



Enjoy our great maritime city on this open-top bus tour.

It takes you from the historic dockyard and the modern Spinnaker Tower through the characterful old town and along the seafront at Southsea to the Blue Reef Aquarium, the amazing D-Day Story tapestry and finishing at South Parade Pier.

You can hop on and off wherever takes your fancy - your ticket lasts all day, so ride as often as you like.



Old Portsmouth & Spice Island

Stroll by historical buildings and old defences, and walk along the Hotwalls, part of the original fortifications for the harbour entrance.

The Spur Redoubt is the point where Nelson left Portsmouth to join his ship, the Victory, for the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

The area of Old Portsmouth is also known as Spice Island, as this is where all the spices used to enter the city.

Historic Dockyard

Discover the secrets behind Henry VIII's iconic ship rescued from the Solent after over 400 years beneath the waves.

Step aboard the Royal Navy's most famous warship and see HMS Victory through the eyes of Lord Nelson.

HMS Warrior was Britain's first iron-hulled, armoured battleship built in 1860, then the largest and fastest ship in the Royal Navy.

But there's plenty more to see and do in this fascinating quarter.



Portsmouth Cathedral

The church of St Thomas dates from the 12th century, enlarged in the 20th century when it became a cathedral.



Clarence Pier

Loads of fun to be had here with stunning views across to the Isle of Wight and beyond.

Ride rollercoasters like the Mad Mouse and Tidal Wave, get thrills on Bounce and Tornado, get wet on the Canyon River Ride or try to win prizes in the arcades.

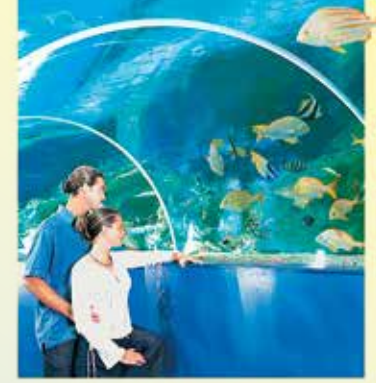
Look out for the Isle of Wight hovercraft gliding on and off the beach next door, always an impressive sight.



Blue Reef Aquarium

Get close up to a huge array of sea life, from the rich variety of British waters to the exotic beauty of a tropical coral reef. It's a fascinating window into the hidden world beneath the waves.

It also has a fantastic otter holt.



Southsea Common & Naval Memorial

This broad stretch of grass and trees behind the promenade is home to this towering tribute to the 25,000 British and Commonwealth sailors lost in the two World Wars.



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D-Day Story

The story of the D-Day landings during the Second World War is told through the personal accounts of people who were there. It's brought to life through stunning audio-visual presentations and objects.

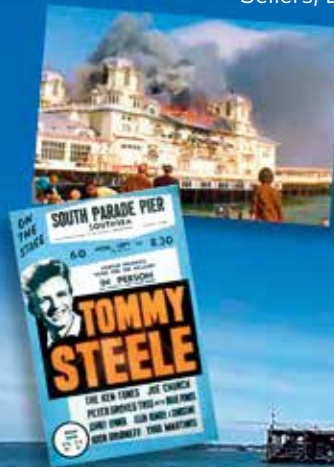
The Overlord Embroidery is made up of 34 extraordinary hand-stitched panels with a total length of 83 metres.

South Parade Pier

It has been destroyed by fire three times and requisitioned during World War II for the preparation and embarkation of troops for the D-Day landings. It's also been an entertainment venue hosting the likes of Frankie Howerd, Peter Sellers, David Bowie and Genesis.

Luckily, after years of neglect, this much loved Victorian structure was restored, proudly jutting out to sea once more.

Ferries once left here for the Isle of Wight.



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The Hard stand N	0900	then hourly until	1700
St Thomas Cathedral	0904		1704
Old Portsmouth Broad Street	0907		1707
Clarence Pier stand C	0913		1713
D-Day Story Southsea Castle	0917		1717
Southsea South Parade Pier stand C	0922	1722	
Southsea South Parade Pier stand C	0925	then hourly until	1725
D-Day Story Southsea Castle	0930		1730
Clarence Pier stand C	0934		1734
Old Portsmouth Broad Street	0941		1741
St Thomas Cathedral	0945		1745
The Hard stand N	0949		1749

The Southsea Coaster is normally operated by an open-top bus, but this may be substituted by a standard bus if the weather is poor or for operational reasons.



Southsea Castle

Explore the keep and enjoy panoramic views from the top over to the Isle of Wight. Built in 1544, Southsea Castle was part of a series of fortifications constructed by King Henry VIII around the coast to protect the country from invaders.

The work had barely been completed when Henry VIII stood inside, only to watch his flagship, the Mary Rose, tragically sink at the Battle of the Solent against the French in July 1545.

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a fun open-top bus ride to enjoy in our great maritime city

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