

# Group Itineraries

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



## Old Portsmouth – Guided Tour

⌚ 90 mins

A tour of Old Portsmouth can be taken on foot or by coach and includes the historic fortifications including the Square Tower and Round Tower, Hotwalls Studios, Portsmouth Cathedral and the Garrison Church.

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



## Gunwharf Quays

⌚ 60 mins

The tour ends in the beautiful waterfront location of Gunwharf Quays – home to over 90 famous brands with savings up to 60% off RRP. This is the south coast's leading designer shopping outlet and is a true shopper's paradise.

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

## Spinnaker Tower

⌚ 60 mins

The highlights tour finishes on a true high with a visit to the iconic 170 metre high Spinnaker Tower. Enjoy the amazing views, experience the virtual reality experience Altitude and dare yourself to walk across the glass floor.

*High Teas and Champagne Receptions available at the Tower.*

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

## Portsmouth Highlights

### Full Day Tour

The tour begins with a visit to two of the most famous warships in the world – HMS Victory and the Mary Rose.

#### HMS Victory

⌚ 60 mins

HMS Victory was the flagship of Vice Admiral Lord Nelson, on board which he tragically died at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

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.

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

#### Mary Rose

⌚ 90mins

The tour continues with a visit to 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](http://www.historicdockyard.co.uk)

#### Southsea Castle

⌚ 45 mins

The Tudor theme continues with a tour of Henry VIII's Southsea Castle where you can stand in the same spot from which it is believed he watched the sinking of his favourite warship. Visit the Castle Keep and Ramparts.

*Details of catering options available on request.*

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

#### The D-Day Story

⌚ 90 mins

Discover more about this turning point in World War Two. The story of the real people who took part is told through objects and vehicles, stunning imagery, audio-visual presentations and hands-on interactives. Now includes on board visit to landing craft LCT 7074.

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





Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre

## Exhilarating Experiences

Portsmouth offers a wealth of great experiences that can be added to any of the tours.



Spinnaker Tower

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Offers both the opportunity to abseil down the Tower and the new experience – The Drop.

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

### Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre

Opportunities to learn to sail, go kayaking, power boating, wind surfing and much more.

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

### Peter Ashley Activity Centre

Based at the historic Fort Purbrook and nearby Fort Widley, the centre can offer a variety of bookable experiences including: Archery, Rifle Shooting, Climbing and Bush Craft, Horse Riding and Stable Management elements.

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

### Mary Rose

Tudor Cooking Demonstration can be added to a visit to the Mary Rose.

### HMS Warrior

Gin and rum tasting available on board this historic ship.

### Portsmouth Distillery

Tours and tastings at Rum and Gin Distillery.

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



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## More things to do

### Blue Reef Aquarium



Take an underwater safari at Portsmouth's Blue Reef Aquarium. There are clownfish, sharks, rays, 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)

### 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](http://www.charlesdickensbirthplace.co.uk)

### 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.portsmouthmuseum.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthmuseum.co.uk)

### Portchester Castle



The most impressive and best-preserved of the Roman 'Saxon-Shore' forts, Portchester Castle was originally built in the late 3<sup>rd</sup> century. Today it's a popular visitor attraction, offering scenic walks both inside and out.

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

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