

# Cruise ship itineraries

Portsmouth on England's south coast is an ideal location for a full or half day cruise visit.



Mary Rose

## Great Battles

### Full day tour

Discover the story behind three famous battles – the Battle of the Solent, the Battle of Trafalgar and the D-Day Landings.

#### Mary Rose

⌚ 90 mins

Start your tour at the multi-award-winning Mary Rose, King Henry VIII's flagship – sunk during the 'Battle of Solent' in 1545 and then raised from the seabed after nearly 500 years lost at sea. Immerse yourself in life on board by coming face to face with the crew, surrounded by genuine artefacts, and all brought to life through cutting edge technology.

[www.maryrose.org](http://www.maryrose.org)

#### HMS Victory

⌚ 60 mins

Adjacent is HMS Victory, Vice Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship, where he tragically died on board during the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 – one of history's greatest sea battles.

Climb aboard and step back in time to the Georgian period, explore the ship including viewing the great cabin where the Battle of Trafalgar was planned, and walk along once crowded decks where over 800 men lived, worked and fought. You will even stand in the very spot where Nelson died.

*Lunch options available at nearby Gunwharf Quays or Old Portsmouth.*

[www.historicdockyard.co.uk](http://www.historicdockyard.co.uk)

#### The D-Day Story

⌚ 90 mins

Continue your tour at The D-Day Story – the only UK museum dedicated to this pivotal moment in World War Two. The museum uses authentic objects, amazing audio-visual displays and stunning imagery to tell the story of those who took part in the D-Day Landings on June 6 1944. The tour starts with an on-board visit to LCT 7074 – a massive landing craft – and the impressive 83 metre Overlord Embroidery provides an epic finale to the visit.

[www.theddaystory.com](http://www.theddaystory.com)

#### Southsea Castle

⌚ 60 mins

A short walk takes you to Henry VIII's Southsea Castle where you can walk on the ramparts and view the seascape where the Battle of the Solent took place.

[www.southseacastle.co.uk](http://www.southseacastle.co.uk)



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## More things to do

### Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery



Explore the city's history at Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery, where exhibits covering everything from home life to football sit alongside the city's fascinating art collection. A changing gallery programme ensures there's always something new.

[www.portsmouthcitymuseums.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthcitymuseums.co.uk)

### Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum



Visit the small house where Charles Dickens was born in 1812 and get a fascinating insight into his humble beginnings. Walk around the home and see some of the famous writer's prized personal possessions.

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

### Dickens' Guided Tour



Explore sites across Portsmouth with connections to the great author, learn about places that inspired his later works, hear more about his family's time in the city and end the tour at the Dickens' statue in Guildhall Square.

[www.visitportsmouth.co.uk](http://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk)

### Osborne House



Visit Victoria and Albert's private apartments, their bathing beach and children's play-cottage for an intimate glimpse of royal family life. Then stroll through the garden terraces where the stunning views across the Solent.

[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

## Portsmouth International Port

Take a cruise from Portsmouth International Port and sail from an historic base on an adventure of your own.