

Tour  
Information



# The Mary Rose and Portsmouth's Maritime History





## Travel

The tour starts and finishes at the Portsmouth Marriott Hotel. The Portsmouth Marriott Hotel is situated near to Port Solent Marina, ideally located in close proximity to the attractions visited during the tour.

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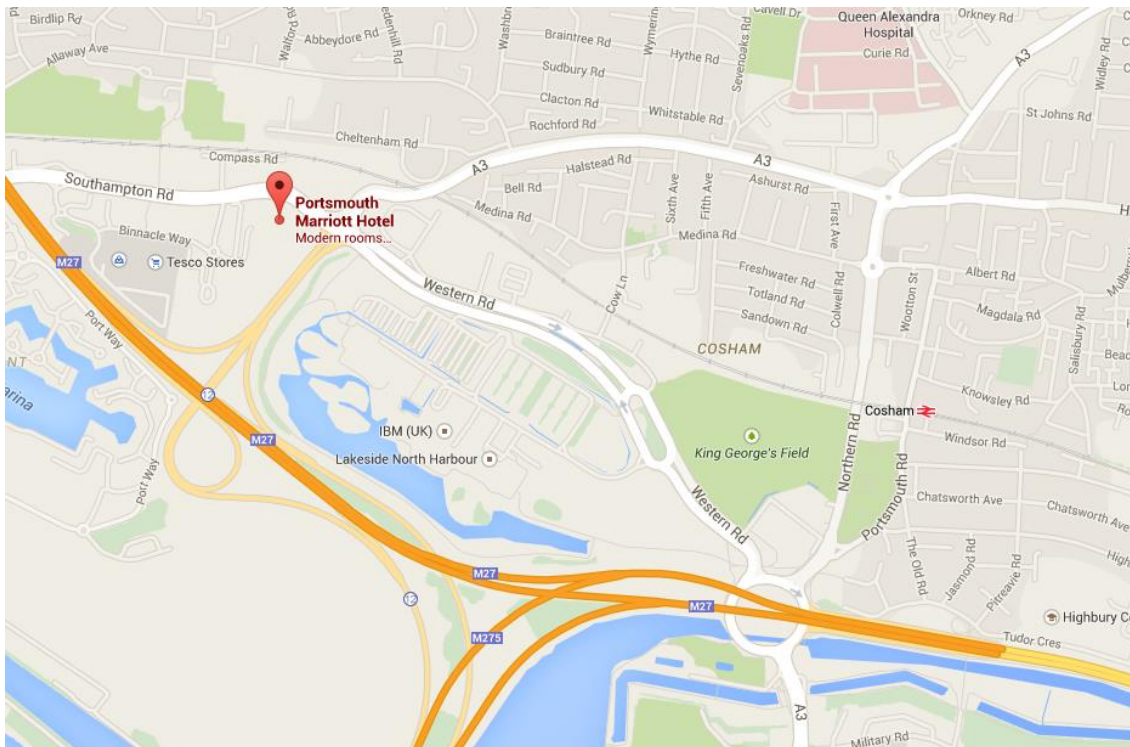
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**Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.**



### Transport

**Travelling by car:** Take the A3 signposted Portsmouth/Guildford. Continue forward on A3 through Hindhead and Guildford. Continue forward to join A3(M) signed Portsmouth then merge onto A27 entering Portsmouth. Branch left (before it becomes the M27 signposted Port Solent) and then at roundabout take 2nd exit (onto Western Road), towards Paulsgrove and Fareham. At the next roundabout go straight across signposted Fareham, IBM HQ is on your left and then at the traffic signals continue forward. You will see the hotel in front of you and the hotel entrance will be on your left. There is ample parking at the hotel. Complimentary car parking for Travel Editions clients is available at the hotel. Please register your car at reception on arrival.

**Travelling by train:** Cosham train station is about 1 mile away (local train from Portsmouth or Basingstoke line from London Waterloo – taxi to the hotel costs about £6. Alternatively, Portsmouth and Southsea station is about 4 miles away (main line from London Waterloo) from where a taxi costs about £12-14.

The nearest **bus** station is Edinburgh Road which is 3 miles from the hotel.



# Accommodation

## Portsmouth Marriott Hotel

Portsmouth Marriott Hotel provides four-star accommodation only a short drive from the historic dockyard and the various locations explored throughout your tour.

The hotel offers a range of facilities, which include a luxurious spa, providing health and beauty treatments (massages, facials, pedicures etc.) and a fitness centre with access to a fully equipped gym, sauna and indoor pool.

Bedrooms are equipped with all necessities to ensure a relaxing and enjoyable stay. This comprises of a private en-suite bathroom, LCD televisions and complimentary tea and coffee making facilities.

### Car Park at Hotel:

Complimentary car parking for Travel Editions clients is available at the hotel. Please register your car at reception on arrival.

More information can be found via the hotel's website:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pmeha-portsmouth-marriott-hotel/>

## Check-in and departure from hotel

On the day of arrival you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 15.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day of the tour, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.00 – 17.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

## Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on a bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is by midday.

## Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

## Dining

On the first night of your stay, a private three-course dinner complemented with wine is provided. During the second evening of the tour, an early dinner is provided at the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.

# Places Visited

## Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard

*HMS Victory*: HMS Victory is the Royal Navy's most famous warship. Best known for her role in the Battle of Trafalgar, the Victory currently has a dual role as the Flagship of the First Sea Lord and as a living museum to the Georgian Navy. Highlights of your visit will include access to: the Great Cabin, where the Battle of Trafalgar was planned, the spot where Nelson died and the once crowded decks where over 800 men lived, worked and fought. HMS Victory is currently undergoing a period of transformation and this provides a rare opportunity to see HMS Victory undergoing such extreme maintenance.

*HMS Warrior*: HMS Warrior, launched in 1860, was the pride of Queen Victoria's fleet. Powered by both steam and sail, she was Britain's first iron-hulled, armoured warship and the largest, fastest and most powerful ship of her day. During your visit you will experience: the world's first iron-hulled, armoured warship powered by steam as well as sail, the only surviving member of Queen Victoria's Black Battle Fleet, the vast decks giving a glimpse of life as a Victorian sailor on board a 19th century warship.

<http://www.historicdockyard.co.uk/>

## National Museum of the Royal Navy

This is one of the leading maritime museums in the country. Three exhibition galleries explore how the Royal Navy helped shape the modern world through stories of courage and determination. Treasures and artefacts from the past 350 years will be accessible to you including: the Life Mask taken from Nelson's face in 1800, the first Victoria Cross ever awarded in 1856, and a World War II Enigma Machine which helped win the Battle of the Atlantic.

<http://www.historicdockyard.co.uk/royalnavalmuseum/>

## Mary Rose Museum

Also located in the historic dockyards, the Mary Rose museum offers a unique insight into Tudor life and the role of the momentous Mary Rose. When she was raised from the seabed in 1982, the Mary Rose captured the world's imagination and is the only sixteenth century warship on display anywhere in the world. The museum was built around her and reunites her with many of her 19,000 artefacts - from personal belongings such as wooden bowls, leather shoes, musical instruments and nit combs, to ship's objects such as longbows and two tonne guns.

<http://www.maryrose.org>

## Fort Nelson

Fort Nelson is strategically positioned on top of Portsdown Hill, with panoramic views across the Meon Valley and Portsmouth Harbour. Home to the UK's national collection of arms and armour, the museum's displays trace the development of artillery from pre-gunpowder siege machines to modern-day super guns, and there are over 350 big guns on display. A historic monument, restored to how it would have been in the 1890s, visitors can access most areas of the fortifications and see how the Fort would have operated in its heyday.

<http://www.royalarmouries.org/visit-us/fort-nelson>

### **Spinnaker Tower**

An amazing view emerges as you race to the 110-metre high viewing platform of the Spinnaker Tower in just 30 seconds at a speed of 4 metres per second. From here you get a wonderful view of up to 23 miles across to the Isle of Wight and see the layout for the Battle of the Solent during which the Mary Rose capsized and sank in 1545.

<https://www.spinnakertower.co.uk/>

### **Southsea Castle**

Built on the waterfront in 1544, Southsea Castle is one of Henry VIII's Device Forts and is regarded as the most ambitious scheme of coastal defence since Roman times. The castle was built to guard the eastern entrance to the Solent and the entrance to Portsmouth Harbour. It is reported that Henry VIII watched his flagship Mary Rose sink in the Battle of the Solent in 1545 and is a site of huge historical and architectural significance.

<http://www.southseacastle.co.uk/>

## Your Speaker

**Christopher Dobbs** will be your tour lecturer during the trip. After studying archaeology at Cambridge University, Christopher has had an exciting career in the field of marine archaeology and will be on hand to share his in-depth knowledge and experience. Head of Interpretation at the Mary Rose Trust and part of the team that excavated and then salvaged the Mary Rose in 1982, Christopher will deliver two fascinating lectures to enhance your understanding of this fascinating subject and exciting period of history and introduce you to the museum.

### **Christopher will give two lectures during the tour:**

#### *'Diving on the Mary Rose'*

Christopher's after-dinner talk gives a unique insight into the project – a first-hand account of what it was like diving on the wreck of the Mary Rose – illustrated by many of his own photographs.

#### *"The Mary Rose Museum"*



### **Suggested reading list:**

- Before the Mast (The Archaeology of the Mary Rose, Vol 4) – MRT – Jul 2013 – Julie Gardiner
- Weapons of Warre: The Armaments of the Mary Rose (Archaeology of the Mary Rose, Vol 3) – MRT – Mar 2010 – Alexzandra Hildred
- Sealed by Time: The Loss and Recovery of the Mary Rose (Archaeology of the Mary Rose, Vol 1) – MRT – Jul 2003 – Peter Marsden
- For Future Generations: Conservation of a Tudor Maritime Collection (Archaeology of the Mary Rose, Vol 5) – MRT – Oct 2003 – Mark Jones
- The Mary Rose: Your Noblest Shippe: Anatomy of a Tudor Warship (Archaeology of the Mary Rose, Vol 2) – 1 Jun 2009 – MRT – Peter Marsden
- Mary Rose: The Excavation and Raising of Henry VIII's Flagship – Margaret Rule – Sept 1982 - Windward
- How we Found the Mary Rose – Alexander McKee – Sept 1982 – Souvenir Press Ltd
- The Warship Mary Rose: The Life and Times of King Henry VIII's Flagship – David Childs – Apr 2014 – Seaforth Publishing




## Practical Information

**Tour manager** - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.






**Tipping** –To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services.

**Photo I.D** – The Ministry of Defence carry out occasional security checks at the Historic Dockyard site, so please bring a piece of photo ID on this tour for the evening event at the Mary Rose or it is possible that you may not be allowed access.

**Walking Content** – **Please note:** This tour has been graded a 4 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key below for an explanation of the footprint symbols:

Very little walking involved	
Relaxed easy pace, mainly walking from coach to site	
Some walking between sites, good, flat walking surfaces	
Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewings	
On your feet all day, uneven terrain (cobblestones etc)	



## Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance should also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.

# **Emergencies**

**Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:**

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

07841 023807 or

020 7987 5910 or

07831 133079 or

**PLEASE USE THESE NUMBERS ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A GENUINE EMERGENCY.**

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