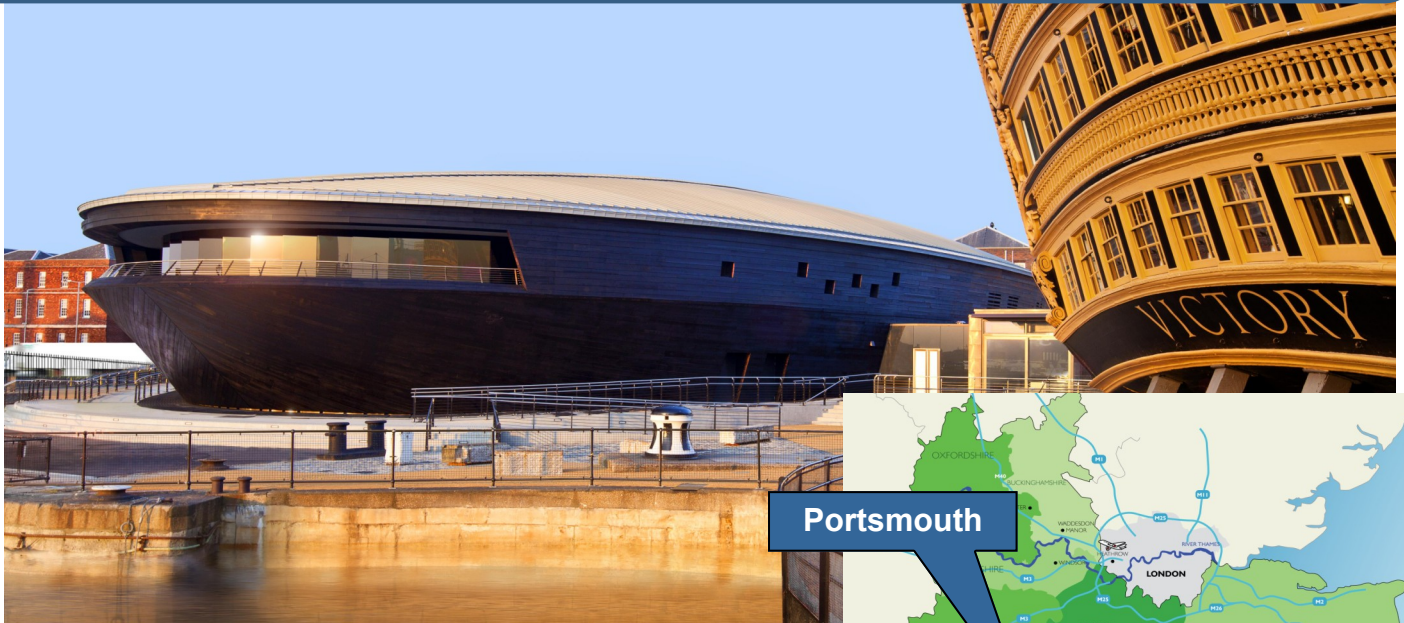


Portsmouth



PORTSMOUTH

Portsmouth, the waterfront city, has miles of sea views and centuries of history. Located on the South Coast of England, Portsmouth is an island city, totally surrounded by water.

With more than 800 years of naval history, Portsmouth's world renowned Historic Dockyard is a must-see. Featuring the brand new Mary Rose Museum, HMS Victory and HMS Warrior 1860, along with the National Museum of the Royal Navy and Action Stations, this attraction offers a full day's visit.

A walk along Portsmouth's impressive waterfront is a real journey into the city's past. Join a guided walk to gain an expert's view, book a free Greeter for an insider's view or self-guide yourselves along the Millennium Promenade, taking in the Camber Dock, Round Tower and Square Tower.

Continue along the seafront to find the green space of Southsea Common, impressive gardens and a range of activities both on land and on the water. Attractions include the D-Day Museum - relating the story of the Normandy landings, Southsea Castle - built by Henry VIII and the Royal Marines Museum.

For literary fans, Portsmouth is a surprising destination. Charles Dickens was born here and his birth place was preserved as a fascinating museum. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle created his famous character Sherlock Holmes whilst residing in Portsmouth and the city is now home to a large collection of Conan Doyle memorabilia, on display as 'A Study in Sherlock' exhibition at the City Museum.



Attractions:

- Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
- Gunwharf Quays
- Southsea Castle
- Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum
- Spinnaker Tower
- Royal Marines Museum
- D Day Museum
- Blue Reef Aquarium
- City Museum
- Gardens in Southsea

Key Themes:

- Miles of waterfront
- 800+ years of naval history
- 12 museums, 2 cathedrals, 2 theatres
- Tudor and Henry VII connection

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Annual & Special Events 2013

Portsmouth has a year round programme of events with something for all tastes:

- **Opera in the Park—July**
- **Southsea Food Festival—July**
- **Southsea Show—August**
- **Victorious Festival—August**
- **International Kite Festival—August**
- **Triathlon Festival—September**
- **Great South Run—October**
- **Victorian Festival of Christmas—November**



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Charles Dickens Birthplace Museum

Directions and distance from central London:

Journey time by road 70-90 mins.

By Road: direct motorway access via the A3, M27, M275 or M3, M27, M275.

By Rail: direct line from London Waterloo, journey time 90 mins.

By Sea: Portsmouth's International Port is the perfect gateway to France, Spain, the Channel islands and a host of cruise destinations. Direct ferries and Hovercraft to the Isle of Wight.

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