

a handy guide for getting around

# Portsmouth

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## Gunwharf Quays & The Spinnaker Tower

The Spinnaker Tower, owned by Portsmouth City Council, was designed by local firm HGP Architects and engineering consultants Scott Wilson, and built by Mowlem. It stands 560 ft tall and opened on 18 October 2005. The shape is modelled after a spinnaker, a type of sail that balloons outward.

Gunwharf Quays is on the site of what had once been HM Gunwharf, where cannons, ammunition and other armaments were once stored and repaired. Discover plenty of outlet designer shops and find a bargain!



[spinnakertower.co.uk](http://spinnakertower.co.uk)  
[gunwharf-quays.com](http://gunwharf-quays.com)

## King's Theatre

In 1907 the King's Theatre opened its doors and has ever since been a magnet for theatregoers from in and around Portsmouth and Southsea.

Check out what shows are on:

[kingsportsmouth.co.uk](http://kingsportsmouth.co.uk)



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## Charles Dickens' birthplace

John Dickens, a clerk in the Navy Pay Office, brought his young bride Elizabeth down to Portsmouth in the summer of 1809 and rented this modest house for them to live in. Britain's Navy was still at war with France when their son was born on 7 February 1812.

His name was Charles and he grew up to become the famous Victorian author. It has been lovingly restored and furnished to faithfully recreate the Regency style which Charles's parents would have favoured, although their actual possessions have long since been dispersed.

[charlesdickensbirthplace.co.uk](http://charlesdickensbirthplace.co.uk)

## HMS Victory

Possibly Britain's most famous warship, HMS Victory was floated out of Chatham's Royal Dockyard on 7 May 1765. She led fleets in the American War of Independence, the French Revolutionary War and the Napoleonic War.

Then in 1805 she achieved lasting fame as the flagship of Vice-Admiral Nelson in Britain's greatest naval victory, the defeat of the French and Spanish at the Battle of Trafalgar.

In 1922 she was saved for the nation and placed permanently into dry dock where she remains today as the oldest commissioned warship in the world.

You can discover HMS Victory along with other ships including the Mary Rose at Portsmouth's Historic dockyard, located next to Gunwharf Quays. You can also discover more at the Submarine Museum in Gosport by catching the ferry and then hopping on one of our **Eclipse E1 or E2** services. Visit our website for the combined ferry and bus ticket prices.

[historicdockyard.co.uk](http://historicdockyard.co.uk)  
[nmrn.org.uk/our-museum/submarine](http://nmrn.org.uk/our-museum/submarine)

## Fratton Park

Fratton Park located on Frogmore Road is the home of Portsmouth Football Club since 1898. Fratton Park is a traditional looking ground, which oozes character. The South Stand dates back to 1925 and was originally designed by Archibald Leitch who also designed a number of stands and grounds during this period. The other three stands are the North Stand, Fratton End and Milton End. Outside on one corner of the South Stand is the unique and eye-catching mock tudor facade.

[portsmouthfc.co.uk](http://portsmouthfc.co.uk)



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## Clarence Pier & Southsea

Southsea is a popular resort with seafront gardens and a long beach for the whole family to explore.

Visit Clarence Pier, which is one of the largest amusement parks on the south coast. The amusement park boasts all kinds of arcades, rides and activities, to please the whole family. There is also plenty of food and drink outlets available for the whole family to feast on.

Try a variety of different food and drink from around the world at Southsea's annual food festival along Palmerston Road, on the **16 & 17 July 2022**. With over 40 food and drink stalls to come and try or even take the ingredients home to make the food yourself. This is not one to be missed! There will also be a live music stage with local bands performing over the 2 days.

[visitportsmouth.co.uk/whats-on](http://visitportsmouth.co.uk/whats-on)



Don't miss the annual Portsmouth International Kite Festival at Southsea Common overlooking the Solent on the **30 and 31 July 2022**. View amazing kites from single line kites to amazing 3D kites.

[portsmouthkitefestival.org.uk](http://portsmouthkitefestival.org.uk)



Discover more of Portsmouth and things to do at:

[visitportsmouth.co.uk/things-to-do](http://visitportsmouth.co.uk/things-to-do)

## The D-Day Story

The D-Day Story starts with a visit to the impressive 59 metre Landing Craft Tank 7074, one of the last surviving examples from D-Day which sits proudly outside the museum. Inside the main museum, The D-Day Story uses authentic objects, interactives and video to tell the story of D-Day from the preparation and build up, to the landings and the Battle of Normandy. The stunning 83 metre Overlord Embroidery offers a fantastic finale to your visit.

Please note there is a small walk from the bus stop.

[thedaystory.com](http://thedaystory.com)



## Isle of Wight Hovercraft



Hovertravel is the fastest ferry service between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight taking only 10 minutes and is the world's only commercial passenger hovercraft service. Watching the hovercraft fly on a cushion of air just 1.5 metres above the waves at speeds of up to 45 knots is an exhilarating experience. When the hovercraft swings round to glide from the beach to the sea, the smooth transition is unlike any other boat or ship.

You can watch the hovercraft services depart and arrive on Southsea beach, while catching a few rays of sunshine or enjoying an ice cream. Or maybe you fancy taking a ride.

Want to find out more? Visit the Hovercraft Museum at Lee-on-the-Solent by catching the ferry and then hopping on one of our **Solent Ranger X5** services. Visit our website for the combined ferry and bus ticket prices.

[hovertravel.co.uk](http://hovertravel.co.uk)  
[hovercraft-museum.org](http://hovercraft-museum.org)



Welcome to our First Solent bus guide to assist you in navigating around Portsmouth and the surrounding areas this summer.

With plenty to see and do from shopping at Gunwharf Quays to watching the Hovercraft travel between the Isle of Wight and Southsea, we can get you to where you need to be.

We offer a variety of attractive tickets to help you travel all day or all week depending on your stay. With contactless payments accepted on all our buses, there is no need to rush to a cash point.

You can spot our new blue and yellow Solent branding out and about across the network, ready to take you to where you need to be, so sit back and let us take you there.

Don't hesitate to get in touch if you need any help or more information. Details can be found on the back page.



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to see the amazing things you can discover in Portsmouth this summer

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for maps and fares for across the city



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or visit our travel shop within the Hard Interchange

		Monday to Friday			Saturdays		Sundays	
		Route						
1	Gunwharf   Southsea	12	12	20				
2	Paulsgrove   Gunwharf	12	15	20				
3	Fareham   Southsea	12	12	20				
X4	Southampton   Portsmouth	40	60	60				
7	Wecock Farm   City Centre	20	20	30				
8	Clanfield   The Hard	20	20	30				
12	Tipner   Fratton	60	60	-				
13	Baffins   City Centre	60	60	120				
14	Baffins   City Centre	60	60	120				
18	Paulsgrove   Southsea	35	60	60				
22	Highbury   Farlington	70	70	70				
25	Eastney   The Hard	45	45	90				
27	Emsworth   Rowlands Ctl	160	160	-				
D1	Waterlooville   Hambledon	120	120	-				
D2	Waterlooville   Denmead	120	120	-				

The frequencies shown in minutes above are for daytime trips. Visit our website for full timetable information.

Frequencies correct at time of print: June 2022



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The Hard Interchange (Gunwharf Quays)



Portsmouth city centre



fare map



unlimited travel  
around Portsmouth & Hampshire  
including Southampton

Live local or visiting Solent this summer, we have just the ticket to help you get around.

Our Portsmouth ticket gives you unlimited travel around our entire Portsmouth network. If you want to travel a little further, our Hampshire ticket gives you unlimited travel across our Hampshire network from Waterlooville to Southampton.

	Adult	Child	Group
Portsmouth Day	£4. <sup>50</sup>	£3. <sup>50</sup>	£10
Portsmouth Week	£18	£15	-
Hampshire Day	£7. <sup>80</sup>	£5	£16
Hampshire Week	£26. <sup>50</sup>	£18	-

Purchase the above tickets from one of our friendly drivers. Download our First Bus app, where some ticket prices may be cheaper.

Cheaper short-hop-one-way and return fares are also available on bus.



English concessionary passes are valid after 9.30am Monday to Fridays and anytime during the weekend and on public holidays.

For bus timetables visit our website [firstbus.co.uk/portsmouth](https://firstbus.co.uk/portsmouth) or scan the QR code to take you direct.



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