

# Portsmouth

the waterfront city

Portsmouth, the waterfront city, has miles of sea views and centuries of history. Enjoy life on the water's edge.

The spectacular Spinnaker Tower is a great way to start your visit to Portsmouth. Soaring to 170m above the city, take a ride to the sky and experience the three viewing platforms at 100m, 105m and 110m. You'll be able to see just how compact the city is and watch our famous harbour in action.

Don't miss a visit to the famous Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and discover three of the most important ships ever built – HMS Warrior 1860, The Mary Rose and HMS Victory. Find out what life was like on board these ships for the sailors of their time at the Royal Naval Museum, and then experience the Royal Navy of today at Action Stations. Then take a leisurely Harbour Tour to see today's bustling dockyard.

The nearby Gunwharf Quays has plenty to keep you entertained, with over 95 designer outlet stores, a cinema, bowling alley, comedy club, nightclubs and a year-round events programme. Enjoy a relaxing drink and something to eat at one of the 30 bars and restaurants on site, there's something for everyone.

Head out to Southsea for even more delights – not only is there 4 miles of seafront promenade, but more fantastic attractions too. The promenade is backed by gorgeous green spaces & flower displays so there's plenty of space to sit and watch the world go by. Why not bring a picnic? In the summer you'll also find free live music every Sunday at The Bandstand on the front.

Along the seafront, Blue Reef Aquarium takes you on an undersea safari and brings you face to face with sharks, rays and delightful otters in tropical waters. Feeding demonstrations, talks and family activities regularly feature too. At the nearby D-Day Museum you can learn the story of 'Operation Overlord' through a number of fascinating exhibits. The centrepiece is the Overlord Embroidery, a moving tribute to the efforts of the allies in the D-Day landings.

For something different, take the short boat ride out to Spitbank Fort for lunch and a tour. This man-made seafort is situated in the middle of the Solent and hosts a fantastic carvery dinner on a Sunday lunchtime.

Stay for the evening and take in some entertainment at The Kings Theatre, the New Theatre Royal or Portsmouth Guildhall. All offer a diverse selection of events including comedy, theatre productions, live music and touring West End shows. Or if you love music then check out the legendary Wedgewood Rooms or the Cellars at Eastney.

Make sure you check the official visitor website at [www.visitportsmouth.co.uk](http://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk) for further details on the city's fascinating attractions and packed programme of events.