

Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent



Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent offers 38 km of waterfront, safe panoramic beaches, impressive naval heritage, scenic countryside walks and historic trails for visitors to enjoy.

Impressive Heritage

Steeped in history and with world-class heritage sites, Gosport is a place where the past comes to life; from beautiful listed buildings, fascinating museums, living history, ramparts, forts, and historic trails – you'll be amazed at just how much there is to see and do.

Find out what lurks beneath the waves at the **Royal Navy Submarine Museum**. Here you can take a fascinating tour through a real submarine; HMS Alliance and hear from ex-submariners who have some great stories to tell about life on-board. You can also see the only surviving WW2 midget submarine or climb inside the Royal Navy's first submarine: Holland1.

At **Explosion! The Museum of Naval Firepower** you will be blown away by its vast collection of naval weapons, there's even an atomic bomb. The exhibits are brought to life with dramatic audio-visual effects and interactive hands-on displays.

Follow the 2 mile Millennium **Waterfront Trail** that links these two sites to enjoy spectacular views across Portsmouth Harbour. If you don't fancy walking, then take the waterbus that runs between the two museums.

The **Museum of Diving** showcases the best range of military, commercial and recreational diving equipment in Europe (perhaps the World!). Whilst just along the coast the Hovercraft Museum in Lee-on-the-Solent is home to the only collection of historic hovercraft in the world (open to visitors by appointment). Both are run by a dedicated team of enthusiasts.

Moving away from the maritime theme, another fascinating option is to wander through the **1642 Living History Village** to see 'villagers' dressed in historic period costumes demonstrating the skills of the blacksmith, lace-makers and weavers.

Whilst at the English Heritage owned **Fort Brockhurst** you can see what life was like for Victorian soldiers charged with defending England from invasion.



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On the Water

Gosport & Lee-on-the-Solent provide one of the best sailing areas in the world, and with so many ways to enjoy sailing and watersports you will find yourself spoilt for choice when deciding the best way to take to the water. With **boat/yacht hire, sailing tuition, three marinas - all with deep-water access, fishing trips, wind-surfing, kite-surfing, and jet-skiing** there is something for all ages and abilities. The beaches at Stokes Bay and Lee-on-the-Solent offer **great sea swimming** too.

Rural Gosport

The **Alver Valley** with its **Wildgrounds Nature Reserve** is an area of tranquil English countryside through which the River Alver runs down to the sea. This protected area is full of wildlife, and is a great for walking or cycling with a range trails that are suitable for all abilities and ages.



Key Themes:

- Naval Heritage – links with Portsmouth Naval Heritage attractions and joint tickets often available.
- Great sailing & watersports facilities – which attracts sailors from all around the world
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Attractions:

Royal Navy Submarine Museum

Explosion! Museum of Naval Firepower

Little Woodham - 17th Century Village

Fort Brockhurst (English Heritage)

Diving Museum

Hovercraft Museum



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