



Tour Information



Queen Victoria's Island Retreat

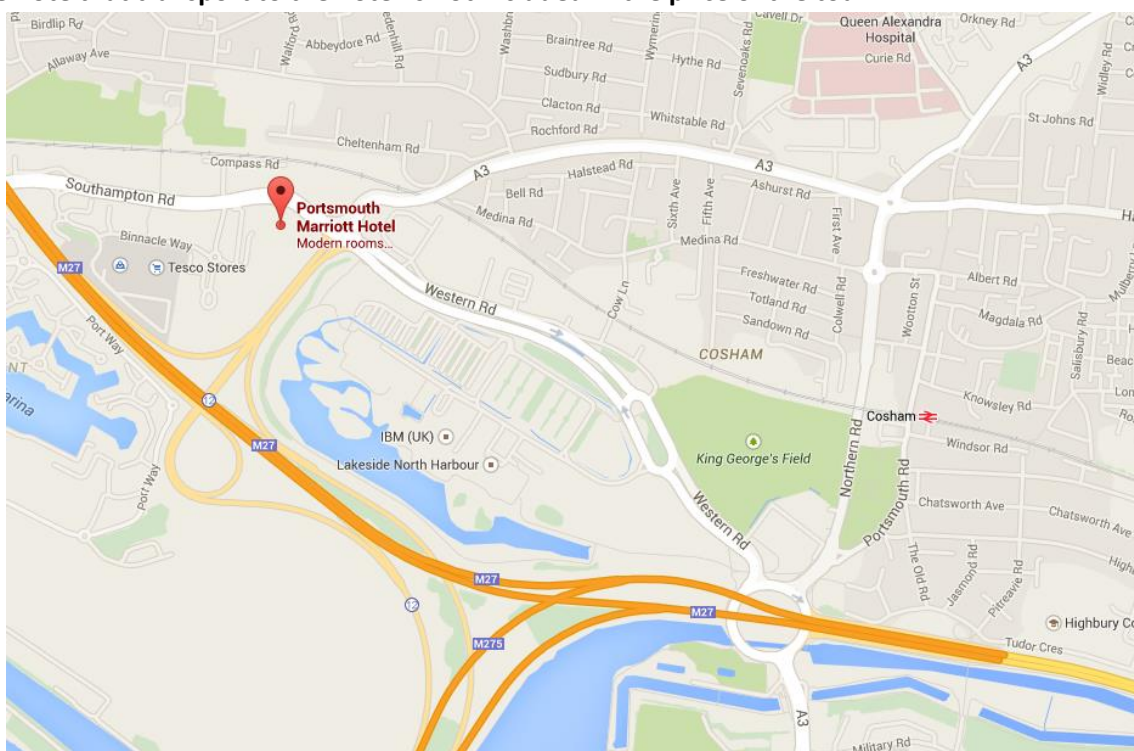




The tour starts and finishes at the Portsmouth Marriott Hotel. The Hotel is situated near to Port Solent Marina, ideally located in close proximity to the attractions visited during the tour.

Southampton Road
Portsmouth
PO6 4SH
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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 complimentary for hotel guests.

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.

Complimentary car parking is available at the hotel.

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 18.00 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 11.00.

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. A light dinner of soup and sandwiches on the second evening will be at the hotel. A two-course lunch with wine is included at the Albert Cottage Hotel. 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 in 1896, when she became governor of the Island and she lived until her death in in 1944. Here you will enjoy a welcome talk and free visit.

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

Osborne House

Osborne House is a former royal residence in East Cowes, Isle of Wight, United Kingdom. The house was built between 1845 and 1851 for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert as a summer home and rural retreat. Prince Albert designed the house himself in the style of an Italian Renaissance palazzo. The builder was Thomas Cubitt, the London architect and builder whose company built the main facade of Buckingham Palace for the royal couple in 1847. An earlier smaller house on the site was demolished to make way for a new and far larger house, though the original entrance portico survives as the main gateway to the walled garden. Queen Victoria died at Osborne House on 22 January 1901. Following her death, King Edward VII, who had never liked Osborne, presented the house to the state on coronation day in 1902, with the royal pavilion being retained as a private museum to Queen Victoria.

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

St Mildred's Church

Just a short carriage ride from Osborne, St Mildred's Church, Whippingham was redesigned by Prince Albert, and rebuilt in a style considered to be more suitable for the royal family. The family worshipped at St Mildred's when in residence at Osborne. Queen Victoria's youngest daughter Princess Beatrice and her husband were married here and buried here. There's a permanent exhibition of royal memorabilia in the church.

Arundel Castle

There are nearly 1,000 years of history at this great castle, situated in magnificent grounds overlooking the River Arun in West Sussex and built at the end of the 11th century by Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Arundel. The oldest feature is the motte, an artificial mound, over 100 feet high from the dry moat, and constructed in 1068: followed by the gatehouse in 1070. Under his will, King Henry I (1068-1135) settled the Castle and lands in dower on his second wife, Adeliza of Louvain. Three years after his death she married William d'Albini II, who built the stone shell keep on the motte. King Henry II (1133-89), who built much of the oldest part of the stone Castle, in 1155 confirmed William d'Albini II as Earl of Arundel, with the Honour and Castle of Arundel. Apart from the occasional reversion to the Crown, Arundel Castle has descended directly from 1138 to the present day, carried by female heiresses from the d'Albinis to the Fitzalans in the 13th century and then from the Fitzalans to the Howards in the 16th century and it has been the seat of the Dukes of Norfolk and their ancestors for over 850 years. From the 15th to the 17th centuries the Howards were at the forefront of English history, from the Wars of the Roses, through the Tudor period to the Civil War.

<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 woodcarvings 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>

Albert Cottage Hotel

Built in the 1840s, Albert Cottage was bought in 1852 by Prince Albert to be part of a Botanic Garden development of the Osborne House Estate and was used together with the adjacent Osborne Cottage by Royal guests. The Grade II listed building – set in two acres of gardens – is now a stylish ten-bedroom boutique hotel ideal as a base for exploring the historic Isle of Wight. You have a two-course lunch with wine included here.

<https://www.albertcottagehotel.com/>

Your Speaker

Mike Stone will be your guide/lecturer throughout the tour. Mike is an archaeologist, historian and qualified Blue Badge guide who has many years' experience leading tours

Mike will give one talk on the first evening of the tour:

“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.

Grading – This tour has been graded as **Moderate**: Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewing.



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:

020 7251 0045

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

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