

## **Pre and Post Cruise Day Visits:**

### **Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum, Romsey**

1 hour 20mins to/from Heathrow

21 minutes to/from Southampton Cruise Terminal

The Sir Harold Hillier Gardens is famous the world over for the passion of the late Sir Harold. The 180 acre site which was originally a private garden and brings together the most comprehensive and unrivalled collection of trees, shrubs and other plant hardy in the UK climate, Among its outstanding features are the splendour of the seasonal planting displays and the Centenary Border – the longest double border in the Country.



These gardens are perfect at any time of year. It has one of the largest Winter gardens in Europe, and more than 1100 different plant species planted to be seen at their best from November until March.

The Tea room garden at idyllic Jermyn's House and the modern Pavilion restaurant provide two superb catering options for a lunch or afternoon tea.

A wide range of tours and education programmes are available throughout the year aimed at both groups & individuals. Tours can be arranged for visitors seeking an even more rewarding and pleasurable day out, for the amateur gardeners or horticultural expert. Photography, falconry, gardening and art and crafts courses are also available on request.



### **Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery**

1 hour to/from Heathrow

45 minutes to/from Southampton Cruise Terminal

Uncover the secrets of this world famous gin at the newly renovated Laverstoke Mill in rural Hampshire. Opened in September 2014 visitors can now see behind the doors of this beautiful distillery that offers visitor a fascinating opportunity to discover the craftsmanship and heritage infused into every drop of Bombay Sapphire. Visitors will discover the exciting Botanic Glasshouses, learn about the vapour infused distillation process and are invited to go behind the scenes and watch as Bombay Sapphire Gin is produced in this state-of-the-art distillery.



Visitors can choose from a selection of daily experiences and regular scheduled events on offer. Group opportunities are also available for 11 or more people. Gin workshops and Cocktail Master Classes are also available to book.



## Portsmouth

1hr 30 mins from Heathrow

30 minutes to/from Southampton Cruise Terminal

Visitors who enjoy shopping and are looking for last minute cruise wear will enjoy a visit to Gunwharf Quays before embarking the ship; GunWharf Quays is Designer Outlet Shopping centre located on the seafront in the Heart of Portsmouth. The Quay offering fantastic shopping, cafes and restaurants visitor and shop till they drop as well as take a visit up the 170 metre Spinnaker Tower which dominates Portsmouth's skyline. The tower celebrates 10

years in 2015 and is the iconic shape on the landscape regularly seen by cruise ships passing by. The tower is the tallest on the South Coast and a popular tourist attraction located at Gunwharf Quays.

For those with a bit more time, a visit to Gunwharf and Spinnaker Tower would work well with a combined visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard displaying Henry VIII Tudor Warship or a visit Royal Navy Submarine Museum just a short ride across the water by ferry



## Winchester

1 hour to/from Heathrow

20 minutes from Southampton Cruise Terminal

*Just off the M3 on the direct route from London to Southampton Cruise Terminal passengers can stop in Winchester the Ancient Capital of England with quantity cobbled streets, shopping, plenty of cafes and restaurants as well as Winchester Cathedral one of the largest cathedrals in England, with the longest [nave](#) and greatest overall length of any [Gothic](#) cathedral in Europe.*

*A visit to the Cathedral is recommended, you can climb the bell tower, visit the Crypt and see the famous Anthony Gormley Sculpture – Sound II, Alternatively you can just enjoy a Homemade meal or Cream Tea in the Cathedral Refectory opposite. There are many other pubs and restaurants to enjoy lunch or dinner along the cobbled streets of Winchester.*

**Jane Austen Themed Visit** *For those with an Interest in Literacy can adapt a visit and learn about the life of Jane Austen. 2015 Celebrates 200 years since Jane Austen penned 'Pride and Prejudice'. Hampshire is Jane Austen's home county and she is buried at Winchester Cathedral. Visitors can take a Jane Austen walking tour is available which includes an interior tour of Winchester Cathedral. Alternatively visitors could choose to stop in the quaint village of Chawton 20 minutes away and enjoy a guided tour at Jane Austen's House Museum to.*



*For those with younger children, a visit to Winchester could be combined with a visit to Marwell Zoo.*

Marwell is a chance to get close to the wonders of the natural world, and play a big part in helping to save them at the same time. From ring-tailed coatis to majestic giraffes, endangered tigers to frilled lizards, curious meerkats to pygmy hippos – this 140-acre park is home to an incredible range of exotic and endangered species, in beautiful, landscaped surroundings and just 20 minutes from Winchester and 30 minutes from Southampton Cruise Terminal.

## SeaCity Museum

For those with limited time before check in just 5 minutes from the Cruise Terminal and opened in 2012, SeaCity has a permanent Titanic exhibition charting the fateful tragedy and its links to the Southampton. Another permanent exhibition recounts the people who have arrived or departed in the city over the past 200,000 years. There are also other temporary exhibitions year round.

There is a nice cafe on site to.

Next door to the museum is the free Southampton City Art Gallery, which houses a range of works by well known artists, and 15 minutes walk away is Tudor House Southampton's most important historic building, revealing over 800 years of history in one fascinating location in the heart of the Old Town.



## **Pre and Post Cruise – 5\* Accommodation close to Southampton Cruise Terminal**

[www.limewoodhotel.co.uk](http://www.limewoodhotel.co.uk) - 21 minutes

[www.lainstonhouse.com](http://www.lainstonhouse.com) 32 minutes

[www.chewtonglen.com](http://www.chewtonglen.com) 45 minutes

[www.fourseasons.com/hampshire/](http://www.fourseasons.com/hampshire/) 50 minutes

Heckfield Place – Opening Mid 2015