

# Group Itineraries

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



Old Portsmouth

## Fortifications of Portsmouth

### Full Day Tour

The tour starts at the top of Portsdown Hill with views across the city and where the Guide can point out the fortifications to be included in the tour. (30 Mins with photo opportunity)



Portchester Castle

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⌚ 90 mins

First stop is Portchester Castle - the best preserved Roman fort north of the Alps. After the Norman Conquest a castle was built in one corner of the fort, which grew into an impressive royal residence. The castle was also used to house foreign prisoners of war, most notably during the wars with France between 1793 and 1815.

[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

### Royal Armouries Museum, Fort Nelson

⌚ 90 mins

Fort Nelson is home to some of the biggest guns ever made, 19 acres of ramparts, outer fortifications, secret underground tunnels, and ammunition bunkers. Discover what life was like for soldiers in the Victorian garrison's barrack rooms, hospital and kitchen.

*Food options are available at Fort Nelson or at one of the many traditional pubs and restaurants in Old Portsmouth.*

[www.royalarmouries.org](http://www.royalarmouries.org)

### Old Portsmouth Tour

⌚ 90 mins

Discover more about the city's impressive history with a walking tour through the fortifications of Old Portsmouth with visits to the Round and Square Towers.

[www.squaretower.co.uk](http://www.squaretower.co.uk)

### Henry VIII's Southsea Castle

⌚ 60 mins

Visit Henry VIII's Southsea Castle. Explore the Castle Keep, take in the amazing views across the Solent from the Castle Ramparts and visit the on-site Micro Brewery.

*Brewery tastings and champagne receptions available at Southsea Castle.*

[www.southseacastle.co.uk](http://www.southseacastle.co.uk)



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## More things to do

### The D-Day Story



Discover the story of D-Day through personal accounts, authentic objects and immersive audio-visuais. Visits start on board the massive landing craft LCT 7074 and The Overlord Embroidery provides an epic finale.

[www.theddaystory.com](http://www.theddaystory.com)

### Mary Rose



See stunning panoramic views of Henry VIII's favourite warship, raised from the sea bed in 1982. Take an unrivalled look into Tudor life as the personal stories of the crew are told through thousands of artefacts.

[www.historicdockyard.co.uk](http://www.historicdockyard.co.uk)

### HMS Victory



Walk the decks and see where Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson fell during the Battle of Trafalgar. Discover where sailors and officers ate and slept and feel the drama and impact of the day HMS Victory went into battle.

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### HMS Warrior



Step back in time aboard HMS Warrior 1860, Britain's first iron-hulled, armoured battleship. Powered by steam and sail, she was the largest, fastest and most powerful warship of her day, despite never firing a shot in anger.

[www.historicdockyard.co.uk](http://www.historicdockyard.co.uk)

### Hotwalls Studios



Portsmouth's exciting creative quarter where the city's historic fortifications have been transformed into thirteen working studios and a waterfront dining space. Opening times vary.

[www.hotwallsstudios.co.uk](http://www.hotwallsstudios.co.uk)



Spinnaker Tower

# Best of British – food, shopping and culture

## Half Day Tour

### Spinnaker Tower ⌚ 90 mins

The tour starts with a visit to the iconic Spinnaker Tower with a traditional cream tea 105 metres above Portsmouth harbour - enjoy the amazing views, experience the virtual reality experience Altitude and dare yourself to walk across the glass floor.

[www.spinnakertower.co.uk](http://www.spinnakertower.co.uk)

### Gunwharf Quays ⌚ 60 mins

Next spend some free time exploring Gunwharf Quays - home to fabulous waterfront outlet shopping. Take a walk along the waterfront, across the canal to Aspex Contemporary Art Gallery.

[www.gunwharf-quays.com](http://www.gunwharf-quays.com)

### Old Portsmouth ⌚ 90 mins

Old Portsmouth is the location for the second part of this tour with a walk along the historic fortifications with an expert Guide who will bring the stories of the past alive. The tour ends with a visit to Portsmouth Cathedral, enjoy a tour of this historic place of worship and then enjoy a private concert in this magnificent space with a glass of champagne.

[www.squaretower.co.uk](http://www.squaretower.co.uk)



Gunwharf Quays

## 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 seafront eateries and fish and chip restaurants.

### Old Portsmouth



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

## More things to do

### National Museum of the Royal Navy



Discover the Royal Navy's rich and fascinating history: with thousands of stories spanning generations. Learn all about Admiral Lord Nelson, his beloved HMS Victory, the more modern M33 and a whole load more.

[www.historicdockyard.co.uk](http://www.historicdockyard.co.uk)

### Blue Reef Aquarium



Take an underwater safari at Portsmouth's Blue Reef Aquarium. There are clownfish, sharks, rays, otters, iguanas, jellyfish and Tropical Tunnel. Time your visit well and you may see the creatures being fed.

[www.blureefaquarium.co.uk](http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk)

### Royal Navy Submarine Museum



See, hear and even smell what life was like aboard HMS Alliance - Britain's only remaining Second World War submarine. Journey through every decade of her service then learn all about the history of Britain's at-sea deterrent.

[www.historicdockyard.co.uk](http://www.historicdockyard.co.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](http://www.hovertravel.co.uk)

## 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](http://visitportsmouth.co.uk)

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