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Left to right: HMS Victory, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Mary Rose ©Hufton+Crow. South Parade Pier. Spinnaker Tower.

2022 is *the* time to visit Portsmouth – the UK's only island city. There are huge events planned for the months ahead, as well as some major anniversaries and big celebrations. Plus, our world-class attractions are open for business, so you can put the wind back in your sails and experience the best of a city break by the sea. This year marks four decades since the raising of the Mary Rose – a major event in history that was watched live across the globe. The museum will host a number of events to mark the anniversary, showcasing not just the ship itself but the huge impact its

rediscovery had on our understanding of Tudor life. 2022 is also the 40th anniversary of the Falklands conflict – of which Portsmouth played a key role, being the departure port for many warships. The city plays host to commemoration and flag raising events from April. At Portsmouth Historic Dockyard a brand-new exhibition tells the story of the Royal Navy's heroic Coastal Forces. 'The Night Hunters' pays tribute to the high-risk, high-octane operations of the coastal forces in both world wars, and is located across the water at the Explosion Museum of Naval Firepower.

You can continue discovering the inside story of naval heroics at The D-Day Story, where brand new audio guides are available inside the museum. Get closer than ever to the exhibits inside and see up-close the magnificent LCT 7074. If you need some retail therapy in 2022, Gunwharf Quays is the place to be. As well as new openings (among them Champion, Ghost and Ci-Tea Bubble Tea), there are a host of big events planned for the year ahead. There are also changes at the Spinnaker Tower. Following on from its recent refresh of the visitor experience, there

will be modernised food areas for you to relax with a bite to eat after taking in the tower's awe-inspiring views. Plus, don't forget the newly opened Exploria at Portsmouth Pyramids - a soft play world of foam pits, climbs, slides, sand pits and more. 2022 also brings the Silver City exhibition, telling the story of Portsmouth through amazing silver treasures. With so much to see and do, 2022 really is the time to put the wind in your sails at the UK's only island city.

EVENTS

JUL

- Portsmouth International Kite Festival
- Southsea Food Festival
- Pretty Muddy and Race for Life
- Thai Food and Craft Festival
- Jazz Festival



Great South Run, October

The 2022 calendar is jam packed with events right across Portsmouth. From huge music festivals to cultural happenings and year-round fun for all the family, there's plenty to enjoy. Just some of the highlights are detailed below—but remember, the visitportsmouth.co.uk website is your one-stop destination to see all the events coming up, plus all the essential dates, times and booking details.

Portsmouth Comic Con, May



Victorious Festival, August



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APR

- Circus Zyair
- Castle Road Record Store Day

MAY

- Portsmouth Comic Con

Portsmouth International Kite Festival, July



JUN

- Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
- Live at the Bandstand
- PortsFest
- Sea Angling Classic
- D-Day memorial/ anniversary
- Portsmouth Pride
- Falklands anniversary commemoration

SEPT

- Portsmouth Triathlon
- Heritage Open Days
- The Great Russian Circus

OCT

- Great South Run
- Anniversary of the raising of the Mary Rose
- 60+ Festival
- Oktoberfest

NOV

- Remembrance events
- King George V fireworks
- Christmas Lights Switch Ons

DEC

- Pantos (Cinderella at Kings Theatre/ Sleeping Beauty at New Theatre Royal)
- Portsmouth On Ice



FOOD AND DRINK

Your island adventure doesn't start and end with just events and attractions—no matter how big or exciting they are! Take a look at some of the great places to eat and drink in Portsmouth during your next visit, as well as the top places to stay, so you can make the most out of your trip.

2022 saw the King Street Tavern secure its third Good Food Award in a row, being commended for its excellent smoked meats and authentic BBQ dishes. Picking up one award is high praise enough, but securing back-to-

back-to-back victories earned the King Street Tavern an illustrious Gold Seal.

Equally heralded is Restaurant 27 near Southsea Seafront. Here you'll find a tasting menu of globally influenced French dishes that come recommended in the foodie bible, the Michelin Guide.

Alternatively, head out on a journey of exploration to enjoy cuisine from all over the world, be it authentic curries along Albert Road, tempting tapas in Osborne Road or some well-known names at Gunwharf Quays.

PLACES TO STAY

Turn your visit to Portsmouth into a longer stay and make the most of all there is to see and do on the island city. Portsmouth is home to all the big-name hotels you know and love, so you can be sure of some familiar surroundings if you choose to stay with your favourite brand.

Alternatively you can sample some of the city's independent accommodation providers, with luxury B&Bs and small boutique hotels offering the very best in comfortable surroundings and great service.

Whether you want to be in the historic quarter of Old Portsmouth, along the seafront looking out over the Solent, or right in the thick of things near the city centre, there will be plenty to choose from. Or, simply be left to your own devices with a self-catering option where you get an entire home or apartment to yourself.

All budgets and requirements are catered for.

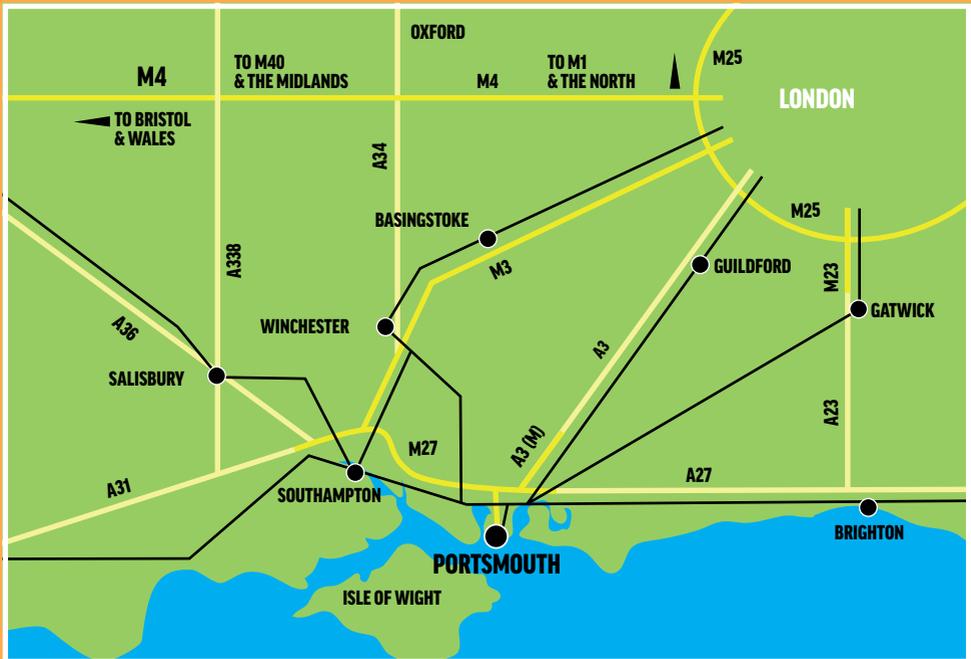
See [visitportsmouth.co.uk](https://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk) for all the details and to book your break.

GETTING HERE

Getting to Portsmouth couldn't be easier. The island is well serviced by road, with the M275 bringing you directly into the heart of the city. We're also at the end of direct rail lines from London, Brighton, Cardiff, Bristol, Southampton and more. The train from London takes around an hour and a half. Regular coach services run from the capital, dropping passengers off a literal stone's throw from

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and Gunwharf Quays.

2022 will also be a big year for cruise calls, thanks to new developments at Portsmouth International Port. Successful trials last year mean we're ready to welcome luxury cruise calls into the city, and we'll see many more journeys depart from Portsmouth over the months and years ahead.



To discover more about Portsmouth and start organising your trip to the UK's only island city, see our website:

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