



Tour Information



Queen Victoria's Island Retreat





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

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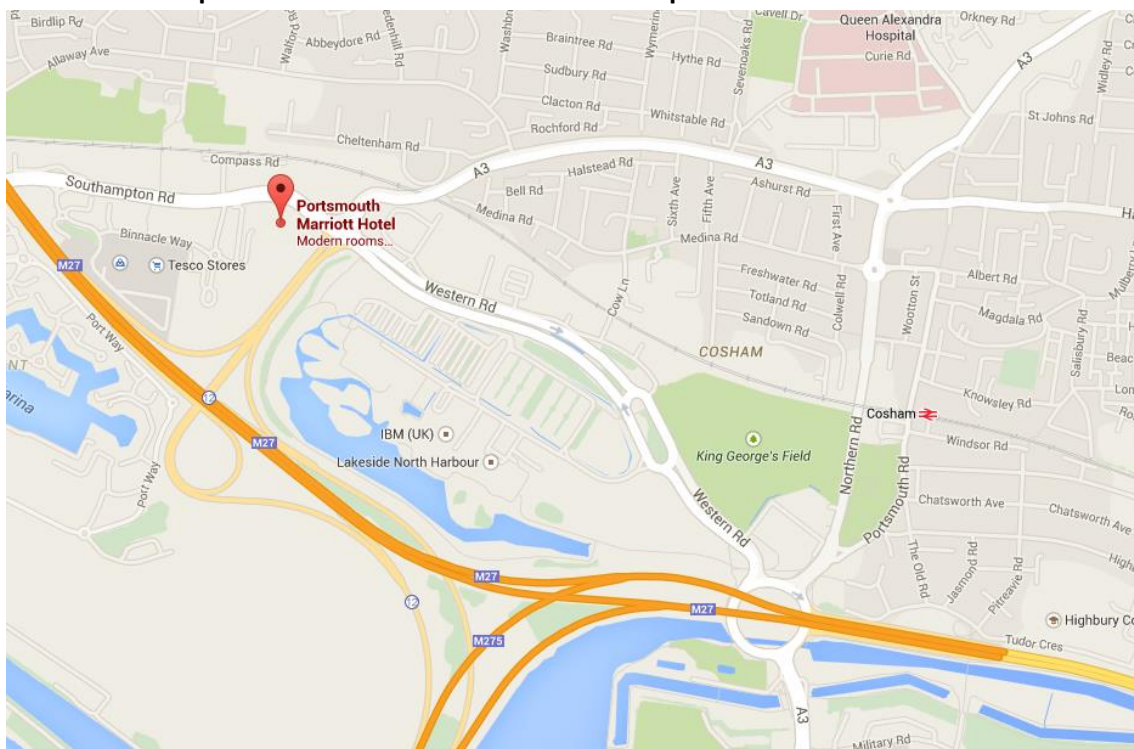
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Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

Travelling by car: Take the A3 signposted Portsmouth/Guildford. Continue forward on A3 through Hindhead and Guildford. Continue forward to join A3(M3) signed Portsmouth then merge onto A27 entering Portsmouth. Branch left (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 which is charged at £3 per day.

Travelling by train: Cosham train station is about 1 mile away (local train from Portsmouth or Basingstoke line from London) – taxi to the hotel costs about £6. Alternatively, Portsmouth and Selsey station is about 4 miles away (main line from London) 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 dockyards 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.

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 at 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. Dinner on the second evening will be taken at Osborne House. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.

Places Visited

Carisbrooke Castle

Carisbrooke Castle, dates back to the time of William the Conqueror and was the beloved home of Queen Victoria's youngest daughter Princess Beatrice from 1912. The museum was dedicated by Princess Beatrice to her husband Prince Henry of Battenberg after his death in 1896, when she became governor of the Island and she lived until her death in 1944. Here you will enjoy a welcome talk and free visit.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/carisbrooke-castle/>

Osborne House

Our second port of call on the Isle of Wight is Osborne House for an afternoon guided tour of the house, including time to visit the grounds and famous Swiss Cottage. We will also enjoy a private visit of St. Mildred's Church, including the Battenberg Chapel, at Whippingham, where Princess Beatrice was married in 1885. Finally, the highlight of the weekend is dinner at Osborne House, starting with a drinks reception followed by dinner with wine in the grand Victoria Hall, before boarding a late ferry to the mainland and back to the hotel.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/osborne/>

Arundel Castle

A morning in lovely Arundel includes a guided tour of magnificent, medieval Arundel Castle, home of the Dukes of Norfolk, for over 850 years, with an illustrious history. Queen Victoria visited for three days in 1846, for which the bedroom and library furniture were specially commissioned.

<http://www.arundelcastle.org/>

Petworth House

Petworth House is a late 17th-century Grade I listed country house, rebuilt in 1688 by Charles Seymour, 6th Duke of Somerset, and altered in the 1870s to the design of the architect Anthony Salvin. It contains intricate wood-carvings by Grinling Gibbons. It is the manor house of the manor of Petworth. For centuries it was the southern home for the Percy family, Earls of Northumberland. Petworth is famous for its extensive art collection made by George Wyndham, 3rd Earl of Egremont, containing many works by his friend Turner. It also has an expansive deer park, landscaped by Capability Brown, which contains the largest herd of fallow deer in England.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth-house-and-park>

Your Speaker

Dr Scott Anderson is a Senior Lecturer in the History of Art and Design, who was a professional archaeologist for ten years before his interests shifted to the world of art, antiques and auctioneering. In 1994 he joined the team at Southampton Institute (now Southampton Solent University) as a Lecturer in Fine Arts Valuation, the only BA (Hons) degree course of its kind to look at the commercial art world. He also has a particular interest in architecture and in recent years has taught courses on the history and theory of interior design, and art and design history. Now, as a Senior Lecturer, he concentrates on teaching, research and publication. Scott has written extensively, in learned journals and popular magazines, on both ancient and 19th-century ceramics, Roman archaeology, and Victorian and Edwardian art and design. He is an Honorary Fellow of the National Association of Valuers and television credits include BBC's Flog It!.

Dr Scott Anderson will give a talk on the 1st night:
"Queen Victoria on the Isle of Wight"

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.

Walking Content – 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 (cobble 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 will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

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