

Fun in the rain in Portsmouth!

Don't let the rain stop you, make it a great day out for all the family no matter what the weather.

FREE attractions

Portsmouth City Museum

The Museum is open all year round. Come and see the exciting exhibition that allows you to explore the life and works of Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes. Learn about life in Portsmouth both past and present through their exhibitions and reconstructions. Their regularly changing programme of temporary exhibitions and children's activities means you are bound to find something new. For more information contact 023 92 827261 or visit www.portsmouthmuseums.co.uk

Cumberland House Natural History Museum

Come and explore the British wildlife and its many habitats. The museum tells the tale of the wild riverbank, marshes, woods and urban areas of the city, and includes a fresh water aquarium. May-September you can also take an exciting walk through their house filled with butterflies, see how many species you can spot as they fly around your head.

Fun at the Library

With hundreds of wonderful books to choose from you will never be bored. Take some time to sit and read the latest book by your favourite author, you can even take the books home. You can also borrow DVD's for a very small charge or spend time using the internet. Best thing of all it is FREE! If you are not a member yet, you can go to any Portsmouth library and join free of charge, and your ticket will allow you to use any of the 9 Portsmouth libraries.

aspex gallery

Portsmouth's leading contemporary art gallery invites you to explore the innovative, contemporary and visual art on display. With exhibitions, workshops and events throughout the year from international and local Portsmouth artists.

Attractions Under £5*

Pyramids Centre

This indoor swimming centre will be a real hit and rid those rainy day blues. With a toddler's pool, three flumes, wave pool, leisure pool and café, it is a great place for the family to enjoy.

Krazy Kaves

An indoor activity centre, for children up to the age of 12. With loads to keep the children busy including slides and soft play equipment it is a great place to take the kids whilst the adults are able to watch and relax.

Pirate Pete's

A great indoor children's playground with a giant pirate ship, tunnels, two ball ponds, bridges, aerial runways, large soft play area and loads more. Parents are able to watch from the refreshments areas or join in the fun.

aspex gallery

Portsmouth's leading contemporary art gallery are running a number of Saturday workshops during term-time. The first Saturday of every month you will find Fridge Magnet Artists for toddlers to five year olds, as well as Mini Makers for six to eight year olds. Art Club runs every third Saturday of each month for eight to thirteen year olds.

Portsmouth Leisure Facilities

With 9 centres within the city we can offer a wide range of leisure and sporting facilities for all ages and abilities. This will include swimming, trampolining, gym facilities, badminton, personal training, workout classes, sauna, sunbeds, steam rooms, football, athletics, dance, Kung Fu, Kickboxing, tennis and holiday activities for children. For full details of all our centres and facilities, take a look at the new Portsmouth Leisure Facilities- Centre Directory.

Swimming

Swimming is a great way to get fit and have fun. With four swimming centres in the city, the Pyramids Centre, Eastney Swimming Pool, Victoria Swimming Centre and St Lukes Community Leisure Centre. All the family can go along and swim for fun or join in with one of the classes. These facilities also offer a wide range of sporting and fitness classes and are available for all ages and abilities. View the Portsmouth Leisure Centre Directory.

Attractions from £5-£10*

Spinnaker Tower- book online and save 10%

Come rain or shine the city is truly on display. With amazing views and the largest glass floor in Europe, the Spinnaker Tower has made its mark as one of the must see attractions in the city. Seeing a thunder storm from 100 meters above sea level is an experience not to be missed!

Playzone

A great indoor adventure play arena for children of all ages, including toddler's who have their own zone. The kids will love the ball pools, huge slides, giant rope bridges, squeeze rollers, bouncy poles and crawl maze. With adults being encouraged to play with the kids in the fully air conditioned Playzone, it really is a great family day out.

Blue Reef

Discover a whole range of local marine species and tropical fish, watch the otters play in their enclosure, see the rays splash around, and come face to face with sharks. There are informative talks throughout the day, feeding demonstrations, themed activities and the exciting underwater tunnel. Get £1 off per person by using this link!

Cinema

At the Odean at Port Solent and VUE at Gunwharf Quays you will always find the latest blockbuster movies showing. Why not book on line to beat the queues.

Local Haunts

Jump aboard Alf the big red vintage London bus to learn about the history, humour and hardships of Portsmouth. Discover aspects of the city that you never knew existed. Whether you are a tourist exploring the city or want to discover more about the place you call home, Alf and his guides will guild you from the past right through to the present day.

Royal Marines Museum

The museum highlights the skills and courage of the Royal Marines, from their beginnings in 1664 to their current day involvements. Packed with exhibits, interactive displays and films, you can experience the barrack conditions and come face to face with a snake and scorpions. There is also an impressive special events programme that runs throughout the year.

D-Day Museum

The only museum in Britain dedicated to D-Day. This was the turning point of the Second World War. Come and watch a unique archive film, see personal displays of memorabilia, maps, uniforms and vehicles. The museum is also home to the Overlord Embroidery which portrays the story of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.

Attractions from £10*

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Visit the world famous historic ships including HMS Warrior 1860, the Mary Rose and HMS Victory where you can step in the footsteps of the hero Admiral Lord Nelson, take a Harbour Tour around the Solent or test your skills, command a war ship or fly a helicopter at Action Stations.

New Theatre Royal

With a packed programme for 2008 a trip to the theatre can not be missed. Performances include Canterbury Tales, an evening with Sheila Hancock, The Nutcracker and Portsmouth Youth Variety Show. You are guaranteed to find more than one performance that you will want to see.

Kings Theatre

The show always goes on at this theatre. A fantastic programme for 2008 includes My Fair Lady, Cinderella, Des O'Connor and Joe Pasquale. You will always be sure to find a performance for every member of the family to enjoy.

Fort Widley Equestrian Centre

Horse riding lessons at Fort Widley available Wednesday 4-5pm and at weekends. Go along for fun or take up lessons either way a fantastic sport that must be tried by everyone.

There is still loads more....

There are loads more things to see and do in Cosham, Paulsgrove, Drayton and Farlington areas so visit www.aboutmyarea.co.uk to find out more.

Aspire

Why not take a look at the fantastic new programme produced by Portsmouth City Council Cultural Services, packed with details on theatre, dance, comedy, music, exhibitions, activities, talks, walks and events within the city.

* price based on one standard adult admission