peppa Pig World at Paulton's Park or find out more about vintage motors at Beaulieu.

Discover Sussex

Just along the coast is the beautiful county of West Sussex, rich in history, from

impressive castles, historic houses, racing and museums to suit all interests to the city of Chichester with its Roman roots and palace at Fishbourne.

Take your place at the round table

In Winchester, visit King Arthur's legendary round table and the ancient Winchester Cathedral, the burial place of Jane Austen. Meander down historic streets of the former ancient capital of England. This beautiful city is well worth a visit. Nearby Marwell Wildlife Park is inhabited by more than 250 exotic and endangered species.

Capital attractions

And don't forget London is just 90 minutes away by train or coach. Catch a West End show, shop till you drop in Oxford Street or visit one of the many amazing tourist attractions, it couldn't be easier to take a day trip to the capital.



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Great places to stay

Portsmouth has a wealth of accommodation – you will find everything from top quality luxury hotels to boutique chic, plus a superb choice of guest house and bed and breakfast accommodation.



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Booking conditions

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If you need to cancel your booking you must let the hotel/guest house know. A booking forms an immediate contract and full payment may still be payable for cancellations.

Your contract is with the accommodation provider even if you have used the Visitor Information Service to assist with your booking.

Holiday insurance

Don't forget to make sure you have insurance to cover any losses you may incur. Even if you are travelling within the UK, insurance costs very little and could save you a great deal.

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Half board	Air conditioning
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Breakfast	Electric shaver point
Tea/coffee making facilities	Linen supplied free of charge
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Cots available	Electric cooker
Dogs welcome	Refrigerator provided
Conference facilities	Laundry
Lift	Dishwasher
Credit cards accepted	Microwave
Staff speak foreign languages	

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- ★ Simple, practical, no frills
- ★★ Well presented and well-run
- ★★★ Good level of quality and comfort
- ★★★★ Excellent standard throughout
- ★★★★★ Exceptional with a degree of luxury



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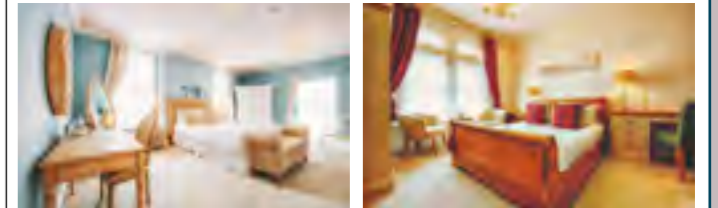
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2 Malvern Road, Southsea PO5 2NA
Telephone: 023 9200 9111
Email: info@florencehousehotel.co.uk
Website: www.florencehousehotel.co.uk



Located just off Southsea seafront, we have lovingly restored a large Edwardian house to its former glory retaining many original features. All of the ensuite rooms have been individually and tastefully designed to the highest standard, offering stylish and comfortable surroundings. Our aim is to cater for our guests' every need whether breakfast in bed or complimentary high speed internet access.



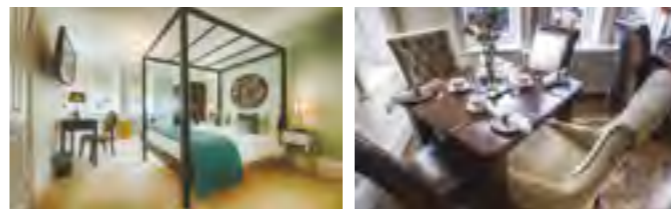
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10 Florence Road, Southsea PO5 2NE
Telephone: 023 9200 8222
Email: info@somersethousehotel.co.uk
Website: www.somersethousehotel.co.uk



At Somerset House you'll find our beautiful rooms have all their own unique features, whether it be an art deco fireplace, freestanding bath or super-kingsize bed. All rooms have ensuite facilities and we even have a double bathtub and double spa bath in two of our suites. We can arrange for flowers, champagne, chocolates or whatever you need to help make your stay more enjoyable.



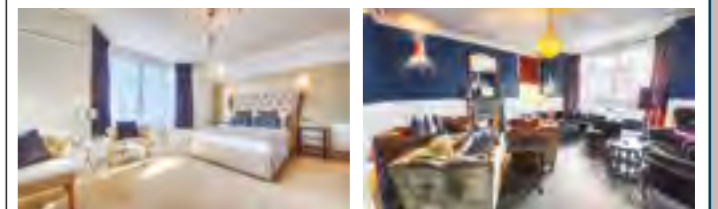
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6 Florence Road, Southsea PO5 2NE
Telephone: 023 9200 9333
Email: info@stattonshotel.co.uk
Website: www.stattonshotel.co.uk



Stattons Hotel offers accommodation oozing charm, character and stunning design using the finest blends of colours, textures, fabrics and hand crafted furniture. Twelve bedrooms within the large Edwardian hotel not only offer peace and tranquillity away from your daily schedule, but personal and intimate service allowing you to relax and soak up the unique ambience in what is now a fine example of a boutique hotel.



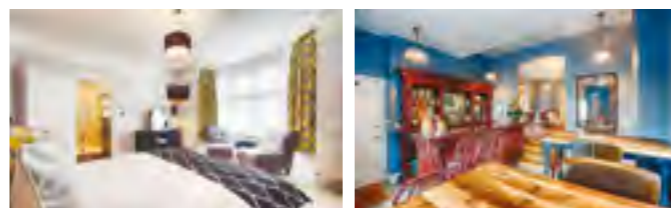
Number Four Boutique Hotel Map F6
69 Festing Road, Southsea PO4 0NQ
Telephone: 023 9200 8444
Email: info@number4hotel.co.uk
Website: www.number4hotel.co.uk



Number Four is the fourth hotel in The Mercer Collection group of boutique properties. The most luxurious and exclusive so far, the hotel aims to offer exemplary service, stylish surrounds and modern design flair. Luxurious and exclusive, the hotel provides free parking, free high speed WiFi and daily housekeeping all included. Close to Southsea's attractions including Canoe Lake, Rose Gardens and the seafront.



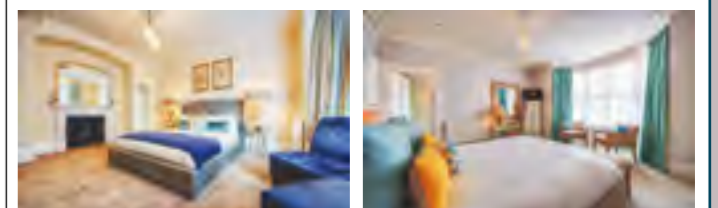
Florence Gardens Map D7
4 Malvern Road, Southsea PO5 2NA
Telephone: 023 9200 9555
Email: info@florencegardens.co.uk
Website: www.florencegardens.co.uk



Florence Gardens is the latest hotel in The Mercer Collection group of boutique properties all located in picturesque Southsea. The most contemporary and stylish to date why not make Florence Gardens your number one hotel. Superior rooms, executive rooms and small doubles are all available. All rooms have wireless internet, L'Occitane Aromachologie toiletries plus goose feather duvets and pillows. The Mercer Collection Restaurant 'The Kitchen' is at Florence Gardens.



The Florence Suite Hotel Map D7
6 Malvern Road, Southsea PO5 2NA
Telephone: 023 9200 9666
Email: info@florencesuite.co.uk
Website: www.florencesuite.co.uk



The Florence Suite joined The Mercer Collection in 2013. Previously a bed and breakfast called Sea La Vie, The Florence Suite offers a quiet retreat from the main hotel. The rooms are airy and light with the Mercer design touch. The hotel is next door to the group fine-dining restaurant. Free parking, free high-speed WiFi and daily housekeeping is all included in your room rate, plus a cooked breakfast. Refurbished and updated in 2014 we look forward to welcoming you.

BEST WESTERN Royal Beach Hotel

Map
E7

St. Helen's Parade,
Southsea,
Portsmouth,
PO4 0RN



Carefully restored Victorian hotel situated on the seafront. Superb views across the Solent, spacious comfortable bedrooms, complimentary WiFi, professional friendly service and extensive conference and banqueting facilities.

Telephone: 023 9273 1281
Email: enquiries@royalbeachhotel.co.uk
Website: www.royalbeachhotel.co.uk

Lounge Bar open daily to non-residents for all-day dining and the hotel restaurant for dinner and Sunday lunch.

Price prpn: From £65 - £185
Rooms: 124
En suite: All

All major attractions, including HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, Mary Rose Museum, Gunwharf Quays and Spinnaker Tower within a short distance by car, plus plenty to do within walking distance.

Facilities:



Ibis Hotel Portsmouth

Map
C4

Winston Churchill
Avenue, Portsmouth,
Hampshire,
PO1 2LX



Ibis Portsmouth is located in the heart of the city centre next to Portsmouth and Southsea train station, close to the Guildhall and 10 minutes walking distance from Gunwharf Quays.

Telephone: 023 9264 0000
Email: H1461@accor.com
Website: www.ibis.com

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Price prpn: Call our reception team or see our websites for the best rates
Rooms: 144 **En suite:** All

We also feature two meeting rooms and our own secure car park.

Visit www.ibis.com or www.accorhotels.com for our best rates.

Facilities:



Ocean Hotel & Apartments

Map
E7

8-10 St Helens Parade,
Southsea,
Hampshire
PO4 0RW



The Ocean Hotel and Apartments enjoys a premier location on Southsea's seafront commanding spectacular panoramic views of the Solent and the Isle of Wight, with private parking.

Telephone: 023 9273 4233
Email: enquiries@portsmouth-apartments.co.uk
Website: www.portsmouth-apartments.co.uk

This friendly establishment is ideally situated in Southsea's prime holiday area within easy reach of shops and historic landmarks such as the world's greatest historic ships, world-class waterside development Gunwharf Quays, Spinnaker Tower and of course Southsea shopping centre.

Price pppn: From £25 - £50
Rooms: 20
En suite: All

This foremost seafront position also overlooks the beautiful Canoe Lake, South Parade Pier and award winning gardens, just across the road to the boating lake and playgrounds, two minutes walk to the magnificent Rose Gardens, bowling greens, pitch-and putt-golf, tennis courts and the beach is directly opposite.

Facilities:



Train stations are approximately 5 minutes by taxi or bus. Also there is a bus stop directly opposite.



The Langstone Hotel



Northney Road
Hayling Island
Portsmouth
PO11 0NQ



Telephone: 023 9246 5011
Fax: 023 9246 6468
Email: info@langstonehotel.co.uk
Website: www.langstonehotel.co.uk

Beautifully situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, overlooking Chichester Harbour, providing an idyllic retreat just minutes from the A27, and an ideal base for discovering fabulous coastal walks, historic Portsmouth, the New Forest, Isle of Wight, Chichester and Arundel. Our facilities include:

- 12 conference rooms for up to 200 delegates
- 2 AA Rosette restaurant
- Complimentary WiFi
- Free car parking
- Extensive Leisure Club with 18m pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, steam room, gym & fitness classes.

Price prpn: From £79
Rooms: 148 **En suite:** All

Facilities:



Marriott Hotel Portsmouth



Southampton Road,
Portsmouth,
Hampshire
PO6 4SH



Telephone: 023 9238 3151
Website: www.portsmouthmarriott.co.uk

At the Portsmouth Marriott Hotel you can be sure of the perfect night's sleep, with opulent linens and a bed so comfortable it is renowned across the globe. Our 174 rooms offer either one or two king/queen sized beds, en-suite bathroom, air conditioning, flat screen LCD TV with cable channels and WiFi access.

Price prpn: From £99 - £165
Rooms: 174
En suite: All

We are located a short distance from the city centre and within walking distance of Port Solent Marina with its cinema, bars, restaurants and shops. Explore the Royal Armouries at Fort Nelson or discover Portchester Castle, all on the doorstep of the hotel. Chill out and relax in our leisure club with gym, pool, spa bath and sauna. Or treat yourself to an indulgent spa treatment with one of our health and beauty specialists.

Facilities:



Our award-winning Sealevel Restaurant is no ordinary hotel dining experience. It offers seasonal, sustainable and scrumptious food, from our signature fish and chips to a succulent, 12-hour slow-cooked lamb shank. The Sealevel lounge and bar offers free WiFi, billowing sails reflecting the local nautical heritage, vibrant furnishings and a sleek 360° cocktail bar.

Dine on gastro treats, sip on a classic cocktail or kick back with a Starbucks® as well as sleep soundly, all at the Portsmouth Marriott Hotel.



Royal Maritime Club

Map
B3

75-80 Queen Street,
Portsmouth,
Hampshire
PO1 3HS



Telephone: 023 9282 4231
Email: info@royalmaritimeclub.co.uk
Website: www.royalmaritimeclub.co.uk

The Royal Maritime Club is the perfect venue for get-togethers, overnight stays, first class holiday breaks, business meetings and social occasions.

The Club is also licensed for marriage and civil partnership ceremonies.

Price pppn: From £53
Rooms: 100
En suite: All

Set in the heart of British naval tradition and synonymous with naval excellence, the Royal Maritime Club offers members and guests...

Facilities:



- a welcoming ambience
- superb facilities and expert management for special social occasions and business events
- Free WiFi
- buffet breakfast and table d'hote dinner served in Horatio's Restaurant
- Compass Cafe for lunchtime snacks
- swimming pool, steam room, spa pool, snooker room and skittle alley



The Albatross Guest House Map E6




51 Waverley Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO5 2PJ
Telephone: 023 9282 8325
Email: albatross_guesthouse@yahoo.com
Website: www.albatross-guesthouse.com

Price pppn: From £30 - £45
Rooms: 7
En suite: 3

You are guaranteed a friendly welcome and complete privacy in a house that dates back to the 1860s. This comfortable guest house is conveniently centrally located in Southsea and has been welcoming visitors for more than 50 years. Free WiFi. Pre-bookable off-road parking for 2 or 3 car spaces. Credit/debit cards accepted.

Facilities: 


Everley Guest House Map F6




33 Festing Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 0NG
Telephone: 023 9273 1001
Email: everleyguesthouse@ntlworld.com
Web: www.everleyguesthouse.co.uk

Price prpn: From £30 - £80
Rooms: 9
En suite: 7

Warm welcome offering bright, comfortable rooms, own keys, no restrictions. Delicious full-English or vegetarian breakfasts served with homemade bread. All rooms have tea/coffee, TV and free WiFi. Close to restaurants, pubs, shops, beach and bus stops.

Facilities: 


Esk Vale Guest House Map E7



39 Granada Road, Southsea, Portsmouth PO4 0RD
Telephone: 023 9286 2639
Email: enquiries@eskvaleguesthouse.co.uk
Website: www.eskvaleguesthouse.co.uk

Price prpn: From £32 - £80
Rooms: 9
En suite: 6

Just a two minute walk from Southsea seafront and an ideal hub for Portsmouth and Southsea attractions, shops and restaurants. Our aim is to offer you a warm friendly welcome along with a high standard of cleanliness and a tasty breakfast. Great value for money for business trips and holidays.

Facilities: 

The Ferryman Guest House Map D6



16 Victoria Road South, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO5 2BZ
Telephone: 023 9287 5824
Email: theferrymanhotel@hotmail.com
Website: www.ferryman-southsea.co.uk

Price pppn: From £25 - £45
Rooms: 9
En suite: 3

A distinctive building in the Art Deco style with spacious and stylish guestrooms. The Ferryman is a short walk from Southsea Seafront and adjacent to the Kings Theatre and the diverse restaurants, shops and bars of Albert Road/ Elm Grove. We are in close proximity to the Isle of Wight and International Port. As well as the Spinnaker Tower, Historic Dockyard, cinema, bowling alley, restaurants, bars and shops of Gunwharf Quays. There is car parking on the road outside or on nearby roads. Bus stops for the city centre, Historic Dockyard and Gunwharf Quays are close by, with a short taxi ride for the train station. Price includes full English and continental breakfast served in the penthouse dining room with skyline city views. Flat screen TVs with freeview and free WiFi.

Facilities: 

Hamilton House Bed & Breakfast Map D4




95 Victoria Road North, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO5 1PS
Telephone: 023 9282 3502
Email: sandra@hamiltonhouse.co.uk
Website: www.hamiltonhouse.co.uk

Price pppn: From £32 - £37.50
Rooms: 9
En suite: All (or private)

Delightful Victorian town-house B&B, centrally located under 5 mins by car to the international port & Isle of Wight ferry terminal, university, historic ships; HMS Victory, Mary Rose, HMS Warrior 1860, Guildhall, Gunwharf Quays, Spinnaker Tower, city centre, train/coach stations and all the tourist attractions and museums that Portsmouth and its seaside resort of Southsea has to offer. All non-smoking rooms have free WiFi with flatscreen TVs, clocks, hairdryers, complimentary toiletries and generous tea/coffee courtesy trays. Full English, vegetarian or continental breakfast is freshly prepared by our resident chef/proprietress and served in our Spanish-style dining room. Continental breakfast is offered from 6am for early travellers. Port is just 1.6 miles away. Recommended by Brittany Ferries. We look forward to your visit. Graham and Sandra Tubb (resident proprietors).

Facilities: 


Fortitude Cottage Map A5




51 Broad Street, Old Portsmouth PO1 2JD
Telephone: 023 9282 3748
Email: info@fortitudecottage.co.uk
Website: www.fortitudecottage.co.uk

Price prpn: From £45 - £200
Rooms: 8
En suite: All (or private)

Location! Location! Location! Situated only 50 steps from the water's edge. Established 48 years ago, this B&B is situated in the heart of Old Portsmouth's historical area, and looking directly at the new Ben Ainsley Racing Americas Cup Challenge HQ only 100 metres away. Ideally located for all attractions and restaurants, including the Historic Dockyard, Gunwharf Quays and Spinnaker Tower, all within easy walking distance. Park and forget your car when you are here, you can walk everywhere.

Facilities: 


Hollybank House




Hollybank Lane, Emsworth, Hampshire PO10 7UN
Telephone: 01243 375502
Email: anna@hollybankhouse.com
Website: www.hollybankhouse.com

Price prpn: From £50 - £85
Rooms: 4
En suite: All

Enjoy the peace and tranquility of our country house only 20 minutes from Portsmouth. Set in a 10-acre garden on the outskirts of Emsworth, known for its restaurants, pubs and harbour walks. Direct train to Portsmouth Harbour and close to the ferry port, Goodwood and South Downs National Park. Breakfast included in all room rates. Surcharge for Goodwood weekends.

Facilities: 


Norfolk House Map E7



25 Granada Road, Southsea, Portsmouth PO4 0RD
Telephone: 023 9282 4162
Email: jbpnorfolk@ntlworld.com
Website: www.thenorfolksouthsea.co.uk

Price prpn: From £30 - £75
Rooms: 7
En suite: All

The Norfolk is a family-run guest house, close to the seafront, shops, eateries and attractions. Clean, comfortable rooms, all with en-suite toilet and shower. Unrestricted access with own keys. Spacious dining room with separate tables. Highest hygiene rating award. Off-road car parking. Free WiFi. Open all year (except Christmas).

Facilities: 



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The Pier

Map C5



2 Bellevue Terrace,
Southsea,
Portsmouth,
PO5 3AT



Situated on the cusp of Old Portsmouth 10 minutes' walk from Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Gunwharf Quays and the D-Day Museum.

Telephone: 023 9282 3813
Email: gill@pier-hotel.com
Website: www.pier-hotel.com

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Price prpn: From £65 - £80
Rooms: 5
En suite: All

We have five elegant guest bedrooms (pod style ensuite with toilet and shower) quality sprung beds and fine Egyptian cotton linen, equipped with digital Freeview television, toiletries, hospitality tray and free WiFi.

Facilities:



For breakfast, fresh coffee, Portsmouth tea, dry cure bacon, award-winning proper sausages, free range eggs, fresh mushrooms and tomatoes all cooked to order, homemade yogurt, cereal and fresh fruit.

St Margaret's Lodge

Map E6



3 Craneswater Gate,
Southsea,
Portsmouth,
PO4 0NZ



Detached Edwardian property in an avenue overlooking the boating lake on the seafront. Well-maintained comfortable rooms with TVs, tea/coffee making facilities and quality toiletries.

Telephone: 023 9282 0097
Email: enquiries@stmargarets-southsea.co.uk
Website: www.stmargarets-southsea.co.uk

Enjoy a traditional homemade English or continental breakfast overlooking the pretty garden. A quiet reading lounge and free resident and on-street parking. Bus stop nearby.

Price prpn: From £65 - £90
Rooms: 7
En suite: All

Facilities:



Rees Hall

Map C5



Southsea Terrace,
Southsea,
Portsmouth,
PO5 3AP



Rees Hall is a modern building located on Southsea seafront with views across Southsea Common and the Solent.

Telephone: 023 9284 4884
Fax: 023 9284 4848
Email: reservations@port.ac.uk
Website: www.port.ac.uk/holidays

It is also a short distance from Gunwharf Quays and the Historic Dockyard.

Price prpn: From £44 - £64
Rooms: 226
En suite: All

The award-winning Rees Hall provides the ideal venue for a leisure break or business trip, with a wide range of quality comfortable en-suite rooms, two guest lounges, bar and quiet courtyard garden.

Facilities:



Full English breakfast and free WiFi included.

Coach parties welcome.

Conference facilities available.

Rooms available from June to September.



Victoria Court

Map D5

29 Victoria Road North
Portsmouth,
PO5 1PL

Price prpn: From £25 - £40
Rooms: 6
En suite: All

A lovely local family-run bed and breakfast set in the centre of Portsmouth, Southsea and Gunwharf. All rooms ensuite and free WiFi. Toiletries, hospitality tray and LCD TV.

Telephone: 023 9282 0305
Email: stay@victoriacourt.co.uk
Website: www.victoriacourt.co.uk

Facilities:



- 10 minutes' walk from train station
- Free permit for street parking
- About five minutes to ferries
- About five minutes to motorway

Upper Mount House

Map D6



The Vale,
Southsea,
Portsmouth
PO5 2EQ

Telephone: 023 9282 0456
Email: uppermountportsmouth@btconnect.com
Website: www.uppermountportsmouth.co.uk

The Upper Mount House was built in 1851 and is known locally as a 'Thomas Owen House'. It is a Grade II listed building standing in its own grounds. Upper Mount House is quietly tucked away in a rural-like backwater of Southsea, but only half a minute from the shops and restaurants. Buses to all parts of the city stop around the corner.

Our own large car park within the grounds allows you to leave the car and enjoy the amenities of Portsmouth and Southsea without parking worries. We also boast 70% of our customers annually are returning guests.

Price prpn: From £50 - £110
Rooms: 15
En suite: All

The Upper Mount House is graded four-star guest accommodation and we have 15 bedrooms, six of which are on the ground floor. All rooms are ensuite, many rooms have bathtubs and showers. Totally non-smoking.

Facilities:



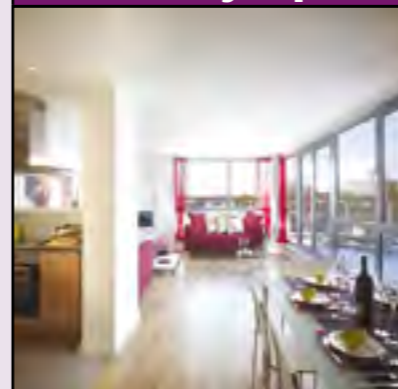
Luxury hotel quality white bed linen used as standard throughout, with our in-house five-star laundry delivering quality and freshness.

Full breakfast menu offered with fresh fruits and breads, and traditional full-English breakfast, special diets catered for at no extra cost.

- Luxury rooms available for that special occasion.
- Free WiFi.
- Certificate of Excellence Winner on TripAdvisor.
- Free car parking space for each room.
- Flexible check-in times.

Admiralty Apartments

Map B3



Queen Street,
Portsmouth,
Hampshire,
PO1 3GW

Telephone: 023 9282 0921
Email: admiraltyquarter@pnbpt.co.uk
Website: www.pnbpropertytrust.org

Three luxury apartments (two 2-bed & one 3-bed) with breathtaking panoramic harbour views.

Located within walking distance of Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Gunwharf Quays, Old Portsmouth and the seafront.

All are decorated and furnished to a very high standard to reflect a modern, relaxed living style.

Price pupw: From £870 - £1,200
Price pupn: From £145 - £215
Units: 3 **Sleeping capacity:** 4 - 6

Facilities:



Geminair Holiday & Business Apartments

Map F6

1 Helena Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 9RH



Price pupw: From £225 - £445
Number of units: 7
Sleeping capacity: 2-5

Comfortable self-contained holiday apartments close to Rose Gardens, Canoe Lake and the seafront. Accommodation suitable for couples, families and business persons.

Open all year, all major credit cards accepted, parking available, pets by arrangement, weekly bookings (Saturday to Saturday), WiFi on request, non-smoking establishment.

Facilities:



Telephone: 023 9282 1602
Email: gemflat@virginmedia.com
Website: www.gemflat.co.uk

Greenhays Serviced Apartments

Map F6



10 Helena Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 9RH



Telephone: 023 9242 1390
Email: chrismmartin@hotmail.com
Website: www.greenhays.co.uk

British Tourist Board rated, 4-star luxury apartment, situated in a quiet residential road with free parking. 150m from the promenade and beach with clubs, pubs, restaurants & shops within easy walking distance. Two bedrooms, the master has a kingsize bed and 42" flatscreen TV. Bathroom recently refitted to a luxury standard. The lounge hosts a 50" flatscreen TV with full cable channels and a stunning wood burner fireplace. Fully fitted kitchen including washer dryer, oven and hob. Price includes all utilities cost, super-fast WiFi and a weekly clean including all bedding and towel change.

Price pupw: £455
Number of units: 1
Sleeping capacity: 4

Facilities:



Lakeside Apartments

Map F6

5 Helena Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 9RH



Price pupn: From £50 - £65
Price pupw: From £250 - £320
Rooms: 6 **Sleeping capacity:** 2/3

Quiet, fully furnished self-catering apartments. Great location for visiting all the fantastic sites of Portsmouth. Five-minute walk from the seafront, Canoe Lake, and to the museums.

All you require for short or long stay.

Quote this advert for 5% discount.

Facilities:



Telephone: 07810 436981 or 023 9282 0690
Email: lakesidesouthsea@aol.com
Website: www.lakesidesouthsea.com

Wallops Wood Cottages



Wallops Wood, Sheardley Lane, Droxford, SO32 3QY



Telephone: 01489 878888
Email: liz@wallopswoodcottages.co.uk
Website: www.wallopswoodcottages.co.uk

Five luxury ground floor holiday cottages in the South Downs National Park, with stunning southerly views. Excellent accessibility, pets and children welcome. All bedrooms are en suite with an open-plan living/kitchen area, under-floor heating, wood-burning stove, and enclosed garden with patio and hot tub. Easy access to Portsmouth, Chichester, Winchester and Southampton, beautiful walks, cycling and sightseeing.

Price pupw: £900 - £1,600
Number of units: 5
Sleeping capacity: 6-8

Facilities:



Portsmouth Apartments Group - Affordable flats and hotel rooms in Southsea

Our speciality is offering quality accommodation to suit most circumstances and budgets by providing hotel rooms, suites and apartments for holidaymakers and business personnel on short or long-term stays. Portsmouth Apartments Group consist of five establishments in Southsea, Portsmouth, and are within approximately 200 yards of each other occupying prime locations within easy reach of most places of interest. The **Ocean Hotel Suites and Apartments** and **South Parade Apartments** are directly on Southsea seafront with magnificent view of the sea and the Isle of Wight. **The Atlantic** and **Salisbury Apartments** are two minutes' walk from the seafront and near to Canoe Lake and shops.

Atlantic Apartments

Map F6

61A Festing Road, Southsea, PO4 0NQ



Telephone: 023 9273 5574
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Website: www.portsmouth-apartments.co.uk



Situated in one of the most attractive areas of Southsea, the apartments are only a few yards from Canoe Lake, the seafront, and local shops. Very short walking distance from Southsea's main attractions and entertainments. Large private car park with guaranteed parking space for each apartment.

Choice of one, two or three-bedroom apartments. Very spacious, fully self-contained and furnished, centrally heated, colour TV, FREE wireless Internet access, security telephone and fully equipped kitchen. Linen also available on request.

Price pupw: From £160 - £400
Units: 6 **Sleeping capacity:** 1-7



Ocean Apartments

Map E7

8-10 St Helens Parade, Southsea, PO4 0RW



Telephone: 023 9273 4233
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Located directly on the seafront with panoramic views and within easy reach of Southsea shopping centre and most places of interest. Offering quality apartments at affordable prices on short and long term basis. Self-contained, fully furnished apartments and penthouses. Choice of 1 to 4 bedrooms, very spacious. Most with magnificent views of the sea, Canoe Lake and Isle of Wight. Contemporary, fully equipped kitchen, central heating, security entrance. Lift to all floors. Free private car park, free WiFi. Bar, restaurant and other hotel facilities can be enjoyed by apartment guests offering the comfort of home with the facilities of a hotel.

Price pupw: From £160 - £700
Units: 6 **Sleeping capacity:** 1-8



South Parade Apartments

Map E7

29B South Parade, Southsea, PO4 0SH



Telephone: 023 9273 4342
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Website: www.portsmouth-apartments.co.uk



Situated directly on the seafront overlooking the Solent and beautiful gardens (some 20 yards from the sea), with car parking facilities.

The apartments are close to the shopping centre and most places of interest.

All are fully self-contained and exceptionally spacious. Most enjoy spectacular views of the sea and the Isle of Wight.

You may have a choice from a 1-5 bedroomed apartment. All centrally heated, equipped with colour TV, FREE wireless Internet access, security entrance phone, a fully equipped kitchen and there is also a passenger lift to most apartments.

These apartments are ideal for families and perfect for business personnel on a long-term basis at special rates.

Price pupw: From £160 - £550
Units: 6
Sleeping capacity: 1-8

Facilities:



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