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48 hours in...

...Portsmouth

Portsmouth, the waterfront city, has miles of sea views and centuries of history. Packed with things to do and fast becoming Britain's favourite waterfront destination, Portsmouth has more and more to offer every year.

Enjoy an irresistible mix of history and heritage, specialist shopping, lively arts, great restaurants and bars plus a programme of year round events.

Getting to Portsmouth by car

Portsmouth enjoys good road connections; the A3 (M) puts London only 90 minutes away and the M275, which comes right into the heart of the city centre, connects Portsmouth with the M27 and the rest of Britain's motorway network.

There is plenty of parking in the city and once here it is easy to get around on foot.

Top 5 must see places

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
Home to HMS Warrior 1860, HMS Victory, the Mary Rose Museum, National Museum of the Royal Navy, Action Stations and Harbour Tours.
www.historicdockyard.co.uk

Spinnaker Tower
Scale the heights of this 170m viewing tower for the best views of the south.
www.spinnakertower.co.uk

Southsea seafront
Four miles of seafront promenade stretches from Southsea through to Old Portsmouth.
www.visitportsmouth.co.uk

Gunwharf Quays
Designer outlet shopping, restaurants, bars and entertainment.
www.gunwharf-quays.com

Aspex
This gallery hosts an outstanding exhibition programme featuring works by artists from around the world.
www.aspex.org.uk

the Beautiful South

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Day one

Start your trip with a walk along the Renaissance Trail and take in the sights of the city. The trail follows a chain motif set in the pavement along the Millennium Promenade from Old Portsmouth and information panels provide glimpses into the history of the area along the way.

Take a breather from all that walking and visit the iconic Spinnaker Tower – it's a great introduction to the city. Soaring 170m high and standing proudly over Portsmouth, it's the tallest viewing tower in Britain. Experience a real 'wow factor' from the three viewing decks as the floor-to-ceiling glass windows provide breathtaking views stretching up to 23 miles, giving visitors a unique perspective of the city and surrounding area. See historic ships, look out over the Solent to see the Isle of Wight and watch as famous naval ships come into port.

Whilst at Gunwharf Quays pay a visit to Aspex contemporary art gallery. Presenting an outstanding exhibition programme featuring work by contemporary artist from around the world, Aspex is also a great place to see Portsmouth's freshest artistic talent.

Enjoy an early supper before taking in a show at The Kings Theatre or the New Theatre Royal.

Day two

On day two visit Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, a unique attraction showcasing 800 years of naval history within working docks and historic buildings.

Give yourself the whole day to experience the site in full – there's so much to see. Explore world-famous historic ships HMS Victory and HMS Warrior 1860. Visit the National Museum of the Royal Navy and the Mary Rose Museum, complete with hundreds of artefacts and original finds. Get interactive at Action Stations and take a Harbour Tour to view the great naval warships in port. Break up your day with a bite to eat at Boathouse No.7 or the Georgian Tearooms.

Spend a relaxed evening in Southsea where you'll find a selection of stylish café bars, wine bars and distinctive restaurants.



Where to stay

The Clarence
Small, luxury boutique hotel.
www.theclarencehotel.co.uk
023 9287 6348

Portsmouth Marriott Hotel
The ultimate in Solent chic.
www.portsmouthmarriott.com
023 9238 3151

Birchwood Guest House
Comfortable Southsea B&B.
www.birchwood.uk.com
023 9281 1337

Admiralty Apartments
Luxury self-catering accommodation.
www.pnbpropertytrust.org
023 9282 0921

ETAP Portsmouth
Budget accommodation.
www.etaphotel.com
023 9273 6386

Holiday Inn Portsmouth
Centrally located opposite Southsea seafront.
www.holidayinn.co.uk/portsmouth

Where to eat

Mozzarella Joes
Dining right on the beach!
www.mozzarellajoes.co.uk
023 9229 5004

Brasserie Blanc
Relaxed French brasserie
www.brasserieblanc.com

abarbistro
Relaxed feel of New England.
www.abarbistro.co.uk
023 9281 1585

King Street Tavern
Excellent Sunday roasts.
www.thekingstreettavern.co.uk
023 9287 3307

Restaurant 27
A modern and unique dining experience.
www.restaurant27.com
023 9287 6272

Rosie's Vineyard
Romantic wine bar
www.rosies-vineyard.co.uk
023 9275 5944