



# Southampton

“The Cruise Capital of Europe”

The city plays host to 4,000,000 visitors a year, as the home port of many of the most famous cruise ships, including Cunard’s 3 “Queens”. It boasts an impressive cultural offering, from museums, music venues and art galleries to award winning parks and the general bustle of a diverse city, with fantastic shopping facilities. If arriving or departing on a cruise, consider adding a few days to explore the city and the surrounding area.

Southampton is a great base from which to discover the surrounding counties of Dorset, Hampshire and Wiltshire. Consider the New Forest National Park with the Beaulieu National Motor Museum in Dorset; Historic Winchester in Hampshire or Salisbury and Stonehenge in Wiltshire. All are within a 25 mile drive.



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### 1. Bargate

Built in 1180, forming the northern gateway into the city through the defensive city walls. It served as a prison in the 15th century and more recently as a city museum.



### 2. City Art Gallery

Based in the Civic Centre, opened in 1939. It offers high quality exhibitions, ranging from painting, sculpture and drawing, to photography and film. The gallery holds an internationally important collection of over 5,300 works of art.



### 3. Mayflower Theatre

The 2300 seat theatre was the largest in the south of England when it opened in 1928 and still is. Became a cinema in the 1940s, but has since hosted many major artists concerts. It is also a regular stop for touring shows prior to opening in London.



### 4. Medieval City Walls

English Heritage property. Some of the most complete medieval town walls in the country. Built in stages over 300 years, the first being Bargate and Eastgate dating from 1290. The western walls were completed in 1380 with eight gates and 29 towers.



### 5. Medieval Merchants House

Discover the history of the 'old town'. Built beneath the medieval town wall the Merchant's House served as a residence and place of business. Now restored to its mid-14th century appearance, it is equipped with replica period furnishings.



### 6. Netley Abbey

English Heritage property. the most complete surviving abbey built by the Cistercian monks in southern England. Almost all the walls of its 13th century church still stand, together with many monastic buildings.



### 7. Sea City Museum

Tells the story of the people of the city, their fascinating lives and historic connections with Titanic and the sea. Visit the Museum to discover how they bring maritime history to life through an interactive experience designed for all ages.



### 8. Sir Harold Hillier Arboretum & Gardens

Famous for over 180 acres of rolling Hampshire countryside; this garden is stunning whatever the season. Established by the distinguished plantsman in 1953, it is now home to 14 National Collections, over 400 Champion Trees and 42,000 plants from temperate regions.



### 9. Solent Sky

The center of the world for aviation research and development between 1910 and 1960. More than 26 aircraft manufacturers made this area their home and built everything from biplanes to spacecraft, and of course the legendary Spitfire.



### 10. Southampton Common

The largest of the city's open spaces, 365 acres, with the first written record dating back to 1228 although it is possible that the common status dates back to around 500AD. features woodland, rough grassland, ponds, wetlands, lakes, parkland and wildlife.

