

Group Itineraries

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



HMS Warrior

Portsmouth Victoriana

Full Day Tour

Step back in time to the Victorian era on this tour to Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight – discover the origins of great literature, Victorian naval fire power and the holiday home of Queen Victoria – Osborne House.

Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum

⌚ 60 mins

Visit the home where Charles Dickens was born in 1812, furnished to recreate the style of the time, and glimpse a fascinating insight into the humble beginnings of this literary great.

www.charlesdickensbirthplace.co.uk



Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum

Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery

⌚ 60 mins

The literary theme continues with a visit to Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery, home to an exhibition about Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and the creation – in Portsmouth – of his great detective Sherlock Holmes.

On site catering can be arranged including welcome drinks or full lunch.

www.portsmouthmuseum.co.uk

HMS Warrior

⌚ 90 mins

HMS Warrior in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard is the next stop on this Victorian voyage of discovery. The fastest, largest and most powerful warship in the world when she was launched, join Warrior's Captain and crew on board and explore this almighty Victorian battleship for yourself.

www.historicdockyard.co.uk



Osborne House

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⌚ 120 mins

The tour finishes with an exhilarating hovercraft ride across the Solent to the Isle of Wight and Osborne House aboard Hovertravel – the world's only year round passenger hovercraft service. Visit Osborne House, awash with Victorian opulence and extravagant interiors plus the Swiss Cottage – a chalet built for the royal children.

www.english-heritage.org.uk



Portsmouth Museum

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

Henry VIII's Southsea Castle



Visit Henry VIII's Castle and view the Castle Keep and Ramparts. Learn about the fortification's history through to present day, then enjoy a bite to eat at the on-site café or some craft beer to take home at the micro-brewery.

www.southseacastle.co.uk

Fort Nelson



Discover the national collection of artillery at this historic fort, where live firings take place daily. Explore the ramparts, outer fortifications and tunnels, before enjoying a bite to eat at the on-site café.

www.royalarmouries.org

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



Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum

Portsmouth's Literary Greats

Half Day Tour

Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum ⌚ 60 mins

Visit the home where Charles Dickens was born on 7 February 1812 and discover what life would have been like for this literary great.

The furniture, ceramics, glass, household objects and decorations faithfully re-create the Regency style of the time. View three furnished rooms plus a small collection of memorabilia: the couch on which he died at his house in Kent, together with his snuff box, inkwell and paper knife, poignant reminders of an author celebrated for his prodigious talents and creative output.

www.charlesdickensbirthplace.co.uk

Dickens' Guided Tour ⌚ 90 mins

From the Birthplace you will tour other sites in the city with Dickensian connections and find

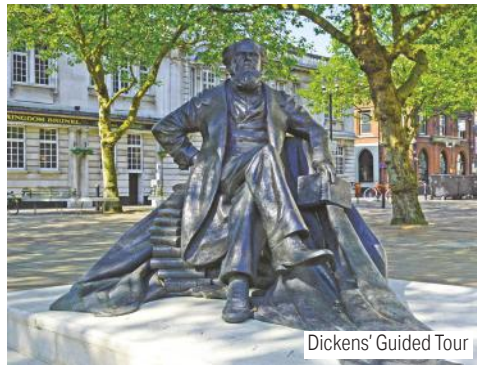
out more about the author and his family's time in Portsmouth.

www.visitportsmouth.co.uk

Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery ⌚ 60 mins

The literary theme continues with a visit to Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery, home to 'A Study in Sherlock' exhibition about Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and the creation in Portsmouth of his great detective Sherlock Holmes. Discover more about this iconic literary character and enjoy the rest of the museum.

www.portsmouthmuseum.co.uk



Dickens' Guided Tour

More things to do

The D-Day Story



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

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.maryrose.org

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.

www.historicdockyard.co.uk

Portsmouth Cathedral



The 'Cathedral of the Sea', dates back to 1185 and has close connections with the seafaring community. It includes the grave of a member of the Mary Rose crew and the famed D-Day stained glass window.

www.portsmouthcathedral.org.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 seafront 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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