

Group Itineraries

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 your 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.thedaystory.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



The D-Day Story

World War Two

Half Day Tour

The D-Day Story ⌚ 90 mins

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Portsmouth Cathedral ⌚ 60 mins

Visit Portsmouth Cathedral for a private tour including the D-Day window, installed in 1956, as a memorial to Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay who commanded the seaborne forces at Dunkirk in 1940 and Normandy in 1944.

www.portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

Royal Navy Submarine Museum ⌚ 90 mins

Take a ferry journey across the harbour to Gosport and visit HMS Alliance and the Royal Navy Submarine Museum. Take a guided tour, escorted by a submariner, on-board the Second World War-era submarine. Visit the museum and view Holland 1, the very first Royal Navy submarine launched in 1901 and X24, the only surviving Second World War midget submarine – both regarded as significant maritime artefacts.

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More things to do

Spinnaker Tower



Take in 23-mile vistas of city, coast and country from the iconic Spinnaker Tower. From its 100 metre viewing platforms you can enjoy the views, have a very high tea or even try a VR experience.

www.spinnakertower.co.uk

Gunwharf Quays



Gunwharf Quays is the south coast's leading designer shopping outlet – home to over 90 famous brands with savings of up to 60% off RRP. Relax at one of the many bars, restaurants and coffee shops, taking in the waterfront views.

www.gunwharf-quays.com

Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre



From its enviable position overlooking Langstone Harbour, the ASWC offers sailing facilities for all ages and abilities. You can safely get out on the water with the help of qualified, knowledgeable instructors and all the best equipment.

www.andrewsimpsoncentres.org

Peter Ashley Activity Centre



Where else can you try archery, bushcraft, orienteering and loads more, all within a 19th century fortification? It's an ideal location to learn new skills, whilst enjoying unrivalled views across Portsmouth and its surrounds.

www.peterashleyactivitycentres.co.uk

Great food and drink to suit all tastes

Gunwharf Quays



Over 30 restaurants, bars and coffee shops offering a range of menu options, many with waterside views.

Southsea



Great range of independent restaurants and bars offering food from across the globe - including seafood eateries and fish and chip restaurants.

Old Portsmouth



Traditional English pubs, restaurants and tea rooms in the historic cobbled streets of Old Portsmouth.

Destination Information

The Visitor Information Service in Portsmouth is on hand to answer any enquiries you may have about your visit including details of coach and taxi hire.

The team also manage the Portsmouth Tourism Guiding Service and can help with bookings of our knowledgeable and experienced Tourist Guides.

Full information about Portsmouth is available at visitportsmouth.co.uk

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