Group Itineraries

Portsmouth the great waterfront city

Portsmouth on England's south coast is an ideal location for a full or half day group visit.



Great Battles

Full Day Tour

Discover the story behind three famous battles – the Battle of the Solent, the Battle of Trafalgar and the D-Day Landings.

Mary Rose © 90 mins

Start you tour at the multi award winning Mary Rose, King Henry VIII's flagship – sunk during the 'Battle of Solent' in 1545 and then raised from the seabed after nearly 500 years lost at sea. Immerse yourself in life on board by coming face to face with the crew, surrounded by genuine artefacts, and all brought to life through cutting edge technology.

www.historicdockyard.co.uk

HMS Victory

© 60 mins

Adjacent is HMS Victory, Vice Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship, on board which he tragically died at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 – one of history's greatest sea battles.

Climb aboard HMS Victory and step back in time to the Georgian period, explore the ship including viewing the great cabin where the Battle of Trafalgar was planned and walking along once crowded decks where over 800 men lived, worked and fought. You will even stand in the very spot where Nelson died.

Lunch options available at nearby Gunwharf Quays or Old Portsmouth.

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The D-Day Story © 90 mins

Continue your tour at The D-Day Story – the only UK museum dedicated to this pivotal moment in World War Two. The museum uses authentic objects. amazing audio -visual displays and stunning imagery to tell the story of those who took part in the D-Day Landings on June 6 1944. The tour starts with an on-board visit to LCT 7074 - a massive landing craft - and the impressive 83 metre Overlord Embroidery provides an epic finale to the visit.

www.theddaystory.com

Henry VIII's Southsea Castle © *60 mins*

A short walk takes you to Henry VIII's Southsea Castle where you can walk on the ramparts and view the seascape where the Battle of the Solent took place.

www.southseacastle.co.uk



More things to do

Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery



Discover more about Portsmouth's history, view items from the city's art collection and visit 'A Study in Sherlock' dedicated to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and his famous detective Sherlock Holmes – created in Portsmouth.

www.portsmouthcitymuseums.co.uk

Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum



Visit the small house where Charles Dickens was born in 1812 and get a fascinating insight into his humble beginnings. Walk around the home and see some of the famous writer's prized personal possessions.

www.charlesdickensbirthplace.co.uk

Dickens' Guided Tour



Explore sites across
Portsmouth with
connections to the great
author, learn about
places that inspired his
later works, hear more
about his family's time in
the city and end the tour
at the Dickens' statue in
Guildhall Square.

www.visitportsmouth.co.uk

Osborne House



Visit Victoria and Albert's private apartments, their bathing beach and children's play-cottage for an intimate glimpse of royal family life. Then stroll through the garden terraces where the stunning views across the Solent.

www.english-heritage.org.uk

Hovertravel



Portsmouth is home to the world's only year-round passenger hovercraft service. Make your way across to Ryde on the Isle of Wight from Southsea seafront in just 10 minutes, aboard this rare and exciting mode of transport.

www.hovertravel.co.uk