

Hampshire



HAMPSHIRE

An attractive county of contrasts, Hampshire offers visitors a unique combination of rolling countryside, sleepy villages and ancient forests together with vibrant, cultured cities, a bustling coastline and first class attractions. Groups can take a ride on a nostalgic steam train, sample delicious local produce at our bustling farmers' markets and explore grand historic houses, home to some of Britain's greatest historical and literary figures.

The rich range of attractions in Hampshire are all in close proximity, with excellent road and rail networks linking the various cities and attractions. Highlights include the world-class vehicle collection at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, the stunning seasonal gardens at Exbury, Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton, where the author wrote some of her best loved novels and Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum, Portsmouth. Visitors to the county can also see King Henry VIII's flagship, the Mary Rose, the impressive 170m Spinnaker Tower and SeaCity Museum, Southampton, where the Titanic story is told in a series of emotive exhibitions.

Hampshire boasts an impressive selection of accommodation for groups and individuals, with everything from country house hotels and spas to modern group hotels. The county is also famed for its local produce which makes its way onto the dining tables of the excellent restaurants and cafés found in every village, town and city. Everything from quintessentially English cream teas to gourmet taster menus celebrate the rich natural produce of the region.



Attractions:

- The New Forest
- Exbury Gardens
- Winchester Cathedral
- King Arthur's Round Table, Winchester
- Hampshire South Downs
- Jane Austen's House Museum
- SeaCity Museum, Southampton
- Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
- Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum
- Spinnaker Tower

Key Themes:

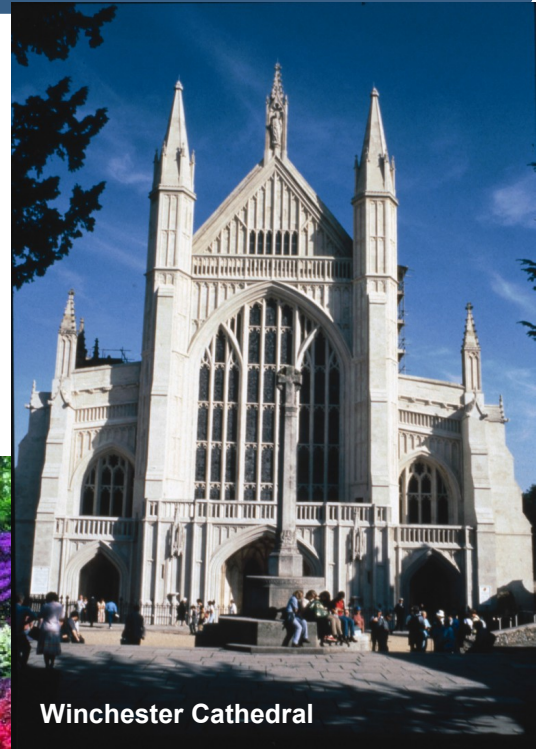
- Outstanding natural beauty spots
- Literary greats: Dickens & Austen
- Tudor and Henry VIII connection
- 800+ years of naval history
- Titanic
- Internationally acclaimed gardens



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Annual & Special Events

- Hampshire Food Festival (July)
- New Forest & Hampshire County Show (July)
- Winchester Hat Fair (July)
- Portsmouth International Kite Festival (Aug)
- The Romsey Show (Sept)
- Southampton International Boat Show (Sept)
- Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market & Ice Rink (Nov- Dec)
- A Victorian Festival of Christmas, Portsmouth (Nov- Dec)



Winchester Cathedral



Exbury Gardens, New Forest



SeaCity Museum, Southampton

Directions and distance from central London:

Hampshire cities are easily accessible from London by road and rail.

By Road:

London-Winchester: M3 (60 mins)

London-Southampton: M3 (90 mins)

London-Portsmouth: A3/M27/M275: 90 mins

By Rail: direct lines from London Waterloo (60-90 mins)

Getting here:

By Air: Southampton Airport has direct flights to Hanover

By Sea: Portsmouth's International Port links the UK to France

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